

Sketty Community Church

England & Wales · Charity number 234876

Details

Other names	BAPTIST CHURCH, CARNGLAS ROAD, SKETTY, SWANSEA CHURCH HALL, SKETTY BAPTIST CHURCH
Status	Registered
Legal form	Trust
Registered	1965-09-22
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: CHURCH HALL IN CONNEXION WITH BAPTIST CHURCH CARGLAS ROAD, SKETTY.

Activities: The principal purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian Faith. The Church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** SKETTY, SWANSEA.
- City Of Swansea

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£51,025	£75,614	-	-
2024-03-31	£51,832	£87,031	-	-
2023-03-31	£51,417	£38,121	-	-
2022-03-31	£44,668	£69,921	-	-
2021-03-31	£43,581	£36,780	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Jordan David Gower Manley		2025-04-30
Karen Elizabeth Jones		2022-05-08
Marilyn O'Connell		2014-04-01
Rev Paul Mort		2018-07-01

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Trustee Annual Report and Accounts

for the period ended 31st March 2025

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Trustees' Annual Report

The principal purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith. The Church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.

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Sketty Community Church is a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain family, and more specifically the South Wales Baptist Association. The church is a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

Officers/Trustees

The Trustees during the period: Marilyn O'Connell, Karen Jones, Pamela Dacey (resigned 13th August 2024) and Paul Mort (Minister). Jordan Manley was added as a new trustee on 30th April 2025.

Trustees, except for the Minister, receive no financial remuneration for carrying out their roles.

Trustees meet monthly.

At a previous meeting, discussions commenced regarding the church becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). No further progress has been made.

We wish to thank Pam Dacey for her time as Church Secretary. Her diligence and integrity in carrying out this role over the years has been exemplary and very much appreciated. Pamela resigned as a trustee in August 2024.

CHURCH ACTIVITY CALENDAR for 2024-2025

The following activities of the church were led, managed, supported and/or assisted by members of the church. In all there are approximately 40 volunteers who have freely given of their time to enable the church to undertake its community focussed activities.

No volunteers received any remuneration for the work they have undertaken.

Where required (specifically Toddlers, Man Shed and Forget Me Not), volunteers have the relevant DBS certificates.

Following specific invitations, small teams hold monthly services at Hawthorne Court Care Home and Penybryn Care Home.

April

Planning commenced for the running of a Bereavement Journey course. Four volunteers received the required training, and the church received a certificate to confirm that the required standards were met.

May

The Church Hall was used as a Polling Station for Police Commissioner.

The first session of the first Bereavement Journey course commenced.

Safeguarding training (for Levels 2 and 3) was received by 12 volunteers at Aeon Baptist (Morrison).

20th May – AR passed away.

Two baptisms were held on 26th May (SV and EG).

Sketty Primary School held a coffee morning (repeated at regular intervals throughout the Summer Term).

June

July

AR's funeral

The Church Hall was used as General Election polling station.

August

Café Church each Sunday

Monthly donations to charities commenced.

Discussions commenced for a new web site host/designer.

Exterior of church building painted (led by KW – many thanks!).

Parking permits were issued to local residents.

September

DXZ baptised.

Jordan and Luds were welcomed to the church!

New lights installed in the church Hall.

Bereavement Journey course (#2) commenced.

JO'C passed away.

The church took back the Manse from Belvoir (Estate Agent).

October

MacMillan Coffee morning

November

A Writing Group was set up – meeting monthly.

Sketty School choir and band at the lighting of the Christmas Tree.

December

Busy! Carol singing in the community and around homes.

Church Carol Service and Carols around the Christmas Tree (indoors!)

Toddler party and Man Shed Christmas dinner.

Christmas hampers and children's gifts distributed to families in need (through contacts at a local school whose catchment is an area of deprivation).

L and J initiated the first Youth meeting (for many years!).

The Writing Group contributed to the festive period with a booklet of their Christmas materials.

January

Haven commenced (through to March) – Swansea City Council funding supported this venture through the Warm Spaces fund. This was, again, not particularly well attended by those in the community, although much bigger presence of church attenders.

Local community businesses warmly welcomed the offer of bacon/sausage baps!

The main building hosted a wedding ceremony for the Sketty School Reception classes.

February

The church reregistered with the Bereavement Journey organisation.

A community event: Curry and Quiz Night, raising £410: proceeds to Sketty Foodbank.

March

Discussions to hold a community event on the church grounds initiated by one of the local Councillors.

Haven came to an end. (*Both Haven and Man Shed are in receipt of Council funding and are required to submit monitoring forms and in some cases receipts as evidence of spending. These reports are required to be completed by a set date in April 2025.)

Appointment of a new Assistant Pastor

Following the Special Church Meeting held on 3rd March 2024, a ballot was held and the result made public on 10th March 2024, which resulted in Jordan Manley being offered the post of Assistant Pastor. A salary was agreed and use of the Manse.

Notifications of Employment, terms of Employment, a standard contract for the use of the Manse were all completed.

DBS certification was approved and two references from his previous employers (Parklands Church, Sketty, Swansea) were received.

Jordan and Luds were welcomed into the life of the church on Sunday 1st September 2024, and the keys to the Manse were handed over to them on 14th September 2024.

Jordan's day to day ministry has been overseen by the current Pastor (PDM) and the Deacons, which includes all aspects of the role of a Pastor as outlined in his Job Description, Marks of Ministry etc.

As well as familiarising himself with the church family, Jordan has also met both of the South Wales Baptist Regional Ministers, has visited numerous ministers and churches, attended local leaders' breakfasts and attended the regional Ministers Conference.

Church members

In the annual return to the Baptist Union at the beginning of 2025, we recorded a membership of 69.

Community engagement

In addition to the church based activities outlined in the calendar above, the church Hall continues to host groups, many regular, including : a ladies choir, Pilates and exercise groups, an archaeological group, residents meetings, a social development group for young adults with additional needs, a neutral meeting place for parents and officers of the local education authority, first aid training for volunteers at a local Foodbank, a Tango dance group, dance classes for children educated at home, children's parties, slimming support groups, a support group for those with fibromyalgia.

Safeguarding

Julie Rees remains our designated Safeguarding Officer.

No Safeguarding issues were noted in this period.

As indicated above, 12 volunteers received Level 2/3 training in May 2024.

PDM undertook Due Diligence Checking training (for DBS applications) – October 2024.

Health and Safety

PAT carried out and fire safety equipment checked.

No accidents or causes for concern reported by members or Hall users.

Policies

The church holds the following policies:

Safeguarding

Complaints Policy and Procedures

Data Protection

Lettings

Lone Working

Health and Safety

Pastoral Care

Equal Opportunities

A Finance Policy has been written but remains in Draft form.
Church members will be informed when a Reviews of these documents is undertaken.

