

IMMANUEL SOUTHBOURNE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1200056

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2022-08-15

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CHARITY IS THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCHEME OF UNION OF THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH.

Activities: We provide ministry, education and support to all who wish to join us. We work with families, youth and older people. There is a special emphasis on supporting those with Dementia. We are based in the Southbourne area of Bournemouth and aim to serve our local community. We have twice weekly Church services, to which anyone is welcome. We also have a Church Cafe and Soft Play area.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Bournemouth

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£427,487	£263,992	-	-
2023-12-31	£369,199	£329,647	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Carol Ann Coates		2024-05-19
Debbie Hill		2024-05-19
Elizabeth Cottell		2022-08-15
Louise Riley		2023-10-01
NEIL ANDREW BOWER		2022-06-19
Rosalind Bradbury		2022-08-15
Sally Nevitt		2022-08-15

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**ANNUAL REPORT
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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CHARITY REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER

1200056

TRUSTEES

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
 For the period from: 01.01.2024 to: 31.12.2024

Charity name: **IMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH SOUTHBOURNE**
 Charity registration number: 1200056

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

<p>Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document</p>	<p>The object of the Charity is the advancement of the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the Scheme of Union of the United Reformed Church.</p>
<p>Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.</p>	<p>The main activities undertaken by Immanuel Southbourne in 2024 are listed below. In advancing these activities, the trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 and have had due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.</p> <p>Worship Services The Church held one main service at 10.15am every Sunday which was also live streamed via YouTube reaching those who could not attend in person. Holy Communion was celebrated on the 1st Sunday of each month and midweek every Thursday morning at 11am. We held evening services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 6.30pm (excluding December and August) and monthly Sunday morning services were also held at a local care home we support. The quarterly meetings of 'Churches Together in Southbourne' were held at Immanuel and events such as the Good Friday Walk of Witness were well supported by members of our congregation. On Easter Sunday a 6.15am sunrise service was held overlooking the beach. At Christmas an autism-friendly Christingle service, Carols by Candlelight, a memorial service in conjunction with a local undertaker and Rotary's 'Tree of Light' celebration were held.</p> <p>Discipleship in the Christian Faith Four Home Groups met throughout the year and an "Exploring Christianity" course was run. Weekly prayer meetings were held in the church. In between Ascension and Pentecost, Immanuel joined with a national prayer initiative called 'Thy Kingdom Come' by organising 3 prayer events in conjunction with other local churches, including a 12-hour prayer vigil and a well-supported prayer walk through the neighbourhood.</p> <p>Support and Activities for the Elderly One of our employees had oversight of our weekly activities for the elderly, especially for those living with dementia, and their carers. These included: Memory Lane, Songs for the Mind, Wednesday Lunch Club, Friendship Club, and Friday Film Club. Our Carers Support Group and After Care Support Group (for those who have been bereaved) met monthly throughout the year. Individual pastoral support and end of life prayer was also offered in some local care homes and supported accommodation.</p> <p>Jubilatte Café During 2024 the café continued to be a vibrant hub in the community and a popular venue for different groups such as Knit & Natter, British Sign Language and French conversation. In the afternoons and evenings, it served as a venue for prayer and business meetings, for Bible Study, Home Group, parties and other ad-hoc meetings.</p>

Wellbeing for All

- Wellbeing 120 – a weekly support group for those with mental health issues
- Men's Shed – open twice a week
- Ladies' and Men's Breakfasts – with an inspirational talk

Children & Young People

There was regular provision for school-age children through the Junior Church on Sundays. The mid-week Youth meetings ended in September 2024 due to a lack of personnel.

During the week we ran a 2x weekly Mums and Toddlers group for 25+ under school age children.

The Church also has a Soft Play area which is popular during the week.

We ran Sparkle Time, a monthly support group for those with autistic children.

Support for Missions & Charities

We supported Christians locally and around the world through prayer and financial giving. Money was given to support Christian charities and missions - we gave £300 per month up until April and after the AGM this amount was increased to £350 per month from May 2024 onwards.

Recipients were HOPE FM Radio, Moorlands Bible College, An African Dream, the Men's Hub Southbourne, Compassion, the Leprosy Mission, YWAM Kyiv, Faithworks, Link to Hope, Tearfund and Street Pastors Bournemouth

Foodbank

In December 2024 the Foodbank at Immanuel officially became a part of Bournemouth Foodbank, part of the Trussell Trust. Immanuel continues to house and run the Southbourne Distribution Hub from the church premises. Immanuel also participated actively in the Bournemouth Foodbank Christmas Hamper Appeal.

Other Events

Throughout the year the church was used to host a wide variety of concerts, information evenings, celebrations and other events, including:

- Summer Fun Day and December Craft Fayre
- Showing of the film 'Son of Man' followed by discussion
- Cream Teas for Members and Friends
- Faithworks Rucksacks for the Homeless Appeal
- Christianity Explored
- Centre for Flu & Covid vaccinations
- Silver Sunday Cream Tea
- The Big Quiz fundraiser in aid of Tearfund
- Prayer & Fasting day in November
- The Christmas Children's event with over 350 attendees
- Funerals

