

**Woven Churches Joint Council**

**Trustees' Report and financial statements  
For the year ended 31 December 2024**

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## **Woven Churches Joint Council**

### **Trustees' and charity information**

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#### **Full Name**

Woven Churches Joint Council

#### **Registered Charity Number - 1206103**

#### **Principle Address**

St Margaret's Church, Aspley Lane, Nottingham NG8 5GE

#### **Trustees**

Rev'd Rich Atkinson (Chair)

Christine Willis (Secretary/Treasurer)

Rev'd Emmaline Walford

Ian Shipley

Karen Shipley

Helen Ballinger

Rev'd Peter Shaw – resigned 31/12/2023

Lizzie Osborne – appointed 24/7/2024

Motunrayo Ajanaku

Stephen Goodings

Christopher Hayward – resigned 23/1/2024

Glenys Johnstone – appointed 23/01/2024

Rev'd Peter Huxtable

Simon Gledhill – resigned 26/05/2024

Michael Elliott

Rev'd Lydia Corbett

Pauline Thomas

Simon Toplis

Rosemary Walker

Jonah Gorst – resigned 30/09/2024

#### **Bankers**

Lloyds Bank, PO Box 1000, Andover BX1 1LT (Parliament Street Branch Nottingham).

#### **Independent Examiner**

McJoy Nkhoma (Honorary Independent Examiner)

## **Woven Churches Joint Council**

### **Trustees' report**

**For the period ended 31 December 2024**

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The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

#### **Legal status and constitution**

Woven Churches Joint Council is an unincorporated charity governed by the PCC (powers) measure 1956 and the Church of England representation rules. It was registered with the Charities Commission on 7 December 2023 and its registration number is 1206103. It acts as a Joint Church Council of its eight member churches.

#### **Achievements and financial review**

The charity generated income of £236,349 (2024: £306,327) during the year, derived primarily from contribution from member churches and grant income secured. Significant grant income has been received related to Church of England strategic development funds to support the development and growth of the eight churches of Woven, particularly with children's and youth work. Further grants have also been secured to further extend this work.

Total expenditure was £222,910 (2024: £259,253) and of this total £15,124 (2024: £36,581) was spent from unrestricted funds on the ordinary activities of the organisation and £207,786 (2024: £222,672) was spent from restricted funds, predominantly on work with children and young people.

At the year end the charity held unrestricted reserves of £34,021 (2024: £14,506).

#### **Structure, governance and management**

The activity of the JCC is governed by the PCC (powers) measure 1956 and the Church of England representation rules.

All JCC members are trustees. JCC members are elected from the PCC's of member churches according to scheme rules set out on the formation of the JCC. Representation numbers from each church are calculated with respect to the size of the congregation at each church. All Trustees are required to complete and sign a fit and proper persons' declaration.

In planning the activities of the charity, the Trustees have given due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The Trustees believe that the activities of the charity in the period confirm its ability to provide current and on-going benefit to the public.

**Trustees' report (continued)**

**For the period ended 31 December 2024**

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**Objectives and Activities**

The Mission Statement of the Woven Churches Joint Council (JCC) is "contending for revival" The main activity of the JCC is to act as a resource church in the family of churches called Woven and promote mission across northwest Nottingham and beyond, working with all age groups and abilities.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit**

The activities of the JCC are those of the Church of England, namely: (1) proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom, through Christian witness; (2) seeking to transform unjust structures in society; (3) seeking to safeguard the integrity of all creation.

- We engage with the local community through worship, mission, pastoral care and social activities.
- We undertake activities for children, young people and families, such as holiday clubs, term-time activities and organised trips and events.
- We seek to support those in need both physically and mentally.
- We are funded by donations, grants and fundraising.

**Summary of main achievements during the period**

Our Joint Council comprises of eight member churches and a youth church.

- We have held a weekly drama club for young people, enabling them to see and show and also resulting in a Christmas pantomime performance event.
- We have organised holiday activities for young people including a trip to an outdoor activity centre and a residential Christian festival.
- We have held weekly drop-in sessions for young people after school.
- We have operated debt advice sessions in partnership with Step Forward Money Advice, part of the Trent Compassion Trust.
- We have operated a mentoring service in partnership with Break the Chains CIO.
- We have supported member churches with ministry staff enabling local children's groups mid-week and during services.
- We have supported member churches with administrative support around the booking for occasional offices such as baptisms, weddings and funerals.
- We held our annual Woven Together conference event for all member churches.

