

DEANWAY UNITED CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 266421

Details

Other names UNITED REFORM CHURCH AT CHALFONT ST GILES

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1973-11-22

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO APPLY THE INCOME BUT NOT THE CAPITAL FOR SUCH CHARITABLE PURPOSES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE UNITED REFORM CHURCH AT CHALFONT ST. GILES AS THE TRUSTEES IN THEIR DISCRETION SHALL THINK FIT.

Activities: The charity exists to finance the Deanway United Church. This Church provides the local community with spiritual and pastoral guidance, and a place of worship. The Church performs baptisms, weddings and funerals for the community. The church also runs a number of social and educational groups.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Buckinghamshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£12,018	£20,946	-	-
2024-08-31	£22,080	£22,939	-	-
2023-08-31	£25,397	£21,066	-	-
2022-08-31	£24,729	£26,384	-	-
2021-08-31	£24,662	£12,329	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANN BIRD		
Andrew Martin		2014-11-10
CAROL MILES		2020-11-04
CHRIS WILLIAMSON		
KEVIN GORDON		2024-11-09
Rev Edwin Adam Wells		2020-11-04

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Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date				
Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year		
From	01	09	2022	To	31	08	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Deanway
Chalfont St Giles
Buckinghamshire
Postcode HP8 4JH

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	Ann Bird	Church Secretary		
2	Chris Williamson	Church Treasurer		
3	Carol Miles			
4	Andrew Martin			
5	Rev E Adam Wells			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Declaration of Trust dated 4 th September 1973 (and Constitution, adopted November 1995, Amended November 2000 and April 2023)
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Association consisting of about 25 members
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	The Secretary and Treasurer are appointed or re-appointed annually and the other trustees are appointed or re-appointed every 3 years. Appointments are made at the Annual General Meeting held in November.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, 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;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Deanway United Church operates in a small community where the backgrounds of all its members are well known. Only members who are considered suitable as trustees are asked to stand for election. As a result, it is considered sufficient that potential trustees are instructed on the requirements of becoming a trustee, and then read and sign the Charity Commission's "Trustee Eligibility Declaration" form.

There is a safeguarding policy in place that complies with the safeguarding policies of the Methodist Church. The church has appointed a safeguarding officer. All trustees and members deemed by the Methodist Church in need of DBS checks have received checks. The Methodist Church also provides regular courses on safeguarding. All trustees attend these courses and other members of the church are encouraged to attend.

Deanway United Church is affiliated to both the Methodist and United Reformed Churches.

The trustees have not identified any significant areas of risk. The church is covered by public liability insurance to the value of £5,000,000.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To apply the income but not the capital for such charitable purposes for the benefit of the United Reformed Church at Chalfont St. Giles as the trustees in their discretion shall think fit.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The charity exists to provide the local community with spiritual and pastoral guidance and a place of worship. Under normal circumstances, the church holds public worship on almost every Sunday throughout the year and on other special religious occasions. The church also performs baptism, wedding and funeral services for the community as and when needed.

The church also holds social and fundraising events as part of its outreach programme.

With regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit, the trustees consider this charity falls within the purpose of the advancement of religion, or more specifically, the provision of a place of worship and the leadership for religious devotional acts and through its social activities, missionary and outreach work, aims to raise awareness and understanding of religious beliefs and practices.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Deanway United Church exists to help people find and follow Jesus in an ever-changing world. Our purpose is to be a Christ centred welcoming church, reaching out into the community with a worthwhile faith, developing fully committed followers of Christ, demonstrating God's love in such a way that others cannot ignore it.

We are gathered to worship and empowered to serve, in and through the gifts and graces bestowed by God upon our Counsellors, officers, members and adherents. We aim to be the way in which the life-changing power of Christ is released in Chalfont St Giles and beyond as we meet the people where they are first, not where ideally, we would have them be.

