

# WAYFARERS FELLOWSHIP EVANGELICAL CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1203845

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2023-07-04

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH AS SET OUT IN SCHEDULE 1 PRIMARILY (BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY) WITHIN CARISBROOKE AND THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBOURHOOD.

**Activities:** Wayfarers Fellowship Evangelical Church seeks to promote the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith as set out in the Constitution. The church is primarily but not exclusively for the benefit of the community of the Isle of Wight.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Isle Of Wight

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£6,661	£2,523	-	-
2024-09-30	£6,197	£2,617	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Keith Attrill	Chair	2023-06-11
Maurice Dermot Fairall		2023-06-11
Roger David FRUEN		2023-06-11
TERENCE JOHN BLUNDEN		2023-06-11

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# Accounts

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## Wayfarers Fellowship Evangelical Church

### Trustees' & Financial Report 1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025

This past year has been an encouraging year for the Trustees. We believe that Jesus builds his church and with the firm foundation of solid biblical teaching every Sunday we have seen the fruit. Although we've seen a decline in attendance this year due to health issues, we are pleased to be welcoming new people to Wayfarers. Our average weekly attendance dropped from 15 to 13 over twelve months but is again on the increase. We continue to have many speakers we can draw on from across the island and occasionally from the mainland. Our thanks and appreciation cannot be understated as without these men who freely serve, Wayfarers would not be the church it is. The trustees always welcome feedback on the life of the church, whether positive or negative. We are an independent church but whilst we are not affiliated to the Federation of Independent Evangelical Churches we continue to share the same beliefs and ethos.

As recorded in last year's report a number of policies needed to be put into place. In June our insurance provider added the condition that we must have a Safeguarding Policy. We have gone further and now have Safeguarding, Engaging External Speakers, Risk Management, and Complaints policies in place and these are recorded on the Charity Commission website. These policies need to be read alongside the church's Constitution. A Safeguarding Lead has been appointed and we thank Melinda Reed for taking on this role along with Maurice Fairall who is the Safeguarding Trustee. Initial training for the Safeguarding Lead and Trustees was completed in July. In December a Fire Risk Assessment was carried out by MRW Fire Safety Solutions to comply with the Building Safety Act 2022. We were advised to display fire safety notices and these are displayed in the lobby and fellowship room. The annual fire extinguisher checks were carried out in October.

The church building is in a good state of repair but there are always small tasks to be done and some are still outstanding from the last report but are in hand. Thanks must go to Nick and Sarah for helping out in the garden with hedge cutting and preparation for the small garden to be concreted over. We also thank Jean for her work on tending the planters at the entrance to the church. Maurice Fairall continues to represent the church with Carisbrooke Parish News. Thanks also go to Liz Day who has designed a new classified advertisement for the church which is published in each issue of the Carisbrooke Parish News.

On 26<sup>th</sup> January we held a service to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day, the day Auschwitz concentration camp was liberated from the Nazis in 1945. The church was full to capacity with around 40 in attendance from churches across the island. In September we commenced a 10-week Keshet course on the connection between Judaism and Christianity, Israel and the Church. We have thirteen attending not just from Wayfarers but also from other island churches. We continue to make available the 8-week course, Christianity Explored, to anyone wanting to know more about the Christian faith. For anyone considering baptism we now offer a three-session informal study to ensure a Biblical understanding of what baptism means.

Terry Blunden's term as a trustee ended at the end of the year but with the support of the other trustees is happy to continue in this role for a further term. Even though health has prevented Terry from worshipping with us on Sundays he is still involved in an advisory role due to his accumulation of knowledge on church matters over the decades.

The trustees wish to thank everyone who helps in the practical every-day running of the church from cleaning, maintenance, gardening, opening up the church on Sundays, operating the P.A. desk and providing refreshments after the services. Every year we appeal for extra helpers to assist in these tasks and this year is no different. If you are able to serve in any way do please get in touch with one of the trustees.

Please pray that the Fellowship continues to maintain a Christian witness in Carisbrooke.

The Trustees / Elders at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025 with end of term dates are: Andrew Attrill (Trustee / Elder 30.9.28), Maurice Fairall (Trustee / Elder 30.9.27), Terence Blunden (Trustee / Elder 30.9.25) and Roger Fruen (Trustee 30.9.26).

### **Financial Report**

This past year has seen a decrease in the freewill offering. Through bank standing orders and cash in the freewill offering box £5054.80 has been given as opposed to last year £5900.95.

I would like to thank members of the congregation who continue to give to the church by standing order via Gift Aid. Giving in this way gives the trustees confidence that not only our future expenses can be considered well in advance but this allows us to reclaim income tax from money placed in the freewill offering box under the Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme.

Expenses totalled £2523.08, lower than usual due to no major work being needed on the property. However safeguarding training and Christian Safeguarding Services membership along with a fire risk assessment have been expenses we have not incurred previously. Church insurance is the recurring large expense. This year our broker refused to discount their fee by the 50% they have given us for many years. We have a long term undertaking with our current insurance company which gives us a good discount on our premium however when this undertaking expires we will make enquiries with alternative insurers.

Upcoming large expenditure will include a new flat roof over the kitchen, vestry and toilets and possibly the removal of the ash tree in the corner of the garden should it be affected by ash die-back. I.W. Council have already removed some limbs from ash trees in the public car park but as yet the disease hasn't affected our tree.

