

BINGLEY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
ELDERS REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER, 2022

BINGLEY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH (PROPERTY TRUST)
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 243345

Address of the charity:

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REPORT OF THE ELDERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022
FOR PRESENTATION TO THE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY 20th April 2023

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity is a trust governed by the terms of the Charity Commission SCHEME dated 20th December 2002, number 243345. There are two linked trusts under this number.

The Elders of the church administer the trust, the property of which is held by the sole trustee, The Yorkshire Congregational Union (Incorporated), in accordance with Model Trusts set forth in Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the United Reformed Church Act 1972 (as amended).

Day to day maintenance of the buildings and letting of the shop properties is delegated to the Church Property Committee. The members of the committee and the Elders are elected by the church meeting.

There have been 12 meetings of the Elders through the year.

Church meetings took place in March, June, September and December, with the AGM taking place in April.

The Property Committee had two formal meetings during the year. Committee members also met on an ad-hoc basis, or by telephone, to ensure any required actions were completed.

AIMS AND PURPOSES

The purpose of Bingley United Reformed Church is to advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the statements of belief appearing in the Basis of Union of The United Reformed Church Manual.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE CHURCH

The Elders of the church are committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and become part of our community. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning activities the Elders take note of the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our community through:

Worship, learning about the gospel and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.

Pastoral care.

Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this the church:

supports the mission objectives of The United Reformed Church, of which it is a member church, with particular reference to their application in Bingley and:

it is a condition of the Trust that the Trustee and the church Elders must apply the clear income of the charity in the repair, maintenance and improvement of the church premises and the associated properties, and in otherwise furthering the religious and other charitable work of Bingley United Reformed Church.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Church Activities:

We provide and maintain a church building, which was 200 years old in 2018, for Christian worship and associated meetings and ceremonies for all who wish to attend. It was built on land gifted to the church in 1773 because the original chapel in Chapel Lane was too small to accommodate a growing congregation.

The Covid epidemic having reduced in its severity, vaccination being widespread and restrictions having been eased almost completely, church activities were able to be fully resumed.

Worship took place through the year, being prepared by our minister, accredited lay preachers, and church members.

Koinonia/Bible Fellowship for spiritual refreshment and growth met 7 times during the year. This can include Fellowship, prayer, music, stillness, Bible reading and reflection.

Church Fellowship social meetings took place on 3 occasions although now suspended as there were few attendees during the winter, and there were 10 meetings of the Singing for Fun group.

There was a special service for the bereaved in December.

The Church Safeguarding Group continues to care for the welfare of children and adults in the church. The Safeguarding Policy was restructured to fit more closely with the URC Model Policy and agreed by the church at the 2022 AGM. The policy is reviewed annually to take account of changes in legislation and guidance.

Other policy documents reviewed annually and put for approval at the AGM were the Church Constitution, the Health and Safety Policy, The Data Privacy Statement, the Finance Policy and the Asbestos Management Policy and Register. All the documents were approved at the AGM. At a subsequent Church Meeting it was decided to amend the Constitution by reducing the number of members required for a normal church meeting quorum to 25% of the membership, rounded down.

External groups who would normally use the church met through the year. These included the Girl Guide Leaders group (Trefoil Guild) and sewing classes. Facilities were also made available for a bereavement counselling group to meet when required.

The defibrillator, which was installed on an external wall in 2018, was accessed twice during the year by members of the public but fortunately did not have to be put into use of the patients, The date-expired consumable pads were replaced.

Open Church Saturdays: the church has been opened once a month on a Saturday on 5 occasions during the summer months providing an opportunity for anyone to come in for rest, relaxation, prayer or just a look round. We have had a seminar with Sarah Crossland, the Engagement Officer of the National Churches Trust, who has given us many ideas on ways to improve what we do and we look forward to repeating the exercise next year.

Warm Welcome Mondays: the church was open as a 'Warm Space' on 5 occasions in 2022, offering warmth, hot drinks and activities for those struggling to heat their own homes. This will continue in 2023 although the take-up has been small. This seems general through all locations in Bingley offering Warm Spaces. It is not clear whether this is because of the difficulty in publicising what is on offer, or lack of any real demand. The situation will be monitored.