The church is run by a dwindling number of dedicated volunteers. Without their tireless support with fund raising, and with the general running of the church, it could not function.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The main achievement of the year has been the continued worship and service of God. During the COVID19 pandemic, the social activities of the church stopped, and many of these have not yet restarted.

The only fund-raising/social event success was the Christmas Fair. Fund-raising events help to cover essential expenditure and maintenance of the church building.

The church and its members normally hold a number of special collections for charity. This year, only one such collection was made, raising £83.75 plus gift aid for Christian Aid.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

A few years ago, the church received a very significant bequest on the death of one of its members. Consequently, the church has significant reserves.

However, in future years, mainly due to increased demands from the Methodist Circuit, the church's outgoings will exceed its income, causing funds to be drawn from these reserves.

Although the funds are available to run outreach events into the local community, due to the age and diminishing numbers of people in the congregation, the church does not have the human resources to run many of these events.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The church's normal source of funding is the money given during the church services, or given monthly by members of the congregation. Like many other churches, this church is suffering from a declining congregation, so this income source is reducing. The church has a Manse, and while there is no minister in residence this is let to tenants to generate rental income. There are also usually a number of fundraising events during the year, the primary one being the Christmas Fair.

Most of the funds raised are passed to the Methodist and United Reformed Church circuits for the supply of a minister and other preachers to provide the community with leadership in worship. The rest of the funds are used to maintain and administer the church in which this worship can take place. Funds raised specifically for charitable work are passed directly on to those charities.

The Methodist Central Finance Board handles the investment of the church's reserves.


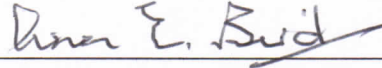
Section F Other optional information

None

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Chris Williamson	Ann Bird
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Secretary
Date	18/11/2023	



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/09/2022	To	Period end date 31/08/2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Offerings	4,771	-	-	4,771	4,272
Donations	-	-	-	-	644
Recovered Tax	1,132	45	-	1,177	1,315
Collections for Charitable Causes	-	220	-	220	472
Fund Raising and Social Events	1,605	-	-	1,605	1,660
Interest	2,323	108	-	2,431	309
Letting Income	14,993	-	-	14,993	16,057
Ministers Contribution to Manse Rates	-	-	-	-	-
Traidcraft Sales	-	-	-	-	-
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Income	-	200	-	200	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	24,824	573	-	25,397	24,729
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	24,824	573	-	25,397	24,729
A3 Payments					
URC & Methodist Assessment	10,332	-	-	10,332	6,356
Charitable Donations	216	265	-	481	10,872
Cost of Fund Raising and Social Events	-	-	-	-	-
Organist Fees	420	-	-	420	495
Church Water and Sewerage	197	-	-	197	114
Church Insurance	1,386	-	-	1,386	1,217
Church Heating and Lighting	3,249	-	-	3,249	1,149
Telephone	-	-	-	-	-
Printing Postage and Stationery	116	-	-	116	135
Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Church Upkeep and Repairs	2,177	-	-	2,177	1,910
Ministerial Costs inc visiting preachers	-	-	-	-	-
Costs of Letting	1,596	-	-	1,596	3,462
Traidcraft Stock Purchases	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	912	200	-	1,112	674
Sub total	20,601	465	-	21,066	26,384
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	20,601	465	-	21,066	26,384
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,223	108	-	4,331	- 1,655
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	90,523	3,520	-	94,043	95,698
Cash funds this year end	94,746	3,628	-	98,374	94,043

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Nat West Bank Current Account	12,684	-	-
	Methodist Central Finance Board	82,062	3,628	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	94,746	3,628	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK


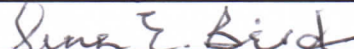
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Chris Williamson	18/11/2023
	Ann Bird	18/11/2023



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Deanway United Church

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st August 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

266421

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 08 / 2023**.

**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").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~ *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date: 14 Nov 2023

Name: Mr. Robert Marshall

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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