Church Licenses

The church holds relevant and current licences for CCLI (Christian Copyright Licensing International) and Zionworx.

Assets

The church buildings continue to be monitored for safety and decoration. The drains have continued to be a regular cause for concern. However, from January 2025, the issues appear to have been finally resolved.

The church continued to hold a current account with Barclays Bank.

A Reserves statement began to be formulated but had not yet been adopted.

Church Manse: 46 Llwynmawr Close, Sketty, Swansea SA2 9HD. With the appointment of Jordan in September 2024, the Manse has been taken out of the private rented sector and is once more managed by the church. In order to satisfy landlord responsibilities, set out by Welsh Government, John White has kindly offered to become the registered agent for the property.

The facilities of the Manse have been improved: new bathroom, kitchen, two rooms knocked into one, decoration throughout.

This Report was compiled by the Minister (and Trustee):

Paul D Mort

Accepted by: Marilyn O'Connell. Karen Jones. Deborah Lawson (Trustees)

Financial Review

Policy on reserves

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Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

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- state whether applicable accounting standards & statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any 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 operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

On behalf of the board

Signed:.....Trustee

Print Name: Paul D Mort

Date:

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Sketty Community Church

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2025, which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's 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.

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);
- 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

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

- (2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Nicola Jayne Lewis

Date: 14th January 2026

Receipts and Payments Account

for the year ended 31st March 2025

	<i>notes</i>	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds This Year</u>	<u>Total Funds Last Year</u>
<u>INCOME</u>	2				
Donations Income		29,589		29,589	27,671
Gift Aid Tax Reclaims		7,901	-	7,901	-
Grants received - Unrestricted		-		-	9,072
Grants Received - Restricted			1,173	1,173	1,720
Other Income	2.1	12,363		12,363	13,369
TOTAL INCOME		49,852	1,173	51,025	51,832
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	3				
Charitable Expenditure	3.1	73,519	1,195	74,714	86,407
Accounting Fees	3.2	900	-	900	624
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		74,419	1,195	75,614	87,031
NET INCOME Before transfers		- 24,567	- 22	- 24,589	- 35,199
Transfers Between Funds	4	- 22	22	-	-
NET INCOME After transfers		- 24,589	-	- 24,589	- 35,199
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		- 24,589	-	- 24,589	- 35,199
Total Funds Brought Forward		71,854		71,854	107,053
Total Funds Carried Forward		47,265	-	47,265	71,854

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

as at 31st March 2025

1. Fixed Assets

The Value of Assets owned by the charity at cost are as follows:

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Land & Buildings (at cost)	184,950	184,950

This is the Manse property that is currently being let.

2. Bank and Cash Balances

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Current & Deposit Accounts	47,265	71,854
	<u>47,265</u>	<u>71,854</u>

3. Other Assets and Liabilities

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Assets:		
Gift Aid tax not yet received	<u>11,647</u>	<u>13,700</u>
Liabilities:		
Fee for Independent Examination	<u>690</u>	<u>600</u>
	<u>690</u>	<u>600</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board and were signed on its behalf by:

Signed by.....

Print Name.....

Date.....

On behalf of the board of Trustees

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis with a Statement of Assets and Liabilities

1.1 Income

Recognition of income – Incoming resources are included in the accounts when the monies are received. Any debtors at year end are shown in the Statement of Assets and liabilities but are not included in the Receipts and Payments account.

2.2 Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability recognition – Expenses are recognised when payment is made but a note of any liabilities owed at the year end is shown in the Statements of Assets and Liabilities.

2. Analysis of Income

Donations income consists of regular giving by church members in tithes and offerings, plus “one off” gifts or donations. Where these gifts are given for a specific purpose or project they are held in a restricted fund. This includes gifts received under the gift aid scheme.

Gift Aid tax relief is claimed and recognised when the refund is received from HMRC. A note of pending claims is made in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Restricted Grant – This year £1173 was received into restricted funds (see note 4)

2.1 Breakdown of Other Income

	<u>this year</u>	<u>last year</u>
Hire of Hall	9,319	6,164
Events & Activities	410	436
Other Donations	0	0
Rent of Manse	2,634	6,769
	<u>12,363</u>	<u>13,369</u>

3. Analysis of Expenditure

3.1 Breakdown of Charitable Expenditure

	<u>this year</u>	<u>last year</u>
Wages & Subcontracted Services	25,727	13,781
Caretaking & Cleaning	2,210	1,365
Manse Expenses	24,562	2,502
Church Rates & Insurance	1,535	1,522
Utilities	4,643	2,405
Advertising, postage & Stationery	0	0
Ministry and Music Costs	444	430
Repairs and Maintenance	2,252	50,071
Sundries	6,937	8,250
Small tools & Equipment	30	0
Subscriptions	570	312
Gifts & Donations	5,804	5,770
	<u>74,714</u>	<u>86,407</u>

There are no direct employees of the charity, and no payments have been made to trustees for acting in the capacity of a trustee.

3.2 Breakdown of Support and Governance Costs

	<u>this year</u>	<u>last year</u>
Book Keeping & Accounting	900	624

4. Analysis of Funds

The following restricted funds are held by the charity and the following movements in restricted funds have taken place this year

	Opening Fund	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing Fund
Swansea Spaces Warm Hubs	0	1,173	1,195	22	0

Fund Details:

Swansea Spaces Warm Hubs - Grant from Swansea Council to support the residents of Swansea and provide a Warm Hub for the community to use.

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Trustees' Annual Report

Objectives and Activities

The charity exists to advance the Christian faith in Swansea and the surrounding area and in other parts of the UK and the world as the trustees think fit. Also, it will fulfil other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the laws of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the trust.

To bring relief to any persons who are in need due to hardship or other circumstances and relieve any distress caused by those circumstances as the trustees see fit.

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Structure, Management and Governance

The charity is governed by a declaration of Trust dated 9th April 2019.

The charity is managed by trustees who are appointed by the church leadership and members. The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out below.

The trustees who served during this financial period are:

Marilyn O'Connell
Pamela Dacey (resigned 13.8.24)
Paul Mort
Karen Jones

Achievement and Activities Report

The following activities of the church were led, managed and supported by members of the church. In all there are approximately 40 volunteers who have freely given their time to enable the church to undertake its community focussed activities.

No volunteers received any remuneration for the work they have undertaken.

When major events were being put on (such as the Coronation event), more than 50 volunteered their time and energy.

April

PT funeral
BW funeral
PAT testing undertaken by RS

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May

Coronation Party: This was a free event for the community and involved refreshments and cakes (in abundance) and included musical contributions from church members, The Rockettes (a ukulele band) and Mal Pope. Close to 300 attended during the course of the afternoon.

