



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01-01-2023 Period start date To 31-12-2023 Period end date

Charity name: Trust Property held in Connection with Tabernacle Welsh Congregational Chapel

Charity registration number: 256916

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	To permit whatever building we occupy, to be used respectively for the public worship of God and other religious and philanthropic purposes according to the principles and usages of Congregationalists, also called Independents, under the direction of the Church for the time being assembling for worship therein.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	We are committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church but we also work with the other Christian churches in the village so that between us we can involve as many people as possible in Christian worship. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	When planning our activities for the year we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit including the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular we try to enable members and visitors to live out their faith as part of our community through: Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel and developing knowledge and trust in Jesus. Provision of pastoral care for church members and regular worshipers. Outreach work in the community and collecting for and giving to agreed charitable causes.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policy on grant making	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	
Contribution made by volunteers	
Other	

Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	<p><i>Closure of Tabernacl Chapel building</i> Due to the closure, caused by dry rot that was too expensive to remedy, we have now settled in to using the vestry in Zion for our Sunday services where we meet at 2.30pm. We have been made very welcome by Zion and we have a good working relationship.</p> <p><i>Sale of Tabernacl chapel building</i> As reported in the Trustee's Annual Report 2021 we had agreed to sell the building for £50,000 but we were unable to find the deeds proving our ownership of the land and building and so the solicitor needed to prove to the Land Registry that we owned the building and freehold. We had the Deed of Covenant and an old Cash Book which gave details of the purchase of the freehold in 1959. These were submitted along with a number of Land Registry forms and our ownership was registered by the Land Registry on 4th November 2022. The sale finally took place on 24 April 2023. The sale price was £50,000 as previously agreed but once fees and incidental costs were allowed for the final figure we received was £47,219.00.</p> <p>The Charity Commission, utility suppliers and Rhondda Cynon Taff CBC have been informed of the change of ownership and a refund from the insurers of the building has been received.</p>

Pastoral Care

Our pastoral care activities have reduced since the closure and sale of the chapel building. The Toddler Group we ran for years has moved to Zion and Tabernacl is no longer involved and a number of other activities that used the Tabernacl building have necessarily moved on including the Foodbank. We still collect for the Pontypridd Foodbank and Eluned delivers the goods to their main distribution centre in Treforest.

The "Speaking Spiritually" WhatsApp, originally set up in 2020 by Eryl to compensate for the lack of live services, continues to flourish by popular demand. Although based on Tabernacl the Spiritual group includes membership from other local churches. During 2021, while we were still not meeting regularly, Eluned set up a group which included only Tabernacl members in order to be able to communicate easily and this continues to work well.

In late 2022 Eryl organised a weekly gathering for bereaved persons who felt the need to talk about their sorrow and loneliness. It is called Grief Shared and is open to all. The meetings were held in the YRP office and Eryl was supported by the ladies of Tabernacl. There is also an online version. The weekly meetings were discontinued due to lack of take up but the online site, which is backed by local councillors, Vision and Age Concern Cymru, is still active.

Linked to Grief Shared Eryl, with help from the members of Tabernacl, has also revived the inter-church Ynysybwyl Christmas Carol service. It was very well attended by all sections of the community and members of Tabernacl, Zion and Christ Church took part and also the two Primary Schools that cater for Ynysybwyl children; Ysgol Pontsionnorton choir sang and Christmas themed paintings from Trerobart Primary School were displayed on the screen. Zion were pleased to provide the venue.

Caryl is secretary of the Christian Aid committee in Ynysybwyl and members of Tabernacl, Zion and Christ Church are active in organising fund raising activities during the year and particularly during Christian Aid week. £921.40 was raised in 2023.

Menter Ysgolion Cymraeg is a charity dedicated to taking the Christian message to schools using the medium of Welsh. Caryl helps with this and also with a similar English version.

	<p><i>Comments on Financial report</i></p> <p>Excluding the sale of the chapel building our income in 2023 was £9,913.08, the majority of which, £6,637, was from the regular Sunday collection but £1,772.99 was Gift Aid which was reclaimed from HMRC and £1,383.09 was a refund from our insurers due to the sale of the chapel building. Our expenditure was £10,815.01 and the expenditure over our normal income was £901.93. This was not a problem since we carried over £21,877.85 from 2022. When the £47,219.00 for the sale of the chapel is included our total income for 2023 was £57,132.08 but the Union of Welsh Independents insists that we are not allowed to spend the money from the sale of the chapel on our normal expenditure. We must therefore restrict our spending so that we do not exceed our normal yearly income. Our greatest single expenditure in 2023 was the payment of ministers/lay preachers for our Sunday services which amounted to £2,880 and on 17th March this year we agreed to increase the fees by £5 so that a local preacher will be paid £70 and somebody travelling more than 10 miles will receive £75. This must be taken into account when we are considering other expenditure. Our second largest expenditure was £2,512 on gifts to charities. This was equivalent to 25% of our income and if we had limited it to 20%, which is what we aim to do, there would have been no overspend. It should be relatively easy to make this adjustment in the future.</p> <p>We have agreed that the £47,219 from the sale of the building will be put into a savings account.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	
Investment performance against objectives	

