

Hope Church Alton

England & Wales · Charity number 1200180

Details

Other names BUTTS FREE CHURCH, THE BUTTS CHURCH

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-08-25

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

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Activities

Objects: 3.1 THE PURPOSES OF THE CHURCH ARE: 3.1.1 THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH PRIMARILY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN ALTON, HAMPSHIRE AND THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBOURHOOD; AND 3.1.2 SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS SHALL, IN THE OPINION OF THE CHARITY TRUSTEES, PUT INTO PRACTICE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: THE PREVENTION AND RELIEF OF NEED, HARDSHIP AND SICKNESS; THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION; AND THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE; PROVIDED THAT THE ADVANCEMENT OF SUCH PURPOSES MUST BE UNDERTAKEN IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE DOCTRINAL DISTINCTIVES AND ETHICAL STATEMENTS AS MAY BE ADOPTED AND AMENDED BY THE CHURCH FROM TIME TO TIME IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CHURCH HANDBOOK.

Activities: 3.1 The purposes of the Church are: 3.1.1 the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Alton, Hampshire and the surrounding neighbourhood; and 3.1.2 such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, put

into practice the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, including but no

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Hampshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£99,804	£72,418	-	-
2024-03-31	£85,113	£74,884	-	-
2023-03-31	£0	£0	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Benjamin Daniel John Burge	Chair	2022-07-19
Dr Philip James West		2022-07-19
Jane Elizabeth Taylor		2022-07-19
PETER ANTONY DUNN		2024-11-26
Professor - rtd Julian Evans		2023-03-14
Ruth Elizabeth West		2022-07-19
Stephen John Warwick		2022-07-19

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**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025
for
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BUTTS FREE CHURCH

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The principal objective of the Church is to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of faith of The Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches.

Significant activities

As part of its outreach into the local community, the Church holds a term time meeting each week for young people, and a monthly meeting throughout the year. These meetings include suitable supervised activities as well as relevant teaching based on the Bible. The Church also holds a 4-day holiday club during the summer school holiday.

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Members are invited to take services in other churches. This includes a church in a nearby village where a couple of members preach several times throughout the year.

Public benefit

In planning the Church's activities, the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

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FUTURE PLANS

The Trustees intent to continue the current aims of advancing the Christian faith in the town of Alton and beyond.

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Trustees

Rev B Burge
Professor J Evans
Mrs J Taylor
S Warwick
Dr P West
Mrs R West
P Dunn (appointed 26.11.24)

Independent Examiner

Caroline Scull FCCA
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 8 September 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



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Trustee - P.A.DUNN.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
BUTTS FREE CHURCH**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of BUTTS FREE CHURCH

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of BUTTS FREE CHURCH (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
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Caroline Scull FCCA

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Date: 10.9.2025

BUTTS FREE CHURCH

**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		81,558	15,049	96,607	83,165
Investment income	2	<u>3,197</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,197</u>	<u>1,948</u>
Total		<u>84,755</u>	<u>15,049</u>	<u>99,804</u>	<u>85,113</u>
EXPENDITURE ON Charitable activities					
Church activities		69,573	2,275	71,848	74,044
Other		<u>570</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>570</u>	<u>800</u>
Total		<u>70,143</u>	<u>2,275</u>	<u>72,418</u>	<u>74,844</u>
NET INCOME		14,612	12,774	27,386	10,269
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(10,300)</u>
Net movement in funds		14,612	12,774	27,386	(31)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>96,585</u>	<u>38,201</u>	<u>134,786</u>	<u>134,817</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>111,197</u>	<u>50,975</u>	<u>162,172</u>	<u>134,786</u>

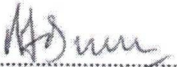
The notes form part of these financial statements

BUTTS FREE CHURCH

**Balance Sheet
31 March 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	4	17,147	-	17,147	15,430
Cash at bank		<u>95,322</u>	<u>51,080</u>	<u>146,402</u>	<u>120,453</u>
		112,469	51,080	163,549	135,883
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	5	(1,272)	(105)	(1,377)	(1,097)
		<u>111,197</u>	<u>50,975</u>	<u>162,172</u>	<u>134,786</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>111,197</u>	<u>50,975</u>	<u>162,172</u>	<u>134,786</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>111,197</u>	<u>50,975</u>	<u>162,172</u>	<u>134,786</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>111,197</u>	<u>50,975</u>	<u>162,172</u>	<u>134,786</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	6			111,197	96,585
Restricted funds				<u>50,975</u>	<u>38,201</u>
TOTAL FUNDS					
				<u>162,172</u>	<u>134,786</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 8 September 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:


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Trustee - P. A. DUNN.

