

Charity No. 218676

**ANSDELL UNITARIAN CHURCH**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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# **ANSDELL UNITARIAN CHURCH**

## **Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2023**

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**ANSDELL UNITARIAN CHURCH**  
**Legal and Administrative Information**

**Status**

The Church is a charitable trust governed by a Trust Deed dated 14 July 1933. Trustees are elected from the members to serve for a period of 3 years at each Annual General Meeting.

**Trustees**

The following served as trustees during the year:

**Name**

Mrs D Connolly  
Mrs S Bentham  
Mr A C Dawson-Brown  
Mrs J Turner  
Mrs J Greenwood

**Principal Address**

Channing Road, Lytham St Annes, Lancashire FY8 IBJ

**Independent Examiner**

C N Calvert, Rushtons, Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors, Avroe House, Avroe Crescent, Blackpool, FY4 2DP

**Bankers**

Lloyds TSB plc

## ANSDELL UNITARIAN CHURCH

### Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2023

#### Objects of the Charity and principle activity

The Charity's objects are the furtherance of Unitarianism by the provision of a Church of high standard to maximise membership and attendance at Church Services.

#### Results

During the year receipts exceeded payments by £65,140 (2022: surplus £6,417).

#### Developments during the year

The Trustees are pleased to announce that, despite the considerable rise in costs for heating and lighting during the year, we would have only sustained a small deficit overall while managing to continue our activities as normal. We were, however pleased to receive a considerable bequest from a deceased member, Mrs. Jean Moxham, which has greatly enhanced our financial position. On the advice of our stockbrokers we are not intending to consider any investments at this time due to the current uncertain state of the market.

We have been happy to welcome several new members during the year, and despite losses caused by the decease of three Indoor members, our numbers remain fairly constant.

We are still however, as with most churches today, an ageing congregation and our work with Pastoral Care to our members is an increasingly important part of our work in the community.

We continue of course with our support for various local charities and organisations as usual.

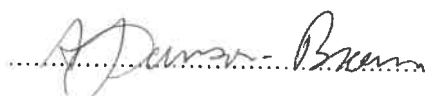
We have been fortunate this year in being able to increase our team of visiting ministers and worship leaders, who, in the absence of a minister of our own provide an invaluable resource, and their variety of presentation and viewpoint, help to give our church a unique form of worship in the local area.

We continue as always to be "The Little Church with the Big Heart" and strive to move as always "Onwards and Upwards".

#### Reserve policy

All funds included in the accounts are unrestricted. The trustees recognise the need to maintain reserves at a level sufficient to generate income to meet the costs of maintaining the church.

The Report was approved by the Trustees on 17 March 2024

 Mr A C Dawson-Brown (Secretary/Trustee)

**ANSDELL UNITARIAN CHURCH**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

**Year Ended 31 December 2023**

**RECEIPTS**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b><u>Subscriptions, Donations and Collections</u></b>		
Collections	1,806	1,503
Envelopes	2,032	2,292
Members' Subscriptions	255	250
Donations	67,095	10,513
Gift Aid	<u>1,750</u>	<u>1,518</u>
	72,938	16,076
 <b><u>Efforts</u></b>		
Spring/Summer Fair and Gift Day	-	75
Christmas and raffle	75	-
After service teas and coffee mornings	<u>327</u>	<u>299</u>
	402	374
 <b><u>Other Income</u></b>		
Sir C.Grundy Trust	85	85
 <b><u>Use of Church Hall</u></b>		
Room Hire	5,200	7,050
Weddings and Funerals etc.	<u>200</u>	<u>215</u>
	5,400	7,265
 <b><u>Investment Income</u></b>		
Quoted Investments	23,504	18,752
Sold 6402 of M&G Charifund	-	101,237
	<u>23,504</u>	<u>120,000</u>
 <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<u>102,329</u>	<u>143,789</u>

**ANSDELL UNITARIAN CHURCH**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

**Year Ended 31 December 2023**

**PAYMENTS**

	<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>	
<b><u>Church Services</u></b>				
Pulpit Supplies	5,217		5,751	
Funeral fees	-		160	
		5,217		5,911
<b><u>Premises</u></b>				
Repairs and Renewals	2,460		513	
Heating and lighting	3,135		2,238	
Water	343		455	
Caretaking and cleaning	7,935		7,370	
Insurance	2,881		2,851	
Garden maintenance	2,622		2,241	
		19,376		15,668
<b><u>General</u></b>				
Social Events and AGM Lunch	1,025		1,093	
Catering	77		187	
Officers' Expenses	-		983	
Printing, postage and stationery	400		480	
Sundries	1,867		2,155	
Hedleys Fees	1,714		2,501	
Pastoral Care	563		509	
Admin	6,202		6,123	
Donations	100		800	
Advert	240		642	
Christmas Meal	408		-	
		12,596		15,473
Bought 102500@97.2 M&G Credit		-		100,320
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	£	37,189	£	137,372
<b><u>SURPLUS</u></b>		65,140		6,417
<b>Money held by Hedleys</b>				-
<b>Opening Bank Balances</b>		62,238		55,881
Closing bank balances	£	127,378	£	62,238

**ANSDELL UNITARIAN CHURCH**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**As at 31 December 2023**

**INVESTMENTS**

		<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Units			
11500	M & G Charifund Income Units	165,024	168,995
102500	M & G Credit	93,685	94,403
337	Vanguard Funds plc FTSE 100 ETF	11,319	10,917
36835	Momentum Multi-asset value tst plc	38,153	38,151
19500	Lendinvest Secured Income	17,167	19,061
20246	Blackrock Charinco Units	30,069	29,606
165	Income cash	165	60
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Total value of these investments 31 December		<u>355,582</u>	<u>361,193</u>

**BANK & CASH BALANCES**

Balance at lloyds Bank plc at 31 December plc as at 31 December 2023

Current Account	<u>127,378</u>	<u>62,238</u>
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Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Secretary/Trustee: 

Date: 17 MARCH 2024

## ANSDALL UNITARIAN CHURCH

### Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Ansdell Unitarian Church

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Ansdell Unitarian Church (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

#### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect;

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust 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 2001 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.



C N Calvert  
Chartered Accountant

Date.....18/3/24.....

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