Other	
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Our balance at the end of 2023 was £68,194.92. If the sum of £47,219 from the sale of the building is removed, as we are currently not allowed to use it, then £20,975.92 is left which is a healthy balance for a chapel of 11 members with no building to maintain.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Before the sale of the chapel building, we aimed to keep a financial reserve of £20,000 to allow for unexpected expenses or reductions in our income. Now we no longer have the concern of maintaining a large building, we agreed at our 2024 AGM to reduce the reserve to £10,000.
Amount of reserves held	Our agreed reserve is £10,000 but our balance at the end of 2030 was £20,975.92
Reasons for holding zero reserves	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	

A description of the principal risks facing the charity	
Other	

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:	
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Trust deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	New Trustees are chosen by a one-half majority of church members present and voting at a special meeting convened for the purpose.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	
Relationship with any related parties	

Other	

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Trust Property held in Connection with Tabernacle Welsh Congregational Chapel
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	256916
Charity's principal address	20 Rock Terrace Ynysybwl Pontypridd CF37 3NT

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Gareth Irfon Jones	Treasurer		Church members
2	John Egryn Jones			II
3	Philip Graham Jones			II
4				

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

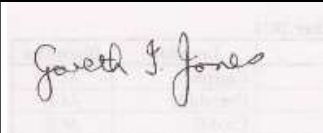
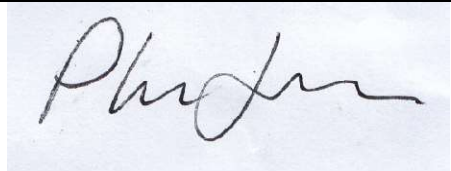
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Other optional information

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Gareth Irfon Jones	Philip Graham Jones
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	

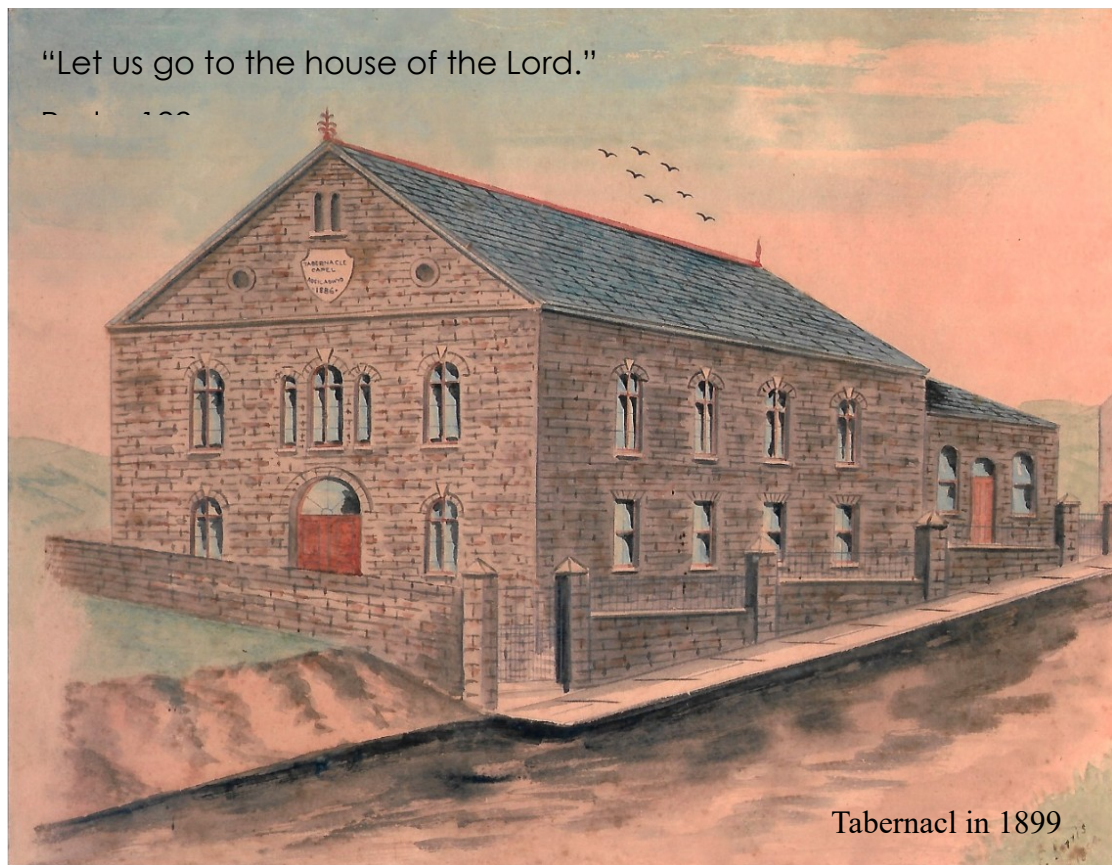
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Capel Tabernacl

