

WOOLPIT ROOM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT ACCOUNT

For the year 31 December 2024

Charity number 1199793

Woolpit Room Christian Fellowship
Annual Report for period 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024

19.03.25

Trustees

Trustee name	Office	Name of body entitled to appoint trustee
Margaret Cook		Board of Trustees of the Charity
Christopher Paul Walker	Church Treasurer	
Graham Charles Fuller		
Keith Martin		
Philip Charles Sparkes	Chairman of Trustees	

Trustees are appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees, and in accordance with the qualifications listed in the constitution.

Church Property

Woolpit Room Christian Fellowship (The Church) is located at White Elm Road, Woolpit, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk. IP30 9SQ.

The property consists of the main building, Chapel House (which is a residential property attached to the main church building), outbuildings known as “Mary-Anne’s” and the graveyard.

Church Governance

Woolpit Room Christian Fellowship was registered with the Charity Commission as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Registered Charity Number 1199793) on 26th July 2022 and is governed by:

The Woolpit Room Christian Fellowship CIO Constitution.

Woolpit Room Christian Fellowship has a Statement of Beliefs which are incorporated in the Woolpit Room Christian Fellowship Church Rules

Objectives

The charity’s objectives are set out in the constitution. This sets it out to advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the Basis of Faith, primarily, but not exclusively, within Woolpit and the surrounding neighbourhood.

The trustees are aware and conscious of the statutory obligations placed upon them to ensure that the charity is run for the public benefit, and consider the guidance given and published by the Charity Commission.

Church Activities in 2024 included

Sundays

Morning Service (including Communion)

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Mondays

Monday Meet

Easter Tea, Summer Tea, Christmas Tea

Tuesdays

Bible Study & Prayer

Missionary Prayer Meeting monthly

Thursdays

House group monthly

Fridays

Monthly event: either Girls' Night, Coffee & Deserts, Quiz Night

We believe that Christianity and the church is good news for society and this is evidenced very much in the objectives and activities of Woolpit Room. The central activity is the weekly meetings for worship, prayer and explanation of the Bible's beneficial relevance to everyday life.

All these meetings are open to all who wish to attend, Christians and non-Christians alike.

Saturdays

We have held a Marie Curie Coffee Morning and a summer BBQ.

Our Sunday morning services have continued throughout the year. These are led either by our church leaders or people who have been invited to come to speak to us. We also held our regular Carols by Candlelight service in December, which was well-attended, with over 70 people with us.

Monday meet continues to be popular with about 20 people regularly attending.

A variety of speakers are invited to talk for 15-20 minutes on their chosen topic, and after a break for refreshments and chats, a short Bible-based talk, often connected to the earlier topic, is then given. They enjoyed an afternoon tea at Easter, July, and Christmas.

For our Bible and Prayer Time on Tuesdays, we take a more in-depth look into a book or a character of the Bible, and then pray together. This is usually led by a member of our congregation, although we occasionally invite a visiting speaker. Once a month we focus on a Christian mission organisation.

Our Thursday evening monthly housegroup meeting attracts a smaller group where we informally discuss a Biblical topic. This is a more relaxed, evening which concludes with refreshments. This is usually held in people's homes.

In most months, we have held an event, usually on a Friday, which is widely publicised in Woolpit, and has been appreciated by many of our residents. Events included a Cookery Demonstration, Quiz Night (in support of Tear Fund), Harvest Supper, Card-Making Workshop, and Christmas Wreath-Making Workshop.

The defibrillator which has been fitted on the outside wall, is a good facility for people living in the vicinity of our building. Due to medical emergencies, it has been taken on 4 occasions this year, although, thankfully it was not used.

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Throughout the year Phil & Jan looked out for people who have moved into the village, and took them a welcome pack which includes tea, biscuits and information about our services and events at The Room.

This has been appreciated and is a real opportunity to show Christian outreach to newcomers to our village.

