

THE POPLARS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (OTHERWISE KNOWN AS POPLARS CHURCH)

England & Wales · Charity number 275682

Details

Other names	THE POPLARS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, POPLARS CHURCH, POPLARS CHURCH (ROMANIA)
Status	Registered
Legal form	Trust
Registered	1978-05-08
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION WITHIN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND ABROAD

Activities: Poplars acts as a catalyst for sustainable community cohesion and development and act as partner in the Local Churches Partnership.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Derbyshire
- Lincolnshire
- Nottinghamshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£92,825	£75,317	-	-
2024-03-31	£105,191	£86,897	-	-
2023-03-31	£98,927	£86,572	-	-
2022-03-31	£64,902	£92,884	-	-
2021-03-31	£59,204	£72,223	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Amy Moore		2023-07-03
Andrew Pullin		2025-11-17
Cassandra Stanford		2019-06-03
Kathryn Dawson		2019-06-03
Matthew Bellingham		2025-09-08
ROBERT DAVID EVENS		2011-12-22
Richard Backhouse		2023-07-03

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Accounts

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

**THE POPLARS
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

CHARITY REGISTRATION No: 275682

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THE POPLARS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

WORKING NAME	Poplars Church
CHARITY NUMBER	275682
START OF FINANCIAL YEAR	1st April 2024
END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	31st March 2025
TRUSTEES AT 31ST MARCH 2025	K Russon - Resigned 10.06.24 R Evens K Dawson - Chair C Stanford R Hardy A Johnson A Moore R Backhouse
COMMITTEE MEMBERS	H Butcher M Hardy M Bellingham S Hemsall

All trustees and trust committee members have served in office throughout the year and to the date of this report except where shown.

The Trust Committee direct when it is necessary to appoint new trustees and committee members in accordance with Trust Deed 6V1 and 81V. A process of election takes place drawing candidates from a broad range of suitably qualified church members. Names of proposed trustees/committee members are recommended to a church meeting for consideration.

LEGAL STATUS	Unincorporated Charity
GOVERNING INSTRUMENT	Declaration of Trust Deed 8th May 1978, Deed of Amendment 10th July 1991.
OBJECTS	To promote the advancement of the Christian religion within the United Kingdom and abroad.
CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS	The Golden Ball 3 Victoria Square Worksop S80 1DX
PRIMARY BANKERS	TSB PO Box 373 Leeds LS14 9GQ
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Independent Examiners Ltd The Grains Store Hills barns Appledram Lane South Chichester PO20 7EG

THE POPLARS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
TRUSTEES REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

Who are we?

Poplars Church is a vibrant and steadily growing faith community based in Worksop, North Nottinghamshire. Although relatively small in size, the church plays an active and influential role in the local area. Its ministry includes the core activities of weekly worship services, Bible study sessions, prayer meetings, and a variety of fellowship groups that nurture spiritual growth and community connection.

Summary of Trust Objectives:

- a)** To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs adopted by the Trust, and to undertake such activities as are consistent with the propagation and practice of that faith.
- b)** To relieve persons who are in conditions of need, distress, or hardship, whether within the United Kingdom or elsewhere, through the establishment, maintenance, and provision of homes, hostels, and such other charitable facilities or services as the Trustees may from time to time deem appropriate.
- c)** To apply the funds and property of the Trust for such other exclusively charitable purposes as the Trustees shall in their absolute discretion determine, provided that such purposes are consistent with the objects hereinbefore stated.

What do we do?

The Church shall continue to manifest and express its Christian faith through the provision of services to the community, carried out in accordance with its charitable purposes and Statement of Beliefs. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, such activities shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. To provide opportunities for Sunday meetings conducted in an informal style, offering worship and clear teaching on the essentials of the gospel as understood by the Church. Such meetings are held predominantly at the Golden Ball premises, acquired by the Church in 2015.
2. To contribute to local schools through assemblies and lessons delivered by Church leaders, in accordance with requests from schools and the requirements of the national curriculum.
3. To encourage members of the Church to participate as volunteers in community organisations, whether Christian or secular, including but not limited to the local Food Bank.
4. To convene regular meetings for fellowship, informal teaching, and pastoral care, with formats and times varied to ensure accessibility to all who wish to attend.
5. To maintain and operate the Basement Project, whereby a cellar had previously been converted into a uniform and children's clothing bank, managed by the church workers and volunteers, in partnership with Now Church and From the Heart charity, providing free school uniforms, children's clothing, and accessories to members of the local community.
6. We took part in the local Christmas toy appeal acting as a referral and collection point along with Now Church and From the Heart charity.
7. To provide for the needs of young people through a fortnightly youth group, external trips, and the provision of a safe environment for engagement, fellowship, and personal development.
8. To host office and counselling space for "JOEL the Complete Package" (Registered Charity No. 1158908), a local charity supporting families through pregnancy and parenting following baby loss.
9. To operate "Coffee Connection" each Wednesday morning, facilitated by Church workers and volunteers, offering warm space, opportunities for social interaction, crafts, and engagement with local services.
10. To make available the Golden Ball premises for use by community groups, including but not limited to a choir, a U3A swing band, a history society, an Italian-speaking group, a sling library, a photography group, and a support drop-in for persons affected by Multiple Sclerosis.

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TRUSTEES REPORT (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

Public benefit

The Trustees declare that the activities of Poplars Church shall be carried out for the public benefit, and that the distinctive characteristics and purposes of the Church provide justification for its continued existence and operation within Worksop and the wider community. Without limitation, such public benefit shall include:

1. The advancement of a strong desire to foster unity within the local Christian community, encouraging collaboration and collective action as one body.
2. Acting as a catalyst to mobilise the Church and its members in social action initiatives, including but not limited to the provision of free children's clothing, engagement with schools, community outreach, and support for the elderly and marginalised.
3. The establishment and maintenance of constructive partnerships with statutory and civic bodies, including the police, local authority, Members of Parliament, educational institutions, and other agencies, with the objective of building stronger communities. This shall encompass participation in local strategic partnerships, community and voluntary service organisations, and voluntary sector forums, thereby positioning the Church at the heart of the community.
4. The provision of infrastructure, staff, and premises to resource and support inter-church activities and initiatives.
5. The demonstration and provision of a working model of a non-institutional, relational approach to the practice and outworking of the Christian faith.
6. The encouragement and facilitation of new forums for partnership, co-operation, and collaboration within the wider Church community across the district.

Financial Review

The Trustees hereby record that the Trust is in a financially sound and stable position, as evidenced by the accounts appended hereto. The Trust's income is derived exclusively from offerings, voluntary gifts, Gift Aid recoveries, community grants, and donations received in respect of the use of rooms and facilities.

Trustees

The Trustees record that the composition of the Trust Committee has been duly refreshed during the course of the year by the appointment of two additional Trustees. All Trustees are required to undertake trustee induction and safeguarding training, which is provided through online delivery, thereby ensuring compliance with statutory obligations and best practice standards.

Chairman's comments

It is with joy I can say Poplars Church has continued to keep serving God and each other at its heart. The Trustees seek to make all decisions with the interests of everyone at the fore. We consider carefully the income and expenditure in a manner that we believe helps to further the work of God's Kingdom.

The Trustees acknowledge with gratitude the generosity of supporters which has enabled the work of Poplars to serve its congregation and community. The maintenance of the Golden Ball premises is good and remains able to serve both as a facility for the Church and as a venue for a variety of community groups.

Attendance at services and activities remains consistent, with new individuals joining. Financially, the Trust has maintained stability, thereby ensuring the continuation of its ecclesiastical and charitable work.

The Trustees further recognise and commend the quality, dedication, and enthusiasm of those who contribute voluntarily of their time and talents in furtherance of the advancement of the Christian faith and the work of God's Kingdom.

I am positive for the future, that with the steadfast commitment of Poplars Church to the local community, we will ensure that its activities continue to provide benefit and blessing to the inhabitants of Worksop and the surrounding area.

