

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024
FOR
SEAFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH

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SEAFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH

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SEAFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

TRUSTEES	Mr H W Bardsley Chair Mr M Woodgate Mr S Bradford
PRINCIPAL ADDRESS	115-117 Vale Road Seaford East Sussex BN25 3HB
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	293090
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Gibbons Mannington & Phipps LLP Chartered Accountants Landgate Chambers 24 Landgate Rye East Sussex TN31 7LJ
BANKERS	NatWest Bank 96 Terminus Road Eastbourne East Sussex BN2 3LY

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The object is to recruit others to the purposes and goals of the Church namely to become an active member of the Church who carries out the ministry of Jesus Christ particularly the recruiting and training of others as His disciples in introducing them to Him in person and training them in the values of the Church with a view to the ongoing multiplication of His followers.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have due regard for the Charities Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Resources were directed into the advancement of the Christian faith both in the United Kingdom and overseas and gifts were made to both individuals and institutions for this purpose. A significant investment was made in the area of Christian training for the purpose of achieving the objective of the charity.

In 2024 the trust continued in its ongoing vision and mission to be a functioning body of Christians who release the love of God in the power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit through the spiritual gifts appointed to each one. Equipping and training each person to know for themselves their identity as God's child and out of that security serve according to their own measure of grace and faith continued. Walking in day to day life with the Holy Spirit continued to grow and we continued to take the message of the Father's love and our identity, purpose and calling as God's children to our own county of Sussex, especially Hastings, and into the Ukraine through online training, fellowship and financial support.

Seahaven Storehouse, our community food bank, has continued to provide approximately £34,000 of food supplies as expressions of the Father's love to local families with continued increased demand for its services. This has only been possible through the generosity of members of the public and local voluntary groups who have given their money, time and energy to serve their community.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

Full details of the results are shown in the financial statements that accompany this report.

We are pleased to report the church members have continued to give generously and enable the trust to meet its ministry commitments.

Funds available are sufficient to permit the Church to continue in operation in the medium term. The Trustees are satisfied that the charity is able to meet its liabilities as they fall due.

Investment policy and objectives

The Trust Deed authorises the trustees to make and hold investments using general funds of the Charity, but no such investments are presently held.

Reserves policy

The policy of the Church is to maintain sufficient reserves which, in the opinion of the trustees allows them to cover management and administration costs and plan for the following years giving. At the year end the general reserve funds were £66,507.

FUTURE PLANS

As we look to the future our mission continues to be to take God's presence, love and power to our local community, our region and our nation and out to the nations through equipping and releasing men and women into their God given identity purpose and calling.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Church is governed by a Declaration of Trust dated 20 September 1985 (and Deed of Variation dated 20 March 1995) to promote the advancement of the Christian Faith either in the United Kingdom or overseas.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The trustees named on the information page have served during the year. Appointment of the trustees is governed by the Trust Deed of the Charity. The Board of trustees is authorised to appoint new trustees to fill vacancies arising through resignation or death of an existing trustee.

Risk management

The trustees have examined the operational risks which the Charity faces and are satisfied that the systems currently in place are sufficient to enable such risks to be minimised.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 19 October 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr H W Bardsley - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
SEAFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Seaford Community Church

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Seaford Community Church (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Mr J Greenslade FCCA

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22 October 2025

SEAFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
	Notes				
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		77,848	50,982	128,830	164,956
Investment income	3	208	-	208	266
Total		<u>78,056</u>	<u>50,982</u>	<u>129,038</u>	<u>165,222</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Worship and Training		8,305	1,910	10,215	10,431
Ministry and Mission		36,163	-	36,163	43,146
Seahaven Storehouse		-	35,283	35,283	78,003
Giving		26,059	-	26,059	53,547
Total		<u>70,527</u>	<u>37,193</u>	<u>107,720</u>	<u>185,127</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		7,529	13,789	21,318	(19,905)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		58,978	127,792	186,770	206,675
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>66,507</u>	<u>141,581</u>	<u>208,088</u>	<u>186,770</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

SEAFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7	22,354	87,733	110,087	116,432
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	4,355	-	4,355	4,515
Cash at bank		41,898	53,848	95,746	67,923
		<u>46,253</u>	<u>53,848</u>	<u>100,101</u>	<u>72,438</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(2,100)	-	(2,100)	(2,100)
		<u>44,153</u>	<u>53,848</u>	<u>98,001</u>	<u>70,338</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>44,153</u>	<u>53,848</u>	<u>98,001</u>	<u>70,338</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		66,507	141,581	208,088	186,770
		<u>66,507</u>	<u>141,581</u>	<u>208,088</u>	<u>186,770</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>66,507</u>	<u>141,581</u>	<u>208,088</u>	<u>186,770</u>
FUNDS	10				
Unrestricted funds				66,507	58,978
Restricted funds				141,581	127,792
				<u>208,088</u>	<u>186,770</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>208,088</u>	<u>186,770</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 19 October 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mr H W Bardsley - Trustee

1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Seaford Community Church is an unincorporated charity, registered in England & Wales. The charity's registered number and registered office address can be found in the Report of the Trustees.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

INCOME

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included. No permanent endowments have been received in the period.

Income from investments is included in the year in which it is receivable.

EXPENDITURE

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Direct charitable expenditure are those costs incurred directly on the furtherance and support of the objects of the charity.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% on cost
Musical Equipment	- 20% on reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 20% on reducing balance

TAXATION

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

FUND ACCOUNTING

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

FUND ACCOUNTING

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income and gains are allocated to the appropriate fund.

DONATED GOODS

In order to achieve our mission the members of the church are helped and encouraged to volunteer their time, money, giftings and skills according to each person's unique abilities and circumstances. All aspects of church life and ministry both internal and to the community at large are only achievable because of this voluntary serving.

The food bank is run by volunteers from the church alongside members of the public who give their time up to help. Donations of money and food come from the community and members of the church.

Ministry Schools are run with the help of team members who often serve at their own expense giving their time and meeting their own financial costs.

It is not possible to quantify the amounts of donated goods and services and therefore these have not been included in the accounts.

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank interest	208	266
	<u>208</u>	<u>266</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

TRUSTEES' EXPENSES

One trustee received payments for ministerial services performed for the Church. These payments totalled £24,000 in the year to 31 December 2024.

The above expenses relate to services to the Church other than that of being trustees. No expenses have been reimbursed to trustees in relation to expenses incurred as trustees.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	75,074	89,882	164,956
Investment income	266	-	266
Total	75,340	89,882	165,222
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Worship and Training	8,521	1,910	10,431
Ministry and Mission	43,146	-	43,146
Seahaven Storehouse	-	78,003	78,003
Giving	53,547	-	53,547
Total	105,214	79,913	185,127
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(29,874)	9,969	(19,905)
Transfers between funds	5,205	(5,205)	-
Net movement in funds	(24,669)	4,764	(19,905)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	83,647	123,028	206,675
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	58,978	127,792	186,770

6. INDEPENDENT EXAMINER FEES

The Independent Examiner's remuneration represents the fee for the preparation and examination of the accounts of £2,100 (2023: £2,820).

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Musical Equipment £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024	206,948	6,313	56,483	9,430	279,174
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 January 2024	101,548	6,294	45,800	9,100	162,742
Charge for year	4,139	4	2,136	66	6,345
At 31 December 2024	105,687	6,298	47,936	9,166	169,087
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 December 2024	101,261	15	8,547	264	110,087
At 31 December 2023	105,400	19	10,683	330	116,432

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued

It is not considered practical for a valuation of the freehold property to be obtained. The trustees consider that market value would not be lower than the net book value as shown above.

8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Tax	<u>4,355</u>	<u>4,515</u>

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other creditors	<u>2,100</u>	<u>2,100</u>

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/1/24	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31/12/24
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	37,264	14,622	(14,010)	37,876
Giving Fund	7,607	(9,008)	9,009	7,608
Ministry Fund	2,204	(815)	-	1,389
IPC Destiny	11,054	(1,915)	9,667	18,806
IPC Donations	849	4,645	(4,666)	828
	<u>58,978</u>	<u>7,529</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66,507</u>
Restricted funds				
Seahaven Storehouse	30,924	15,699	-	46,623
Building Reserve	89,643	(1,910)	-	87,733
Ukraine	7,225	-	-	7,225
	<u>127,792</u>	<u>13,789</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>141,581</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>186,770</u>	<u>21,318</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>208,088</u>