Additional Information

<p>Policy on grant making</p>	<p>Immanuel does not have any formal policy on grant making. There are funds available for small donations to be made to individuals on an ad-hoc basis according to specific need. The requests are agreed upon by the Finance Team and/or the Elders. Additionally there is a discretionary fund for those who attend Sparkle Time and small grants were made to these families in the summer of 2024.</p>
<p>Contribution made by volunteers</p>	<p>Volunteers assist the Elders and the Staff in all aspects of the Church's activities and the contribution they make to the life of the church at Immanuel Southbourne is incalculable.</p> <p>The Church has a huge impact on the local community and is well known and loved in Southbourne. The many groups and clubs that are run by the Church could not exist without a whole army of volunteers who ensure that these activities run regularly and smoothly.</p> <p>Funding for the role of Volunteer Co-ordinator ended in January 2024.</p> <p>In 2024 we participated in 'Room to Reward' - a unique volunteer-recognition charity created to say 'thank you' to inspirational volunteers who give up their time to make a difference to those who need it most. Three of our volunteers were worthy recipients of this award.</p>

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>Immanuel Southbourne continued in the work of fulfilling its Vision Statement of "Worshipping God, Strengthening our Faith, Sharing the Good News, Making Disciples, Serving the Community and Impacting the World".</p> <p>Immanuel Church offered lively church services and the church membership remained at around 100 members during 2024. Visitors came regularly, especially in the summer months, and were warmly welcomed to worship with us.</p> <p>Interdenominational events were encouraged with Churches Together in Southbourne and joint outreach took place at Easter and at Christmas, bringing the church out of the building and onto the streets of Southbourne.</p> <p>A new home group started in 2024 and through regular Bible courses members were encouraged to go deeper in their faith.</p> <p>Events organised by Immanuel throughout 2024 were well supported and much appreciated by attendees.</p> <p>Families continued to come often into our building, not only for regular events, but also hiring our facilities for birthday parties, dance classes and art classes. The Ministry to Older People continued to grow in popularity.</p> <p>People with additional needs were supported and championed.</p> <p>The Jubilate Café served as a popular venue where many people from outside the church found a friendly welcome, a listening ear and a place to meet friends.</p> <p>At the end of 2024 Immanuel received the very welcome news that the URC Wessex Synod had paired the church with Cornerstone URC in Hythe, with a view to declaring the Vacancy for a Minister in 2025. In the autumn we welcomed members from Hythe to an evening service at Immanuel, and in December several members of our congregation visited Cornerstone for their Carol Service.</p>
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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Immanuel Southbourne Church maintained its financial stability in 2024 by careful budgeting and reducing costs where possible. Income from lettings and donations grew which enabled us to manage the significant increase in the cost of utilities and repairs & renewals. The first tranche of a generous legacy was received in October 2024.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	It was agreed that in order to provide for potential unforeseen expenditure and in particular the sizeable payroll commitment, a reserve fund of £63,000 was kept as a suitable 3-month reserve.
Reserves held	£63,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	There are no funds in deficit.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	n/a

Additional Financial Information

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	<p>Income from donations, and gift aid was £103,278. Other income came from the Café sales, letting of the building which was £163,643. In May 2024 a special Gift Day raised just over £5,800 for Church funds. A legacy of £100,00 was received. One third is to be used for Older peoples work in the church with the remaining two thirds for general church use</p> <p>Grants and major donations during 2024 were received as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dorset Community Fund, Children's Cookery Project - £8,505 • Sovereign Housing Association - £500 for Wellbeing • Homesense - £500 for Sparkle Time • Co-op Grant - £1,760 for Wellbeing • Lidl Neighbourhood grant - £230 for Free Food Fridge <p>Church Fundraisers In May 2024 a special Gift Day raised just over £5,800 for Church funds. A Summer Fun Day was held in June, raising £3,200 for Church funds whilst the Craft Fayre in December raised £900. The Christmas Family event raised £500.</p>
Investment policy and objectives	None
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Increases in the cost-of-living crisis mean that people potentially will give less money to the church. There is also the possibility of a reduction in church attendance and the unknown factor of when a legacy or large donation might be made to Immanuel. The cost of Immanuel Southbourne's payroll is a risk, should there be a downturn in church revenue.
Other	There are outstanding loans of £41,414 which is a reduction of £10,345 from end of 2023.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Type of governing document	The charity is controlled by its governing document, dated 15th August 2022.
How is the charity constituted?	Trust Deed distilled from the United Reformed Church Acts (1972 and 1981) and Scheme of Union (1972) adopted 21 June 1972.
Trustee selection methods	The initial charity trustees were existing Elders at the time of the foundation of the charity. In the URC Elders are elected by the church members at a Church Meeting. At Immanuel URC all elected serving Elders are encouraged to become Trustees of the charity. In selecting individuals for appointment as Elders and Trustees, due regard is paid to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the Charity.