Friendship, Fellowship and Faith Leaflet: Church members designed a leaflet with the intention of publicising Bingley URC to the general public and telling them something about its activities and where it is, as it is regarded by many as the "hidden church". Approximately 12,000 leaflets were distributed by Royal Mail in Bingley.

Keighley Trinity Church Closure: In 2020 Bingley URC formed a joint pastorate with Idle URC and Trinity Church in Keighley. Sadly, Trinity Church had to close during the year. It has been decided that Synod will take up and finance the one third of our minister's time that Keighley had been allocated. The church building is to be sold and in the foreseeable future the manse will also be sold. In 2023 discussions will take place regarding the location of a new manse and a suitable building purchased as soon as possible. The purchase cost will be shared by Synod and the Bingley and Idle churches although the churches contribution will be met from the sale of the Keighley manse. A new fund, the Manse Maintenance fund, provides for future maintenance.

Our church membership at the end of 2022 was 28, an increase from 27 in 2021.

Charitable Work:

The church has continued to provide financial assistance to the Immanuel Project in Bradford in 2022, a donation of £1000 meeting the cost of their subscription to 'Fair Share', an organisation which provides food to them sourced from supermarkets' excess stock etc. The Project provides meals (which were take-away during the pandemic but now back to normal) and a range of support to the most disadvantaged in central Bradford. The grant is likely to be continued in future years.

Food and dried goods were also donated throughout the year by church members to the Centrepont (Owlet Grange) Project (formerly known as The Bradford City Centre Project). They also received all our Harvest gifts.

The church was able to hold the normal six charity fundraising coffee mornings during 2022, in aid of the Parkinson's UK (£400), the Mobile Cancer Care Unit (£1000), the Woodland Trust (£310), Christian Aid (£470) Tools with a Mission (£273) and the Church Christmas Charities (£200 each for Shelter and the Bradford Soup Run). Gift Aid is claimable on some of these funds and will be forwarded to the charities when received in 2023. The event for the Mobile Cancer Care Unit raised our highest ever amount and the TWAM coffee morning was also unusual as two van loads of old and surplus tools were also collected for refurbishment and shipment to Africa.

We have been holding these (normally) bi-monthly coffee mornings since 2001 and have raised a total of £34,600 for a variety of charities at 100 mornings. This averages £346 for each one.

Church members continued to donate to the Leprosy Mission and a total of £58 was collected this year.

The church family again came together to make-up or donate items to fill shoeboxes, this year for Teams4U (Charity No. 1114131). A total of 64 boxes were packed and dispatched to Eastern Europe. Again, it was a joint effort across the congregation who helped in a multitude of different ways to ensure the end products contained a comprehensive range of items, stationery, toiletries, hats, gloves, socks and underwear, toys, games and novelties. Extra hand knits and box fillers were gratefully received by Teams4U. The balance of the costs including carriage (£606) was made up from church funds.

Property Administration:

We maintain the church building, a leased residential property (the cottage) that forms part of the church building and a separate building which houses four leased commercial shop/office properties, the rental income from which is used to further the church's work in Bingley.

All the shop/office properties were leased to tenants during 2022. Two leases will be up for renewal in November 2023.

The only maintenance required on the shops was for small roofing repairs and the routine fire alarm checks.

The cottage tenancy has been renewed to 2025. The bathroom was upgraded to a modern shower installation and, in the course of that, rotten flooring was discovered and replaced. The only maintenance required was the routine gas heater service.

The routine checks on all the church gas equipment, the fire alarms and emergency lighting systems, the loop systems and PAT inspections of electrical equipment were completed.

External security lights on the church were replaced by modern LED units and repairs made to the fan heater in the sanctuary. The entrance hall was decorated following water damage from an upstairs radiator leak. Some problems with the sound system were identified and overcome by moving the location of the receivers, new cabling was required for this to be done. The dehumidifier was replaced by a smaller unit better suited to the location and the old unit sold. A new name board was placed outside at the front of the church and banners to advertise the Open Church and Coffee Mornings purchased.

The church has minimised its carbon emissions as much as possible, by insulation and changing to LED lights etc. and this year offset its carbon emissions from gas and electricity by purchasing carbon credits equivalent to 4.3 tonnes of carbon dioxide.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Leased Properties:

Rental income was £34k, up from the £33k last year.

Expenditure on maintenance was £0.7k, down from £2.9k last year. Most of the expenditure was on roofing work.

