

# West Denton Community Church

*Report and Accounts*

*Period ended 31 August 2024*

Charity number: 1200703

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### *for the year ended 31 August 2024*

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# Trustees' report for the year ended 31 August 2024

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024.

## Objects of the charity

The charity, which is a church, is governed by a constitution and is constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation. The charity's principal object, as set out in its governing document, is to advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with our Statements of Faith.

## Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities involved providing services for prayer and worship, Christian teaching, pastoral care, and outreach work in the community.

This year, we have seen growth in the number of people engaging with the regular Sunday services and have sought to ensure that they remain welcoming and accessible to all whilst providing solid Christian teaching. We have integrated 20 new members into the church, many of whom are now involved in different church activities.

We have cared for several members through extremely difficult personal circumstances, including bereavement and significant mental/physical health issues.

In addition to our ongoing baby and toddler group and 7-11-year-olds youth club, we also launched a weekly community café and youth club for secondary school children. All have been well attended by local people and offer a welcoming space and warm friendships, which is particularly important for some isolated members of the local community.

We continued to run "ad-hoc" events such as craft mornings, messy church, fun day and a holiday club for children/families. And pub quizzes and movie nights for adults.

We have continued to foster a relationship with two local care homes to try to support residents and offer friendship and support.

We also hosted another "weekend together" as a church, which was effective for growing the church community together and planning for the year ahead.

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

## Financial review

During the period, receipts of £149,294 (2023: £80,203) were received, and payments were £64,813 (2023: £57,560). As a result, the cash held by the charity at the end of the period is £107,124 (2023: £22,643), of which £41,745 (2023: £8,225) is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

## Reserves policy

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £18,000 (which equates to about three months of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate

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should income and/or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £41,745 and the charity is complying with its reserves policy.

### Governance

The trustees are responsible for setting policy and making operating decisions. They meet regularly to monitor the charity's activities. The day-to-day operation of the charity has been delegated to a leadership team led by the Pastor. New trustees are recruited and appointed either by the existing trustees by a majority vote or by the West Denton Pastors.

### Risk Statement

The charity is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks. We are pleased to report continued financial health and growth.

### Legal and administrative details

<i>Charity name:</i>	West Denton Community Church
<i>Address for correspondence:</i>	7 The Burnside, West Denton, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE5 5BR
<i>Governing document:</i>	Constitution dated 17 October 2022
<i>Charity registration number:</i>	1200703
<i>Trustees responsible for managing the charity:</i>	<i>Appointed trustees:</i> Carly Frame  <i>Nominated Trustees (appointed by the West Denton pastors):</i> Catherine Carvel Ian Gillies (resigned 12 April 2024) Luke Parker (appointed 21 September 2023)
<i>West Denton pastors:</i>	Philip Carvel Luke Parker Bryan Spur
<i>Independent examiner:</i>	Archie McDowall BA CA, Stewardship, 1 Lamb's Passage, London, E1Y 8AB

### Responsibilities of trustees

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

## Trustees' report for the year ended 31 August 2024 (cont.)

### Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

*Catherine Carvel*  
Catherine Carvel (Jun 22, 2025 16:07 GMT+1)

Jun 22, 2025

Catherine Carvel

# Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of West Denton Community Church for the year ended 31 August 2024

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of West Denton Community Church "(the charity)" for the period ended 31 August 2024 on pages 5 to 8 following.

## Responsibilities and basis of the report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 2011 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 accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

Archie McDowall  
Archie McDowall (Jun 23, 2025 12:08 GMT+1)

Jun 23, 2025

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# Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 August 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Incoming receipts</b>					
Donations		73,837	45,505	119,342	64,812
Other grants		0	0	0	15,000
Gift Aid and GASDS		22,950	6,314	29,264	0
Income from courses and events		660	0	660	360
Other		28	0	28	31
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>97,475</b>	<b>51,819</b>	<b>149,294</b>	<b>80,203</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	59,973	1,440	61,413	53,454
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	3,400	0	3,400	4,106
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>63,373</b>	<b>1,440</b>	<b>64,813</b>	<b>57,560</b>
<b>Net receipts/ (payments) before transfers</b>		<b>34,102</b>	<b>50,379</b>	<b>84,481</b>	<b>22,643</b>
Transfer between funds		0	0	0	0
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>34,102</b>	<b>50,379</b>	<b>84,481</b>	<b>22,643</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Cash funds as a last year end		7,643	15,000	22,643	0
<b>Cash funds as at this year end</b>		<b>41,745</b>	<b>65,379</b>	<b>107,124</b>	<b>22,643</b>

The notes on pages 7 to 8 form part of these accounts.

# Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the year ended 31 August 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted funds	2024	2023
Note	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>				
Cash at bank with immediate access	41,745	65,379	<b>107,124</b>	22,643
	41,745	65,379	<b>107,124</b>	22,643
<b>Other monetary assets</b>				
Gift aid due to charity	2,531	0	<b>2,531</b>	0
Other debtors	0	0	<b>0</b>	582
	2,531	0	<b>2,531</b>	582
<b>Liabilities</b>				
<b>Falling due within one year:</b>				
Expenses due to staff/ volunteers	0	0	0	0
Suppliers' accounts not yet paid	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0

## Guarantees and secured debts

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

The notes on pages 7 to 8 form part of the accounts.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

*Catherine Carvel*  
Catherine Carvel (Jun 22, 2025 16:07 GMT+1)

Jun 22, 2025

Catherine Carvel

Charity registration number 1167211



# Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024

## 1. Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession has determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are donations to be used per specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for particular activities or projects.

## 2. Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted funds	2024	2023
Note	£	£	£	£
Employment costs	46,519	0	<b>46,519</b>	45,263
Ministry expenses	6,740	0	<b>6,740</b>	1,493
Youth and children's work	1,884	0	<b>1,884</b>	2,124
Outreach activities	268	0	<b>268</b>	97
Small equipment	999	0	<b>999</b>	2,257
Maintenance of buildings & equipment	142	0	<b>142</b>	52
Legal expenses	584	1,440	<b>2,024</b>	0
Insurance	431	0	<b>431</b>	211
Office costs	2,406	0	<b>2,406</b>	1,956
	<b>59,973</b>	<b>1,440</b>	<b>61,413</b>	<b>53,454</b>

## 3. Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted funds	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Grants for				
- Frontiers Overseas mission	1,000	0	<b>1,000</b>	1,600
- UCCF Student ministry	1,800	0	<b>1,800</b>	1,200
- FIEC UK Mission	600	0	<b>600</b>	1,306
	<b>3,400</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,400</b>	<b>4,106</b>

## 4. Transactions with related parties

During the year, the charity received donations totalling £25,000 (2023: £21,265) from related parties (which includes trustees, any other members of key management, and anyone closely connected to them).

## Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 (cont.)

### 5. Movement of funds

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
Restricted - Building fund	15,000	51,819	(1,440)	0	65,379
Unrestricted funds	7,643	97,475	(63,373)	0	41,745
	<b>22,643</b>	<b>149,294</b>	<b>(64,813)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>107,124</b>