Commenced services at Penybryn House. This is a local nursing home. A small group from the church take a short service, usually on the last Thursday of each month. Some of us are also able to take communion with one of the residents who is bed bound.

June

CJ funeral

August

Start of kitchen refurbishment: major works began to convert the kitchen and church office into a large modern kitchen which would meet hygiene standards for community ventures in particular. The total cost was in the region of £50k, the bulk of which came from existing funds which had been made up of contributions from church members. A donation of £5k was received from the G P Janes Fund (for West Baptist Churches).

Café Church each Sunday of the month: Instead of regular church services, following the traditional format we were used to, we held our services in the Hall, in groups with plentiful supplies of tea and coffee. We sang, took part in quizzes, prayed for different groups of folks and had a short message. Communion used the leftovers of bacon/sausage baps!

Belvoir eventually take on Manse: the trustees decided that it was time to approach a local Estate Agent to take on the management of the church Manse. Belvoir prices were the most competitive and so a contract was entered into with them.

September

New railing banner: a new banner was supplied by GPS Design and Print, who are neighbours to the church.

October

Sorted out postcode – 9BP! After much searching and questioning, the definitive reply eventually came back from the Post Office. (However, numerous utility companies fail to recognise it and insist on using 9BN.)

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Started CIO discussions: currently the church is governed by an unincorporated trust deed. In order to maximise protection for the trustees and allow for them to potentially explore staffing and business opportunities more readily, they began to explore the CIO route with materials prepared by the Baptist Union of Great Britain and their solicitors Anthony Collins.

Kitchen finished – see August comment

November

Started thinking about Asst Pastor: the current Pastor had previously mentioned that there was a time approaching when there was a need to pass on the responsibility to a younger person.

Half-Yearly meeting: the church supported the idea of exploring the possibility of employing a Community Worker.

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Remembrance Sunday: as in the past, small crosses were placed on the grassed area at the front of the church and a short open-air service was held at 11am.

December

DR funeral

Hall painted: following the kitchen refurbishment, one of the walls was painted

Sketty School/Christmas Tree: as is becoming a tradition, Sketty School were invited to bring their choir to the turning on of the lights of the Christmas tree. Including pupils, staff, family and friends, approximately 80 folks attended and enjoyed the lights and free hot chocolate with refreshments.

Hall used as Polling Station

Christmas and Carol services: we did attempt to go into the community to sing carols but were sadly prevented by adverse weather. However, the Christmas Eve 'sing around the Christmas tree' event, although rained off and had to be held in the Hall, did attract a number of young families from the road and outnumbered church folk.

January

Coffee Morning Plus (through to March) – Swansea City Council funding supported this venture through the Warm Spaces fund. This was, again, not particularly well attended by those in the community, although it did introduce us to one person who subsequently attended church on a regular basis.

Deacons started planning in earnest for Asst Pastor: it became apparent through a number of conversations and discussions had with church members and others from local churches, that Jordan Manley needed to be considered for this post. The idea of a Community Worker did not gain much traction, but the office of an Assistant Pastor to work alongside the current Pastor, learning about the church and developing the skills and understanding necessary to lead a church, seemed to be a far more productive alternative: allowing the Pastor to prepare for a retirement whilst allowing a new assistant to become more acquainted with the church until the time came to assume greater responsibilities.

The necessary documentation for terms of employment, job descriptions and allowing the Manse to be occupied by a church worker were accessed on the BUGB website and proved to be extremely helpful.

The existing tenants of the Manse were given an indication that it was likely that the church would be requiring the Manse for a future employee in the not-too-distant future.

Started planning Bereavement Journey: this is a six-week course, with an optional seventh faith based session, which seeks to support those who are struggling with the after effects of a bereavement. The course came highly recommended through a contact in a Cardiff church, and the course details were read by a church member who had been a bereavement counsellor for the NHS and gave the materials their support.

February

Started services at Hawthorne Court: this is a care home close to the church. The same style/format of service to be used as at Penybryn.

Fire extinguishers tested.

March

Community Cawl

Special Church Meeting to decide on Assistant Pastor: the church unanimously supported the officer of the position of Assistant Pastor and use of the church Manse to Jordan Manley – who accepted! Jordan and the church agreed that an appropriate start date for this post would be 1st September 2024.

The Manse tenants were officially notified of the church's intention to take back the Manse for use by its new church worker. Belvoir were directed to notify the family and their termination of contract was identified as 11th September 2024.

Baptism! On Easter Sunday, it was a great pleasure to open the baptistry for its first baptism in 12 years.

Church Members

At the end of March 2024, there were 63 members registered.

Community Engagement

Throughout the year, the Hall was used for the following church led activities: Toddlers, Man Shed*, Forget Me Not, Friendship Group.

(*The Man Shed was in receipt of a grant made available by Swansea City Council.)

The Hall was also hired out by: Pilates and exercise classes, a Fibromyalgia support group, Excelsior Choir, child's dance classes, South Wales Industrial Archaeology group, birthday parties, group building sessions for young adults with learning difficulties, Slimmer's World, residents' meetings.

Safeguarding

Julie Rees remains our designated Safeguarding Officer.

No matters to report.

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PAT carried out and fire safety equipment checked.

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Policies

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A reserves statement began to be formulated but had not yet been adopted.

Church Manse: 46 Llwynmawr Close, Sketty, Swansea, SA2 9HD. When not required by the church to house a church worker, it is rented on the open market.

Paul Mort was initially registered with RentSmart Wales as a representative of the trustees, before being taken on by Belvoir (see August report above).

This report was compiled by the Minister (and Trustee).

Finance

See accounts prepared by Martin.

Church Officers/Leadership Team.

Pam Dacey has stepped down as a trustee. The date of her resignation falls into the next financial year (2024/25). Remaining trustees from 2024/2025 onwards will be Marilyn O'Connell, Karen Jones and Paul Mort (Minister)

Martin Jones continues to act as Treasurer.

*See CIO below

Financial Review

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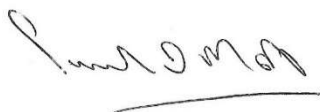
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On behalf of the board



Signed:.....Trustee

Print Name: Paul D Mort

Date: 16th October 2024

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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

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
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have not been met; or

- (2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Nicola Jayne Lewis

Date: 22nd January 2025

Receipts and Payments Account

for the year ended 31st March 2024

	<i>notes</i>	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds This Year</u>	<u>Total Funds Last Year</u>
<u>INCOME</u>	2				
Donations Income		27,671	-	27,671	37,361
Gift Aid Tax Reclaims		-	-	-	-
Grants received - Unrestricted		9,072		9,072	1,217
Grants Received - Restricted			1,720	1,720	820
Other Income	2.1	13,369		13,369	12,019
TOTAL INCOME		50,112	1,720	51,832	51,417
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>					
Charitable Expenditure	3.1	84,719	1,688	86,407	38,121
Accounting Fees	3.2	624	-	624	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		85,343	1,688	87,031	38,121
NET INCOME Before transfers		- 35,232	32	- 35,199	13,296
Transfers Between Funds		211 -	211	-	-
NET INCOME After transfers		- 35,020 -	179	- 35,199	13,296
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		- 35,020 -	179	- 35,199	13,296
Total Funds Brought Forward		106,874	179	107,053	93,757
Total Funds Carried Forward		71,854	-	71,854	107,053

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

as at 31st March 2024

1. Fixed Assets

The Value of Assets owned by the charity at cost are as follows:

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Land & Buildings (at cost)	184,950	184,950

This is the Manse property that is currently being let.