**Trustees' report (continued)**

**For the period ended 31 December 2024**

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**Statement of trustees' responsibilities**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report 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 & Wales 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 income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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, applicable accounting regulations, and the provisions of the governing document. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Reserves policy**

The trustees have a policy of maintaining unrestricted reserves at a minimum equal to 3 months expenditure, this policy was met at year end.

**Risk management**

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been, or will be, established to enable the necessary steps to be taken to lessen these risks.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees' on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

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Chris Willis

**Trustee**

## **Woven Churches Joint Council**

### **Independent examiner's report to the trustees For the year ended 31 December 2024**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Woven Churches Joint Council (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

#### **Respective responsibilities of the Charity**

The trustees of Woven Churches Joint Council are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

#### **Respective responsibilities of the Examiner**

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. 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**

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 Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



Signed:

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025

McJoy C Nkhoma FCCA, FMAAT, CIPFA Dip (Honorary Independent Examiner)

**Woven Churches Joint Council**

**Statement of financial activities  
For the year ended 31 December 2024**

		<b>Unrestricted funds £</b>	<b>Restricted funds £</b>	<b>TOTAL 2024 £</b>	<b>TOTAL 2023 £</b>
	<b>Note</b>				
<b>Income from</b>					
Voluntary Income	<b>2/5</b>	32,688	200,626	233,314	303,226
Activities for generating funds	<b>2</b>	-	369	369	1,581
Income from investments	<b>2</b>	-	-	-	-
Church activities	<b>2</b>	1,951	715	2,666	1,520
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>34,639</b>	<b>201,710</b>	<b>236,349</b>	<b>306,327</b>
<b>Expenditure on</b>					
Raising funds		-	-	-	-
Church activities	<b>3</b>	15,124	207,786	222,910	259,253
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>15,124</b>	<b>207,786</b>	<b>222,910</b>	<b>259,253</b>
<b>Movement between funds</b>		-	-	-	-
<b>Net income and net movement in funds</b>		<b>19,515</b>	<b>(6,076 )</b>	<b>13,439</b>	<b>47,074</b>
Total funds brought forward		14,506	32,568	47,074	-
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>34,021</b>	<b>26,492</b>	<b>60,513</b>	<b>47,074</b>

The notes on pages 8 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

The statement of financial activities contains all recognised gains and losses for the financial year.

The results for the year all relate to continuing activities.



## Woven Churches Joint Council

### Balance sheet As at 31 December 2024

		2024		2023	
	Note	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Motor vehicles	6	<u>3,064</u>		<u>3,864</u>	
			3,064		3,864
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	7	4,346		15,022	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>57,262</u>		<u>34,331</u>	
		61,608		49,353	
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within on year	8	<u>4,159</u>		<u>6,143</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>57,449</u>		<u>43,210</u>
<b>Net assets</b>			<u><u>60,513</u></u>		<u><u>47,074</u></u>
<b>Funds</b>					
Restricted funds			26,492		14,506
Unrestricted funds			<u>34,021</u>		<u>32,568</u>
<b>Total funds</b>			<u><u>60,513</u></u>		<u><u>47,074</u></u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

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Chris Willis  
Trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 15 form part of these financial statements

**1. Principal accounting policies**

**1.1 Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective January 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Advantage has been taken of the exemption for charities with income less than £500,000 from preparing a cash flow statement under SORP (FRS 102) Update Bulletin 1 (issued February 2016).

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

**1.2 Fixed Assets**

*Motor Vehicles*

Motor vehicles have been depreciated over 5 years' based on their age and expected life.

**1.3 Income**

Donation income is recognised in the year in which the charity is entitled to receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Trading income, including sponsorship income, is recognised when the charity is entitled to receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Grant income is recognised on receipt unless it is granted subject to performance criteria, where performance criteria exist it is deferred until those criteria have been met.

**Notes to the financial statements**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)**

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**1. Principal accounting policies (continued)**

**1.4 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 settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All costs can be directly attributed to an expense category.