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**TRUSTEES REPORT (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

Trustees' Responsibilities

The Charities Act 2011 require the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the trust and of the surplus of the trust for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- i) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- ii) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- iii) Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the trust will continue in existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the trust. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on, 25/01/2026

Signed on their behalf by Trustee K Dawson

Printed Name: KATHRYN DAWSON

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees of The Poplars Christian Fellowship on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025 set out on pages 8 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Appledram Lane South
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Sign:



Date: 26.1.26

THE POPLARS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	TOTAL 2024/25 £	TOTAL 2023/24 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds					
Donations & Legacies	3a	84,196	195	84,391	97,757
Charitable Activities	3b	4,026	-	4,026	2,290
Activities for Generating Funds	3c	3,520	-	3,520	2,182
Investment Income	3d	576	-	576	308
Other Incoming Resources	3e	312	-	312	2,654
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		92,630	195	92,825	105,191
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Cost of Generating Funds					
Costs of Charitable Activities	4a	68,663	1,719	70,382	82,988
Governance Costs	4b	4,935	-	4,935	3,909
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		73,598	1,719	75,317	86,897
NET INCOMING/ (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		19,032	(1,524)	17,508	18,294
Total Funds Brought Forward		332,330	2,392	334,722	316,428
Transfers Between Funds	5	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		351,362	868	352,230	334,722

Movements on all reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above. All of the organisation's operations are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST MARCH 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total 31-Mar-25 £	Total 31-Mar-24 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	2	274,951	-	274,951	274,951
Current Assets					
Debtors & Prepayments	9	15,022	-	15,022	26,019
Cash at Bank and in Hand	8	63,624	868	64,492	35,072
Total Current Assets		78,646	868	79,514	61,091
Creditors: due within one year	10	2,235	-	2,235	1,320
NET CURRENT ASSETS		76,411	868	77,279	59,771
TOTAL ASSETS less current liabilities		76,411	868	77,279	59,771
 NET ASSETS		 351,362	 868	 352,230	 334,722
 Funds of the Charity					
General Funds		351,362	-	351,362	332,330
Designated Funds	5	-	868	868	2,392
Restricted Funds	6	-	-	-	-
		351,362	868	352,230	334,722

Approved by the Trustees on,.....25/01/2026.....

Signed on their behalf by Trustee*K Dawson*.....

Printed Name: **KATHRYN DAWSON**

THE POPLARS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Preparation & Assessment of Going Concern

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP - FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Assessment of Going Concern

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Incoming Resources

Recognition of Incoming Resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Incoming Resources with Related Expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resource and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.

Grants and Donations

Grants and Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax Reclaims on Donations and Gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Contractual Income and Performance Related Grants

This is only included in the SOFA once the related goods or services has been delivered.

Gifts in Kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SOFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Donated Services and Facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Investment Income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment Gains and Losses

This included any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance Costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees' meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Grants with Performance Conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SOFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants Payable without Performance Conditions

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to a grant which remain in control of the charity.

Support Costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of the resources, e.g. allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capital employed, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity, these are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,500. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

Change of Accounting Policies and Rules and Methods of Valuation

There are no changes to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

Depreciation Expense

Depreciation is calculated at a rate to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets on a reducing balance over their estimated useful lives. The rates applied per annum are as follows:

Fixtures, Fittings Equipment	25%
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No depreciation is charged to freehold property as the property is maintained to such a standard that the estimated residual value is not less than cost.

2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

		Freehold Land & Buildings £	Freehold Land & Buildings £	Fixtures Fittings & Equipment £	Total 2024/25 £
Cost	01-Apr-24	207,000	67,951		274,951
Additions		-	-	-	-
Cost at	31-Mar-25	207,000	67,951	-	274,951
Depreciation	01-Apr-24	-	-		-
Charge		-	-		-
Depreciation at	31-Mar-25	-	-	-	-
Net Book Value	31-Mar-25	207,000	67,951	-	274,951
Net Book Value	31-Mar-24	207,000	67,951	-	274,951

The annual commitments under non-cancelling operating leases and capital commitments are as follows: 31 Mar 25 : None , 31Mar 24 :None

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
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3. INCOMING RESOURCES

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	TOTAL 2024/25 £	TOTAL 2023/24 £
a) Donations & Legacies					
Gifts, Tithes & Offerings	5	68,452	195	68,647	60,858
Gift Aid Tax Recoverable		15,744	-	15,744	36,899
		84,196	195	84,391	97,757
b) Charitable Activities					
Activities & Projects		3,298	-	3,298	2,275
CAP		728	-	728	-
Golden Ball		-	-	-	15
		4,026	-	4,026	2,290
c) Activities for Generating Funds					
Hall Hire		3,520	-	3,520	2,182
		3,520	-	3,520	2,182
d) Investment Income					
Bank Interest		576	-	576	308
		576	-	576	308
e) Other Incoming Resources					
Interest on Gift Aid claims		312	-	312	1,054
Grants	5	-	-	-	1,600
		312	-	312	2,654

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
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4. RESOURCES EXPENDED

Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	TOTAL 2024/25 £	TOTAL 2023/24 £
a) Costs of Charitable Activities				
Conference	3,302	-	3,302	-
Equipment Costs	72	-	72	1,728
Gifts, Grants & Blessings	-	1,719	1,719	3,450
Golden Ball Costs	2,119	-	2,119	2,177
Office Costs	1,966	-	1,966	512
Outreach	1,891	-	1,891	1,782
Resources & Fabric	2,871	-	2,871	4,521
Salaries & Wages	42,112	-	42,112	45,433
Staff Expenses	3,781	-	3,781	3,981
Sundry Expenses	230	-	230	901
Telephone & Internet Costs	2,186	-	2,186	3,584
The Children & Youth	527	-	527	2,149
Utility Costs	7,606	-	7,606	12,770
	68,663	1,719	70,382	82,988

b) Governance Costs

Bank Charges	262	-	262	300
Insurance Costs	1,594	-	1,594	1,437
Independent Examiners Fees	1,377	-	1,377	1,380
Legal & Professional Fees	1,702	-	1,702	792
	4,935	-	4,935	3,909

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5. DESIGNATED FUNDS

CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR	Balance 01-Apr-24	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance 31-Mar-25
	£	£	£	£	£
Grants	1,708	-	(407)	-	1,301
Blessings	684	195	(1,312)	-	(433)
	2,392	195	(1,719)	-	868

PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEAR	Balance 01-Apr-23	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance 31-Mar-24
	£	£	£	£	£
Grants	4,183	1,600	(4,075)	-	1,708
Blessings	1,575	860	(1,751)	-	684
	5,758	2,460	(5,826)	-	2,392

The Designated funds are represented by the charity's cash reserves and are to be expended as detailed above.

6. RESTRICTED FUNDS

The Charity held no restricted funds during this or the previous financial year.

7. NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 31-Mar-25	Total 31-Mar-24
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	274,951	-	274,951	274,951
Net Current Assets	76,411	868	77,279	59,771
		-		
	351,362	868	352,230	334,722

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8. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 31-Mar-25 £	Total 31-Mar-24 £
Cash at Bank & In Hand	63,624	868	64,492	35,072
	63,624	868	64,492	35,072

9. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 31-Mar-25 £	Total 31-Mar-24 £
Gift Aid recoverable	14,710	-	14,710	24,965
Interest on Gift Aid recoverable	312	-	312	1,054
	15,022	-	15,022	26,019

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 31-Mar-25 £	Total 31-Mar-24 £
Independent Examiners Fee	1,350	-	1,350	1,320
Payroll	885	-	885	-
	2,235	-	2,235	1,320

11. CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE IN MORE THAN ONE YEAR

The Charity held no long term liabilities during this or the previous financial year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

12. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

	2024/25 £	2023/24 £
Gross Wages & Salaries	41,105	44,516
Employer's National Insurance Costs	-	-
Pension Contributions	1,007	917
	42,112	45,433
Average number of employees who were engaged in each of the following activities:	TOTAL 2024/25	TOTAL 2023/24
Charitable Activities	2	2
	2	2

The Charity operates a PAYE scheme to pay all employed members of staff and no employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000 (2023/24: None). The Charity also employs members of staff on a self employed basis.

13. PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES AND OTHER RELATED PARTIES

No payments were made to trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial period. No material transaction took place between the organisation and a trustee or any person connected with them. (2023/24: Nil)

14. RISK ASSESSMENT

The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

15. RESERVES POLICY

The trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. The trustees aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

16. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

16. ACQUISITION OF LAND & BUILDING

The Trustees of The Poplars Christian Fellowship sought guidance and advice regarding the acquisition of Land & Buildings at 3 Victoria Square, Worksop, S80 1DX. On the 18th June 2015 the acquisition of the Land & Building was completed and the Charity acquired the Land & Buildings at the above address at a cost of £207,000, which was settled in full.