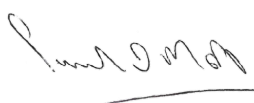
2. Bank and Cash Balances

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Current & Deposit Accounts	71,854	107,053
	<u>71,854</u>	<u>107,053</u>

3. Other Assets and Liabilities

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Assets:		
Gift Aid tax not yet received	<u>13,700</u>	<u>7,200</u>
Liabilities:		
Fee for Independent Examination	<u>660</u>	<u>600</u>
	<u>660</u>	<u>600</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board and were signed on its behalf by:

Signed by.....


Print Name Paul D Mort

Date 27.01.25

On behalf of the board of Trustees

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis with a Statement of Assets and Liabilities

1.1 Income

Recognition of income – Incoming resources are included in the accounts when the monies are received. Any debtors at year end are shown in the Statement of Assets and liabilities but are not included in the Receipts and Payments account.

2.2 Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability recognition – Expenses are recognised when payment is made but a note of any liabilities owed at the year end is shown in the Statements of Assets and Liabilities.

2. Analysis of Income

Donations income consists of regular giving by church members in tithes and offerings, plus “one off” gifts or donations. Where these gifts are given for a specific purpose or project they are held in a restricted fund. This includes gifts received under the gift aid scheme.

Gift Aid tax relief is claimed and recognised when the refund is received from HMRC. A note of pending claims is made in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Restricted Grant – This year £1720 was received into restricted funds (see note 4)

2.1 Breakdown of Other Income

	<u>this year</u>	<u>last year</u>
Hire of Hall	6,164	3,182
Events & Activities	436	1,277
Special Contributions	0	0
Rent of Manse	6,769	7,560
	<u>13,369</u>	<u>12,019</u>

3. Analysis of Expenditure

3.1 Breakdown of Charitable Expenditure

	<u>this year</u>	<u>last year</u>
Wages & Subcontracted Services	13,781	15,639
Caretaking & Cleaning	1,365	1,300
Manse Expenses	2,502	2,618
Church Rates & Insurance	1,522	1,044
Utilities	2,405	1,891
Advertising, postage & Stationery	0	0
Ministry and Music Costs	430	400
Repairs and Maintenance	50,071	2,928
Sundries	8,250	6,652
Small tools & Equipment	0	214
Subscriptions	312	362
Gifts & Donations	5,770	5,073
	<u>86,407</u>	<u>38,121</u>

There are no direct employees of the charity, and no payments have been made to trustees for acting in the capacity of a trustee.

3.2 Breakdown of Support and Governance Costs

	<u>this year</u>	<u>last year</u>
Book Keeping & Accounting	624	0

4. Analysis of Funds

The following restricted funds are held by the charity and the following movements in restricted funds have taken place this year

	Opening Fund	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing Fund
Swansea Spaces Warm Hubs	179	1,720	1,688	(211)	0

Fund Details:

Swansea Spaces Warm Hubs - Grant from Swansea Council to support the residents of Swansea and provide a Warm Hub for the community to use.

Sketty Community Church

England & Wales - Charity number 234876

Accounts

Sketty Community Church
Trustee Annual Report and Accounts

for the period ended 31st March 2023

Charity Number: 234876

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Trustees' Annual Report

Objectives and Activities

The charity exists to advance the Christian faith in Swansea and the surrounding area and in other parts of the UK and the world as the trustees think fit. Also, it will fulfil other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the laws of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the trust.

To bring relief to any persons who are in need due to hardship or other circumstances and relieve any distress caused by those circumstances as the trustees see fit.

Structure, Management and Governance

The charity is governed by a declaration of Trust dated 9th April 2019.

The charity is managed by trustees who are appointed by the church leadership and members. The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out below.

The trustees who served during this financial period are:

Marilyn O'Connell
Pamela Dacey
Paul Mort
Karen Jones

Achievement and Activities Report

Membership

It is with great sadness we report that the following are no longer in Membership:

BR
GE
BW
PT

(Previously connected to the church – PH)

These ladies have been an integral part of our church family, and their service in the church will not be forgotten. We praise God for the legacy that they have each helped to leave for us to follow.

We also remember their families as they adapt to life without their loved ones. Lord have mercy.

New members to be announced.

Finance

See accounts prepared by MJ

Church Officers/Leadership Team.

No changes to the existing leadership team/Deacons: Pam Dacey, Marilyn O'Connell, Karen Jones
Martin Jones continues to act as Treasurer.

*See CIO below

Mission

Traditionally this has been thought to be opportunities to welcome folk to the church for an event to present the gospel in some form or another, or just to put something on "for the spiritual and social needs of young families in the area". In an attempt to engage with the community, and show that the church is open, the display of small crosses for Remembrance Day, the Christmas Tree, Easter Cross, Ukraine and regular railing posters have been noticed and favourably commented upon.

Via contact with a primary school in SA1, we continue to provide a fantastic supply of Christmas food and gifts to families with very little (materially).

Internationally, we continue to be linked with Louise and Peter Lynch in Bangladesh via the BMS.

The Jubilee Party that was held in June (2022) was a fantastic success with approx. 200 attenders from the community. The Excelsior Choir, Mal Pope and an acapella group provided the entertainment, whilst there was a vast array of merchandise to purchase. This “free” event raised £700 (approx.).

At Christmas the church grounds were filled with pupils from Sketty Primary School, along with many members of their families. Approximately 200 attended the event. The choir received chocolate gifts and hot chocolate and mince pies were available to all!

In association with other churches in Sketty, the Hall was opened up as “warm hub” between November 2022 and March 2023. Whilst we were financially prepared to run the hub from the church finances, we were able to access £820 from a warm spaces fund that was provided by Swansea City Council (safer spaces). As with others, not all the funds were used, but we have received an extension (until the end of May) to use the shortfall for other community events we put on, so resources have been purchased for Man Shed. Numerically, the venture was not a success (neither for us nor the other churches), but it did once again give us publicity and highlight our work in the community.