Ynysybwl

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(CHURCH LEADERSHIP)**

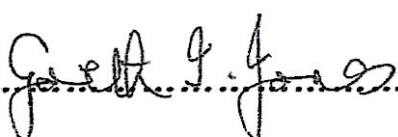



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Welsh Congregational Chapel

CHARITY NUMBER: 256916

BALANCE SHEET

	£		£
Account book/spread sheet balance at end of 2022	21877.85	Expenditure in 2023	10815.01
Income in 2023	57132.08	Account book/spread sheet balance at end of 2023	68194.92
Totals	79009.93		79009.93

Treasurer Gareth I Jones 

Independent Examiner R E Thomas F.C.A. 

Date 13TH MAY 2024

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF:-

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**RECONCILIATION OF BALANCE ON CURRENT
ACCOUNT BANK STATEMENT WITH BALANCE FROM
ACCOUNT BOOK/SPREAD SHEET**

Balance at end of 2023 based on bank statement

	£
Bank balance on 31/12/2023 as per bank statement	68194.92
Plus money paid in but not cleared	0.00
Less cheques written but not presented	0.00
Less cheques not presented from previous year	0.00
Balance at end of 2023	68194.92

Income over expenditure in 2023 based on account book/spread sheet

	£
Income in 2023	57132.08
Expenditure in 2023	10815.01
Income over expenditure in 2023	46317.07

Balance at end of 2023 based on account book/spread sheet

	£
Balance at end of 2022	21877.85
Income over expenditure for 2023	46317.07
Balance at end of 2023	68194.92

**Incwm:
2023**

		£	£
Casgliad (Collection)			
	Amlenni (Envelopes)	6587. 00	
	Rhydd (Loose)	50.00	
	Sub total	6637. 00	6637.00
Donation (Tricia)			50.00
Cyllid Thollau (Inland Revenue Gift Aid)			1772.99
Sale of Chapel building			47219.0 0
Unpresented cheque paid back			70.00
Towergate Insurance refund			1383.09
Total			57132.0 8

**Gwariad: 2023
(Expenditure:
2023)**

	£
Gweinidogion (Ministers/lay preachers pay for each service)	2880.00
Atgyweirio (Maintenance)	0.00
Nwy (Gas)	51.75

Trydan (Electricity)	96.98
Amrywiol (Miscellaneous) - <i>see page 6</i>	98.80
Elusen (Charity) - <i>see page 6</i>	2512.00
Yswiriant (Insurance)	2671.78
Dŵr (Water)	81.29
Adnoddau (Resources) - <i>see page 7</i>	1249.41
Undeb yr Annibynwyr (Fees)	83.00
Rhent Zion (rent)	1090.00
Total	10815.01

Amrywiol: 2023
(Miscellaneous: 2023)

	£
Techant (Setting up new computer + security)	90.00
Gareth Jones (Stamps)	8.80
Total	98.80

Elusen: 2023
(Charities: 2023)

	£
Christian Aid	300.00
Compassion UK	352.00
Pontypridd Foodbank	200.00
Menter Ysgolion Cymraeg	300.00
Open Doors UK	200.00
Save the Children	200.00
Tear Fund	300.00
Undeb yr Annibynwyr Mission	200.00
Carol & Alan Wert	360.00

Alun Davies (Children's presents)	100.00
Total	2512.00

Adnoddau: 2023
(Resources: 2023)

	£
Office 365 annual fee (Microsoft)	79.99
LIBREOFFICE software update	18.90
New computer	609.99
Easy Worship update	146.05
CCLI annual fee	184.00
New video screen + banners	210.48
Total	1249.41

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14th May 2024

Mr Gareth I Jones
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Dear Mr Jones

Please find attached signed financial report as requested, we also enclose the Charity's records for your retention. We have taken copies of any paperwork we require.

We note the records have been maintained to a high standard.

Yours sincerely



R. E. Thomas