Insurance was £1,443, up from £1,253 in 2021.

Expenditure on the residential property was £4,370 up from £60 in 2021. This covered refurbishment of the bathroom and gas appliance servicing.

There was a surplus of income over expenditure of £28k, improved from the surplus of £24k in 2021.

The Yorkshire Congregational Union, as landlord, hold £5,250 as tenants rent deposits. Interest for the year of £63.06 was paid directly to the tenants as required by the leases.

Church Building:

Maintenance costs were £2.3k (down from £3.5k in 2021), the major items of expenditure being the upgrading of the external security lights to LEDS, decorating and heater repairs.

Church Operating Expenses:

Expenditure was £29.9k, an increase on the £25.5k figure in 2021, due mainly to increased energy costs and the leaflet printing and distribution costs.

The URC payment for 2022 was £16,844, a slight increase on the £16,305 paid in 2021.

Income slightly decreased (from £27.2k in 2021) to £25.8k, although this includes a transfer of £8k from the property funds (was £13k in 2021).

Income from collections and Gift Aid increased to £15.9k (was £13.8k in 2021).

Income from lettings increased to £1,160 (£118 in 2021) as outside organisations resumed meetings after the Covid 19 closures.

The Church Operating Expense **Balance** was a deficit of £4,184, compared to a surplus of £987 in 2021.

Combined Accounts:

The surplus of Income over Expenditure for the year was £8.9k, (£12.1k deficit from church, £21.1k from property) compared to a surplus of £4.8k in 2021.

Funds:

The total unrestricted funds at the year end were £127.1k, an increase from £113k in 2021.

The **Church Maintenance Fund** is reduced by £5k to £35.5k to provide for a Manse fund.

The **Manse Maintenance Fund** (new) is set a £5k, to provide a realistic reserve for repairs.

The **Shop Maintenance Fund** is increased by £20k to £39k to provide a realistic reserve for repairs.

The **Church Support Fund** is unchanged at £30k. This provides a cushion of 1 year to cover the eventuality of loss of rental income etc. if shops cannot be let.

The **Church Special Projects/Mission Fund** is unchanged at £5k. This includes £600 for Shoe box expenses and allows for any one-off expenses recommended by the Mission Group.

Declarations:

The Elders can confirm that there are no serious incidents or other matters which need to be reported to the Charity Commission.

The Elders can confirm that they have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

The Elders can confirm that they approve the Report and Accounts for 2022.

Report approved by the Elders at the meeting on 8th March 2023:

Signed.....*Alison Kuhne*.....Date.....*27th April 2023*.....
Alison Kuhne, Church Secretary

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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BINGLEY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

We report to the trustees on our examination of the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 1 to 9.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).


We report in respect of our examination of the Trustee's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out our examination we have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiners' Statement

We have completed our examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to our attention in connection with the examination giving us 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 these 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.

We have no concerns 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.



Stephen McGevor, BA (Hons) FCCA
Stirk Lambert & Co
Chartered Accountants
Russell Chambers
61A North Street
Keighley
BD21 3DS

Dated: 23 May 2023

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COMBINED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2022

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		
Church General Fund	17856	14212
Property Trust Fund	<u>36086</u>	<u>33326</u>
Gross Income	53942	47538
 <u>LESS: EXPENDITURE</u>		
Church General Fund	30040	26225
Property Trust Fund	<u>14948</u>	<u>16470</u>
	44988	42695
 Surplus/(Deficit) of Income over Expenditure for the year	<u>8954</u>	<u>4843</u>

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CHURCH GENERAL FUND - INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2022

INCOME

	<u>2022</u> £	<u>2021</u> £
Collections & Gift Aid	15920	13845
 <u>Donations Received</u>		
Sunday Morning Tea & Coffee Donations	265	69
Funeral Donations	-	160
General Donations	326	20
	<u>591</u>	<u>249</u>
 <u>Other Income</u>		
Room Lettings	1160	118
Warm Space Grant	185	-
	<u>1345</u>	<u>118</u>
	<u>17856</u>	<u>14212</u>
 Transfer from Property Trustees	<u>8000</u>	<u>13000</u>
	25856	27212
 Excess of Expenditure over Income for Year	4184	-
	<u>30040</u>	<u>27212</u>

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CHURCH GENERAL FUND - INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2022