Wherever possible we have wished to put activities and events on where there are no charges for those attending, but opportunity will be provided for those who wish to contribute to one or more causes that have been identified. We worship and serve a generous God and believe that He will meet all our needs – temporal and spiritual. By not charging folk “to come to church” we wish to express the generosity of God as one aspect of the glorious gospel.

Question: where do you think that God is at work in the community?

Activities

Currently (weekly): Tycoch Toddlers, Man Shed, Friendship Group, Pilates, Excelsior Choir, Forget Me Not, Slimming World

The Hall continues to be used by those wanting a venue for: birthday parties, dance classes, an Industrial archaeology group.

Building

We continue to employ a cleaner for the Hall for 2 hours per week.

PD continues to keep the lawns immaculately cut.

Discussions about the renovation of the kitchen have commenced.

Still awaiting a date for work on the drains to commence.

A new front door for the church has been ordered.

Manse

At last year’s meeting it was agreed that Belvoir be approached to be the letting agent for the Manse. Some remedial work at the Manse was needed to be undertaken before they could take over the property. It has been a long, drawn-out process – slow response of trades to commence and complete works and very slow responses of the family residing in the property to complete paperwork required by Belvoir. However, the end is nigh! Rent has been raised by 5% pcm and once Belvoir have taken over the management it will be £660pcm: below the market rate but rises in rent are subject to a maximum limit per year. Belvoir will receive 11% of the rent in management fees, plus initial set up costs.

Administrative matters

Churches must always be open to transparency and scrutiny by its members/attender, and we should “render unto Caesar” and be compliant with current legislation in all areas of our operations and activities.

As a result, as well as the existing Health and Safety, the following have also been developed:

- Data Policy
- Lone Working Policy

for the year ending 31st March 2023

- Safeguarding Policy
- Pastoral Care Policy
- Complaints Policy and Procedures
- Equal Opportunities

Each of these policies are ready for review, which will be undertaken by the Summer of 2023.

It is anticipated that there will be an amended Safeguarding Policy presented by the Baptist Union to make the policy fit for purpose in the light of changes to church practices brought about by factors such as online services, Zoom etc.

Charitable status:

The deacons have begun to look at moving away from the current trust document governing the church activities and changing the church to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (in future referred to as a CIO).

Many Baptist churches have been slowly moving over to this new method of governance, and so the Baptist Union have, in conjunction with Anthony Collins (Solicitors) produced a draft template that has been agreed with the Charity Commission. The deacons will continue to read and discuss the document and present their recommendation(s) by the next AGM (May 2024).

One of the main reasons that the existing trust document requires updating is to provide a higher level of security for those who are trustees. The current trust document exposes trustees to a much higher level of risk, particularly in the litigious times in which we now live in.

There will be a cost to changing the trust documents, but time and money will be saved if the template is followed.

Should a new trust document be accepted by the church, there will be an opportunity to move away from the current trust requirement for deacons to be trustees.

Safeguarding

There are no Safeguarding issues to report.
Julie Rees remains our Safeguarding Officer.

Pastoral

A number of members/attenders are yet to return to meeting with us on Sunday mornings. Communion is shared on a regular basis with them, and additional ideas on how best to keep in touch and include as much as possible in the life of the church are being explored.

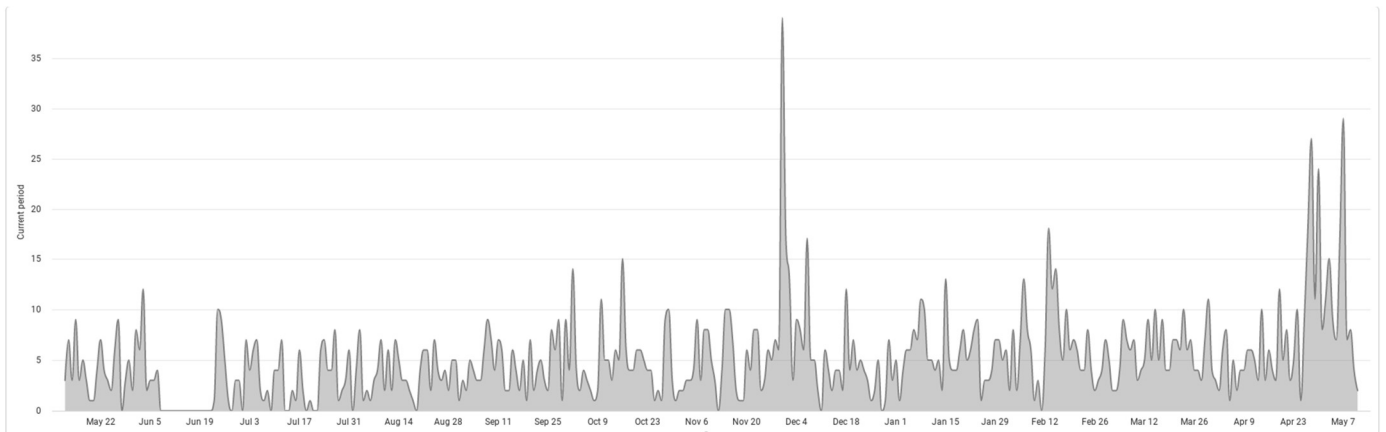
KJ is to be thanked for her pastoral duties.

Website:

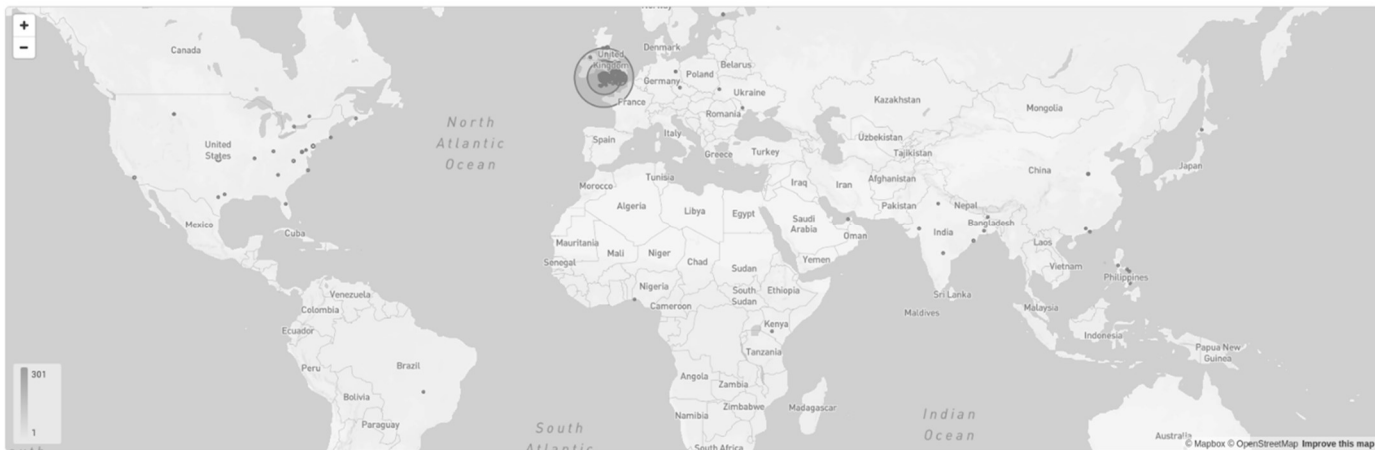
Our website is not the most dynamic church website you can find, but virtually every day someone-somewhere in the world logs on to our pages. The vast majority look once (1315) and then move on never to return – actually 98% of them!