Additional Information

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Trustees undergo safeguarding training and other mandatory training appropriate to their role as well as any further training which the denomination shall determine from time to time. All Trustees and members of staff are required to be conversant with the Church's policies and procedures, in particular those pertaining to Safeguarding, Health & Safety, Fire Safety, GDPR, and Online Safety. Risk assessments are required from all users of the building.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Immanuel United Reformed Church Southbourne comes under the URC Wessex Synod and is governed by the Scheme of Union of the URC and those constitutional decisions of the URC General Assembly which are binding at local church level. During 2024 Immanuel Southbourne had no Minister so oversight of the Church was provided by the 10 Elders, who met monthly and were answerable to the quarterly Church Meetings. The day to day running of the church was assured by the Secretary, the Treasurer, and each Elder who had jurisdiction over a different area of responsibility. All employees of Immanuel Southbourne had a Line Manager to whom they were answerable.
Relationship with any related parties	Immanuel Southbourne is a member of the Evangelical Alliance and Churches Together in Southbourne. We work together with Faithworks Wessex and seek to collaborate with other faith-based initiatives in the BCP area, such as the Christmas 'Joy to the World' outreach at Castlepoint shopping centre in Bournemouth.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity name	Immanuel United Reformed Church Southbourne
Other name the charity uses	Immanuel Southbourne
Registered charity number	1200056
Charity's principal address	120 Southbourne Road, Bournemouth BH6 3QJ

NAMES OF THE TRUSTEES WHO MANAGED IMMANUEL CHURCH IN 2024

	Trustee name	Office	Dates acted if not for whole year	Body entitled to appoint trustee
1	Mr Neil Bower	Elder	Appointed 19/06/2022 Chair of Trustees	Church Meeting
2	Mrs Rozalind Bradbury	Elder	Appointed 15/08/2022	Church Meeting
3	Ms Carol Coates	Elder Joint Church Secretary	Appointed 19/05/2024 Appointed Joint Church Secretary August 2024	Church Meeting
4	Mrs Elizabeth Cottell	Elder Joint Church Secretary	Appointed 15/08/2022 Appointed Joint Church Secretary April 2024	Church Meeting
5	Mrs Heather Downton	Elder	Appointed 15/08/2022	Church Meeting
6	Mr Nigel Hares	Elder Church Secretary	Stood down as Elder, Trustee and Church Secretary March 2024	Church Meeting
7	Mrs Debbie Hill	Elder	Appointed 19/05/2024	Church Meeting
8	Mr Andrew Hirst	Elder	Stood down as Elder & Trustee June 2024	Church Meeting
9	Mrs Lena Hirst	Church Treasurer	NB Not an Elder or Trustee	Church Meeting
10	Mrs Sally Nevitt	Elder	Appointed 15/08/2022	Church Meeting
11	Mr Ken Pitts	Elder	Stood down as Elder & Trustee December 2024	Church Meeting
12	Ms Louise Riley	Elder Joint Church Secretary	Appointed 01/10/2023 Appointed Joint Church Secretary April 2024 – August 2024	Church Meeting

NAME AND ADDRESS OF ADVISER

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Mark Robinson ACCA	Brett Pittwood Chartered Certified Accountants Suite 8 Bourne Gate 25 Bourne Valley Road Poole BH12 IDY

DECLARATION

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of IMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH SOUTHBOURNE's Trustees.

Signature	<i>Elizabeth Cottell</i>	<i>Neil Bower</i>
Full name	Elizabeth Cottell	Neil Bower
Position	Church Secretary	Elder
Date	01/04/2026	01/04/2026

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
IMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH SOUTHBOURNE**

I confirm I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies. I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Immanuel United Reformed Church Southbourne for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 4 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year.

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 all 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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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7 April 2026

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds		Total	Total
		General	Designated	2024	2023
Income:					
Donations and legacies	2	169,945	66,752	236,697	204,676
Trading activities	3	188,734	-	188,734	163,643
Interest		2,056	-	2,056	880
Total income		360,735	66,752	427,487	369,199
Expenditure:					
Support costs	4	1,980	-	1,980	2,055
Charitable activities	5	217,822	-	217,822	253,812
Designated funds	14	-	44,190	44,190	73,780
Total expenditure		219,802	44,190	263,992	329,647
Net movement in funds		140,933	22,562	163,495	39,552
Funds brought forward 1 January 2024		83,325	75,765	159,090	119,538
Funds carried forward 31 December 2024		224,258	98,327	322,585	159,090

All income and expenditure derive from continuing operations.

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	2024	2023
Current assets			
Stocks	9	750	604
Debtors	10	8,110	8,160
Cash at bank and in hand	11	368,347	209,747
		377,207	218,511
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	(23,702)	(18,007)
		353,505	200,504
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	12	(30,920)	(41,414)
Net assets		£322,585	£159,090
 Charity funds:			
Unrestricted funds		224,258	83,325
Restricted funds		98,327	75,765
Total charity funds		£322,585	£159,090

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 1 April 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

N Bower, Trustee

1 April 2026

E Cottell, Trustee

1 April 2026

The notes on page 6 to 12 form part of the financial statements.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**Charitable objects**

The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are the advancement of the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the scheme of union of the United Reformed Church.

Statement of compliance

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Basis of preparation

The Immanuel United Reformed Church Southbourne meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes.

Income recognition

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable they will be fulfilled.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Income from trading activities includes income earned from fundraising events and trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Support costs

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. The analysis of these costs is included in note 4.

Loans and borrowings

Loans and borrowings are initially recognised at the transaction price including transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, less impairment. If an arrangement constitutes a finance transaction it is measured at present value.

Concessionary loans

Concessionary loans include those payable to third parties which are interest free or below market interest rates and are made to advance charitable purposes.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs incurred to complete and sell.