Electrical safety checks were not necessary this year as certification will not be due for another two years.

Our reserve fund has earned £286.67 in interest. In November we changed our energy supplier to E.On Next due to poor customer service from SSE when we became a Charitable

Incorporated Organisation. We secured an excellent rate and standing charge with E.On Next with a two year contract.

I would encourage anyone who is considering giving to the church through Gift Aid to do so. For every £1.00 given the church may be able to reclaim 25p. Through this HMRC scheme we reclaimed £1,319.14 in income tax.

We thank Robin Burnett for carrying out the financial audit this year. As with previous years he generously completed this task at no cost to the Fellowship. Robin has indicated he will be happy to carry out next year's audit.

Andrew Attrill  
Hon. Treasurer

30/10/2025



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Our priority is to strengthen the Church of Jesus Christ through teaching, fellowship, the breaking of bread and prayer so our thanks and appreciation must be given to our many speakers who lead our Sunday worship services. We have around two dozen we invite who willingly preach without accepting a fee or expenses. In return some of the Fellowship speak in a number of other churches around the Island. With a good range of speakers from many different backgrounds we are blessed to have good, balanced Biblical teaching. It must be stressed however that the views of some speakers on non-salvation issues do not always reflect the views of the church's leadership or members of the congregation. If necessary the Elders will challenge those opinions if they are in conflict with the Fellowship's ethos. As well as speakers from our own congregation we invite speakers from Baptist, Congregational, Brethren, Evangelical, Anglican, Free Methodist, Methodist, Independent and House churches.

The Chapel building is in a good state of repair and the only outstanding task from last year is the replacement of the 'blown' double-glazed sealed units. After the discovery of a roof leak in the gents' toilet a roofing company, thanks to Mick Hunter's recommendation, made a temporary repair at no cost to the Fellowship but informed us that a new roof over the kitchen, toilets and vestry will be needed in the next couple of years. The new concrete path from the back gate to the kitchen has been a welcome upgrade making quick and easy access for those who park their car in the High St. car park. We are still fortunate that many of the minor building maintenance tasks can be undertaken in-house thus saving expenditure on employing professionals. The Fellowship Hall is in the process of being painted with preservative. This task is ongoing as the weather permits. The Fire Extinguishers have received their annual check.

Maurice Fairall has continued to represent Wayfarers in his role with the Carisbrooke Parish News and we continue to advertise the Fellowship in it. For a number of years now we have relied on personal evangelism to share the good news. A structured course on the Christian faith is readily available for those seeking more information on what we believe.

Sadly towards the end of the year we have seen a temporary reduction in our regular congregation due to illness. We pray especially for Terry & Pat Blunden. Their absence is greatly missed. Our average weekly attendance this year has been 15. On a positive note we have recently welcomed new people to the Fellowship. We pray they will be blessed as they worship with us.

During the year we informed the church that the piano was impossible to tune so it was scrapped. We thank Nick and Sarah Mills for their help in the breaking up and disposing of it. Some of the wood was given to Ken Pettinger for his woodwork hobby which kept it from going to landfill. Our piano tuner, Andrew Day, found us a stage piano which was gifted to the church by a generous donor in Cowes. Once we received the piano a stand for it was purchased by one of our congregation.

With the refurbishment of the Fellowship Hall we were able to enjoy an after-church lunch during the summer which was well attended. Thanks go to Wendy Fairall and Mick & Annie Hunter who did most of the work on the day and everyone who brought food and drink to share.

We appreciate Jean Bowring for regularly tending the planters on the forecourt. Thanks also go to the teams who keep the chapel clean and tidy as well as those who open up the chapel and operate the PA desk for our Sunday services as well as Jane Salmon who often provides cake for our after-church time of fellowship. Others anonymously support the Fellowship in numerous ways.

As we are now a registered charity it is essential that we have a number of policies in place. A Safeguarding policy will be our priority for the coming year. We will also need a Fire Risk Assessment carried out by a certified professional. This is due to a change in the Building Safety Act 2022 which came into effect 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023. Both are being investigated by the Trustees.

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**Receipts & Payments Account 1st October 2023 to 30th September 2024**

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Annual Receipts less Payments</u>
Offerings	£ 5,900.95	Electricity (SSE)	£ 511.57	
Building Fund		Insurance (A.J. Gallagher)	£ 1,199.39	
		Fire eqmt testing (Wight Fire & Security)	£ 176.98	
		Treasurer's expenses	£ 153.53	
		Solicitor fees incl. Land Registry (Churchers)	£ 231.00	
		Builder - Roof repair (Graham Flux)	£ 345.00	
	<u>£ 5,900.95</u>		<u>£ 2,617.47</u>	£ (3,283.48)
<u>Reserve Fund</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Reserve Fund</u>	<u>Payments</u>	
Annual Interest	£ 295.52	Nil		
	<u>£ 295.52</u>			£ (295.52)
				<u>£ (3,579.00)</u>
<u>Balances brought forward 1st Octob</u>		<u>Balances carried forward 30th September 2024</u>		<u>Change</u>
General Fund - Natwest	£ 13,238.75	General Fund - Natwest	£ 6,122.23	
		Reserve Fund - Natwest	£ 10,695.52	
	<u>£ 13,238.75</u>		<u>£ 16,817.75</u>	<u>£ (3,579.00)</u>
Prepared by Andrew Attrill - Treasurer		Examined by Robin Burnett	18/11/2024	