

VICTORIA ROAD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 254629

Details

Other names	VICTORIA ROAD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH AND TRUST PROPERTY ADMINISTERED IN CONNEXION THEREWITH
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1968-02-28
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: 1. FOR THE USE OF A CONGREGATION CHURCH. 2. FOR A RESIDENCE FOR THE MINISTER OR FOR A SUNDAY SCHOOL OR FOR SUCH OTHER PURPOSES AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL THINK FIT.

Activities: A small congregational church serving the local community in Northampton.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NORTHAMPTON
- Northamptonshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£25,413	£30,679	-	-
2023-12-31	£26,949	£23,474	-	-
2022-12-31	£26,876	£20,010	-	-
2021-12-31	£4,774	£7,089	-	-
2020-12-31	£14,806	£11,345	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
FREDERICK AGER		
JENNIFER DORIS ILETT		2018-02-01
Nigel Peter Hanna		2017-06-01

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Account Summary for the Year January to December 2024

Main Accounts	As at Dec 2024	As at Dec 2023	Difference
Lloyds	£ 9,214.27	£ 14,480.68	-£ 5,266.41
Nationwide - Deposit	£ 28,689.57	£ 28,056.57	£ 633.00
Nationwide - (Social)	£ 0.10	£ 0.10	£ -
Nationwide - Building Fund	£ 11,482.10	£ 11,177.15	£ 304.95
TOTAL	£ 49,386.04	£ 53,714.50	-£ 4,328.46

Charity Account	As at Dec 2024	As at Dec 2023	Difference
Receipts (Inc opening balance)	£ 2,072.87	£ 1,808.91	£ 263.96
Charitable Donations made	£ 1,631.42	£ 1,702.30	-£ 70.88
Balance	£ 441.45	£ 106.61	£ 334.84

Trustees Account	As at Dec 2024	As at Dec 2023	Difference
	£ 33,666.68	£ 32,604.14	£ 1,062.54

We have examined the above accounts and have compared them with the books and records and certify them to be in accordance herewith

 J.H. MATTHEWS	13/8/25 Date
 JENNIFER LETT	Date 17.08.2025
 NIGEL HANNA	Date 17.08.25

N. Hanna, Church Treasurer, 2025

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Minutes of a Church Meeting held on Thursday 09 May 2024

Devotions – were led by Nigel

Apologies – Jenny Ilett, Bernadette King, Margaret Mitchell and Val Dumbleton

Family News – Mike Hasdell is a lot better and attended the Meeting today. Pat Edwards is being advised about possible cancer treatment. Jackie has been given antibiotics for a chest infection. Dave has finished his radiotherapy. Daphne's face is much improved.

Finance Report – Nigel explained that the working account has £9,800. Building Fund has £11,480. Trustee account £28,000 and interest is £4,600 to May. Charity Account £432.99. Room hire is up to £4,000 to May after increase to room users. Nigel feels that the offertory could reduce after the loss of some members. Outgoings so far this year total £13,400. Nigel is now looking at claiming for 2 years Gift Aid. Nigel was thanked.

Minutes of the last Meeting – were signed as a true record.

Preachers – Jackie reported that most Sundays have been filled between May and December.

Sponsored Child Update – Jackie had nothing to report at present.

Loss of John Evans – John passed away on the 13 March after a short illness. His loss has been felt deeply by all the congregation. His funeral was on the 08 April. At the Deacons Meeting the vacancy of a Church Secretary was discussed and all felt only Jenny was able to be considered for this post, which she has now taken on.

Upcoming Events – It was decided to have a Garden Party on the 06 July 11an – 3pm. And to have an Afternoon Tea on the 31 August 2pm – 4pm.

Church Roof – After heavy rain recently Gez called in Howard Cusden from Roofcare. Howard will need to erect scaffolding to deal with the water ingress.

Disabled Ramp – After heavy rain got in under the ramp in the Hall, Gez contacted Jim Goodridge who will repair the ramp, paint it and replace the lamps in the Sanctuary whilst the rain is drying.

Trusteeship of the Church – The Deacons and the Trustees felt that, with the loss of John's expertise in managing this, we should ask the Federation to take over as Trustees. This will not in any way affect the autonomy of Church Meeting to run the Church. Gez explained that the Federation would need a copy of the Minutes of this Meeting, a copy of the Church's insurance, the Deeds and 3 years accounts. Gez proposed, seconded by Dave King and passed.

Church Membership – Jackie said Martin Garrett had asked for Church membership. Martin has been attending services for over 2 years. The Deacons had discussed the proposal. Proposed by Gez Matthews, seconded by John Love and passed.

Proposal for a Deacon – After discussion with the Deacons, the membership was asked to consider Val Dumbleton to join the Diaconate. Val has been a member for over 9 years. Proposed by Jackie Matthews, seconded by Daphne Denton and passed.