We do not engage with the virtual worlds of Twitter, TikTok, Facebook etc.

A daily report of site viewings over the past year:



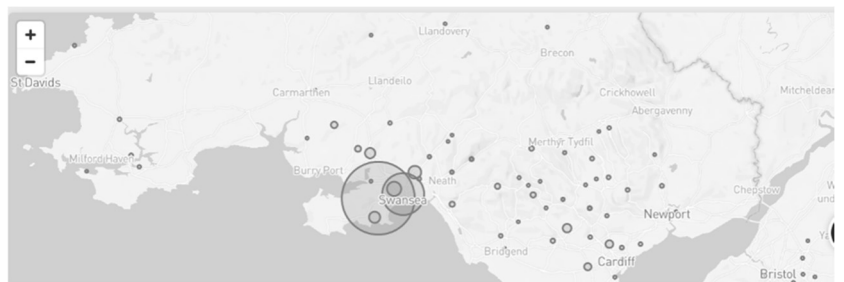
Where in the world have been people been logging on?



Where in Britain?



Where in South Wales?



Baptist Union of Great Britain:

The BU and South Wales Baptist Association continue to provide advice and support across a range of areas -theological, pastoral, safeguarding, training, legal and financial.

Conclusion:

In this new life, it doesn't matter if you are a Jew or a Gentile, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbaric, uncivilized, slave, or free. Christ is all that matters, and he lives in all of us.

Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tender-hearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Make allowance for each other's faults and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body, you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.

Colossians 3 vs 11-15

Financial Review

Policy on reserves

The Charity's policy is to keep a minimum in general funds to run the organisation for 3 months.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

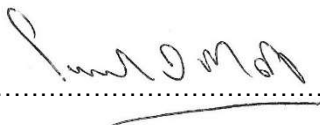
Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards & statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any 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 operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

On behalf of the board

Signed:..........Trustee

Print Name: Paul D Mort

Date: 20th January 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Sketty Community Church

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2023, which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's 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.

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);
- 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.

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Signed:



Nicola Jayne Lewis

Date: 6th February 2024

Receipts and Payments Account

for the year ended 31st March 2023

	<i>notes</i>	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds This Year</u>	<u>Total Funds Last Year</u>
<u>INCOME</u>	2				
Donations Income		37,361	-	37,361	27,888
Gift Aid Tax Reclaims		-	-	-	2,595
Grants received - Unrestricted		1,217		1,217	-
Grants Received - Restricted			820	820	-
Other Income	2.1	12,019		12,019	14,186
TOTAL INCOME		50,597	820	51,417	44,668
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>					
Charitable Expenditure	3.1	37,480	641	38,121	69,921
Accounting Fees	3.2	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		37,480	641	38,121	69,921
NET INCOME Before transfers		13,117	179	13,296	- 25,253
Transfers Between Funds		-	-	-	-
NET INCOME After transfers		13,117	179	13,296	- 25,253
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		13,117	179	13,296	- 25,253
Total Funds Brought Forward		93,757	-	93,757	119,010
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

as at 31st March 2023

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	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Land & Buildings (at cost)	184,950	184,950

This is the Manse property that is currently being let.

2. Bank and Cash Balances

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Current & Deposit Accounts	107,053	93,757
	<u>107,053</u>	<u>93,757</u>

3. Other Assets and Liabilities

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Assets:		
Gift Aid tax not yet received	<u>7,200</u>	<u>0</u>
Liabilities:		
Fee for Independent Examination	<u>600</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>600</u>	<u>0</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board and were signed on its behalf by:



Signed by.....

Print Name... Paul D Mort.....

Date... 07.02.24.....

On behalf of the board of Trustees

Notes to the Financial Statements

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Gift Aid tax relief is claimed and recognised when the refund is received from HMRC. A note of pending claims is made in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Restricted Grant – This year £820 was received into restricted funds (see note 4)

2.1 Breakdown of Other Income

	<u>this year</u>	<u>last year</u>
Hire of Hall	3182	1550
Events & Activities	1277	76
Special Contributions	0	5000
Rent of Manse	7560	7560
	<u>12019</u>	<u>14186</u>

3. Analysis of Expenditure

3.1 Breakdown of Charitable Expenditure

	<u>this year</u>	<u>last year</u>
Wages & Subcontracted Services	15639	19753
Caretaking & Cleaning	1300	2487
Manse Expenses	2618	2684
Church Rates & Insurance	1044	1222
Utilities	1891	1208
Advertising, postage & Stationery	0	176
Ministry and Music Costs	400	439
Repairs and Maintenance	2928	33173
Sundries	6652	1464
Small tools & Equipment	214	72
Subscriptions	362	2075
Gifts & Donations	5073	5170
	<u>38121</u>	<u>69921</u>

There are no direct employees of the charity and no payments have been made to trustees for acting in the capacity of a trustee.

3.2 Breakdown of Support and Governance Costs

	<u>this year</u>	<u>last year</u>
Book Keeping & Accounting	0	0

4. Analysis of Funds

The following restricted funds are held by the charity and the following movements in restricted funds have taken place this year

	Opening Fund	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing Fund
Swansea Spaces Warm Hubs	0	820	641	0	179

Fund Details:

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Sketty Community Church

England & Wales - Charity number 234876

Accounts



Sketty Community Church

May 2021-May 2022

Covid Years

Over the past two years it had not been possible to formally meet as a Church to hold Ordinary or Special Church Members meetings as outlined in the current Constitution. This Report formally acknowledges that whilst meetings have not been held, "interim" reports have been sent out to Church members to keep them informed of ongoing church life.

Deacons meetings were similarly severely curtailed, and so decision making was limited to phone calls, emails and WhatsApp messages.

Membership

Sadly, in January 2022 we paid our final respects to dear BM.

EP moved to Penarth on April 14th 2022. We formerly acknowledge her faithfulness to the church over the past 89 years! A former deacon and responsible for claiming Gift Aid (see below).

New members to be announced.



Finance

The deficit between income and expenditure is solely down to the cost of laying down the play area (£27201) which members had previously agreed to.

Many thanks to G for keeping finances and records up to date in such a challenging time.

