

Stanmore Chapel Trustees Report – 2023/24

Charity name: Stanmore Chapel

Charity number: 1204079

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Trustees:

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Stanmore Chapel is a church which holds Christian services, Bible teaching and study and a Sunday School. Alongside this we offer numerous and varied activities and groups for the benefit of the local community.

Becoming a CIO

During this year the main administrative change to organisation has been to switch over to being a CIO, which becomes effectual at the end of the church year (so from October 1st 2024) But for the past year:

Growth

In general we have been continuing to grow and to seek to serve our community. It has been encouraging to add new members and to have increasing numbers of people attending; so much so that we have had to add an extra morning service on a Sunday, not least because of increasing numbers in the Sunday School.

This is encouraging to see in line with our charity objectives and public benefit.

Building work

In terms of the fabric of the building we have had new carpets fitted in the Chapel and also in the office. We have also entirely replaced the roof over the two front rooms where previously it had been leaking.

Events throughout the year

Alongside our regular exercise classes, toddler group, children and youth clubs, we also held a number of one-off or more occasional events during the year. All these events are open to anyone.

- In October we held one of our popular 'Quiz and chips' evenings.
- In December we had both a family carol service and an evening carols with fairy lights as well as carol singing at Stanmore tube station.

Some church officers attend a Chanukah candle lighting event at the Mosaic synagogue in December.

We also took up a Christmas offering for Christians in poverty in Pakistan.

- In February we enjoyed a Lunar new year celebration hosted by our Cantonese group
- In March we had an Easter family fun quiz as well as our Good Friday and Easter Sunday services.
- In April and May we hosted a 'Hope Explored' course, giving people the a chance to explore where hope and peace and purpose can be found in life.
- In June we were pleased to begin to host a monthly Carers Café, in partnership with Harrow Carers. This is an opportunity for friendship and support for those caring for loved ones, friends or neighbours with dementia.
- In August we ran a Family Fun Day with bouncy castles, games, craft and face painting which was very well attended, with most people coming not being members of the church but just members of the local community.

During the month we also ran a 'Bible in the British Museum Tour'

- In September we had our Harvest service and were able to take up a record (for us!) collection and donation for the Harrow Food Bank.

Groups

We have had three groups running during this year; a Women's group, a Men's group and a Cantonese group. These groups have met regularly for a variety of events and activities; from meals, to painting workshops, to craft mornings and games nights.

They are a great way for people to get to know others and for people to try new things! We are hoping to add a new group for those in their 20s & 30s in the near future.

Finances

During the year the charity had an income of £137,072.80. This incomes comes primarily from giving received from members of the church as well as income received from the hiring out of the church buildings. This is done on a regular basis to a variety of different users including a nursery school, a ballet school and two Romanian church congregations.

The expenditure for the year was £123,086.93.

So for the church year 2023-24 we had a surplus of £13,985.87. And at the end of the period we had a balance of £119,062.70.

We are planning to potentially increase the size of the staff team and also to look to undertake future building works so this carry forward is in line with our reserve policy and expected future expenditure.

Stanmore Chapel
Balance Sheet
As of September 30, 2024

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	Total	
	As of Sep 30, 2024	As of Sep 30, 2023
Fixed Asset		
Cash at bank and in hand		
Natwest Business Reserve	70,332.14	69,314.80
Barclays Everyday Saver Account	33,569.19	30,594.49
Barclays Community Account	8,824.54	5,112.80
CAF Cash Account	6,123.73	
Petty Cash	213.10	54.74
Total Cash at bank and in hand	£ 119,062.70	£ 105,076.83
Net current assets	£ 119,062.70	£ 105,076.83
Net current assets (liabilities)	£ 119,062.70	£ 105,076.83
Total assets less current liabilities	£ 119,062.70	£ 105,076.83
Total net assets (liabilities)	£ 119,062.70	£ 105,076.83
Funds		
Unrestricted Funds	£ 65,149.07	£ 50,757.72
Designated Funds		
General Reserve	52,923.00	52,923.00
Fellowship Fund	935.63	1,396.11
Other	55.00	0.00
Total Designated Funds	£ 53,913.63	£ 54,319.11
Restricted Funds	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
Total Funds	£ 119,062.70	£ 105,076.83

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Income and Expenditure
October 2023 - September 2024

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	Total	
	Oct 2023 - Sep 2024	Oct 2022 - Sep 2023
Income		
General offerings	60,871.50	47,781.00
Use of premises	39,048.71	35,844.96
Donations	24,797.63	44,554.00
Gift Aid claim	10,937.61	9,908.95
Interest received	1,417.35	876.62
Total Income	£ 137,072.80	£ 138,965.53
Gross Profit	£ 137,072.80	£ 138,965.53
Expenses		
Salaries & Wages	61,733.92	57,011.86
Chapel Maintenance Expenses	21,021.55	33,681.87
Utilities (1)	11,253.23	13,099.32
Missionary Giving	9,900.00	8,469.07
Administrative costs	5,773.88	7,721.23
Domestic & Refreshments	4,222.42	3,291.47
SS/YP Expenses (2)	3,952.03	2,638.96
Sundry Gifts & Aids	3,949.90	8,136.69
Legal and Associated Costs	1,250.00	1,418.51
Bank Service Charges	30.00	
Total Expenses	£ 123,086.93	£ 135,468.98
Net Operating Income	£ 13,985.87	£ 3,496.55
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Notes:

1. This category includes Council tax, Water rates, Electricity and Gas.
2. Includes expenditure for Pop in & Play and Friday Club.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Stanmore Chapel

On accounts for the year
ended

30 September 2024

Charity no
(if any)

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 September 2022.

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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- 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.

Signed:

Date: 11/01/2025

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