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and in hand.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

Income from donations	Unrestricted Funds		Total 2024	Total 2023
	General	Designated		
Donations from individuals	70,626	-	70,626	98,218
Legacies	66,667	33,333	100,000	-
Gift Aid	32,652	-	32,652	16,888
Designated donations	-	33,419	33,419	89,570
	<u>£169,945</u>	<u>£66,752</u>	<u>£236,697</u>	<u>£204,676</u>

3. INCOME FROM TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds		Total 2024	Total 2023
	General	Designated		
Income from Café and lettings	£188,734	-	£188,734	£163,643
	<u>£188,734</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£188,734</u>	<u>£163,643</u>

4. SUPPORT COSTS

	Unrestricted Funds		Total 2024	Total 2023
	General	Designated		
Accountancy	1,500	-	1,500	1,440
Independent examination fee	480	-	480	315
Independent examination fee - previous year	-	-	-	300
	<u>£1,980</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£1,980</u>	<u>£2,055</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

5. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

General Unrestricted Funds	2024	2023
Bank charges	1,421	1,457
Card payment fees	590	644
Catering equipment	-	244
Church repairs and maintenance	7,212	5,358
Christmas Event 2023	-	577
Cleaning materials	4,189	4,379
Foodbank - rent paid to Church	-	300
Electricity	15,092	19,003
Fun Day	199	-
Families expenses	-	11
Foodbank website costs	-	60
Friday Night Live	824	1,372
Garden repairs and maintenance	224	265
Gas	8,832	12,481
General equipment	83	27
Sundry expenses	226	513
Health and safety	708	1,084
IMM - gross wages	100,111	105,722
Employer's National Insurance	5,231	22,398
Employer's Pension contributions	1,616	4,244
Employment Allowance adjustment	(535)	-
Insurance	7,919	8,030
IT hardware	437	35
IT licences and subscriptions	1,357	1,648
IT software	939	972
Jubilatte consumables	98	54
Jubilatte food	26,862	27,767
Jubilatte hardware	2,453	1,560
Licences and subscriptions	1,213	1,039
Loan written off	-	(400)
Loan interest	1,022	1,210
Ministry of Flowers	40	325
Mission out	4,427	3,520
Phones and Broadband	1,166	1,295
Printing and reproduction	945	1,068
Payroll services	-	192
Publicity	119	-
Staff expenses and training	-	411
Stationery, postage and printing	726	971
Waste disposal	1,068	975
Events	2,082	1,325
Manse out	(16)	2,186
Minister	16,584	16,857
Pastoral care	1,062	733
Penguins expenditure	51	77
Synod shared cost	38	321
Traidcraft supplies	-	65
Wellbeing	6	46
Youth Expenditure	1,201	4,186
Transfer to Café	-	(2,795)
	<u>£217,822</u>	<u>£253,812</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

6. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

During the year the charity made no transactions with trustees.

7. STAFF COSTS

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2024	2023
Staff costs during the year were:		
Salaries and Employer's NI	132,871	128,120
Pension costs	1,728	4,244
	£134,599	£132,364
	£134,599	£132,364

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2024	2023
Average number of employees	13	10
	13	10
	13	10

No employees received total employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) of more than £60,000.

8. INTEREST PAYABLE

	2024	2023
Other loans	£1,022	£1,210
	£1,022	£1,210
	£1,022	£1,210

9. STOCKS

Stock of café food and consumables	£750	£604
	£750	£604
	£750	£604

10. DEBTORS

Trade debtors	1,660	2,390
Prepayments	6,450	5,770
	£8,110	£8,160
	£8,110	£8,160

11. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash at bank and in hand	£368,347	£209,747
	£368,347	£209,747
	£368,347	£209,747

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YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

12. CREDITORS

	2024	2023
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Loans and borrowings	10,494	10,345
Trade creditors	5,652	1,473
Taxation and social security	1,444	1,838
Accruals	5,760	4,095
Other	352	256
	<u>£23,702</u>	<u>£18,007</u>

Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

Loans and borrowings	<u>£30,920</u>	<u>£41,414</u>
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13. LOANS

Loans for Café etc extension	<u>£41,414</u>	<u>£51,759</u>
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Loans commenced 30 September 2019.

£50,000 for 10 years at 3% (from Wessex Synod of the United Reformed Church)

Private loans for 7 years = £35,000 at 1% and £10,000 at 0%.

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YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

14. DESIGNATED FUNDS

	2024	Income	Expenditure	2023
Foodbank	3,104	1,818	1,850	3,136
Arrabon Trust	13,000	-	-	13,000
Bournemouth Foodbank	250	300	50	-
Churches Together in Southbourne	165	11	26	180
Co-Op Grant	1,761	1,761	-	-
Compassion Support	71	167	96	-
DCF Cookery Grant	8,505	8,505	-	-
Designated donations	30	230	200	-
Designated - sound system	415	-	-	415
New Youth Room	40	-	-	40
Gardening and Plants	20	-	-	20
Sparkle Time Respite	4,362	942	1,447	4,867
Dorset Community Fund Grant	200	500	300	-
Men's Shed	4,082	4,578	1,342	846
Eco activities - Income	45	-	-	45
FACE	49,927	33,333	23,186	39,780
Free Food Fridge donations	586	962	620	244
G Gibbs fund	239	10	196	425
Gay Franica	-	-	195	195
Gift Day 24	5,679	5,679	-	-
Grant CWA. Valentine Trust	-	-	2,092	2,092
Grant income	500	-	-	500
HOPE in the Community	-	210	-	(210)
Jubilatte tips	1	275	349	75
Leprosy Mission donations	-	1,232	1,232	-
Memory Lane	536	46	279	769
Movement for the Mind	1,510	-	-	1,510
Neighbourhood Grant	230	230	-	-
Nigel Hares - leaving collection	(1)	210	211	-
Peter Southcombe - donations in memory	1,755	-	-	1,755
Soft Play fundraising	490	-	-	490
Sported - Youth fund	40	-	-	40
TK Maxx Grant	500	500	-	-
Ukraine Donations	284	-	-	284
Volunteer Co ordinator funding (DCF)	-	4,752	8,019	3,267
Wellbeing - Grants	-	500	2,500	2,000
	<u>£98,327</u>	<u>£66,752</u>	<u>£44,190</u>	<u>£75,765</u>

15. PREMISES

The Church premises are owned by United Reformed Church, Wessex Synod.