BUTTS FREE CHURCH

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>3,197</u>	<u>1,948</u>

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as trustees paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

BUTTS FREE CHURCH

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

4. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		31.3.25	31.3.24
		£	£
Other debtors		16,427	15,430
Prepayments		<u>720</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>17,147</u>	<u>15,430</u>
5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		31.3.25	31.3.24
		£	£
Other creditors		<u>1,377</u>	<u>1,097</u>
6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS			
		Net	
	At 1.4.24	movement	At
	£	in funds	31.3.25
		£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	71,585	14,612	86,197
Commitment reserve	<u>25,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,000</u>
	96,585	14,612	111,197
Restricted funds			
Development fund	36,841	780	37,621
Pastoral fund	750	-	750
Youth work fund	590	11,994	12,584
Mission fund	<u>20</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20</u>
	<u>38,201</u>	<u>12,774</u>	<u>50,975</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>134,786</u>	<u>27,386</u>	<u>162,172</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming	Resources	Movement
	resources	expended	in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	84,755	(70,143)	14,612
Restricted funds			
Development fund	780	-	780
Youth work fund	<u>14,269</u>	<u>(2,275)</u>	<u>11,994</u>
	<u>15,049</u>	<u>(2,275)</u>	<u>12,774</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>99,804</u>	<u>(72,418)</u>	<u>27,386</u>

BUTTS FREE CHURCH

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	71,486	99	71,585
Commitment reserve	<u>25,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,000</u>
	96,486	99	96,585
Restricted funds			
Development fund	36,061	780	36,841
Pastoral fund	750	-	750
Youth work fund	1,500	(910)	590
Mission fund	<u>20</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20</u>
	<u>38,331</u>	<u>(130)</u>	<u>38,201</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>134,817</u>	<u>(31)</u>	<u>134,786</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	82,604	(72,205)	(10,300)	99
Restricted funds				
Development fund	780	-	-	780
Youth work fund	-	(910)	-	(910)
Mission fund	<u>1,729</u>	<u>(1,729)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>2,509</u>	<u>(2,639)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(130)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>85,113</u>	<u>(74,844)</u>	<u>(10,300)</u>	<u>(31)</u>

7. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025.

BUTTS FREE CHURCH

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Gifts	67,900	66,724
Donations	12,280	780
Gift aid	<u>16,427</u>	<u>15,661</u>
	96,607	83,165
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	<u>3,197</u>	<u>1,948</u>
Total incoming resources	99,804	85,113
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	36,870	40,896
Rent	12,000	12,000
Insurance	372	361
Local mission giving	420	420
Resources	7,066	3,068
Sundries	120	870
International mission giving	<u>15,000</u>	<u>16,429</u>
	71,848	74,044
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>570</u>	<u>800</u>
Total resources expended	<u>72,418</u>	<u>74,844</u>
Net income	<u>27,386</u>	<u>10,269</u>

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The principal objective of the Church is to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of faith of The Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches.

Significant activities

On 1 April 2023 the Charity took over the activities of Butts Evangelical Church Trust (charity number 1001301) together with all of its assets and liabilities with a net value of £134,817.

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.


BUTTS FREE CHURCH

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 24/08/2024 and signed on its behalf by:


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Trustee

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Date: 29/8/2024

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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Year Ended 31.3.24 Total funds £	Period 25.8.22 to 31.3.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		80,656	2,509	83,165	-
Investment income	2	<u>1,948</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,948</u>	<u>-</u>
Total		<u>82,604</u>	<u>2,509</u>	<u>85,113</u>	<u>-</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON Charitable activities					
Church activities		71,363	2,639	74,002	-
Other		<u>842</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>842</u>	<u>-</u>
Total		<u>72,205</u>	<u>2,639</u>	<u>74,844</u>	<u>-</u>
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)					
Other recognised gains/(losses)		10,399	(130)	10,269	-
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		<u>(10,300)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(10,300)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		99	(130)	(31)	-
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds transferred from Butts Evangelical Church		96,486	38,331	134,817	-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>96,585</u>	<u>38,201</u>	<u>134,786</u>	<u>-</u>


The notes form part of these financial statements

BUTTS FREE CHURCH

**Balance Sheet
31 March 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	6	15,430	-	15,430	-
Cash at bank		<u>82,252</u>	<u>38,201</u>	<u>120,453</u>	<u>-</u>
		97,682	38,201	135,883	-
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(1,097)	-	(1,097)	-
		<u>96,585</u>	<u>38,201</u>	<u>134,786</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>96,585</u>	<u>38,201</u>	<u>134,786</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>96,585</u>	<u>38,201</u>	<u>134,786</u>	<u>-</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>96,585</u>	<u>38,201</u>	<u>134,786</u>	<u>-</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	8			96,585	-
Restricted funds				<u>38,201</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS					
				<u>134,786</u>	<u>-</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 24/05/2024 and were signed on its behalf by:


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Trustee

BUTTS FREE CHURCH

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible assets are stated in the balance sheet at cost less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

The cost of tangible assets includes directly attributable incremental costs incurred in their acquisition and installation.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Year Ended	Period
	31.3.24	25.8.22
	£	to
	£	31.3.23
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>1,948</u>	<u>-</u>

BUTTS FREE CHURCH

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the period ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses, incurred in the performance of their duties as Trustees, paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the period ended 31 March 2023.