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THE POPLARS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

WORKING NAME	Poplars Church
CHARITY NUMBER	275682
START OF FINANCIAL YEAR	1st April 2023
END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	31st March 2024
TRUSTEES AT 31ST MARCH 2024	K Russon - Chair of trustees R Evens K Dawson C Stanford R Hardy A Johnson
COMMITTEE MEMBERS	H Butcher M Hardy M Bellingham S Hemsall

All trustees and trust committee members have served in office throughout the year and to the date of this report except where shown.

The Trust Committee direct when it is necessary to appoint new trustees and committee members in accordance with Trust Deed 6V1 and 81V. A process of election takes place drawing candidates from a broad range of suitably qualified church members. Names of proposed trustees/committee members are recommended to a church meeting for consideration.

LEGAL STATUS	Unincorporated Charity
GOVERNING INSTRUMENT	Declaration of Trust Deed 8th May 1978, Deed of Amendment 10th July 1991.
OBJECTS	To promote the advancement of the Christian religion within the United Kingdom and abroad.
CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS	The Golden Ball 3 Victoria Square Worksop S80 1DX
PRIMARY BANKERS	TSB PO Box 373 Leeds LS14 9GQ
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Independent Examiners Ltd 2 Broadbridge Business Centre Delling Lane Bosham West Sussex PO18 8NF

THE POPLARS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
TRUSTEES REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

Who are we?

Poplars Church is a relatively small but growing, active and influential faith community in Worksop, North Nottinghamshire. The church runs the normal activities of a church in weekly services, bible studies, prayer and other fellowship groups.

Summary of Trust Objectives:

- a) To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs
- b) To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship in such parts of the United Kingdom and the world through the provision of homes and hostels and by such other charitable means as the Trustees may from time to time think fit.

What do we do?

The church continues to express its Christian faith by seeking opportunities to serve the community by the provision of a variety of relevant and effective activities:

1. Providing an opportunity for an informal style of Sunday meeting for worship and clear teaching on the essentials of the gospel as we understand it. This now happens predominately in the Golden Ball, which is a former pub now used by the church since purchased in 2015.
2. Input into local schools is provided by one of the church leaders, taking assemblies and lessons in line with school's requests and national curriculum.
3. Members are encouraged to get involved as volunteers with many other community organisations both Christian and secular including, for example, the local Food Bank (which is not church based). There is no record of all this involvement, but it is considerable. It provides for the working out of Jesus' comment that we are salt and light in the world.
4. Regular meetings are held, to provide for fellowship, informal teaching and pastoral care. These change format and times on a frequent basis to ensure that all who care to can attend.
5. The Basement building project has been completed – where one of our cellars has been converted to house uniform and children's clothing bank. This was run by our community worker, volunteers and in partnership with Now church and From the Heart charity and allows anyone from the local community to access free school uniform, children's clothes and accessories.
6. We took part in the local Christmas toy appeal acting as a referral and collection point along with Now Church and From the Heart charity.
7. A growing youth group meets at the church fortnightly, we also hosted 2 external trips along with providing a safe place for the church and local community young people to meet, engage and develop in a safe space.
8. We host office and counselling space to 'Joel the complete package' a local charity supporting families through pregnancy and parenting after baby loss. (Registered charity: 1158908).
9. Our Coffee Connection takes place every Wednesday morning, run by a team of church workers and volunteers, it connects people and services from the local community, provides a warm space and an opportunity to get involved in activities and crafts.
10. We are pleased to make space in the Golden Ball for other community groups; a choir, a U3A swing band, history society, Italian speaking group, a sling library, photography group and a drop in for support to those affected by Multiple Sclerosis. None of these groups are specifically church groups. This availability is continuing to grow as the church becomes increasingly integrated into the community.

THE POPLARS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
TRUSTEES REPORT (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

Public benefit

There are many distinctives and unique selling points that give credence and validity for the on-going existence and work of Poplars as part of the church in Worksop. This would include:

1. A strong desire to see the whole local Christian community acting as one united team.
2. Acting as a catalyst to mobilize the church as mentioned above, to social action such as; drug and alcohol work, schools and community work, and work with the elderly and marginalised.
3. Bridge-building and partnership work with police, local authority and MP, education and other statutory agencies to build stronger communities; this would include work with the local strategic partnership, the community and voluntary service and community and voluntary sector forums, and this work puts the church at the heart of the community.
4. Resourcing inter-church activities with infra-structure, staff and premises.
5. Providing a working model of a non-institutional, relational approach to the outworking of faith.
6. Encouraging new forums for partnership, co-operation and collaboration within the church in the district.

Financial Review

The Trust is in a healthy position financially, as can be seen from the attached accounts. Our only income is through the offerings, voluntary gifts, Gift Aid, community grants and donations for room use. The unrestricted year-end bank balance was £32,680 around £4,300 less than last year. However, this was found to be due to an error on the part of BT, who were charging us twice for the same service, and a much larger monthly amount debited by our energy supply company, EDF, than we were using. We received refunds of £1,660 from BT and £6,768 from EDF after the year end, which more than covers the deficit. Poplars Church aims to have six months reserve, to the value of £30,000, and this was the case even without the refunds.

Trustees

We have refreshed the trust committee with 2 new trustees this year. On-line trustee and safeguarding training is provided for all trustees.

Chairman's comments

Poplars church is its people – there is nothing else. Whilst the current economic climate has affected Poplars, leading to careful consideration of income and expenditure, we have by the generosity of many, been able to renovate the pub to a good standard and it provides a delightful facility for us as a church but also for differing community groups.

Attendance is consistent with new people joining us on a steady basis, financially we have remained stable and able to continue the work of the church.

I am extremely blessed by the quality and enthusiasm of those who give so generously of their time and talents in order to further the work of God's Kingdom

As I look forward to the next year, I am confident that, even in uncertain times but with steadfast commitment to the local community, Poplars Church will continue to bless the people of Worksop and the surrounding area.

THE POPLARS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
TRUSTEES REPORT (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

Trustees' Responsibilities

The Charities Act 2011 require the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the trust and of the surplus of the trust for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- i)** Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- ii)** Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- iii)** Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the trust will continue in existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the trust. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on, 28/01/2025

Signed on their behalf by Trustee K Dawson

Printed Name: K Dawson (Chair of trustees)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees/ members of The Poplars Christian Fellowship on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024 set out on pages 8 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Zita Derbak MAAT AATQB
Independent Examiners Ltd
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Delling Lane
Bosham
West Sussex

Sign: 

Date: 29.01.2025

THE POPLARS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	TOTAL 2023/24 £	TOTAL 2022/23 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds					
Donations & Legacies	3a	96,897	860	97,757	81,763
Charitable Activities	3b	2,290	-	2,290	3,405
Activities for Generating Funds	3c	2,182	-	2,182	3,205
Investment Income	3d	308	-	308	154
Other Incoming Resources	3e	1,054	1,600	2,654	10,400
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		102,731	2,460	105,191	98,927
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Cost of Generating Funds					
Costs of Charitable Activities	4a	77,162	5,826	82,988	82,233
Governance Costs	4b	3,909	-	3,909	4,339
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		81,071	5,826	86,897	86,572
NET INCOMING/ (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		21,660	(3,366)	18,294	(27,861)
Total Funds Brought Forward		310,670	5,758	316,428	304,073
Transfers Between Funds	5	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		332,330	2,392	334,722	276,212

Movements on all reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above. All of the organisation's operations are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

THE POPLARS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST MARCH 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total 31-Mar-24 £	Total 31-Mar-23 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	2	274,951	-	274,951	274,951
Current Assets					
Debtors & Prepayments	9	26,019	-	26,019	-
Cash at Bank and in Hand	8	32,680	2,392	35,072	42,768
Total Current Assets		58,699	2,392	61,091	42,768
Creditors: due within one year	10	1,320	-	1,320	1,291
NET CURRENT ASSETS		57,379	2,392	59,771	41,477
TOTAL ASSETS less current liabilities		57,379	2,392	59,771	41,477
NET ASSETS		332,330	2,392	334,722	316,428
Funds of the Charity					
General Funds		332,330	-	332,330	310,670
Designated Funds	5	-	2,392	2,392	5,758
Restricted Funds	6	-	-	-	-
		332,330	2,392	334,722	316,428

Approved by the Trustees on, 28/01/2025

Signed on their behalf by Trustee *Dawson*

Printed Name: K Dawson (Chair of trustees)

THE POPLARS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Preparation & Assessment of Going Concern

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP - FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Assessment of Going Concern

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Incoming Resources

Recognition of Incoming Resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Incoming Resources with Related Expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resource and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.