IMMANUEL SOUTHBOURNE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1200056

Accounts

Charity registration number:
1200056

IMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH SOUTHBOURNE

**ANNUAL REPORT
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IMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH SOUTHBOURNE

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CHARITY REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER

1200056

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

For the period from: 01.01.2023 to: 31.12.2023

Charity name: IMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH SOUTHBOURNE

Charity registration number: 1200056

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	The object of the Charity is the advancement of the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the Scheme of Union of the United Reformed Church.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	<p>The main activities undertaken by Immanuel Southbourne in 2023 are listed below.</p> <p>In advancing these activities, the trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 and have had due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.</p> <p>Worship Services</p> <p>The Church held one main service at 10.15am every Sunday which was also live streamed via YouTube reaching those who could not attend in person. Holy Communion was celebrated on the 1st Sunday of each month and midweek every Thursday morning at 11am.</p> <p>We held evening services on the 4th Sunday of each month at 6.30pm (excluding December and August) and monthly Sunday morning services were also held at one of the local care homes we support.</p> <p>The quarterly meetings of 'Churches Together in Southbourne' were held at Immanuel and events such as the Good Friday Walk of Witness were well supported by members of our congregation. On Easter Sunday a 6.15am sunrise service was held overlooking the beach.</p> <p>At Christmas an autism-friendly Christingle service, Carols by Candlelight, a memorial service in conjunction with a local undertaker and Rotary's 'Tree of Light' celebration were held. In February 2023 we joined the World Day of Prayer with other churches in Southbourne.</p> <p>Discipleship in the Christian Faith</p> <p>Three Bible Study groups met throughout the year and an Alpha course, and follow-on discipleship course, were run in the first half of 2023.</p> <p>Weekly prayer meetings were held in the church. In between Ascension and Pentecost, Immanuel joined with a national prayer initiative called 'Thy Kingdom Come' by organising 3 prayer events in conjunction with other local churches.</p> <p>Support and Activities for the Elderly</p> <p>One of our employees had oversight of many weekly activities for the elderly, especially those living with dementia, and their carers. These included: Memory Lane, Songs for the Mind, Wednesday Lunch Club, Friendship Club, and Friday Film Club. Movement for the Mind, a seated exercise class, finished in September 2023.</p> <p>Our Carers Support Group and After Care Support Group (for those who have been bereaved) met monthly throughout the year.</p> <p>Individual pastoral support and end of life prayer was also offered in several local care homes.</p>

Jubilatte Café

At the end of 2022 the Church hired a new full-time café manager. Together with the assistant manager and team of volunteer staff from both the church and the local community, Jubilatte became a popular venue and a great success throughout 2023. During the day the café was a thriving community hub with significant footfall. In the afternoons and evenings, it served as a venue for Youth Café, the Alpha course, Church meetings and parties.

Wellbeing for All

- Wellbeing 120 – a weekly support group for those with mental health issues
- Men's Shed – open twice a week
- Tuesday Stroll – a short local walk, followed by a free hot drink
- Ladies' and Men's Breakfasts – with an inspirational talk
- Friday Night Live – a very popular and successful evening of live music held quarterly in the café

Children & Young People

Alongside the regular provision for Junior Church on Sundays, we held the Youth Café after school on Tuesdays and 2 Youth Clubs on Wednesday evenings during term time.

During the week we provided a 2x weekly Mums and Toddlers group for 20+ under school age children.

The Church also has a Soft Play area which is very popular all week.

We ran Sparkle Time, a monthly support group for those with autistic children.

Support for Missions & Charities

Through prayer and financial giving we supported Christians at home and around the world. Each month £300 was given from church funds to support other worthy causes including: Bible Society, An African Dream, Prama Care, Moorlands Bible College, YWAM Kyiv, Compassion UK, The Leprosy Mission, Medair, Link to Hope, Faithworks Wessex, Tearfund, The Waterlily Project and The Southbourne Men's Hub.

The first anniversary of the invasion of Ukraine was remembered with a special prayer meeting and donations were given for charities working in the country.

Foodbank

Immanuel continued to house and run the Southbourne Foodbank from the church premises.