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Total funds £
NET INCOME	-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>-</u>

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £
COST	
Additions	10,300
Disposals	<u>(10,300)</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>-</u>

6. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Other debtors	<u>15,430</u>	<u>-</u>

BUTTS FREE CHURCH

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Other creditors	<u>1,097</u>	<u>-</u>

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.24
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	71,486	99	71,585
Commitment reserve	<u>25,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,000</u>
	96,486	99	96,585
Restricted funds			
Development fund	36,061	780	36,841
Pastoral fund	750	-	750
Youth work fund	1,500	(910)	590
Mission fund	<u>20</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20</u>
	<u>38,331</u>	<u>(130)</u>	<u>38,201</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>134,817</u>	<u>(31)</u>	<u>134,786</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	Movement in funds
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	82,604	(72,205)	(10,300)	99
Restricted funds				
Development fund	780	-	-	780
Youth work fund	-	(910)	-	(910)
Mission fund	<u>1,729</u>	<u>(1,729)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>2,509</u>	<u>(2,639)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(130)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>85,113</u>	<u>(74,844)</u>	<u>(10,300)</u>	<u>(31)</u>

BUTTS FREE CHURCH

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

On 1 April 2023 the Charity took over the activities of Butts Evangelical Church Trust (charity number 1001301) together with all of its assets and liabilities with a net value of £134,817.

BUTTS FREE CHURCH

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

	Year Ended 31.3.24 £	Period 25.8.22 to 31.3.23 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Gifts	66,724	-
Donations	780	-
Gift aid	<u>15,661</u>	<u>-</u>
	83,165	-
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	<u>1,948</u>	<u>-</u>
Total incoming resources	85,113	-
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	40,896	-
Rent	12,000	-
Insurance	361	-
Local mission giving	420	-
Resources	3,068	-
Sundries	828	-
International mission giving	<u>16,429</u>	<u>-</u>
	74,002	-
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>842</u>	<u>-</u>
Total resources expended	<u>74,844</u>	<u>-</u>
Net income	<u><u>10,269</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements

Hope Church Alton

England & Wales - Charity number 1200180

Accounts

Registered charity number: 1200180

BUTTS FREE CHURCH
Report of the Trustees
and Unaudited Financial Statements
for the period from 25 August 2022 to 31 March 2023

BUTTS FREE CHURCH
Financial Statements
for the period from 25 August 2022 to 31 March 2023

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BUTTS FREE CHURCH

Report of the Trustees for the period from 25 August 2022 to 31 March 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the Charity for the period from 25 August 2022 to 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The principal objective of the Charity is to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of faith of The Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches.

The Charity was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with the Charity Commission on 25 August 2022 with the aim of taking over the activities of Butts Evangelical Church Trust (registered charity number 1001301). In the period from registration on 25 August 2022 to 31 March 2023 the Charity undertook no activities, received no income and incurred no expenditure.

On 1 April 2023 the activities of Butts Evangelical Church Trust were assumed by the Charity and assets less liabilities with a net value of £134,817 were transferred to the Charity.

Public benefit

In planning the future activities of the Charity, the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The Charity undertook no activities in the period to 31 March 2023. On 1 April 2023 the Charity took over the activities of Butts Evangelical Church Trust involving the holding of weekly public services of Christian worship and other means of promoting the Christian faith in youth and other meetings.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Charity is governed by its Constitution adopted on registration and by a Handbook specifying how the activities of the Church are conducted.

Organisational structure

The Church is governed by its Ministers, Trustees and Elected Officers who meet regularly to set policy and review the activities of the Church.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1200180

Principal address

14 Northanger Close, Alton, Hampshire GU34 2BH.

Trustees

Rev CDW Anderson (appointed 25 August 2022)

Rev BDJ Burge (appointed 25 August 2022)

Prof J Evans (appointed 14 March 2023)

Mrs JE Taylor (appointed 25 August 2022)

Mr SJ Warwick (appointed 25 August 2022)

Dr PJ West (appointed 25 August 2022)

Mrs RE West (appointed 25 August 2022)

Responsibilities of the trustees

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements giving a true and fair view, the Trustees should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue to operate.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ascertain the financial position of the Charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

Approved on 5th December 2023 by the church membership who authorised Timothy Pinchen to submit to the Charity Commission on their behalf.



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BUTTS FREE CHURCH
Statement of Financial Activities
for the period from 25 August 2022 to 31 March 2023

	Period from 25 August 2022 to 31 March 2023 £
INCOME	0
EXPENDITURE	0
NET INCOME	0

The notes on page 5 form part of these financial statements.

BUTTS FREE CHURCH

**Balance Sheet
31 March 2023**

	31 March 2023 £
Fixed Assets	0
Current Assets	0
Creditors	0
Net Current Assets	0
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	0
Net Assets	0
Funds	0

The notes on page 5 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved on
and were signed by:

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BUTTS FREE CHURCH

Notes to the Financial Statements for the period from 25 August 2022 to 31 March 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

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Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Taxation

The Charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the period ended 31 March 2023.

3. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions in the period ended 31 March 2023.

4. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENT

On 1 April 2023 the activities and net assets totalling £134,817 were transferred from Butts Evangelical Church Trust (registered charity number 1001301) to the Charity.