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Working Account Summary 2023

As at 31/Dec/2023

	2023 (End of Year)	2022 (Full Year)	Difference
B/F From Dec 2022	£ 21,005.75	£ 14,140.31	£6,865.44

Income

Offertory	£ 7,839.96	£ 8,126.77	-£286.81
Funeral / Wedding	£ -	£ 95.00	-£95.00
Tax Refund	£ -	£ 4,573.98	-£4,573.98
Sp's	£ 34.37	£ 48.65	-£14.28
Concert	£ -	£ -	£0.00
Gift Day	£ 660.00	£ 350.00	£310.00
Donations	£ 3,705.29	£ 969.00	£2,736.29
Rooms	£ 11,141.00	£ 9,835.00	£1,306.00
Social	£ 951.15	£ 808.85	£142.30
Charity	£ 1,772.83	£ 1,717.70	£55.13
Misc	£ 844.56	£ 332.76	£511.80
Total inc	£ 26,949.16	£ 26,857.71	£91.45

Expenditure

Organist	£ 725.00	£ 1,205.00	£480.00
EM Cong	£ -	£ 449.00	£449.00
Congregational Federation	£ 440.00	£ -	-£440.00
Cleaning	£ 3,793.91	£ 3,068.68	-£725.23
Gardener	£ 1,737.37	£ 1,451.32	-£286.05
Insurance	£ 4,896.76	£ 4,468.98	-£427.78
Services	£ 4,894.10	£ 3,553.08	-£1,341.02
Visiting Preachers	£ 1,455.00	£ 1,460.00	£5.00
Maintenance	£ 1,087.18	£ 2,459.89	£1,372.71
CCLI	£ 87.00	£ -	-£87.00
Social	£ 850.00	£ 785.00	-£65.00
Charity	£ 2,358.55	£ 650.00	-£1,708.55
Misc	£ 11,149.36	£ 1,849.63	-£9,299.73
Total Exp	£ 33,474.23	£ 21,400.58	-£12,073.65

Income	£ 26,949.16
Outgoings	£ 33,474.23
Total in Bank C/F 31/12/22	£ 21,005.75
Total in Bank (Current Cleared Amount)	£ 14,480.68

Social Account Standing		Charity Account Standing	
Carried Forward from 31/12/2022	£ 238.88	Bal fwd	£ 1,685.87
Income	£ 951.15	Income	£ 1,772.83
Expenditure	£ 850.00	Expenditure	£ 2,358.55
Balance to Carry Forward	£ 340.03	Bal fwd	£ 1,100.15

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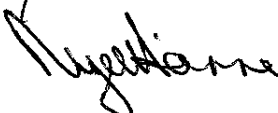
Account Summary for the Year January to December 2023

Main Accounts	As at Dec 2023	As at Dec 2022	Difference
Lloyds	£ 14,480.68	£ 21,005.75	£ 6,525.07
Nationwide - Deposit	£ 28,056.57	£ 18,056.57	£ 10,000.00
Nationwide - (Social)	£ -	£ 0.10	£ 0.10
Nationwide - Building Fund	£ 11,177.15	£ 11,202.15	£ 25.00
TOTAL	£ 53,714.40	£ 50,264.57	£ 3,449.83

Charity Account	As at Dec 2023	As at Dec 2022	Difference
Receipts (Inc opening balance)	£ 1,808.91	£ 1,936.11	-£ 127.20
Charitable Donations made	£ 1,702.30	£ 1,923.55	-£ 221.25
Balance	£ 106.61	£ 12.56	£ 94.05

Trustees Account	As at Dec 2023	As at Dec 2022	Difference
	£ 32,604.14	£ 32,604.14	£ -

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J. Matthews		25/2/2024 Date
G Matthews		25/2/24. Date
N. Hanna		25/2/24 Date

N. Hanna, Church Treasurer, February ~~2019~~
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Victoria Road Congregational Church



From the Church Secretary

I HAVE NOW COMPLETED my fifth year as your Church Secretary. With Covid not being such a problem now 2022 was almost back to normal. Our services are as they were pre-covid, served by our many and varied preachers. We have also been able to hold most of our usual special events.

Sadly, we have lost two dear and loyal members over 2022. Mrs Raffaelina Hill passed away on 8th May. Her funeral service was held at Towcester Road Cemetery, followed by a memorial service at Bethany Homestead. Mrs Joy Heeley passed away on 16th June. Her funeral service was held at Victoria Road on July 5th.

Some of our 'Special' events over the year have included: Mothering Sunday Service on 27th March. Family Quiz on Tuesday April 5th. Good Friday Service at Bethany Homestead on 15th April and Easter Day Service on 17th April.

Our Garden Party was a great success held in our Church Garden on June 25th including our Victoria Road Bugle Band. Thanks Mike and all the band. A great day out to Southend-on-Sea was enjoyed by all of our friends and members on Saturday July 16th.

A Barbecue cooked by John's son Mark was enjoyed by many. Again in the Church Garden on August 13th.

The annual Ride and Stride took place on Saturday 10th September, with our church being open to visitors once again. Thanks especially to Daphne and Ruth for their time as our hosts for the day.

Unfortunately we had another Quiz planned for October 4th but this was cancelled due to lack of support.

