

STALYBRIDGE UNITARIAN FREE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1203414

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2023-06-05

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

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Activities

Objects: TO ASSEMBLER THE WORSHIP OF GOD, TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD PREACHED AND EXPOUNDED AND FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION ACCORDING TO THE TRADITION KNOWN AS UNITARIAN CHRISTIAN OR FREE CHRISTIAN.

Activities: Religious activities

Classification

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

Geography

- Tameside

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£81,706	£103,937	-	-
2024-03-31	£60,463	£57,909	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Kenneth Howard	Chair	2024-05-26
Barbara Mary Weltman		2024-05-26
Clare Bullock		2024-05-26
Jean Seymour		2024-05-26
Jeffrey Sheehan		2024-05-26
Jennifer Dawn Price		2024-05-26
Julie Anne Sheehan		2024-05-26
Margaret Barber		2024-05-26
Wendy Maher		2024-05-26

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STALYBRIDGE UNITARIAN FREE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

We are so fortunate at Stalybridge to have a steady, consistent number of members, with a strong congregation attending regularly. We have a lovely blend of long-standing members and a good many younger families, bringing along their wonderful children. This ensures our Sunday School is well attended each week, with dedicated leadership from Jennifer Price, helped by the parents who are available at any given time. It is lovely to see so many coming in through the doors and we aim to make them feel welcome and part of our community.

We are also fortunate to be led in our worship by Rev. Andrew Parker, who is with us twice a month. Andrew has such a thoughtful, gentle way of drawing us all in to the themes of his services and always gives us something to think about. We have our team of lay leaders to fill the monthly service rota, to whom we are very grateful. It makes for a variety of interesting subjects and services throughout the year. We mark all the special occasions during the year whoever may be leading the worship on the day.

The Craft group which meets every Thursday has brought new members to church services and to the fund-raising activities we have had during the year. They have swelled the numbers attending our Summer and Christmas Fairs, and events such as Beetle Drives, Quiz Nights and Desert Island Discs evenings, to name just a few.

The Tots in Motion group meets each Friday in church, bringing potentially new people through our doors. We can only hope this leads to interest from these young families in years to come. If they've already set foot through the door, they may not be so reluctant to do it again.

Although we have lost some people who were very involved in our own church, and the wider Unitarian community, who we must remember with grateful thanks for their work, our aim should be to build and strengthen our numbers so their legacy lives on.

The officials of the church work hard to achieve this goal, and for their guidance we are extremely grateful. The committee offer their support and aid decision making so we can continue the Unitarian faith in Stalybridge. We hope to encourage our younger members to feel able to join the work involved in keeping the church alive and drive this along in the coming years.

We remain committed to being a welcoming, warm environment for people to join, whatever their needs may be.

Abridged from Secretary's Report for Church AGM.

Stalybridge Unitarian Free Christian Church Annual Accounts Summary 24/25
1st April 24 - 31st March 25

	Income		Expenditure
Opening Balance	£42,917.67		
Interest payments/investment dividends	£22,559.04	Investments	
Cash account ;	£54,908.13		
<i>Transfer from savings & Sunday School account</i>	<i>£42,753.92</i>	<i>Donations</i>	
<i>Chalice</i>	<i>£195.00</i>	<i>Trading</i>	
<i>Fund raising</i>	<i>£3,419.81</i>	<i>Charitable</i>	
<i>Donations/Collection/Membership</i>	<i>£7,281.40</i>	<i>Donations</i>	
<i>Rites of passage</i>	<i>£300.00</i>	<i>Trading</i>	
<i>Tots in Motion</i>	<i>£800.00</i>	<i>Trading</i>	
<i>Other</i>	<i>£158.00</i>	<i>Other</i>	-£421.67
<i>Pulpit supply</i>			-£2,306.55
<i>Subscriptions</i>			-£151.82
<i>Postage</i>			-£114.87
<i>Flowers</i>			-£225.00
Polling Station	£850.00	Other	
Donations/ Flowers	£370.00	Donations	
Other - Gift Aid/ ECU - Sunday School expenses & donations	£3,019.23	Donations	-£597.81
Stationary/Printing/Postage			-£1,396.17
Services - BT/Water/Insurance/ Gas & Electric			-£10,867.67
Caretaking/Gardening			-£5,223.00
Organist & Organ maintenance			-£3,971.00
Repairs/ Maintenance - Garden Wall repair			-£71,843.56
Pulpit supply /minister stipend			-£10,038.17
Total Income	£81,706.40		
Total Expenditure			-£103,937.38
Closing Balance			£20,686.69

Business Reserve Savings Account - 50143123

Opening Balance	£	4,035.09
Income - Interest	£	4.49
Withdrawn	£	-
Balance	£	4,039.58

Investment summary - BNY Mellon

Fund balance as of 31/3/2025	£	935,020.10
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Investment summary - NSIB

Fund balance as of 1/4/2025	£	40,000.00
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Independent Examiner's Report on the Financial Accounts of Stalybridge Unitarian Church for the Year 2024/2025

Respective Responsibilities of the Committee and the Examiner

The Treasurer of Stalybridge Unitarian Church is responsible for the preparation of the accounts. Stalybridge Unitarian Church consider that an audit is not required for this year and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts. My current job role involves the preparation of accounts and VAT returns for a small organisation. I am in charge of all accounting aspects for the company. I am not a qualified accountant so would class myself as a non-professional examiner but deal with accounts / financial management on a daily basis.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

For my examination I have:

- Completed a review of the accounting records kept by the treasurer
- Made a consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seek explanations from the Treasurer concerning any such items

Independent Examiner's Statement

After reviewing the accounts I can confirm that:

No matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause for concern.