Thanks are also forwarded to SG for auditing the accounts prior to being sent to the Charity Commission.

MJ will be taking on responsibility for Gift Aid and assorted banking and tax duties.

Thank you all for your financial contributions...  

You will notice that there is a healthy balance but costs are rising, and any works undertaken are going to cost more than in previous times.

Offerings: Bank transfers would continue to be very much appreciated (cheques and cash will obviously be still accepted!)

Streamlined "single" offerings have proved to be much more helpful. We will always notify you of contributions to BMS, Home Mission etc.

*Offertory envelopes: should they still be required, they will be recycled in the coming year to save the expense of buying new ones. Dates will be amended.

You can see from the accounts that there are currently 6 groups that receive regular (annual) funding. Perhaps:

1. we need to consider the relevance/appropriateness to continue to support these groups.
2. we need to consider including other missions that reflect our local community, country and international needs and are integral to our fellowship. For example, we support the work at Zacs Place. Not only is it a shining beacon for work amongst the underprivileged in Swansea, many in our fellowship have personal contact with its work and organisation, and we can also ask SS to come and give us updates.
3. there are other groups/missions that could be adopted.
4. we perhaps should consider adopting the practice of setting aside at least 10% of our income for the purposes of supporting others.

Please convey your thoughts to Church Officers.

Church Officers/Leadership Team.

As you have been notified, JM has stepped down from a leadership position within the church. For your wisdom and care for the "flock" over many years, we convey our deepest gratitude.

We also wish to inform the church that JH has stepped down from holding a deaconing role. Our warmest appreciation Jean for all that you have contributed to the life of this church over many years. You cannot stop coming either for we know where you live!

Please join us in our prayers to recognise God's gifting and blessing of leadership in the church. We are not looking for lovely people (you all qualify); we are not looking for savvy people (you nearly all qualify for that); we are not looking for purely wise and mature and saintly Christians (well...); we are not looking for perfection (none of us!!!). We need to ask God to highlight those amongst us who, as well as displaying the characteristics of Jesus, have the gift of serving and the gift of leadership; gifts which perhaps are not yet fully formed, but certainly showing evidence. Churches can function without these roles, but churches cannot function well without them.

The Church Constitution requires that Deacons be officially recognised every 3 years, which means that all remaining Deacons require recognition as well as KJ, whose addition to the Deacons team has previously been raised.

Recognition slips are enclosed with this report. Please indicate your recognition and return to me (M) by **Thursday May 5th** at the latest. The envelopes will be opened and scrutinised by 2 members (tbc).

Please post your voting slips in the church letterbox, or post to the church (Sketty Community Church, Carnglas Road, Sketty, SA2 9BN) or M (21 Hendrefoilan Road, Sketty SA2 9LS).

Mission

Traditionally this has been thought to be opportunities to welcome folk to the church for an event to present the gospel in some form or another, or just to put something on "for the spiritual and social needs of young families in the area".

In an attempt to engage with the community, and show that the church is open, the display of small crosses for Remembrance Day, the Christmas Tree, Easter Cross, Ukraine and regular railing posters have been noticed and favourably commented upon. The church is open for reflective prayer on a Wednesday morning.

Via contact with a primary school, we continue to provide a fantastic supply of Christmas food and gifts to families with very little (materially).

Internationally, we are linked to Louise and Peter Lynch in Bangladesh via the BMS, and we had the privilege – and great pleasure – of meeting them in person in February.

Question: where do you think that God is at work in the community?

Activities

The Church buildings slowly opened up from August 2021.

Currently (weekly): Tycoch Toddlers, Man Shed, Friendship Group, Pilates, Excelsior Choir, Forget Me Not

Currently (monthly or intermittently): acapella group, adoption group.

Building

A significant investment was made, last Summer, when we resurfaced the grassy area on the south side of the church.

Thanks must again be noted for the work PD does in keeping the lawns neat and tidy.

Remedial work in the Bosuns Locker completed.

Kitchen needs attention.

Concrete area at front of Hall needs attention.

External appearance of both buildings requires consideration.

We now employ a cleaner for the Hall for 2 hours per week.

Manse

In light of meeting the demands of the practical day to day responsibilities of running a Manse, as well as new legislation for landlords that will be coming into force in Wales in the Summer, the decision has been taken to hand over the management of the property to Belvoir Lettings. They will:

- charge 14.4% of the monthly rent (currently £630 pcm)
- manage the property by finding trades people to attend to "issues". The Church will pay only for the work; there is no administrative duty to pay on top of the "work".
- maintain the building in line with the legal requirements of a landlord.

Prior to Belvoir taking over, certain electrical work requires attention to bring the building up to a required standard.

Should the existing tenant move out, the Manse will require an overhaul of the kitchen and bathroom.

Belvoir believe that the existing rent is nearly 30% below the current market rate for such a property in the area.

Administrative matters

Churches must always be open to transparency and scrutiny by its members/attender, and we should "render unto Caesar" and be compliant with current legislation in all areas of our operations and activities.

As a result, as well as the existing Health and Safety, the following have also been developed and presented to the Church Officers for review prior to being implemented:

- Data Policy
- Lone Working Policy
- Safeguarding Policy
- Pastoral Care Policy
- Complaints Policy and Procedures
- Equal Opportunities

If you wish to read any of these Policies, please contact one of us.

New Covid procedures were regularly implemented and updated and amended and implemented and...!

Safeguarding

There are no Safeguarding issues to report.

JR remains our Safeguarding Officer.

Pastoral

A number of members/attenders are yet to return to meeting with us on Sunday mornings. Communion is shared on a regular basis with them, and additional ideas on how best to keep in touch and include as much as possible in the life of the church would be appreciated.

Prayer

As we venture into a new world at this time, we need to be in prayer to know where we fit in, how we function, how we open our doors to the community.

We can brainstorm/indulge in blue sky thinking/daydream...but what does God say? Where is He already at work waiting for us to follow?

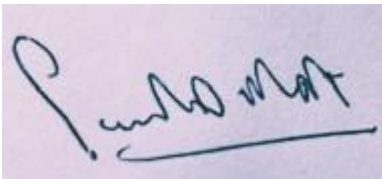
The church is open to any in the community as well as members/attenders for personal reflective prayer on Wednesday mornings. There is a need to restart more "formal" times of corporate prayer, preferably on a weekly basis.

AoB

What is the appetite for additional housegroups or weekly Bible studies in the church? It is good and healthy to ponder over passages/messages that are brought to the church each Sunday.

Please read and consider this report prayerfully. There is a good "spirit" in the church family as we meet for worship and teaching, and yet wouldn't it be great to share that love and fellowship with an even wider group of folks in the community? After all, that is our mission: "... go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you..."