Support for Christian charities

- We hosted, what has now become, our annual coffee morning in March, to support the Marie Curie charity.
- We have links with some Christian-based organisations and individuals, and we make financial gifts to help with their activities in accordance with our objectives.
- We have a particular link with some Christians abroad, and our “Monday Meet” group regularly support them financially.
- We also support the Stowmarket Food Bank with donations of food items as well as a monthly financial gift.

We are very grateful to God for the financial donations from our regular church attenders, a legacy from a former church attender, gifts from visitors and rental income from Chapel House which has enabled us to meet our expenses for this year.

We have set a reserves figure of approximately £6,000. This is to allow the church to manage any unforeseen financial liabilities.

Following a generous legacy totalling £30,897 the Chairty is currently holding a larger amount of funds. As trustees we recognize that we may in the future incur more speaker costs as our own leaders age and we may have to employ some form of pastor. We also are considering annual maintenance and modernization costs of the church and chapel house, as we try to ensure the church remains appealing and welcoming to our congregation and visitors.

PCSparkes

Philip .C Sparkes.
Chairman

19/06/2025

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	<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>INCOME</u>			
<u>Church Income</u>			
Donations	17,789	1,825	19,614
HMRC Gift Aid Receipt	3,875	-	3,875
	<u>21,664</u>	<u>1,825</u>	<u>23,489</u>
<u>Other Sources of Income</u>			
Bank Interest	382	-	382
Donation For Use Of Hall	100	-	100
Legacy From Joy Mulley	21,522	-	21,522
Rent From House	7,000	-	7,000
	<u>29,004</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,004</u>
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	<u>50,668</u>	<u>1,825</u>	<u>52,493</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Insurance	3,096	-	3,096
Speaker Expenses	1,805	-	1,805
Donations To Other Causes	2,200	1,825	4,025
Utility Costs	3,639	-	3,639
Sundry Expenses	1,143	-	1,143
Cleaning	776	-	776
Window Cleaning	564	-	564
Indpendnt Examination Fee	420	-	420
Church Maintenance	1,078	-	1,078
Large Repairs and Equipment:			
Windows	1,824	-	1,824
Wi-fi Heating Controls	-	-	-
D Wilding - Electrical	1,079	-	1,079
New Notice Board	-	-	-
Landscaping	2,175	-	2,175
Roof Repair	-	-	-
Keyboard Purchased	556	-	556
New Water Heater	556	-	556
Painting Church Building	1,479	-	1,479
Repairs to the House	4,303	-	4,303
Solicitor Costs - Conversion to CIO	2,196	-	2,196
	<u>28,889</u>	<u>1,825</u>	<u>30,714</u>
<u>NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</u>	<u>21,779</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,779</u>
<u>FUND BALANCE BORUGHT FORWARD</u>	<u>27,378</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,378</u>
<u>BALANCE INTRODUCED</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>FUND BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD</u>	<u>£ 49,157</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 49,157</u>
			<u>£ 27,378</u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at 31 December 2024

	<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>	
	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Bank Balances	49,157	-	49,157	27,378
Gift Aid to be Reclaimed	2,750	-	2,750	936
Less:-Indepent Examiners Fee	(430)	-	-	(420)
	<u>51,477</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,477</u>	<u>27,894</u>

Other Assets - Church Building

The main asset used by the charity is the church building. This was transferred to the charity by the way of a deed, drawn up by the Charity Commission, from the trust on which it was held. This deed was agreed on 14 December 2022.

The church building is estimated to have a value of £650,000, which includes a Chapel House, from which the charity derives a rent.

The church owns assets, such as the contents in the chapel, with an estimated value of £7.000.

Initial Funds

On 14 December 2022 the charity received the amount of £16,162 following the deed of transfer from the un incorporated charity, also known as Woolpit Christian Fellowship.

Approved by:-

PCSparkes

19/06/2025

Independent Examiners Report to
the Trustees of Woolpit Room Christian Fellowship Annual Report for period
1 January 2024 to 31st December 2024

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the period ended 31 December 2024.

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

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