Grants payable are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objects of the constitution. In the case of an unconditional grant offer this is accrued once the recipient has been notified of the grant award. The notification gives the recipient a reasonable expectation that they will receive the one-year or multi-year grant. Grants awards that are subject to the recipient fulfilling performance conditions are only accrued when the recipient has been notified of the grant and any remaining unfulfilled condition attaching to that grant is outside of the control of the charity.

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty as to the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

**1.5 Taxation**

Woven Churches Joint Council is a registered charity and is not liable to United Kingdom income tax or corporation tax on its charitable activities.

**1.6 Funds**

Restricted funds represent voluntary income or grants which have been received for the purposes set out in note 9. The application of these funds is restricted by the expressed wishes of the donor or the terms of the grant.

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without specified purpose.

**1.7 Financial instruments**

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The charity does not currently have any bank loans.

## Woven Churches Joint Council

### Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

#### 2. Income

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>(a) Voluntary Income</b>				
<b>Planned giving:</b>				
Initial funds from member churches	-	-	-	46,527
Contribution from member churches	30,888	9,499	40,387	62,503
Covenants and pledges	1,000	2,022	3,022	
Tax recoverable	-	-	-	
Other	800	-	800	4,792
				-
Grants (note 5)	-	189,105	189,105	189,404
	<u>32,688</u>	<u>200,626</u>	<u>233,314</u>	<u>303,226</u>
<b>(b) Activities for generating funds</b>				
Fundraising activities	-	369	369	1,581
	<u>-</u>	<u>369</u>	<u>369</u>	<u>1,581</u>
<b>(c) Income from Investments</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>(d) Income from church activities</b>				
Church events	1,951	715	2,666	1,520
	<u>1,951</u>	<u>715</u>	<u>2,666</u>	<u>1,520</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<u>34,639</u>	<u>201,710</u>	<u>236,349</u>	<u>306,327</u>

## Woven Churches Joint Council

### Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

#### 3. Expenditure

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
(a) Church activities				
Children & youth mission	252	15,820	16,072	28,017
Services & pastoral		59	59	3,948
Minibus	2,670	50	2,720	2,176
Social Action		4,339	4,339	4,800
Events	1,263		1,263	1,156
				-
Staff Costs	6,616	187,518	194,134	216,160
				-
Running costs:				-
Office facilities	3,199		3,199	2,860
Equipment	324		324	
Depreciation	800		800	136
				-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>15,124</b>	<b>207,786</b>	<b>222,910</b>	<b>259,253</b>

#### 4. Staff Costs

	<b>2024</b> £	<b>2023</b> £
Wages and salaries	178,832	201,504
Employment taxes	8,642	9,559
Pension costs	3,788	3,382
Staff and clergy expenses	78	141
Staff training	2,794	1,574
	<b>194,134</b>	<b>216,160</b>
Average no. of employees	16	15

During the year the JCC employed two youth workers, five children's workers, three administrative staff, one lay minister, one community ministers and a number of sessional staff. The trustees are considered to be the key management personnel of the charity.

No trustee expenses were reimbursed during the year. One of the trustees is also employed by the charity as a youth worker and has received remuneration for this role.

Notes to the financial statements  
For the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

5. Grants payable

	2024	2024	2024
	Unrestrcited	Restrcited	TOTAL
	£	£	£
<b>Southwell &amp; Nottingham Diocese:</b>			
St martha's children's worker		13,582	13,582
SDF3 Grant		98,848	98,848
SDF4 Grant		46,435	46,435
Growing Disciples Grant		2,000	2,000
Minister in training grant		14,316	14,316
Groundworks term time grant (ABG)		1,925	1,925
Blueberry wellbeing		10,000	10,000
Anonymous		2,000	2,000
		189,105	189,105
	2023	2023	2023
	Unrestrcited	Restrcited	TOTAL
	£	£	£
<b>Southwell &amp; Nottingham Diocese:</b>			
New worshipping community		12,000	12,000
St martha's children's worker		13,982	13,982
SDF3 Grant		87,557	87,557
SDF4 Grant		24,894	24,894
Minister in training grant		14,772	14,772
Groundworks holiday club (HAF)		10,410	10,410
Groundworks term time grant (ABG)		9,151	9,151
Church revitalisation trust		1,638	1,638
Youth evangelism grant		2,000	2,000
Nelsons		2,000	2,000
Thoresby charity		1,000	1,000
Anonymous		10,000	10,000
		189,404	189,404