Report compiled by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink on a light purple background. The signature is cursive and appears to read "Paul D Mort".

Paul D Mort

Pastor

May 2022

SKETTY COMMUNITY CHURCH

Summary of Accounts for year ended March 31st 2022

	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>Totals</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
RECEIPTS			
Brought Forward		<u>£119,010.12</u>	
<u>Offerings/Tax Recoveries</u>			
Standing orders & B.A.C.S	27,748.00		25,321.00
Tax Recoveries	2,594.50		4,606.50
Co-op Community Fund	nil		306.52
Coop/mothers & toddlers	nil		5,358.68
SWALEC refund	75.64		263.62
Special Christmas gifts	nil		90.00
G.P.Janes Fund	5,000.00		nil
Bequests	100.00		nil
Donations	40.00		nil
		<u>£35,558.14</u>	
<u>Hire of Hall</u>			
Hall Activities	1,550.00		75.00
Swansea Constiencies	nil		
Brownies	nil		
		<u>£1,550.00</u>	
<u>Special Activities</u>			
Mother & toddler	nil		nil
Forget-me-not club	nil		nil
Thursday club	nil		nil
Friendship club	nil		nil
<u>Special Contributions</u>			
Sundries	nil		nil
Rent from Manse	7,560.00		7,560.00
Housing Justice	nil		nil
Sx. Night Shelter	nil		nil
		<u>£7,560.00</u>	
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>£163,678.26</u>		

SKETTY COMMUNITY CHURCH

<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>Totals</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
<u>Church Overheads</u>			
Caretaking/Cleaning	2,486.63		1,005.01
Heating/Lighting	1,207.88		1,187.91
Renovations & Repairs	5,971.41		3,419.00
Water Rates/church insurance	1,221.77		1,046.94
Advertising & web site	95.00		122.40
Postage & Stationery	81.02		258.51
Piano & Music Licence	374.17		359.58
Special Gifts/ Subscriptions	2,074.96		3,231.49
Sundries	1,463.70		nil
Memory garden/play area	27,201.18		nil
Covid protection supplies	71.98		154.76
Chairs & shifter	nil		375.12
<u>Ministerial Expenditure</u>		<u>£42,249.70</u>	
Net Salary	14,379.96		14,379.96
Expenses	1,663.78		1,969.41
Ministers mileage allowance	nil		nil
B.U.Pension Fund	3,708.99		2,739.57
Manse Expenses	2,684.46		2,703.95
Song Purchases	64.43	<u>£22,501.62</u>	
<u>Special Contributions</u>			
B.M.S. World Mission	1,200.00		852.00
Home Mission	1,000.00		750.00
World Vision	720.00		720.00
SAT 7	600.00		600.00
Christians Against Poverty	300.00		300.00
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Sketty Community Church

England & Wales - Charity number 234876

Accounts

14. For a few weeks in November/December, the church was open for Sunday services. Risk Assessments were in place, numbers were limited to a maximum of 20 attenders, social distancing and hand hygiene measures in place. This activity was stopped due to the pre-Christmas lockdown regulations.
15. All church members received a paper copy of issues that would have been raised at an Annual General Meeting.
16. Numerous requests received throughout the year regarding the availability of the Community Hall. None were actioned.
17. No Safeguarding issues were identified or raised.
18. All financial commitments and demands were met. Annual accounts were signed off by Mr. S. Gorman (see separate accounts).
19. Administrative Information

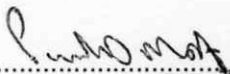
Sketty Community Church remains located at Carnglas Road, Sketty, Swansea SA2 9BP

The trustees are:

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|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| Pastor | Mr. Paul Mort |
| Elected Deacons | Mrs. Gwynneth Exall – treasurer |
| | Mrs. Pam Dacey – secretary |
| | Mrs. Jean Hunt |
| | Mrs. Marilyn O'Connell |
| Elder | Mr John Manley |

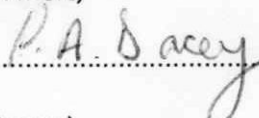
The Church remains a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and the South Wales Baptist Association.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:


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(Paul. D. Mort)

Date: 25.01.22


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(Pam Dacey)

Date: 25th January 2022.

SKETTY COMMUNITY CHURCH

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<u>Church Overheads</u>			
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Heating/Lighting	1,187.91		1,918.05
Renovations & Repairs	3,419.00		276.08
Water Rates/church insurance	1,046.94		1,118.68
Advertising & web site	122.40		400.31
Postage & Stationery	258.51		1,308.79
Piano & Music Licence	359.58		227.46
Special Gifts/ Subscriptions	604.50		951.70
Sundries	3,231.49		2,504.49
Petty Cash	nil		450.00
Memory garden/play area	nil		328.54
Refurbishments of hall & church	nil		
Covid protection supplies	154.76		
Chairs & shifter	375.12		
		<u>£11,765.22</u>	
<u>Ministerial Expenditure</u>			
Net Salary	14,379.96		15,443.56
Expenses	1,969.41		165.25
Ministers mileage allowance	nil		310.95
B.U.Pension Fund	2,739.57		3,552.58
Manse Expenses	2,703.95		2,548.36
H.M.R.C.& Audit	nil		1,420.00
		<u>£21,792.89</u>	
<u>Special Contributions</u>			
B.M.S. World Mission	852.00		518.00
B.M.S Relief Fund from Church			NIL
Home Mission	750.00		742.60
World Vision	720.00		720.00
SAT 7	600.00		600.00
Christians Against Poverty	300.00		300.00
		<u>£3,222.00</u>	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>£36,780.11</u>		
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>£155,790.23</u>		
<u>BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD</u>		<u>£119,010.12</u>	

2021
FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 31ST 2021

EXPENDITURE

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Heating / Lighting	1,187	91
Renovations + Repairs	3,419	00
Water Rates / Church Insurance	1,046	94
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Piano + Music Licence	359	58
Special Gifts / Subscriptions	604	50
Sundries	3,231	49
Covid protection Supplies	154	76
Chairs + shifters	375	12
<u>Sub-Total</u>	<u>£11,765</u>	<u>22</u>

Ministerial Expenditure

Net Salary	14,379	96
Expenses	1,969	41
B.U. Pension Fund	2,739	57
Manse Expenses	2,703	95
<u>Sub-Total</u>	<u>£21,792</u>	<u>89</u>

Special Contributions

B.M.S World Mission	852	00
Home Mission	750	00
World Vision	720	00
SAT 7	600	00
Christians Against Poverty	300	00
<u>Sub-Total</u>	<u>£3,222</u>	<u>00</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURE £36,780.11

This is an accurate reflection of incoming + outgoings of SKETHY COMMUNITY CHURCH including reconciliation of all bank accounts
 NAME: STEPHEN GORMAN
 SIGNATURE: Stephen R Gorman