Signed: 

Date: 15.04.25

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**STALYBRIDGE UNITARIAN FREE CHRISTIAN CHURCH AND SUNDAY
SCHOOL
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2024**

I report on the financial accounts of Stalybridge Unitarian Free Christian Church and Sunday School for the year ending 31st March 2024.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and the Examiner

The Treasurer of Stalybridge Unitarian Free Christian Church and Sunday School is responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts in accordance with standard accounting practices and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with standard accounting practices and included:

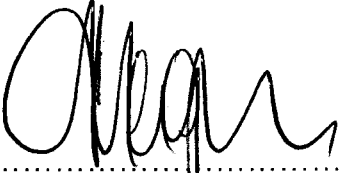
- A review of the accounting records kept by the Trustees;
- A comparison of the accounts presented with those accounts; and
- Consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the Treasurer concerning any such items.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (i) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with standard accountancy practice; and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records have not been met.
- (ii) To which in my opinion attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed 
ANDREW MAGILTON

Date: 8 MAY 2024

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SCHOOL
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2024

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (iii) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
- To keep accounting records in accordance with standard accountancy practice; and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records have not been met.
- (iv) To which in my opinion attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed.....
ANDREW MAGILTON

Date: 8 MAY 2024

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

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FOR STALYBRIDGE UNITARIAN FREE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
AS AT 31ST MARCH 2024

Income for year:	£ 60,462.68	
Expenditure for year:		£ 57,908.92
Closing balance for Current Account:	£ 42,917.67	
Closing balance for Sunday School Account:	£ 12,804.48	
Bank Premium Account:	£ 4,024.85	
Cash Account:	£ 288.82	
National Savings Bonds:	£ 40,000.00	
Royal Bank of Scotland (now NAT West)	£ 13,728.92	
BNY Mellon:	£ 946,995.08	
SUB TOTAL:	£ 1,121,222.50	£ 57,908.92
TOTAL:	<u>£1,063,313.58</u>	

All details of the above can be found on the following pages.

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APRIL 2023 - MARCH 2024

INCOME			EXPENDITURE	
	2023-24			2023-2024
<u>Collection</u>			Paid to bank	10629.91
Envelopes	5038.18		Chalice costs	141.93
Cash	2064.61		Postage & stationery	277.18
Donations	2256.83		<u>Utilities</u>	
Fund raising	4659.13		Gas	2921.36
Transfer to S School	6120.00		Electricity	953.60
Chalice	195.00		Water	447.94
Membership	242.00		Fund raising	436.93
Flower money	220.00		Broadband	670.32
Dividends & interest	23736.76		Memorial garden	2101.00
Cash paid into bank	10629.91		Posters & signs	357.31
Memorial garden	1081.00		Repairs, renewals & maintenance	5519.03
Gift aid	1119.18		Organ/organist	1668.00
From S School	980.08		Apple/YouTube	330.76
Coach hire refund	300.00		Donations made:	110.00
ECU grant	1000.00		Gardener/ caretaker:	4032.00
Polling station	400.00	400.00	Pulpit supply:	900.00
Notice board refund	420.00		Magazine subs:	46.00
			Membership:	40.00
			UYPG costs:	1200.67
			To Sunday School:	6120.00
			R of passage	287.00
			Christmas sundries:	512.43
			Insurance:	2466.82

CCLI Music licence	90.30
Arts & Crafts	112.32
Flowers	230.00
Birthday gifts	242.69
Sundries	1134.90
World Day of Prayer	154.85
From Sunday School	980.08
New toilets	10923.54

TOTAL	59782.77	45115.33
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SUNDAY SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Opening balance:	19620.08
Income:	6120.00
Withdrawn:	12900.72
Balance carried forward:	12804.48

CURRENT ACCOUNT

Opening balance:	32853.92
Income:	40680.28
Withdrawn:	30616.53
Balance carried forward:	42917.67

SAVINGS ACCOUNT:

Opening balance:	3971.47
Income:	53.38
Withdrawn:	0
Balance carried forward:	4024.85

CASH ACCOUNT:

Opening balance:	56.81
Income:	13608.75
Withdrawn:	13376.74
Balance carried forward:	288.82

INVESTMENTS VALUE AS AT 31st March 2024

National Savings: £40,000.00
 Royal Bank of Scotland: £13728.92
 BNY Mellon: £946995.08

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR

TO 31ST DECEMBER 2024

for

STALYBRIDGE UNITARIAN FREE CHRISTIAN CHURCH –

Charity Commission registration 1203414

The Charities principal Address is: Forester Drive, Stalybridge, SK15

The Charities Trustees are: Kenneth Howard (Warden)
Wendy Maher (Secretary)
Susan Howard (Treasurer)
Margaret Barber
Clare Bullock
Kathleen Jones
Jennifer Price
Jean Seymour
Susan Shaw
Jeffery Sheehan
Julie Sheehan
Barbara Weltman

1. The Charity is managed by the above Trustees who form the Committee. The Committee is nominated by the congregation following an Annual general Meeting. The nominated Committee meet bi-monthly and formal decisions are agreed at these meetings. The Congregation are updated throughout the year via a bi-monthly magazine.

2. The primary objective is to hold weekly acts of worship for the benefit of the community. Young people are encouraged to attend worship and also to attend Sunday school which is held weekly alongside morning worship.

Regular fund raising activities are held to support the continued use of the Church.

3. We are lucky to have a very stable and continued growth with our congregation. There are a good number of family groups within the congregation.

Performance is measured by the number of regular worshippers each week.

Public benefit is measured by making the building open for appropriate use. For example, weekly, Tots group, art group and craft group. When required the Local Authority use as a polling station.