Notes to the financial statements  
For the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

6. Tangible Fixed Assets

		Motor Vehicles	Total
		£	£
<b>Cost</b>	At 31 December 2023	4,000	4,000
	Additions	-	-
	Disposal	-	-
	As at 31 December 2024	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>	At 31 December 2023	136	136
	Charge for the year	800	800
	Disposal	-	-
	As at 31 December 2024	<u>936</u>	<u>936</u>
<b>Net book value</b>	At 31 December 2023	<u>3,864</u>	<u>3,864</u>
	As at 31 December 2024	<u>3,064</u>	<u>3,064</u>

7. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	
Accounts receivable	4,330	9,908
Prepayments and other debtors	<u>16</u>	<u>5,114</u>
	<u>4,346</u>	<u>15,022</u>

8. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accounts payable	192	628
Deferred grant income	1,361	1,361
Funds due to member churches	-	545
Other creditors	<u>2,606</u>	<u>3,609</u>
	<u>4,159</u>	<u>6,143</u>

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### Notes to the financial statements

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#### 9. Restricted funds

	Balance at 31 December 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfer Out	Balance at 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
SMX/SMC Kids worker fund	3,700	19,124	22,824	-	-
SDF3 Fund	-	101,051	101,051	-	-
SDF4 Fund	-	48,189	40,396	-	7,793
Lay minister fund	-	14,316	14,316	-	-
Staff Retreat	-	2,000	1,500	-	500
Holiday club	2,118	-	1,568	-	550
Term time activities	251	1,925	2,176	-	-
Job club and mentoring	863	-	363	-	500
Social action	4,072	-	3,976	-	96
Church revitalisation trust	8,282	-	1,228	-	7,054
Youth work funds	13,282	15,105	18,388	-	9,999
	<u>32,568</u>	<u>201,710</u>	<u>207,786</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,492</u>
	Initial fund Transfer 6 December 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfer Out	Balance at 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
SMX/SMC Kids worker fund	(1,380)	31,147	26,067	-	3,700
SDF3 Fund	7,483	103,689	111,172	-	-
SDF4 Fund	2,021	24,894	26,915	-	-
Lay minister fund	-	14,772	14,772	-	-
Holiday club	7,977	10,460	16,109	210	2,118
Term time activities	1,919	9,151	9,610	1,209	251
Job club and mentoring	1,672	3,000	3,809	-	863
Social action	4,072	-	-	-	4,072
Church revitalisation trust	8,497	1,637	1,853	-	8,281
Youth work funds	10,006	15,640	12,365	-	13,281
	<u>42,267</u>	<u>214,390</u>	<u>222,672</u>	<u>1,419</u>	<u>32,566</u>



**Woven Churches Joint Council**

**Notes to the financial statements**

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**10. Unrestricted funds**

	Balance at 31 December 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfer Out	Balance at 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General fund	9,738	32,688	10,828	-	31,598
Woven together	144	1,951	1,316	-	779
Designated youth salaries	4,624	-	2,980	-	1,644
	<u>14,506</u>	<u>34,639</u>	<u>15,124</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,021</u>
	Initial fund Transfer 6 December 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfer Out	Balance at 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General fund	-	44,258	34,520	-	9,738
Woven together	-	1,150	1,006	-	144
Designated youth salaries	4,260	-	1,055	(1,419)	4,624
	<u>4,260</u>	<u>45,408</u>	<u>36,581</u>	<u>(1,419)</u>	<u>14,506</u>

**11. Analysis of funds by net assets**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	TOTAL Funds
2024:	£	£	£
Fixed assets	3,064		3,064
Net current assets	<u>30,957</u>	<u>26,492</u>	<u>57,449</u>
	<u>34,021</u>	<u>26,492</u>	<u>60,513</u>
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	TOTAL Funds
2023:	£	£	£
Fixed assets	3,864		3,864
Net current assets	<u>10,642</u>	<u>32,568</u>	<u>43,210</u>
	<u>14,506</u>	<u>32,568</u>	<u>47,074</u>