EXPENDITURE

	<u>2022</u> £	<u>2021</u> £
URC - Annual Levy	16844	16305
Ministers and Organist	640	620
Minster Expenses (see page 9)	2258	2715
Cleaning Costs	1715	1002
Gas	599	524
Electricity	1602	621
Water and Sewerage	44	152
Stationery, Printing, Advertising and Postage	69	173
Tidings	-	12
Sundry Expenses	429	243
Church Maintenance	237	-
Donations given (balance from church funds, see page 7)	1164	1163
Accountants Fees (2022 Accounts)	913	930
Music and Video Licenses	210	202
Books	-	21
Telephone and IT	212	201
Shoebox Expenses & Carriage	606	414
Transport	423	287
Leaflets	1770	-
Warm Space	185	-
Depreciation for the year	<u>120</u>	<u>640</u>
	30040	26225
Surplus of Income over Expenditure for the year	-	987
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	30040	27212
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PROPERTY TRUST FUND - INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2022

INCOME

	<u>2022</u> £	<u>2021</u> £
Gross Rental Income	34611	33061
Interest on C.O.I.F. and Skipton Deposits	1125	265
Donations	350	-
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	36086	33326
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EXPENDITURE

Shop Properties

Fire Insurance	1443	1253
Repairs and Maintenance	735	2906
Professional Agents Fees	-	6292
Rates (reimbursement in 2021)	-	(1408)
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	2178	9043

Church Buildings

Fire Insurance	4029	3648
Maintenance	2341	3499
Equipment	311	220
Professional Fees	1719	-
Expenditure on Cottage:		
Heating Maintenance Contract, Repairs & Professional Fees	4370	60
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	12770	7427
	14948	16470

Transfer to Church General Fund	8000	13000
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	22948	29470
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Excess of Income Over Expenditure for Year	13138	3856
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 2022

ASSETS

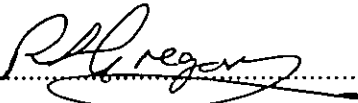
	<u>2022</u> £	<u>2021</u> £
Church and Commercial Properties (see Note 1) (original cost unknown)	-	-
<u>CHURCH GENERAL FUND ASSETS (Note 2)</u>		
Cash with Barclays Bank, Bingley:-		
Current Account	1583	5079
Petty Cash	221	80
Debtor – Idle URC & Yorkshire Province	1000	1000
Ison Harrison (Tenants deposits)	5250	5250
	<hr/> 8054	<hr/> 11409
Church Organ at Cost (Bought December 2011)	5200	5200
Digital Piano at Cost (Bought October 2016)	1200	1200
Less: Annual Depreciation	(120)	(640)
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(5825)	(5185)
	<hr/> 455	<hr/> 575
<u>PROPERTY TRUST FUND ASSETS (Note 3)</u>		
Cash in Barclays Bank Bingley:-		
Current	9745	4608
Base Rate Tracker	1620	1619
	<hr/> 11365	<hr/> 6227
C.O.I.F. Charities Fund Deposit	10000	10000
Skipton Building Society	96851	85760
Debtors and Prepayments	5696	4258
	<hr/> 129162	<hr/> 111495
	<hr/> 132421	<hr/> 118229

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 2022

LIABILITIES

	<u>2022</u> £	<u>2021</u> £
<u>CHURCH GENERAL FUND LIABILITIES (Note 2)</u>		
Balance Brought Forward	6734	6142
Add: Surplus (Deficit) for the Year	(4184)	987
Add: Creditors this year	2128	1419
Add: Ison Harrison (Tenants deposits)	5250	5250
Less: Creditors last year	(1419)	(1814)
	<u>8509</u>	<u>11984</u>
<u>PROPERTY TRUST FUND LIABILITIES (Note 3)</u>		
<u>Shop Property Maintenance Fund</u>		
Balance Brought Forward	19000	19000
Add: Transfer from Income & Expenditure A/c	<u>20000</u>	<u>-</u>
	39000	19000
<u>Income and Expenditure Account</u>		
Balance Brought Forward	11745	7667
Add: Surplus for the Year	13138	3856
Add: Creditors this year	5989	1460
Less: Creditors last year	(1460)	(1238)
Less: Transfers to maintenance funds	<u>(20000)</u>	<u>-</u>
	9412	11745
<u>Church Maintenance Fund</u>		
Balance Brought Forward	40500	40500
Less: Transfer to Manse Fund	<u>(5000)</u>	<u>-</u>
	35500	40500
<u>Church Support Fund</u>		
Balance Brought Forward & Carried Forward	30000	30000
<u>Manse Maintenance Fund</u>		
Add: Transfer from Church Maintenance Fund	5000	-
<u>Church Special Projects/Mission Fund</u>		
Balance Brought Forward & Carried Forward	<u>5000</u>	<u>5000</u>
	123912	106245
	<u>132421</u>	<u>118229</u>

