



2024 Annual Report

2024 is yet another AD year-Anno Domini, a year of our Lord. It has indeed been a year of God's further rich grace to us, undeserved and yet lavish.

This does not mean it has been free from trials of many kinds, including disappointments and deaths. But even these, whilst difficult to come to terms with, are all part of our Lord's wise dealings with us; and will be seen as part of the "all things" which He works together for the good of all who both love Him and are called according to His purpose. Amongst these sadnesses was the 'calling Home' of Brian Wilkinson who has been the only previous pastor of the church as it has met in the present building. He oversaw the move from the town centre to Reynard Way in 1973.

Once again we have "fared sumptuously" on God's word as it has been prepared and offered to us in full meals and bite-sized snacks. The Bible is discussed and applied at our Community Groups, which also serve as sources of fellowship and encouragement. It is taught in Sunday School and at the Renewed Youth Group on Friday evenings. It is used to encourage us at prayer times. It is reflected in our sung worship. It is expounded at Men's Breakfasts and Ladies 'Inspire' gatherings.

It was also offered in an accessible form at the three special needs services: "Easter Cracked", "Give Thanks" (harvest) and "Christmas Unwrapped". There has since been an increasing demand for signed interpretation (using British Sign Language) on Sundays.

During the week we usually meet in Community Groups. But on four occasions we had missionary speakers; and on the first week of each month we met to pray-four of these mid-week prayer meetings were with other local churches.

One of these local churches, (pastorless Pollard Evangelical Church just to the south of Kettering town centre) has received quite a bit of input from preachers from other churches. Andy Boulter had been on the Steering Committee which was set up to guide the church through a period when there were insufficient officers. Early in the year the blessing of the membership was obtained that we would give him to Pollard for up to three years (while retaining eldership at Reynard Way) to help further establish the work. By God's grace much progress is evident.

Our financial and prayer support for missionaries and missions is changing as some needs diminish and others arise. The changes are not yet complete. But we were enabled to collect and send £1,232.58 (and an additional amount was given from the missionary fund) for the Poor Fund connected to the Good News Hospital in Mandritsara, Madagascar.

Our local community connections have been maintained and (in some areas) are increasing.

- Services at local Care Homes continue; and we went to two more for Christmas carol singing.
- The Bible Exhibition was visited by three local primary academies; and one of these also came on a separate occasion to visit the building and hear a Bible story.
- The NHS uses the building twice a week for diabetes clinics.
- We make monthly donations to a local Food Bank
- We sang carols around the estate before Christmas
- We use the 'Obelisk Community' Facebook page.

Again this year we packed shoe boxes with Christmas gifts for Romanian families.

Throughout the year, our Evangelist, Sam Baxter, has led a team of up to 20 from various churches, in town centre evangelism. Our town (and the whole nation) is in great need of genuine good news. This is declared by preaching, personal conversation and literature in English and other languages.

A new event this year, and coinciding with the Olympic Games, was the Holiday Club: 'Going for Gold', for primary-aged children. It was very popular and spawned an after-school club on Wednesdays. This is going well and also attracts Mums who, rather than going home and coming out again, stay for a cuppa and a chat, while the children enjoy the club.

The Ladies' Meal is now well-established in early November and has become a 'marker' for Christmas publicity to be ready. A large number of ladies attended including a good number who don't attend on Sundays.

Christmas again crowns the year. We had more events and larger attendances..

This year also has seen seven people baptised at services in April and November, and three become members. Current membership is 71. Sunday attendances are approximately 130 and 80 morning and evening.

Graham Wheeler January 2025

Registered Charity No: 1207627

REYNARD WAY EVANGELICAL CHURCH: Registered Charity No. 1207627

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

2024 has been a challenging year for many members, but we also have a faithful God who has provided for our financial needs. Thank you to all who have switched to on-line giving.

Our General Fund this year has received £ 172,250.51 and we spent £ 152,879.01 [Excess income of £ 19,371.50]

The General Fund current balance is £ 76,302.00 [This includes our Reserve Fund of £23,511.70]

Our Restricted Fund balance is £ 33,577.52 [This includes Ministry Training fund of £29,190.50 and

Boiler replacement Fund of £4,000: Holiday Bible Club £30 and Defibrillator Fund £357.02]

Our Mission Gifts this year amounted to £ 17,136.75 just short of our 10% income target by £88.25 [0.5%]

