

## **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 pain 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.

# VICTORIA ROAD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

## 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
<b>Total inc</b>	<b>£ 26,949.16</b>	<b>£ 26,857.71</b>	<b>£91.45</b>

### *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
<b>Total Exp</b>	<b>£ 33,474.23</b>	<b>£ 21,400.58</b>	<b>-£12,073.65</b>

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
<b>Balance to Carry Forward</b>	<b>£ 340.03</b>	<b>Bal fwd</b>	<b>£ 1,100.15</b>

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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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 53,714.40</b>	<b>£ 50,264.57</b>	<b>£ 3,449.83</b>

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
<b>Balance</b>	<b>£ 106.61</b>	<b>£ 12.56</b>	<b>£ 94.05</b>

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

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

J. Matthews

*J.L. Matthews*

*25/2/2024*  
Date

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Date

N. Hanna, Church Treasurer, February ~~2019~~

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