A visit from our National Secretary Yvonne Campbell on October 13th was most useful and gave us suggestions of some new ideas to our church.

Our November 13th Remembrance Service was the usual great success and we thank Mike and John for the superb bugle playing.

Our Christmas Tree Coffee Morning was a success and gave a fitting opener to the Christmas period. The three Christmas Services were well attended (including the new venture of a Christingle Service instead of Midnight Communion on Christmas Eve).

Over the year I have depended very much on the support of my fellow deacons.

Nigel for looking after the finances in such trying times and also dealing with all our room hirers. It needs mentioning here my thanks to all these hirers, without their financial support Victoria Road would not be able to keep our wonderful old building running for us to worship in.

The arranging of our weekly services by Jackie and Gez has been completed brilliantly once again. We will however need a new person to take on this demanding job, as Jackie and Gez will be standing down at this year's AGM. All deacons play a valued part in the running of Victoria Road on Sundays and during our Coffee Mornings.

Any member who would like to know more about the deacons' duties should talk to me prior to our AGM as there is always room for more deacons.

I give my thanks also to our three organists, Ian, Sheila and Rita that between them play to enhance our Sunday services.

Lastly, I give thanks to all members for helping to support Victoria Road over this past year.

John Evans, Church Secretary

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Lloyds Working Account Summary 2022

As at 31/Dec/2022

	2022 (Current)	2021 (Full Year)	Difference
B/F From Jan 2022	£ 14,140.31	£ 12,730.34	£1,409.97

Income

Offertory	£ 8,237.32	£ 8,439.67	-£202.35
Funeral / Wedding	£ 95.00	£ 75.00	£20.00
Tax Refund	£ 4,573.98	£ 3,015.53	£1,558.45
5p's	£ 39.65	£ 9.20	£30.45
Concert	£ -	£ -	£0.00
Gift Day	£ 300.00	£ 910.89	-£610.89
Donations	£ 1,124.00	£ 624.26	£499.74
Rooms	£ 9,835.00	£ 2,810.00	£7,025.00
Social	£ 808.85	£ -	£808.85
Charity	£ 1,522.61	£ -	£1,522.61
Misc	£ 339.71	£ 134.00	£205.71

Total inc	£ 26,876.12	£ 16,018.55	£10,857.57
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Expenditure

Organist	£ 1,205.00	£ 495.00	-£710.00
EM Cong	£ 449.00	£ -	-£449.00
Congregational Federation	£ -	£ 435.50	£435.50
Cleaning	£ 2,821.68	£ 1,922.97	-£898.71
Caretakers	£ -	£ -	£0.00
Gardener	£ 1,698.32	£ 1,442.22	-£256.10
Insurance	£ 4,468.98	£ 4,557.39	£88.41
Services	£ 3,552.88	£ 1,862.22	-£1,690.66
Visiting Preachers	£ 1,460.00	£ 1,200.00	-£260.00
Maintenance	£ 2,493.40	£ 1,650.97	-£842.43
CCLI	£ -	£ 68.00	£68.00
Social	£ 785.00	£ -	-£785.00
Charity	£ 50.00	£ -	-£50.00
Misc	£ 1,026.42	£ 974.31	-£52.11

Total Exp	£ 20,010.68	£ 14,608.58	-£5,402.10
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Income	£ 26,876.12
Outgoings	£ 20,010.68
Total in Bank C/F 31/12/21	£ 14,140.31
Total in Bank (Current Cleared Amount)	£ 21,005.75

Social Account Standing		Charity Account Standing	
Carried Forward from 31/12/2021	£ 215.03	Bal fwd	£ 168.41
Income	£ 808.85	Income	£ 1,522.61
Expenditure	£ 785.00	Expenditure	£ 50.00
Balance to Carry Forward	£238.88	Bal fwd	£ 1,641.02

Misc Amounts held pending opening new Savings Accounts	
Deposit Account	£ 18,056.57
Trustees Fund	£ 28,000.18
Trustees Fund - Interest	£ 4,603.96
Total in Lloyds Account	£ 71,666.46

Charity Account as at 31/12/2022

Receipts

Opening Balance	£ 168.41
5th Sundays	£ 32.10
Charity Garden Party	£ 310.00
Charity Christmas Fayre	£ 334.79
Christmas Offertory	£ 123.55
Sunday Coffee	£ 341.83
Thursday Coffee	£ 230.44
50% of Church Quiz	£ 44.85
50% of Gift Day	£ 350.00
Ride & Stride Sponsorship	£ -
Interest	£ 0.14
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£ 1,936.11

Charitable Donations Made

DEC - Ukraine	£ 150.00
Christian Aid	£ 550.00
Congregational Federation	£ 300.00
Bethany Church Donation	£ 300.00
Compassion	£ 450.00
Thomas's Fund	£ 50.00
Church Meeting Choice	£ 123.55
Ride & Stride	£ -
TOTAL DONATIONS	£ 1,923.55

Balance Carried Forward	£ 12.56
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I certify that I have audited this account to be a true record

Stephaine

NGC HARVEST 19/2/23