Grants and Donations

Grants and Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax Reclaims on Donations and Gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Contractual Income and Performance Related Grants

This is only included in the SOFA once the related goods or services has been delivered.

Gifts in Kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SOFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Donated Services and Facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Investment Income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment Gains and Losses

This included any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

THE POPLARS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance Costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees' meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Grants with Performance Conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SOFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants Payable without Performance Conditions

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to a grant which remain in control of the charity.

Support Costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of the resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capital employed, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity, these are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,500. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

Change of Accounting Policies and Rules and Methods of Valuation

There are no changes to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

Depreciation Expense

Depreciation is calculated at a rate to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets on a reducing balance over their estimated useful lives. The rates applied per annum are as follows:

Fixtures, Fittings Equipment	25%
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No depreciation is charged to freehold property as the property is maintained to such a standard that the estimated residual value is not less than cost.

2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

		Freehold Land & Buildings £	Freehold Land & Buildings £	Fixtures Fittings & Equipment £	Restricted Equipment £	Total 2023/24 £
Cost	01-Apr-23	207,000	67,951			274,951
Additions		-	-	-	-	-
Cost at	31-Mar-24	207,000	67,951	-	-	274,951
Depreciation	01-Apr-23	-	-			-
Charge		-	-		-	-
Depreciation at	31-Mar-24	-	-	-	-	-
Net Book Value	31-Mar-24	207,000	67,951	-	-	274,951
Net Book Value	31-Mar-23	207,000	67,951	-	-	274,951

The annual commitments under non-cancelling operating leases and capital commitments are as follows:

31st March 2024: None
31st March 2023: None

THE POPLARS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

3. INCOMING RESOURCES

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	TOTAL 2023/24 £	TOTAL 2022/23 £
a) Donations & Legacies					
Gifts, Tithes & Offerings	5	59,998	860	60,858	61,655
Gift Aid Tax Recoverable		36,899	-	36,899	20,108
		96,897	860	97,757	81,763
b) Charitable Activities					
Activities & Projects		2,275	-	2,275	1,721
CAP		-	-	-	60
Golden Ball Holiday		15	-	15	1,624
		-	-	-	-
		2,290	-	2,290	3,405
c) Activities for Generating Funds					
Hall Hire		2,182	-	2,182	3,205
		2,182	-	2,182	3,205
d) Investment Income					
Bank Interest		308	-	308	154
		308	-	308	154
e) Other Incoming Resources					
Interest on Gift Aid claims		1,054	-	1,054	-
Grants	5	-	1,600	1,600	10,400
		1,054	1,600	2,654	10,400

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

4. RESOURCES EXPENDED

Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	TOTAL 2023/24 £	TOTAL 2022/23 £
a) Costs of Charitable Activities				
CAP	-	-	-	219
Conference	-	-	-	164
Depreciation Expense		-	-	-
Equipment Costs	1,728	-	1,728	324
Gifts, Grants & Blessings	-	3,450	3,450	5,024
Golden Ball Costs	2,177	-	2,177	2,320
Office Costs	512	-	512	763
Outreach	1,782	-	1,782	4,465
Rent & Rates	-	-	-	-
Resources & Fabric	4,521	-	4,521	6,641
Salaries & Wages	43,057	2,376	45,433	46,876
Staff Expenses	3,981	-	3,981	3,208
Sundry Expenses	901	-	901	262
Telephone & Internet Costs	3,584	-	3,584	3,042
The Children & Youth	2,149	-	2,149	2,146
Utility Costs	12,770	-	12,770	6,779
	77,162	5,826	82,988	82,233

b) Governance Costs

Bank Charges	300	-	300	318
Insurance Costs	1,437	-	1,437	1,467
Independent Examiners Fees	1,380	-	1,380	1,200
Legal & Professional Fees	792	-	792	1,354
	3,909	-	3,909	4,339

THE POPLARS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

5. DESIGNATED FUNDS

CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR	Balance 01-Apr-23	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance 31-Mar-24
	£	£	£	£	£
Grants	4,183	1,600	(4,075)	-	1,708
Blessings	1,575	860	(1,751)	-	684
	5,758	2,460	(5,826)	-	2,392

PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEAR	Balance 01-Apr-22	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance 31-Mar-23
	£	£	£	£	£
Grants	-	10,400	(6,217)	-	4,183
Blessings	-	2,230	(655)	-	1,575
	-	12,630	(6,872)	-	5,758

The Designated funds are represented by the charity's cash reserves and are to be expended as detailed above.

6. RESTRICTED FUNDS

The Charity held no restricted funds during this or the previous financial year.

7. NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 31-Mar-24	Total 31-Mar-23
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	274,951	-	274,951	274,951
Net Current Assets	57,379	2,392	59,771	41,477
		-		
	332,330	2,392	334,722	316,428

THE POPLARS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
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8. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 31-Mar-24 £	Total 31-Mar-23 £
Cash at Bank & In Hand	32,680	2,392	35,072	42,768
	32,680	2,392	35,072	42,768

9. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 31-Mar-24 £	Total 31-Mar-23 £
Gift Aid recoverable (22/23 & 23/24)	24,965	-	24,965	-
Interest on Gift Aid recoverable	1,054	-	1,054	-
	26,019	-	26,019	-

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 31-Mar-24 £	Total 31-Mar-23 £
Independent Examiners Fee	1,320	-	1,320	1,200
Payroll	-	-	-	91
	1,320	-	1,320	1,200

11. CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE IN MORE THAN ONE YEAR

The Charity held no long term liabilities during this or the previous financial year.

THE POPLARS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

12. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

	2023/24 £	2022/23 £
Gross Wages & Salaries	44,516	46,483
Employer's National Insurance Costs	-	-
Pension Contributions	917	393
	<u>45,433</u>	<u>46,876</u>

Average number of employees who were engaged in each of the following activities:

	TOTAL 2023/24	TOTAL 2022/23
Charitable Activities	2	2
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

The Charity operates a PAYE scheme to pay all employed members of staff and no employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000 (2022/23: None). The Charity also employs members of staff on a self employed basis.

13. PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES AND OTHER RELATED PARTIES

No payments were made to trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial period. No material transaction took place between the organisation and a trustee or any person connected with them. (2022/23: Nil)

14. RISK ASSESSMENT

The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

15. RESERVES POLICY

The trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. The trustees aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

16. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

16. ACQUISITION OF LAND & BUILDING

The Trustees of The Poplars Christian Fellowship sought guidance and advice regarding the acquisition of Land & Buildings at 3 Victoria Square, Worksop, S80 1DX. On the 18th June 2015 the acquisition of the Land & Building was completed and the Charity acquired the Land & Buildings at the above address at a cost of £207,000, which was settled in full.

THE POPLARS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (OTHERWISE KNOWN AS POPLARS CHURCH)

England & Wales - Charity number 275682

Accounts

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

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END OF FINANCIAL YEAR 31st March 2023
TRUSTEES AT 31ST MARCH 2023 K Russon - Chair of trustees since 16.05.2022
F Malloch - retired on 27.04.2022
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R Hardy
A Johnson

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Date: 29.01.2024

THE POPLARS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
TRUSTEES REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

Who are we?

Poplars Church is a relatively small but growing, active and influential faith community in Worksop, North Nottinghamshire. The church runs the normal activities of a church in weekly services, bible studies, prayer and other fellowship groups.

Summary of Trust Objectives:

- a) To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs
- b) To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship in such parts of the United Kingdom and the world through the provision of homes and hostels and by such other charitable means as the Trustees may from time to time think fit.

What do we do?