Other Events

Throughout the year the church was used to put a wide variety of concerts, information evenings, celebrations and other events, including:

- A talk on Stars & Astronomy from a biblical perspective
- Polling station for local elections
- A Safeguarding Training session for 35 people
- Silver Sunday Cream Tea
- A free 5-week computer awareness course
- A talk given on 'Men's Health. Bowel & Prostate Cancer'
- Live screening of the King's Coronation followed by a Big Church Lunch for over 80 people
- Summer Fun Day and December Craft Fayre
- Supper & Skittles Night for Churches Together in Southbourne
- The Christmas 2-day 'Follow the Star' event with over 600 attendees
- Funerals

Additional Information

Policy on grant making	Immanuel does not have any formal policy on grant making. There are funds available for small donations to be made to individuals on an ad-hoc basis according to specific need. The requests are agreed upon by the Finance Team and/or the Elders.
Contribution made by volunteers	The contribution made by Volunteers to the life of the church at Immanuel Southbourne is incalculable. The Church has a huge impact on the local community and is well known and loved in Southbourne. The many groups and clubs that are run by the Church could not exist without a whole army of volunteers who ensure that these activities run regularly and smoothly. Volunteers assist the Elders and the Staff in all aspects of the Church's activities.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	<p>Immanuel Southbourne continued to fulfil its Vision statement of Worshipping God, Strengthening our Faith, Sharing the Good News, Making Disciples, Serving the Community and Impacting the World.</p> <p>Immanuel Church offered lively church services and the church membership grew to over 100 members during 2023. Visitors came regularly, especially in the summer months, and were warmly welcomed to worship with us. Interdenominational events were encouraged with Churches Together in Southbourne and joint outreach took place, bringing the church out of the building into the streets of Southbourne. New believers were added to our number and the home groups encouraged people to go deeper in their faith.</p> <p>All the groups, clubs and events organised by Immanuel were well supported and much appreciated by attendees. Families continued to come into our building regularly, not only for the events we put on, but also hiring our facilities for birthday parties, dance classes and the soft play. Young people were helped and encouraged and the Ministry to Older People continued to grow in popularity. People with additional needs were supported and championed. The Jubilate Café served as a popular community hub where many people from outside the church found a friendly welcome, a listening ear and a delicious snack!</p> <p>Mention must be made here of the Thanksgiving Service, held on 2nd August 2023, for the life of the late Revd. Peter Southcombe. Over 400 people attended in person, despite inclement weather, and it was also live streamed to family and friends around the UK and abroad. Peter was well-known and much loved in Southbourne. His vision for contributing to the local community and making a difference was unrivalled. He has left a huge legacy which Immanuel intends to continue.</p>
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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Immanuel Southbourne Church improved its financial situation in 2023 by careful budgeting and reducing costs where possible. Income from lettings and donations grew which enabled us to manage the significant increase in the cost of utilities and repairs & renewals.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	It was agreed that in order to provide for potential unforeseen expenditure and in particular the sizeable payroll commitment, a reserve fund of £63,000 was kept as a suitable 3-month reserve.
Amount of reserves held	£63,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	There are no funds in deficit.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	n/a

Additional Financial Information

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	<p>The main source of our income comes from users of the building, this representing 53% of the 2023 income.</p> <p>There is also a considerable amount of income generated from regular giving from members and visitors to the Church, which represents 47% of all income in 2023.</p> <p>In April 2023 a special Gift Day raised just over £15,000 for Church funds.</p> <p>Fundraising, grants and major donations during 2023 were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donation In June 2023 a resident of a Care Home we offer pastoral support to, donated £25,000 specifically for the older people's ministry. • Dorset Community Fund In July 2023 the charity received £4,148 to pay the salary of a Volunteer Coordinator for 6 months and in November the contract was extended by 2½ months thanks to a further grant of £1,485. An additional sum of money received from the Dorset Community Fund was distributed - £300 for the Men's Shed and £200 for Sparkle Time. • Valentine Trust In November 2023 we received £5,000 which was allocated as follows: £2,000 to Wellbeing 120 and £3,000 to Cycling Without Age, a ministry of Hope in the Community (the £3,000 features in the 2024 accounts) • Church Fundraisers A Summer Fun Day was held in June, raising £3,000 for Church funds whilst the Craft Fayre in December raised £540. The sale of donated artworks ('Artober') raised £190 and the Friday Night Live events raised £869.04. The 2-day Christmas event raised £1,700.
Investment policy and objectives	None
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	The cost-of-living crisis means that people potentially will give less money to the church. There is also the possibility of a reduction in church attendance

	and the unknown factor of when a legacy or large donation might be made to Immanuel. The high cost of Immanuel Southbourne's payroll is a risk, should there be a downturn in church revenue.
Other	In 2019 loans were taken out from both the URC Synod and individual church members, in order to carry out extensions to the Immanuel Church building, thus enabling further charitable activities and supporting our local community outreach programmes. Regular repayments meant the loans were reduced by approximately 50% by the end of 2023.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Type of governing document	The charity is controlled by its governing document, dated 15th August 2022.
How is the charity constituted?	Trust Deed distilled from the United Reformed Church Acts (1972 and 1981) and Scheme of Union (1972) adopted 21 June 1972.
Trustee selection methods	The initial charity trustees were existing Elders at the time of the foundation of the charity. In the URC Elders are elected by the church members at a Church Meeting and at Immanuel URC all elected Elders are consequently appointed as Trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as Elders and Trustees, due regard is paid to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the Charity.