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	53,978	(39,356)	14,622
Giving Fund	2,381	(11,389)	(9,008)
Ministry Fund	-	(815)	(815)
IPC Destiny	17,052	(18,967)	(1,915)
IPC Donations	4,645	-	4,645
	<u>78,056</u>	<u>(70,527)</u>	<u>7,529</u>
Restricted funds			
Seahaven Storehouse	50,982	(35,283)	15,699
Building Reserve	-	(1,910)	(1,910)
	<u>50,982</u>	<u>(37,193)</u>	<u>13,789</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>129,038</u></u>	<u><u>(107,720)</u></u>	<u><u>21,318</u></u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	45,857	3,929	(12,522)	37,264
Giving Fund	6,024	1,583	-	7,607
Ministry Fund	2,204	-	-	2,204
IPC Destiny	28,708	(40,045)	22,391	11,054
IPC Donations	854	4,659	(4,664)	849
	<u>83,647</u>	<u>(29,874)</u>	<u>5,205</u>	<u>58,978</u>
Restricted funds				
Seahaven Storehouse	23,688	11,879	(4,643)	30,924
Building Reserve	91,553	(1,910)	-	89,643
Ukraine	7,787	-	(562)	7,225
	<u>123,028</u>	<u>9,969</u>	<u>(5,205)</u>	<u>127,792</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>206,675</u></u>	<u><u>(19,905)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>186,770</u></u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	55,731	(51,802)	3,929
Giving Fund	1,583	-	1,583
IPC Destiny	13,367	(53,412)	(40,045)
IPC Donations	4,659	-	4,659
	<u>75,340</u>	<u>(105,214)</u>	<u>(29,874)</u>
Restricted funds			
Seahaven Storehouse	89,882	(78,003)	11,879
Building Reserve	-	(1,910)	(1,910)
	<u>89,882</u>	<u>(79,913)</u>	<u>9,969</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>165,222</u></u>	<u><u>(185,127)</u></u>	<u><u>(19,905)</u></u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/1/23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	45,857	18,551	(26,532)	37,876
Giving Fund	6,024	(7,425)	9,009	7,608
Ministry Fund	2,204	(815)	-	1,389
IPC Destiny	28,708	(41,960)	32,058	18,806
IPC Donations	854	9,304	(9,330)	828
	<u>83,647</u>	<u>(22,345)</u>	<u>5,205</u>	<u>66,507</u>
Restricted funds				
Seahaven Storehouse	23,688	27,578	(4,643)	46,623
Building Reserve	91,553	(3,820)	-	87,733
Ukraine	7,787	-	(562)	7,225
	<u>123,028</u>	<u>23,758</u>	<u>(5,205)</u>	<u>141,581</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>206,675</u></u>	<u><u>1,413</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>208,088</u></u>

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	109,709	(91,158)	18,551
Giving Fund	3,964	(11,389)	(7,425)
Ministry Fund	-	(815)	(815)
IPC Destiny	30,419	(72,379)	(41,960)
IPC Donations	9,304	-	9,304
	<u>153,396</u>	<u>(175,741)</u>	<u>(22,345)</u>
Restricted funds			
Seahaven Storehouse	140,864	(113,286)	27,578
Building Reserve	-	(3,820)	(3,820)
	<u>140,864</u>	<u>(117,106)</u>	<u>23,758</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>294,260</u></u>	<u><u>(292,847)</u></u>	<u><u>1,413</u></u>

The purposes of the restricted and unrestricted funds are as follows:

General fund - the income is generated from regular planned giving for the furtherance of the charity's objective to promote the advancement of the Christian Faith either in the United Kingdom or overseas. Other unrestricted funds are allocations from the general fund for budgeting and future planning purposes.

Giving fund - for giving out of the general fund.

IPC Destiny fund - the identification of gift aid tax reclaims arising from general fund giving and an allocation out of the general fund to support local, national and international ministry activities. Previously known as the Barnabas Ministries Fund.

IPC Donations fund - for giving arising from itinerant ministry work and external relationships. Previously known as the Barnabas Ministries Giving Fund

Ministry fund - to support ministry and administration.

Building reserve fund - The fund represents the improvements made to the premises occupied by the church.

Seahaven Storehouse - The fund is for the purpose of providing food to those in need in the local community.

Ukraine - The fund is for the purpose of supporting our ministry in Ukraine.

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the accounting period the charity has received donations totalling £10,803 from individuals that have acted as Trustees during the year ended 31 December 2024.