The church continues to express its Christian faith by seeking opportunities to serve the community by the provision of a variety of relevant and effective activities:

1. Providing an opportunity for an informal style of Sunday meeting for worship and clear teaching on the essentials of the gospel as we understand it. This now happens predominately in the Golden Ball, which is a former pub now used by the church since purchased in 2015. The refurbishment of the building is now largely complete, though there is still work ongoing.
2. Members are encouraged to get involved as volunteers with many other community organisations both Christian and secular including, for example, the local Food Bank (which is not church based). There is no record of all this involvement, but it is considerable. It provides for the working out of Jesus' comment that we are salt and light in the world.
3. Regular meetings are held, usually in member's homes, to provide for fellowship, informal teaching and pastoral care. These change format and times on a frequent basis to ensure that all who care to can attend.
4. Input into schools is provided with one of the church leaders taking assemblies and lessons in line with the National Curriculum.
5. A grant from the National Lottery Fund has enabled us to convert one of the cellars into a 'shop', (the room is set out in the style of a shop but no charges are made), for the School Uniform Bank. Other than the flooring all the work is being done by volunteers enabling a high-quality finish within the available resources. This is a joint project between Poplars, From The Heart Charity and Now Church. It is planned to be completed in the early summer of 2023 to provide free school uniform to those in need. The Lottery Fund also provided funding to pay a community worker to run the project.
6. A thriving youth group has been established. This provides a safe place for young people to meet and interact with each other. Work is ongoing to provide facilities and equipment for youth work.
7. We are pleased to offer office, counselling space and other support to 'Joel the Complete Package', Supporting families through pregnancy and parenting after baby loss. Registered Charity No: 1158908
8. To provide an informal meeting place for both church and community we started The Coffee Connection. This takes place every Wednesday morning and attracts a varied range of people. There is opportunity for informal get togethers as well as craft activities.
9. We joined the Warm Spaces initiative during the winter of 22-23, providing a warm space and free refreshments every Tuesday. We received small grants from Asda and Arnold Clark to support the Coffee Connection and Warm Spaces.
10. We helped to run a Christmas Toy Appeal with Now Church and From the Heart Charity.

THE POPLARS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
TRUSTEES REPORT (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

11. We are pleased to make space in the Golden Ball for other community groups; for example: a choir, a U3A Swing Band, The MS Society, A local history group, a photography group, a sling library (for new babies) and other more ad hoc users.

12. None of these groups are specifically church groups. This availability is continuing to grow as the church becomes increasingly integrated into the community.

Public benefit

There are many distinctives and Unique Selling Points that give credence and validity for the on-going existence and work of Poplars as part of the church in Worksop. This would include:

- 1.** A strong desire to see the whole local Christian community acting as one united team.
- 2.** Acting as a catalyst to mobilize the church as mentioned above, to social action such as; drug and alcohol work, schools and community work, and work with the elderly and marginalized.
- 3.** Bridge-building and partnership work with police, local authority and MP, education and other statutory agencies to build stronger communities; this would include work with the local strategic partnership, the community and voluntary service and community and voluntary sector forums, and this work puts the church at the heart of the community.
- 4.** Resourcing inter-church activities with infra-structure, staff and premises.
- 5.** Providing a working model of a non-institutional, relational approach to the outworking of faith.
- 6.** Encouraging new forums for partnership, co-operation and collaboration within the church in the district.

Financial Review

The Trust is in a healthy position financially, as can be seen from the attached accounts. Our only income is through the offerings and voluntary gifts, usually from members of the church and we give thanks for the generosity that is shown.

Trustees

Two new trustees were recruited during the year. On-line Trustees training was provided for all trustees which was very helpful.

Safeguarding training has been provided for all trustees.

Chairman's comments

Poplars church is its people – there is nothing else. Whilst the current economic climate has affected Poplars, leading to careful consideration of income and expenditure, we have by the generosity of many, been able to renovate the pub to a good standard and it provides a delightful facility for us as a church but also for differing community groups.

22-23 was a time of recovery following the covid pandemic. Although numbers attending the regular church meetings was initially lower than pre-pandemic, attendances have steadily grown and new people have joined us. Financially we remained stable and able to carry on the work of the church.

I am extremely blessed by the quality and enthusiasm of those who give so unstintingly of their time and talents in order to further the work of God's Kingdom.

As I look forward to the next year, I am confident that, even in uncertain times but with steadfast commitment to the local community, Poplars will continue to bless the people of Worksop and the surrounding area.

THE POPLARS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
TRUSTEES REPORT (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

Trustees' Responsibilities

The Charities Act 2011 require the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the trust and of the surplus of the trust for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- i)** Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- ii)** Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- iii)** Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the trust will continue in existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the trust. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on, 28/1/2024

Signed on their behalf by Trustee K C Russon

Printed Name: K C Russon (Chair of trustees)

THE POPLARS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	TOTAL 2022/23 £	TOTAL 2021/22 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds					
Donations & Legacies	3a	79,533	2,230	81,763	54,316
Charitable Activities	3b	3,405	-	3,405	7,126
Activities for Generating Funds	3c	3,205	-	3,205	2,459
Investment Income	3d	154	-	154	122
Other Incoming Resources	3e	-	10,400	10,400	1,001
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		86,297	12,630	98,927	65,024
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Cost of Generating Funds					
Costs of Charitable Activities	4a	75,361	6,872	82,233	89,190
Governance Costs	4b	4,339	-	4,339	3,695
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		79,700	6,872	86,572	92,885
NET INCOMING/ (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		6,597	5,758	12,355	(27,861)
Total Funds Brought Forward		304,073	-	304,073	331,933
Transfers Between Funds	5	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		310,670	5,758	316,428	304,073

Movements on all reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above. All of the organisation's operations are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

THE POPLARS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST MARCH 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total 31-Mar-23 £	Total 31-Mar-22 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	2	274,951	-	274,951	274,951
Current Assets					
Debtors & Prepayments	9	-	-	-	-
Cash at Bank and in Hand	8	37,010	5,758	42,768	30,322
Total Current Assets		37,010	5,758	42,768	30,322
Creditors: due within one year	10	1,291	-	1,291	1,200
NET CURRENT ASSETS		35,719	5,758	41,477	29,122
TOTAL ASSETS less current liabilities		35,719	5,758	41,477	29,122
NET ASSETS		310,670	5,758	316,428	304,073
Funds of the Charity					
General Funds		310,670	-	310,670	304,073
Designated Funds	5	-	5,758	5,758	-
Restricted Funds	6	-	-	-	-
		310,670	5,758	316,428	304,073

Approved by the Trustees on 28/1/2024

Signed on their behalf by Trustee K C. Russon

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THE POPLARS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Preparation & Assessment of Going Concern

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP - FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Assessment of Going Concern

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Incoming Resources

Recognition of Incoming Resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Incoming Resources with Related Expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resource and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.

Grants and Donations

Grants and Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax Reclaims on Donations and Gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Contractual Income and Performance Related Grants

This is only included in the SOFA once the related goods or services has been delivered.

Gifts in Kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SOFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Donated Services and Facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Investment Income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment Gains and Losses

This included any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

THE POPLARS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance Costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees' meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Grants with Performance Conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SOFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants Payable without Performance Conditions

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to a grant which remain in control of the charity.

Support Costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of the resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capital employed, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity, these are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,500. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

Change of Accounting Policies and Rules and Methods of Valuation.

There are no changes to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

Depreciation Expense

Depreciation is calculated at a rate to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets on a reducing balance over their estimated useful lives. The rates applied per annum are as follows:

Fixtures, Fittings Equipment	25%
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No depreciation is charged to freehold property as the property is maintained to such a standard that the estimated residual value is not less than cost.