Additional Information

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Trustees undergo safeguarding training and other mandatory training appropriate to their role as well as any further training which the denomination shall determine from time to time. All Trustees and members of staff are required to be conversant with the Church's policies and procedures, in particular those pertaining to Safeguarding, Health & Safety, Fire Safety, GDPR, and Online Safety. Risk assessments are required from all users of the building.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Immanuel United Reformed Church Southbourne comes under the Wessex Synod and is governed by the Scheme of Union of the URC and those constitutional decisions of the URC General Assembly which are binding at local church level. During 2023 Immanuel Southbourne had no Minister so oversight of the Church was provided by the 10 Elders, who met monthly and were answerable to the quarterly Church Meetings. The day to day running of the church was assured by the Secretary, the Treasurer, and each Elder who had jurisdiction over a different area of responsibility. All employees of Immanuel Southbourne had a Line Manager to whom they were answerable.
Relationship with any related parties	Immanuel Southbourne is a member of the Evangelical Alliance and Churches Together in Southbourne. We work closely with Hope in the Community and Faithworks Wessex. The Citizen's Advice Bureau offers its services weekly from the church premises.

NOTE

When preparing the 2024 submission issues were found in the 2023 Annual return which was submitted on 19 October 2023. It was agreed by all Trustees the 2023 submission should be corrected and resubmitted with the understanding the received date will be recorded as late on the Charity Commission website.

AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity name	Immanuel United Reformed Church Southbourne
Other name the charity uses	Immanuel Southbourne
Registered charity number	1200056
Charity's principal address	120 Southbourne Road, Bournemouth BH6 3QJ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mr Neil Bower	Elder		Church Meeting
2	Mrs Rozalind Bradbury	Elder		Church Meeting
3	Mrs Elizabeth Cottell	Elder		Church Meeting
4	Mr Blair Crawford	Chair of Trustees	Until 17 th November	Church Meeting
5	Mrs Heather Downton	Elder		Church Meeting
6	Mr Nigel Hares	Church Secretary		Church Meeting
7	Mr Andrew Hirst	Elder		Church Meeting
8	Mrs Lena Hirst	Church Treasurer		Church Meeting
9	Mrs Sally Nevitt	Elder		Church Meeting
10	Mr Ken Pitts	Elder		Church Meeting

Name and address of adviser

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Mark Robinson ACCA	Brett Pittwood Chartered Certified Accountants Suite 8 Bourne Gate 25 Bourne Valley Road Poole BH12 1DY

DECLARATIONS

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees.

Signature	<i>Elizabeth Cottell</i>	<i>Neil Bower</i>
Full name	Elizabeth COTTELL	Neil Bower
Position	Church Secretary	Elder
Date	01/04/2026	01/04/2026

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
IMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH SOUTHBOURNE**

I confirm I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies. I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Immanuel United Reformed Church Southbourne for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 4 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year.

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 all 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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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7 April 2026

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds		Total	15/8/22 to
		General	Designated	2023	31/12/22
Income:					
Donations and legacies	2	115,106	89,570	204,676	35,982
Trading activities	3	163,643	-	163,643	56,057
Interest		880	-	880	173
Total income		279,629	89,570	369,199	92,212
Expenditure:					
Support costs	4	2,055	-	2,055	1,140
Charitable activities	5	253,812	-	253,812	102,146
Designated funds	14	-	73,780	73,780	6,940
Total expenditure		255,867	73,780	329,647	110,226
Net movement in funds		23,762	15,790	39,552	(18,014)
Funds brought forward 1 January 2023		59,563	59,975	119,538	
Funds brought forward 15 August 2022		-	-	-	137,552
Funds carried forward 31 December 2023		83,325	75,765	159,090	119,538

All income and expenditure derive from continuing operations.

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Note	2023	2022
Current assets			
Stocks	9	604	-
Debtors	10	8,160	5,710
Cash at bank and in hand	11	209,747	178,526
		<u>218,511</u>	<u>184,236</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	(18,007)	(12,539)
		<u>200,504</u>	<u>171,697</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	12	(41,414)	(52,159)
		<u>£159,090</u>	<u>£119,538</u>
Net assets			
Charity funds:			
Unrestricted funds		83,325	59,563
Restricted funds		75,765	59,975
		<u>£159,090</u>	<u>£119,538</u>
Total charity funds			

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 1 April 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

N Bower, Trustee

1 April 2026

E Cottell, Trustee

1 April 2026

The notes on page 6 to 12 form part of the financial statements.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**Charitable objects**

The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are the advancement of the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the scheme of union of the United Reformed Church.

Statement of compliance

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Basis of preparation

The Immanuel United Reformed Church Southbourne meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes.

Income recognition

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable they will be fulfilled.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Income from trading activities includes income earned from fundraising events and trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Support costs

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. The analysis of these costs is included in note 4.

Loans and borrowings

Loans and borrowings are initially recognised at the transaction price including transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, less impairment. If an arrangement constitutes a finance transaction it is measured at present value.

Concessionary loans

Concessionary loans include those payable to third parties which are interest free or below market interest rates and are made to advance charitable purposes.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs incurred to complete and sell.