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R. S. GREGORY
Property Committee Treasurer

..... 27th April 2023

Date

BINGLEY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

SCHEDULE OF DONATIONS (see Note 4)

	£ Donations given to Charities	£ Money received toward Donations	£ Balance from Church Funds
Bradford Soup Run	200.00	(200.00)	-
Christian Aid	470.00	(470.00)	-
Hope For Tomorrow	1000.00	(1000.00)	-
Immanuel Project	1000.00	-	1000.00
Leprosy Mission	57.67	(57.67)	-
Parkinsons UK	400.00	(400.00)	-
Shelter	200.00	(35.40)	164.60
Tools With A Mission	273.50	(274.00)	(0.50)
Woodland Trust	310.00	(310.05)	(0.05)
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	3911.17	(2747.12)	1164.05
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2022

1. OTHER ASSETS

Land and Buildings:

Church - Dryden Street, Bingley.

Commercial Properties, 122 - 130 Main Street, Bingley.

Original cost unknown.

2. CHURCH GENERAL FUND

Income can be found on page 2. Expenditure can be found on page 3.

3. PROPERTY TRUST FUND

Income and expenditure can be found on page 4.

4. SCHEDULE OF DONATIONS

This schedule can be found on page 7 and shows the total donations made to charities on behalf of the church, the amounts originally given/raised by the parishioners/community and the balance donated from church funds.

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PASTORATE ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2022

EXPENSES

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	£	£
Council Tax	387	843
Telephone & Broadband	160	160
Fixed Car costs	400	400
National Insurance (including P11D)	81	108
Mileage	430	188
Travel	4	4
Books	10	21
DBS Check	-	13
Service Sheets & Postage	522	978
Holy Habits	2	-
Minsters Gathering	100	-
Palm Crosses	3	-
Yorkshire Water	159	-
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	2258	2715
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ADDENDUM TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

RESERVES POLICY

The following are "Permanent Endowments" and do not qualify as reserves:

- a) Church, Dryden Street (no current valuation)
- b) Commercial Properties 122/130 Main Street (no current valuation)

The following "Unrestricted Funds" are considered as Reserves and are all in the form of deposits and investments:

	2022	2021
c) General Fund	£ 3259	£ 6734
d) Shop Property Maintenance Fund	£ 39000	£ 19000
e) Income and Expenditure Fund	£ 9412	£ 11745
f) Church Maintenance Fund	£ 35500	£ 40500
g) Church Support Fund	£ 30000	£ 30000
h) Manse Maintenance Fund	£ 5000	£ 0
i) Church Special Projects/Mission Fund	<u>£ 5000</u>	<u>£ 5000</u>
Total Unrestricted Funds	<u>£127171</u>	<u>£112979</u>

One Fund, '**Shop Property Maintenance**' (£39000), is a Designated Fund, intended to provide a reserve for ongoing repairs and maintenance of the Commercial Properties.

The '**Church Maintenance Fund**' (£35500) is a Designated Fund to ensure that necessary repairs can be funded.

The '**Manse Maintenance Fund**' (£5,000) is a Designated Fund to ensure that necessary repairs can be funded.

The remaining Unrestricted Funds are not Designated Funds, but in total are intended to provide for the following:

1. **Church Support** – Nominal £30000 to ensure at least 12 months of the funding required when a minister is in place.
2. **Special Projects** – Nominal £5000 to ensure funding for Shoe boxes and any one-off expenses proposed by the Mission Group.

The requirement for any and all of the above is determined by the Church Meeting and reviewed on at least an annual basis. The Income and Expenditure Fund may be re-allocated to other funds as required by the ministerial situation and the recommendations of the Elders and the Property Committee.

Policy to be put for approval with the 2022 Annual Accounts at the Elders Meeting to be held on the 8th March 2023.