2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

		Freehold Land & Buildings £	Freehold Land & Buildings £	Fixtures Fittings & Equipment £	Restricted Equipment £	Total 2022/23 £
Cost	01-Apr-22	207,000	67,951			274,951
Additions		-	-	-	-	-
Cost at	31-Mar-23	207,000	67,951	-	-	274,951
Depreciation	01-Apr-22	-	-			-
Charge		-	-		-	-
Depreciation at	31-Mar-23	-	-	-	-	-
Net Book Value	31-Mar-23	207,000	67,951	-	-	274,951
Net Book Value	31-Mar-22	207,000	67,951	-	-	274,951

The annual commitments under non-cancelling operating leases and capital commitments are as follows:

31st March 2023: None

31st March 2022: None

THE POPLARS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

3. INCOMING RESOURCES

Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	TOTAL 2022/23 £	TOTAL 2021/22 £
a) Donations & Legacies				
Gifts, Tithes & Offerings	59,425	2,230	61,655	54,316
Gift Aid Tax Recoverable	20,108	-	20,108	-
	79,533	2,230	81,763	54,316
b) Charitable Activities				
Activities & Projects	1,721	-	1,721	618
CAP	60	-	60	540
Golden Ball	1,624	-	1,624	5,858
Holiday	-	-	-	110
	3,405	-	3,405	7,126
c) Activities for Generating Funds				
Hall Hire	3,205	-	3,205	2,459
	3,205	-	3,205	2,459
d) Investment Income				
Bank Interest	154	-	154	122
	154	-	154	122
e) Other Incoming Resources				
Sundry Income	-	10,400	10,400	1,001
	-	10,400	10,400	1,001

THE POPLARS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

4. RESOURCES EXPENDED

Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	TOTAL 2022/23 £	TOTAL 2021/22 £
a) Costs of Charitable Activities				
CAP	219	-	219	720
Conference	164	-	164	-
Equipment Costs	324	-	324	558
Gifts, Grants & Blessings	-	5,024	5,024	11,123
Golden Ball Costs	2,320	-	2,320	1,677
Office Costs	763	-	763	571
Outreach	4,465	-	4,465	561
Rent & Rates	-	-	-	696
Resources & Fabric	6,641	-	6,641	13,680
Salaries & Wages	45,028	1,848	46,876	45,883
Staff Expenses	3,208	-	3,208	3,410
Sundry Expenses	262	-	262	646
Telephone & Internet Costs	3,042	-	3,042	2,447
The Children & Youth	2,146	-	2,146	1,670
Utility Costs	6,779	-	6,779	5,550
	75,361	6,872	82,233	89,190

b) Governance Costs

Bank Charges	318	-	318	284
Insurance Costs	1,467	-	1,467	1,304
Independent Examiners Fees	1,200	-	1,200	1,200
Legal & Professional Fees	1,354	-	1,354	907
	4,339	-	4,339	3,695

THE POPLARS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

5. DESIGNATED FUNDS

CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR

	Balance 01-Apr-22	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance 31-Mar-23
	£	£	£	£	£
Grants	-	10,400	6,217	-	4,183
Blessings	-	2,230	655	-	1,575
	-	12,630	6,872	-	5,758

PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEAR

	Balance 01-Apr-21	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance 31-Mar-22
	£	£	£	£	£
Building Fund - Golden Ball	176,480	5,858	8,315	- 174,022	-
Specific Gifts	424	1,223	2,033	386	-
	176,904	7,081	10,348	- 173,637	-

The Designated funds are represented by the charity's cash reserves and are to be expended as detailed above.

6. RESTRICTED FUNDS

The Charity held no restricted funds during this or the previous financial year.

7. NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 31-Mar-23	Total 31-Mar-22
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	274,951	-	274,951	274,951
Net Current Assets	35,810	5,758	41,568	29,122
		-		
	310,761	5,758	316,519	304,073

THE POPLARS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

8. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 31-Mar-23 £	Total 31-Mar-22 £
Cash at Bank & In Hand	37,010	5,758	42,768	30,322
	37,010	5,758	42,768	30,322

9. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 31-Mar-23 £	Total 31-Mar-22 £
Sundry Debtors	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 31-Mar-23 £	Total 31-Mar-22 £
Independent Examiners Fee	1,200	-	1,200	1,200
Payroll	91	-	91	-
	1,291	-	1,291	1,200

11. CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE IN MORE THAN ONE YEAR

The Charity held no long term liabilities during this or the previous financial year.

THE POPLARS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

12. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

	2022/23 £	2021/22 £
Gross Wages & Salaries	46,483	45,883
Employer's National Insurance Costs	-	-
Pension Contributions	393	-
	<u>46,876</u>	<u>45,883</u>

Average number of employees who were engaged in each of the following activities:

	TOTAL 2022/23	TOTAL 2021/22
Charitable Activities	2	2
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

The Charity operates a PAYE scheme to pay all employed members of staff and no employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000 (2021/22: None). The Charity also employs members of staff on a self employed basis.

13. PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES AND OTHER RELATED PARTIES

No payments were made to trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial period. No material transaction took place between the organisation and a trustee or any person connected with them.

14. RISK ASSESSMENT

The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

15. RESERVES POLICY

The trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. The trustees aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

16. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

16. ACQUISITION OF LAND & BUILDING

During the financial year the Trustees of The Poplars Christian Fellowship sought guidance and advice regarding the acquisition of Land & Buildings at 3 Victoria Square, Worksop, S80 1DX. On the 18th June 2015 the acquisition of the Land & Building was completed and the Charity acquired the Land & Buildings at the above address at a cost of £207,000, which was settled in full.

THE POPLARS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (OTHERWISE KNOWN AS POPLARS CHURCH)

England & Wales - Charity number 275682

Accounts

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**

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THE POPLARS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

WORKING NAME	Poplars Church
CHARITY NUMBER	275682
START OF FINANCIAL YEAR	1st April 2021
END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	31st March 2022
TRUSTEES AT 31ST MARCH 2022	K Dawson (Chair) F Malloch R Evens K Russon C Stanford R Hardy (appointed 15 March, 2022) A Johnson (appointed 15 March, 2022) P Potts (resigned (September, 2020) E Roper (resigned November, 2020)
COMMITTEE MEMBERS	R Evens (Treasurer) M Prest M. Bellingham S. Hemsall

All trustees and trust committee members have served in office throughout the year and to the date of this report except where shown.

The Trust Committee direct when it is necessary to appoint new trustees and committee members in accordance with Trust Deed 6V1 and 81V. A process of election takes place drawing candidates from a broad range of suitably qualified church members. Names of proposed trustees/committee members are recommended to a church meeting for consideration.

LEGAL STATUS	Unincorporated Charity
GOVERNING INSTRUMENT	Declaration of Trust Deed 8th May 1978, Deed of Amendment 10th July 1991.
OBJECTS	To promote the advancement of the Christian religion within the United Kingdom and abroad.
CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS	The Golden Ball 3 Victoria Square Worksop S80 1DX
PRIMARY BANKERS	Lloyds TSB Plc 1 Carolgate Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 6BY
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Independent Examiners Ltd 2 Broadbridge Business Centre Delling Lane Bosham West Sussex PO18 8NF

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees/ members of The Poplars Christian Fellowship on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022 set out on pages 7 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
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Date: 28th January, 2023

THE POPLARS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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THE POPLARS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**

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Approved by the Trustees on,..... February 2023

Signed on their behalf by Trustee

Printed Name: K Dawson (Chair)

THE POPLARS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2021/22 £	TOTAL 2020/21 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds						
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Charitable Activities	3b	650	6,476	-	7,126	20
Activities for Generating Funds	3c	2,459	-	-	2,459	790
Investment Income	3d	122	-	-	122	379
Other Incoming Resources	3e	501	500	-	1,001	1,778
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		57,943	7,081	-	65,024	59,204
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Cost of Generating Funds						
Costs of Charitable Activities	4a	78,842	10,348	-	89,190	68,203
Governance Costs	4b	3,695	-	-	3,695	4,020
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		82,537	10,348	-	92,885	72,223
NET INCOMING/ (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		(24,594)	(3,267)	-	(27,861)	(13,019)
Total Funds Brought Forward		155,030	176,904	-	331,933	344,952
Transfers Between Funds	5	173,637	(173,637)	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		304,073	-	-	304,073	331,933

Movements on all reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above. All of the organisation's operations are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

THE POPLARS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST MARCH 2022**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 31-Mar-22 £	Total 31-Mar-21 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	2	274,951	-	274,951	274,951
Current Assets					
Debtors & Prepayments	9	-	-	-	-
Cash at Bank and in Hand	8	30,322	-	30,322	58,182
Total Current Assets		30,322	-	30,322	58,182
Creditors: due within one year	10	1,200	-	1,200	1,200
NET CURRENT ASSETS		29,122	-	29,122	56,982
TOTAL ASSETS less current liabilities		29,122	-	29,122	56,982
NET ASSETS		304,073	-	304,073	331,933
Funds of the Charity					
General Funds		304,073	-	304,073	155,030
Designated Funds	5	-	-	-	176,904
Restricted Funds	6	-	-	-	-
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THE POPLARS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Preparation & Assessment of Going Concern

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP - FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Assessment of Going Concern

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Incoming Resources

Recognition of Incoming Resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Incoming Resources with Related Expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resource and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.