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash in hand.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

Income from donations	Unrestricted Funds		Total 2023	15/8/22 to 31/12/22
	General	Designated		
Donations from individuals	98,218	-	98,218	24,990
Gift Aid	16,888	-	16,888	-
Designated donations	-	89,570	89,570	10,992
Total	<u>£115,106</u>	<u>£89,570</u>	<u>£204,676</u>	<u>£35,982</u>

3. INCOME FROM TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds		Total 2023	15/8/22 to 31/12/22
	General	Designated		
Income from Café and lettings	£163,643	-	£163,643	£56,057
	<u>£163,643</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£163,643</u>	<u>£56,057</u>

4. SUPPORT COSTS

	Unrestricted Funds		Total 2023	15/8/22 to 31/12/22
	General	Designated		
Accountancy	1,440	-	1,440	1,140
Independent examination fee	315	-	315	-
Independent examination fee - previous year	300	-	300	-
	<u>£2,055</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£2,055</u>	<u>£1,140</u>

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5. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

General Unrestricted Funds	YE	15/8/22 to
	31/12/23	31/12/22
Bank charges	1,457	426
Card payment fees	644	185
Catering equipment	244	16
Church away weekend 2022 & 2024	-	2,273
Church repairs and maintenance	5,358	8,308
Christmas Event 2023	577	-
Cleaning materials	4,379	1,016
Foodbank - rent paid to Church	300	750
Friday Night Live	-	479
Electricity	19,003	3,464
Families expenses	11	-
Foodbank website costs	60	118
Garden repairs and maintenance	265	195
Gas	12,481	3,449
General equipment	27	-
Sundry expenses	513	(98)
Health and safety	1,084	50
IMM - wages	105,722	(45,392
Employer's National Insurance	22,398	(
Employer's Pension contributions	4,244	1,189
Friday Night Live	1,372	-
Insurance	8,030	1,904
IT hardware	35	108
IT licences and subscriptions	1,648	326
IT software	972	355
Jubilatte consumables	54	59
Jubilatte food	27,767	10,164
Jubilatte hardware	1,560	-
Licences and subscriptions	1,039	226
Loan written off	(400)	-
Loan interest	1,210	669
Ministry of Flowers	325	-
Mission out	3,520	1,200
Phones and Broadband	1,295	868
Printing and reproduction	1,068	148
Payroll services	192	304
Publicity	-	82
Staff expenses	200	180
Staff training	211	20
Stationery, postage and printing	971	272
Donation out	-	300
Waste disposal	975	-
Events	1,325	619
Manse out	2,186	995
Minister	16,857	14,133
Pastoral care	733	1,169
Penguins expenditure	77	94
Synod shared cost	321	106
Traidcraft supplies	65	-
Wellbeing	46	44
Youth Expenditure	4,186	589
Transfer to Café	(2,795)	-
	<u>£253,812</u>	<u>£102,146</u>

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6. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

During the year the charity made no transactions with trustees.

7. STAFF COSTS

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	Total 2023	15/8/22 to 31/12/22
Staff costs during the year were:		
Salaries and Employer's NI	128,120	45,392
Pension costs	4,244	1,189
	<u>£132,364</u>	<u>£46,581</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2023	2022
Average number of employees	10	8

No employees received total employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) of more than £60,000.

	2023	15/8/22 to 31/12/22
8. INTEREST PAYABLE		
Other loans	£1,210	£669
	<u>£1,210</u>	<u>£669</u>
9. STOCKS		
Stock of café food and consumables	£604	-
	<u>£604</u>	<u>-</u>
10. DEBTORS		
Trade debtors	2,390	-
Prepayments	5,770	5,710
	<u>£8,160</u>	<u>£5,710</u>
11. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Bank and cash balances	£209,747	£178,526
	<u>£209,747</u>	<u>£178,526</u>

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12. CREDITORS	2023	15/8/22 to 31/12/22
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Loans and borrowings	10,345	10,199
Trade creditors	1,473	-
Taxation and social security	1,838	-
Accruals	4,095	2,340
Other	256	-
	<u>£18,007</u>	<u>£12,539</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		
Loans and borrowings	<u>£41,414</u>	<u>£52,159</u>
13. LOANS		
Loan for Café etc extension	<u>£51,759</u>	<u>£62,358</u>
Loans commenced 30 September 2019		
£50,000 for 10 years at 3% (from Wessex Synod of the United Reformed Church)		
Private loans for 7 years = £35,000 at 1% and £10,000 at 0%.		

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14. DESIGNATED FUNDS

	2023	Income	Expenditure	2022
Foodbank	3,136	2,305	23,300	24,131
Arrabon Trust	13,000	13,000	-	-
Churches Together in Southbourne	180	36	20	164
Congo	-	125	-	(125)
Designated donations	-	5,000	11,265	6,265
Designated - sound system	415	-	2,816	3,231
Dorset Community Fund Grant	-	6,158	6,158	-
Men's Shed	846	300	-	546
New Youth Room	40	-	2,066	2,106
Gardening and Plants	20	20	-	-
Sparkle Time Respite	4,868	3,702	151	1,317
Eco activities - Income	45	306	261	-
FACE	39,780	26,025	13,040	26,795
Free Food Fridge donations	244	344	100	-
G Gibbs fund	425	500	75	-
Gay Franica	195	195	-	-
Grant CWA. Valentine Trust	2,092	3,000	908	-
Grant income	500	500	-	-
HOPE in the Community	(210)	-	210	-
Jubilatte tips	75	230	155	-
Memory Lane	769	769	-	-
Movement for the Mind	1,510	15,054	9,124	(4,420)
Peter Southcombe - donations in memory	1,755	2,253	500	2
Soft Play fundraising	490	989	544	45
Sported - Youth fund	40	500	460	-
Ukraine Donations	284	616	250	(82)
Volunteer Co ordinator funding (DCF)	3,267	5,643	2,376	-
Wellbeing - Grants	2,000	2,000	-	-
	<u>£75,765</u>	<u>£89,570</u>	<u>£73,780</u>	<u>£59,975</u>

15. PREMISES

The Church premises are owned by United Reformed Church, Wessex Synod.