GENERAL FUND RECEIPT & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS	Notes	2024	2023
Offerings and Donations			
Gift Aided		£100,838.73	£74,549.98
Ordinary		£23,178.40	£20,254.17
Donations		£75.00	£173.72
Preaching fees received		£1,456.00	£1,251.00
Use of Church premises		£2,640.00	£1,480.00
Mission Gifts		£215.00	£0.00
Income Tax Recovered		£42,620.31	£0.00
Interest		£1,227.07	£1,009.73
Other Income			
Sale of Goods		£0.00	£0.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS		£172,250.51	£98,718.60
PAYMENTS			
Church General			
Administration	2	£2,808.86	£3,684.07
Bible Exhibition		£1,019.60	£1,117.60
Miscellaneous	4	£2,026.99	£857.37
Ministry Books		£505.27	£173.41
Mission Gifts	1	£17,136.75	£5,409.50
Pastoral Aid Payments		£0.00	£425.00
Pollard travel expenses repaid		£56.00	
Publicity & Outreach	3	£1,829.49	£2,475.78
Streaming expenses		£631.22	£608.85
Visiting Speakers		£445.00	£130.00
Youth, S/School, Wed Club		£228.21	£447.28
		£26,687.39	£15,328.86
Church Building			
Electricity, Water & Gas		£3,933.60	£3,986.35
Maintenance & Insurance		£5,162.39	£2,536.13
Refurbishment		£11,641.22	£5,853.68
		£20,737.21	£12,376.16
Associate Pastor			
Salary and Employers NI		£31,816.78	£31,265.04
Expenses		£827.49	£432.00
Pension		£1,272.72	£1,251.12
		£33,916.99	£32,948.16
Pastor			
Salary and Employers NI		£19,108.66	£19,094.68
Ministerial Expenses		£390.11	£568.21
Pension		£772.68	£772.68
		£20,271.45	£20,435.57
Evangelist			
Salary and Employers NI		£32,104.30	£32,090.32
Expenses		£347.97	£326.99
Pension		£1,283.52	£1,283.52
		£33,735.79	£33,700.83
Ladies' Worker			
Salary and Employers NI		£13,738.70	£13,724.72
Expenses		£312.00	£312.00
Pension		£561.60	£561.60
		£14,612.30	£14,598.32
Workplace Pension Scheme		£2,917.88	£2,901.72
TOTAL PAYMENTS		£152,879.01	£132,289.62
NET RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR		£19,371.50	-£33,571.02
FUND BALANCE AT 01 JANUARY 2024		£56,930.50	£90,501.52
FUND BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2024		£76,302.00	£56,930.50

REYNARD WAY EVANGELICAL CHURCH RESTRICTED FUND ACCOUNT
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

RESTRICTED FUNDS RECEIPT & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT	2024		2023	
FUND BALANCE AT 01 JANUARY 2024	£31,357.02		9,000.00	
	Paid in	Paid out	Paid in	Paid out
External Defibrillator grant			2,000.00	
Ministry Training Fund donations	£4,990.50	2,800.00	22,000.00	
St David's Foodbank Donations received and paid			540.00	£540.00
Tear Fund donations received and paid			890.00	£890.00
Costs of Defibrillator & installation				£1,642.98
General donation	£30.00	30.00		
Mandritsara 'Poor Fund donations	£782.58	782.58		
Holiday Bible Club	£210.00	180.00		
FUND BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2024	£33,577.52		£31,357.02	

REYNARD WAY EVANGELICAL CHURCH
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

Petty Cash	£29.78		
Lloyds Bank Account	£5,799.64	General Fund	£76,302.00
Lloyds Bank Reserve Account	£23,511.70	Restricted Fund	£33,577.52
NatWest Current Account	£6,830.12		
NatWest Deposit Account	£47,084.62		
NatWest Restricted Account	£26,623.66		
	£109,879.52		£109,879.52

NOTES:-

1. Mission Gifts during this financial year

Rob Burrige	£150.00
Africa Inland Mission	£250.00
Echoes International	£1,000.00
E.M.F.	£4,000.00
Friends of Mandritsara Trust	£3,200.00
Grace Baptist Mission	£3,000.00
Good News for Everyone	£100.00
Open Air Mission	£4,000.00
Spencer Contact	£1,218.00
General	£18.75
Streetley Baptist Church	£200.00
	£17,136.75

4. Miscellaneous Expenditure

Paper & Toner	£203.05
FIEC Conference	£510.00
Wireless Licence	£56.00
Mobile phone top-up	£30.00
Piano tuning/repair	£145.00
2 Sofas	£130.00
Janitorial supplies	£248.94
Elders' Retreat	£89.00
Training	£615.00
	£2,026.99

2. Administration

CCLI (Copyright subscriptions)	£714.37	Licences
Cobley Desborough	£300.00	Independent Examination
F.I.E.C.	£394.00	Membership subscription
Equipment	£1,013.64	
Moneysoft	£103.20	Payroll program
TSOHost	£115.07	Website hosting
Health & Safety	£5.50	
Safeguarding	£163.08	Membership, checks & Webinar
	£2,808.86	

3. Publicity & Outreach

Christmas	£288.94
Evangelistic Literture	£131.28
Easter	£44.63
Holiday Bible Club	£127.10
Ladies' Meal	£330.51
Publicity & Outreach	£907.03
	£1,829.49

TRUSTEE REIMBURSEMENT

Philip Lewis	£124.00
Allan Huxtable	£367.69
Andy Welsford	£39.00
Derek Duke	£510.00
James Wallace	£30.00

Accounts prepared by Eric Lightfoot, Church Treasurer

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE REYNARD WAY EVANGELICAL CHUCH**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.



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13 March 2025