Grants and Donations

Grants and Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax Reclaims on Donations and Gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Contractual Income and Performance Related Grants

This is only included in the SOFA once the related goods or services has been delivered.

Gifts in Kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SOFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Donated Services and Facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Investment Income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment Gains and Losses

This included any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

THE POPLARS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance Costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees' meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Grants with Performance Conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SOFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants Payable without Performance Conditions

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to a grant which remain in control of the charity.

Support Costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of the resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capital employed, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity, these are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,500. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

Change of Accounting Policies and Rules and Methods of Valuation.

There are no changes to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

Depreciation Expense

Depreciation is calculated at a rate to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets on a reducing balance over their estimated useful lives. The rates applied per annum are as follows:

Fixtures, Fittings Equipment 25%

No depreciation is charged to freehold property as the property is maintained to such a standard that the estimated residual value is not less than cost.

2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

		Freehold Land & Buildings £	Freehold Land & Buildings £	Fixtures Fittings & Equipment £	Restricted Equipment £	Total 2021/22 £
Cost	01-Apr-21	207,000	67,951			274,951
Additions		-	-	-	-	-
Cost at	31-Mar-22	207,000	67,951	-	-	274,951
Depreciation Charge	01-Apr-21	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation at	31-Mar-22	-	-	-	-	-
Net Book Value	31-Mar-22	207,000	67,951	-	-	274,951
Net Book Value	31-Mar-21	207,000	67,951	-	-	274,951

The annual commitments under non-cancelling operating leases and capital commitments are as follows:

31st March 2022: None

31st March 2021: None

THE POPLARS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**

3. INCOMING RESOURCES

Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2021/22 £	TOTAL 2020/21 £
a) Donations & Legacies					
Gifts, Tithes & Offerings	54,211	105	-	54,316	46,047
Gift Aid Tax Recoverable	-	-	-	-	10,190
	54,211	105	-	54,316	56,237
b) Charitable Activities					
Activities & Projects	-	618	-	618	-
CAP	540	-	-	540	-
Golden Ball	-	5,858	-	5,858	20
Holiday	110	-	-	110	-
	650	6,476	-	7,126	20
c) Activities for Generating Funds					
Hall Hire	2,459	-	-	2,459	790
	2,459	-	-	2,459	790
d) Investment Income					
Bank Interest	122	-	-	122	379
	122	-	-	122	379
e) Other Incoming Resources					
Sundry Income	501	500	-	1,001	1,778
	501	500	-	1,001	1,778

THE POPLARS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**

4. RESOURCES EXPENDED

Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2021/22 £	TOTAL 2020/21 £
a) Costs of Charitable Activities					
CAP	720	-	-	720	-
Conference	-	-	-	-	819
Equipment Costs	558	-	-	558	1,152
Gifts, Grants & Blessings	10,509	614	-	11,123	12,202
Golden Ball Costs	1,677	-	-	1,677	1,889
Office Costs	571	-	-	571	647
Outreach	561	-	-	561	-
Rent & Rates	696	-	-	696	-
Repairs & Maintenance	-	-	-	-	371
Resources & Fabric	5,365	8,315	-	13,680	132
Salaries & Wages	45,883	-	-	45,883	40,516
Staff Expenses	3,410	-	-	3,410	3,000
Sundry Expenses	646	-	-	646	419
Telephone & Internet Costs	2,447	-	-	2,447	1,848
The Children & Youth	250	1,419	-	1,670	462
Utility Costs	5,550	-	-	5,550	4,746
	78,842	10,348	-	89,190	68,203

b) Governance Costs

Bank Charges	284	-	-	284	226
Insurance Costs	1,304	-	-	1,304	1,250
Independent Examiners Fees	1,200	-	-	1,200	1,200
Legal & Professional Fees	907	-	-	907	1,344
	3,695	-	-	3,695	4,020

THE POPLARS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

5. DESIGNATED FUNDS

CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR

	Balance 01-Apr-21	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance 31-Mar-22
	£	£	£	£	£
Building Fund - Golden Ball	176,480	5,858	8,315	(174,022)	-
Specific Gifts	424	1,223	2,033	386	-
	176,904	7,081	10,348	(173,637)	-

PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEAR

	Balance 01-Apr-20	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance 31-Mar-21
	£	£	£	£	£
Building Fund - Golden Ball	183,227	20	6,767	-	176,480
Specific Gifts	424	1,080	12,643	11,563	424
	183,651	1,100	19,410	11,563	176,904

The Designated funds are represented by the charity's cash reserves and are to be expended as detailed above.

6. RESTRICTED FUNDS

The Charity held no restricted funds during this or the previous financial year.

7. NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

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	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	274,951	-	274,951	274,951
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
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8. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 31-Mar-22 £	Total 31-Mar-21 £
Cash at Bank & In Hand	30,322	-	30,322	58,182
	30,322	-	30,322	58,182

9. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 31-Mar-22 £	Total 31-Mar-21 £
Sundry Debtors	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 31-Mar-22 £	Total 31-Mar-21 £
Independent Examiners Fee	1,200	-	1,200	1,200
	1,200	-	1,200	1,200

11. CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE IN MORE THAN ONE YEAR

The Charity held no long term liabilities during this or the previous financial year.

THE POPLARS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

12. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

	2021/22	2020/21
	£	£
Gross Wages & Salaries	45,883	40,516
Employer's National Insurance Costs	-	-
Pension Contributions	-	-
	<u>45,883</u>	<u>40,516</u>

Average number of employees who were engaged in each of the following activities:

	TOTAL 2021/22	TOTAL 2020/21
Charitable Activities	2	2
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

The Charity operates a PAYE scheme to pay all employed members of staff and no employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000 (2020/21: None). The Charity also employs members of staff on a self employed basis.

13. PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES AND OTHER RELATED PARTIES

No payments were made to trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial period. No material transaction took place between the organisation and a trustee or any person connected with them.

14. RISK ASSESSMENT

The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

15. RESERVES POLICY

The trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. The trustees aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

16. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

THE POPLARS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (OTHERWISE KNOWN AS POPLARS CHURCH)

England & Wales - Charity number 275682

Accounts

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

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CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

CHARITY REGISTRATION No: 275682

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THE POPLARS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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THE POPLARS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

WORKING NAME Poplars Church
CHARITY NUMBER 275682
START OF FINANCIAL YEAR 1st April 2020
END OF FINANCIAL YEAR 31st March 2021
TRUSTEES AT 31ST MARCH 2021 F Malloch (Chair)
K Dawson
R Evens
P Potts
E Roper
K Russon
C Stanford

COMMITTEE MEMBERS R Evens (Treasurer)
M Prest
P Hardy
M. Bellingham
S. Archer
S. Hemsall

All trustees and trust committee members have served in office throughout the year and to the date of this report except where shown.

The Trust Committee direct when it is necessary to appoint new trustees and committee members in accordance with Trust Deed 6V1 and 81V. A process of election takes place drawing candidates from a broad range of suitably qualified church members. Names of proposed trustees/committee members are recommended to a church meeting for consideration.

LEGAL STATUS Unincorporated Charity
GOVERNING INSTRUMENT Declaration of Trust Deed 8th May 1978, Deed of Amendment 10th July 1991.
OBJECTS To promote the advancement of the Christian religion within the United Kingdom and abroad.
CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS The Golden Ball
3 Victoria Square
Worksop
S80 1DX
PRIMARY BANKERS Lloyds TSB Plc
1 Carolgate
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DN22 6BY
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER Independent Examiners Ltd
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees/ members of The Poplars Christian Fellowship on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021 set out on pages 7 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Keith Richards
Independent Examiners Ltd
2 Broadbridge Business Centre
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Date: 28th January, 2022

THE POPLARS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
TRUSTEES REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

Who are we?

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Summary of Trust Objectives:

- a) To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs
- b) To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship in such parts of the United Kingdom and the world through the provision of homes and hostels and by such other charitable means as the Trustees may from time to time think fit.

What do we do?

The church continues to express its Christian faith by seeking opportunities to serve the community by the provision of a variety of relevant and effective activities:

- 1. Providing an opportunity for an informal style of Sunday meeting for worship and clear teaching on the essentials of the gospel as we understand it. This now happens predominately in the Golden Ball, which is a former pub now used by the church since purchased a couple of years ago. The refurbishment of the building is now largely complete, though there is still work ongoing.
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Approved by the Trustees on,.....28th January, 2022.....

Signed on their behalf by Trustee

Printed Name: F Malloch

THE POPLARS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
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Incoming Resources from Generated Funds						
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Charitable Activities	3b	-	20	-	20	4,096
Activities for Generating Funds	3c	790	-	-	790	760
Investment Income	3d	379	-	-	379	679
Other Incoming Resources	3e	1,778	-	-	1,778	660
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		58,104	1,100	-	59,204	75,761
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Cost of Generating Funds						
Costs of Charitable Activities	4a	48,794	19,410	-	68,203	89,138
Governance Costs	4b	4,020	-	-	4,020	3,564
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		52,813	19,410	-	72,223	92,702
NET INCOMING/ (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		5,291	(18,310)	-	(13,019)	(16,941)
Total Funds Brought Forward		161,301	183,651	-	344,952	361,893
Transfers Between Funds		(11,563)	11,563	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		155,030	176,904	-	331,933	344,952

Movements on all reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above. All of the organisation's operations are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST MARCH 2021**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 31-Mar-21 £	Total 31-Mar-20 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	2	274,951	-	274,951	274,951
Current Assets					
Debtors & Prepayments	9	-	-	-	-
Cash at Bank and in Hand	8	58,182	-	58,182	71,261
Total Current Assets		58,182	-	58,182	71,261
Creditors: due within one year	10	1,200	-	1,200	1,260
NET CURRENT ASSETS		56,982	-	56,982	70,001
TOTAL ASSETS less current liabilities		56,982	-	56,982	70,001
NET ASSETS		331,933	-	331,933	344,952
Funds of the Charity					
General Funds		155,030	-	155,030	161,301
Designated Funds	5	176,904	-	176,904	183,651
Restricted Funds	6	-	-	-	-
		331,933	-	331,933	344,952

Approved by the Trustees on,..... 28th January, 2022.....

Signed on their behalf by Trustee,

Printed Name: F Malloch

THE POPLARS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Preparation & Assessment of Going Concern

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP - FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Assessment of Going Concern

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Incoming Resources

Recognition of Incoming Resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Incoming Resources with Related Expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resource and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.

Grants and Donations

Grants and Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax Reclaims on Donations and Gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Contractual Income and Performance Related Grants

This is only included in the SOFA once the related goods or services has been delivered.

Gifts in Kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SOFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Donated Services and Facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Investment Income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment Gains and Losses

This included any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance Costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees' meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Grants with Performance Conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SOFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants Payable without Performance Conditions

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to a grant which remain in control of the charity.

Support Costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of the resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capital employed, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity, these are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,500. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

Change of Accounting Policies and Rules and Methods of Valuation.

There are no changes to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

Depreciation Expense

Depreciation is calculated at a rate to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets on a reducing balance over their estimated useful lives. The rates applied per annum are as follows:

Fixtures, Fittings Equipment 25%

No depreciation is charged to freehold property as the property is maintained to such a standard that the estimated residual value is not less than cost.

2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

		Freehold Land & Buildings £	Freehold Land & Buildings £	Fixtures Fittings & Equipment £	Restricted Equipment £	Total 2020/21 £
Cost	01-Apr-20	207,000	67,951			274,951
Additions		-	-	-	-	-
Cost at	31-Mar-21	207,000	67,951	-	-	274,951
Depreciation	01-Apr-20	-	-			-
Charge		-	-			-
Depreciation at	31-Mar-21	-	-	-	-	-
Net Book Value	31-Mar-21	207,000	67,951	-	-	274,951
Net Book Value	31-Mar-20	207,000	67,951	-	-	274,951

The annual commitments under non-cancelling operating leases and capital commitments are as follows:

31st March 2021: None

31st March 2020: None

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

3. INCOMING RESOURCES

Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2020/21 £	TOTAL 2019/20 £
a) Donations & Legacies					
Gifts, Tithes & Offerings	44,967	1,080	-	46,047	47,355
Gift Aid Tax Recoverable	10,190	-	-	10,190	22,210
	55,157	1,080	-	56,237	69,565
b) Charitable Activities					
Activities & Projects	-	-	-	-	-
Golden Ball	-	20	-	20	2,196
Holiday	-	-	-	-	1,900
	-	20	-	20	4,096
c) Activities for Generating Funds					
Hall Hire	790	-	-	790	760
Yard Sales	-	-	-	-	-
	790	-	-	790	760
d) Investment Income					
Bank Interest	379	-	-	379	679
	379	-	-	379	679
e) Other Incoming Resources					
Sundry Income	1,778	-	-	1,778	660
	1,778	-	-	1,778	660

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

4. RESOURCES EXPENDED

Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2020/21 £	TOTAL 2019/20 £
a) Costs of Charitable Activities					
Conference	819	-	-	819	1,756
Depreciation Expense	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment Costs	1,152	-	-	1,152	3,558
Gifts, Grants & Blessings	-	12,202	-	12,202	10,831
Golden Ball Costs	-	1,889	-	1,889	3,714
Office Costs	647	-	-	647	667
Outreach	-	-	-	-	475
Rent & Rates	-	-	-	-	921
Repairs & Maintenance	371	-	-	371	516
Resources & Fabric	-	132	-	132	14,117
Salaries & Wages	40,516	-	-	40,516	34,501
Staff Expenses	3,000	-	-	3,000	3,314
Sundry Expenses	419	-	-	419	2,561
Telephone & Internet Costs	1,848	-	-	1,848	3,195
The Children & Youth	22	440	-	462	1,453
Utility Costs	-	4,746	-	4,746	7,560
Yard Sale	-	-	-	-	-
	48,794	19,410	-	68,203	89,138

b) Governance Costs

Bank Charges	226	-	-	226	219
Insurance Costs	1,250	-	-	1,250	1,235
Independent Examiners Fees	1,200	-	-	1,200	1,260
Legal & Professional Fees	1,344	-	-	1,344	850
	4,020	-	-	4,020	3,564

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
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5. DESIGNATED FUNDS

CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR

	Balance 01-Apr-20	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance 31-Mar-21
	£	£	£	£	£
Building Fund - Golden Ball	183,227	20	6,767	-	176,480
Specific Gifts	-	1,080	12,643	11,563	-
	183,227	1,100	19,410	11,563	176,480

PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEAR

	Balance 01-Apr-19	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance 31-Mar-20
	£	£	£	£	£
Building Fund - Golden Ball	207,000	2,196	25,969	-	183,227
Specific Gifts	(424)	3,335	12,099	9,188	-
	206,576	5,531	38,068	9,188	183,227

The Designated funds are represented by the charity's cash reserves and are to be expended as detailed above.

6. RESTRICTED FUNDS

The Charity held no restricted funds during this or the previous financial year.

7. NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 31-Mar-21	Total 31-Mar-20
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	274,951	-	274,951	274,951
Net Current Assets	56,982	-	56,982	70,001
		-		
	331,933	-	331,933	344,952

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8. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 31-Mar-21 £	Total 31-Mar-20 £
Cash at Bank & In Hand	58,182	-	58,182	71,261
	58,182	-	58,182	71,261

9. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 31-Mar-21 £	Total 31-Mar-20 £
Tax Recoverable	-	-	-	-
Sundry Debtors	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 31-Mar-21 £	Total 31-Mar-20 £
Independent Examiners Fee	1,200	-	1,200	1,260
	1,200	-	1,200	1,260

11. CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE IN MORE THAN ONE YEAR

The Charity held no long term liabilities during this or the previous financial year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

12. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

	2020/21	2019/20
	£	£
Gross Wages & Salaries	40,516	34,501
Employer's National Insurance Costs	-	-
Pension Contributions	-	-
	<u>40,516</u>	<u>34,501</u>

Average number of employees who were engaged in each of the following activities:

	TOTAL 2020/21	TOTAL 2019/20
Charitable Activities	2	2
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

The Charity operates a PAYE scheme to pay all employed members of staff and no employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000 (2019/20: None). The Charity also employs members of staff on a self employed basis.

13. PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES AND OTHER RELATED PARTIES

No payments were made to trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial period. No material transaction took place between the organisation and a trustee or any person connected with them.

14. RISK ASSESSMENT

The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

15. RESERVES POLICY

The trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. The trustees aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

16. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.