

CHRISTCHURCH ABBEYDALE

ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Address Heron Way Abbeydale Gloucester GL4 5EQ

Ministers Address 63 Wheatway Abbeydale
Gloucester GL4 5ET

CHURCH COUNCIL

Officers & Trustees

Rev Peter Clarkson	Minister and Chair
David Evans	Vice Chair
Susan Hill	Treasurer

Trustees

David Barber	Property		
Malcolm Barder		Resigned	21/04/2021
Howard Francis	Deputy Treasurer		
Audrey Staite	Pastoral		
Val Stephens	Church Rep.		
Carol Terry	Children & Young People		
Norman Whitaker	Church Rep.		
Val Doll			
Gordon Dale		Appointed	21/04/2021
Barry Bishop		Appointed	21/04/2021

Bankers

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Southgate Street
Gloucester
GL1 2DH

CCLA Investment Management Limited
COIF Deposit & Property Fund
Senator House 85 Queen Victoria St
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Independent Examiner Mrs M Adlard

Charity Number 293684

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CHURCH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

The Church

Christchurch Abbeydale is a church which is unique in Gloucestershire, a Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) created and responsible to four denominations: Church of England, Methodist, United Reformed and Baptist. Christchurch is a Church of England conventional district within the Gloucester City Deanery and Gloucester Diocese, it is a Methodist church within the Gloucestershire Circuit and Bristol District, a United Reformed church within the Gloucestershire Area of the West Midlands Synod and a Baptist church within the West of England Baptist Association.

The Council

The Council are recruited from members of the church who have an interest and ability in advancing the aims and objectives of the church. The council and the officers (except the minister) are elected at The Annual General Meeting or co-opted during the year

Organisational Structure

The minister, the officers and all Church Council members are trustees of the charity. The council, chaired by the minister meets monthly and is responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the Church. The Council then take their recommendations to the church membership for approval at the quarterly Church meeting.

Aim and Purpose

Christchurch Abbeydale Church Council (CC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Peter Clarkson in promoting in our geographical area (a Conventional District to use the Church of England term), the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The Conventional District occupies parts of the parishes of St Oswald Coney Hill and St Lawrence Barnwood.

We undertake work across the entire neighbourhood, including a responsibility towards those who are members of no church

The Church Council is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church building and grounds.

The ecumenical nature of the church, so foundational in its inception, is reflected in the contact with other churches as people worship elsewhere, as different ministers are welcomed to our church and our minister visits other places of worship. We work with our neighbouring churches all of which promotes the work of meeting and ministering to a wide cross section of our area.

Objectives and Activities

Christchurch Abbeydale is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our

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Church Council Annual Report (contd)

Objectives and Activities (contd)

church and to become part of our faith community. We seek to represent the Body of Christ in Abbeydale and Abbeymead by the caring and love shown to those within the church family and beyond to the whole community.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

We aspire to make our services warm and friendly, varied and accessible, but at the same time reverent and meaningful. We are keen on congregational participation and regularly include children who have an important and valued contribution to make

We try hard to offer welcome and hospitality. Theologically, the church aims to be reflective of our four denominational heritage. Our members can belong to any of the denominations or none. The Church Council maintains an overview of worship and makes suggestions on how our services can involve groups connected with our church

Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. When planning our activities for the year, the incumbent and the Church Council try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our Church community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel, developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus and supporting each other as part of the family of God
- Welcoming newcomers to the church whether they come for one week or longer.
- Provision of pastoral care for people associated with the Church and/or living locally.
- Developing connections into our local community particularly the local schools

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the church building, the associated rooms and the area outside the church.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer - The Church Council are keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of a year that are both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling for all, Services were held via Zoom for the period of January to Easter. April to July saw Sunday worship change to two identical services to accommodate all who wished to attend in a covid safe environment. From August a single service resumed. The church stayed open for private prayer on Wednesday. Services were recorded and distributed on DVD and CDs to those unable to obtain from other methods.

We continue to use worship material from various sources reflecting our ecumenical ethos.

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Achievements and Performance (contd)

Pastoral care was provided via telephone at the beginning of the year. Once restriction eased, visits started again. Regular collections were also taken to the food bank. Jubilate carried out singing engagements at Lydney, Café Church, Carols & Flowers, Barnwood Bowling Club to name a few. Funerals were also held during the year.

Membership

During the year we had 90 members and 40 adherents, the majority of whom live locally. The average weekly attendance was 50 on the Sundays when the church was open for morning worship.

Financial Review

The running cost of the church is met by the contribution of the members plus the gift aid claimed. Other contributions from fund raising by friends of Christchurch volunteers and members were greatly appreciated, it has all allowed us to operate within our budget. The Church held a very successful Giiift Day when additional donations were made.

Potential Future Liability regarding "The Baptist Pension Scheme"

Under pension legislation, a "Cessation Event" (CE) arises when a church ceases to employ a scheme member and, if the scheme is in deficit at the time, the church is deemed to be a "participating employer" and, depending on the circumstances, is responsible either for meeting its share of the pension deficit in full, or for making additional pension contribution payments until such times as the scheme finances are in a position to meet the pension promises made to members.

Christchurch Abbeydale had a CE in August 2006 when the Baptist Minister left the service of the church. The trustees of the Baptist Pension Scheme has stated that Christchurch deficit will be £31,000, after discussions with various bodies over a period of time, Christchurch have had to agree on settlement. As a small LEP this will represent an unexpected expenditure. At a church meeting it was agreed to settle this in full. £16,000 has been paid with the balance being paid upon transfer of monies.

The Baptist Strategy Building Scheme has this year informed us that a long term liability exist in the form of a Building Loan of £5,000 which was given when the church was built. This amount only becomes repayable if the church ceases to exist or moves from the building. They however would like that liability to be shown in our accounts.

Reserves Policy

It is the Church Council's policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if funds permit) this should equate to at least three months unrestricted payments. This is following the guidance suggested by the Charity Commission.

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Reserves Policy (contd)

This unrestricted fund is to cover unexpected or emergency expenditure that may arise from time to time. In 2022 this fund should be £16,450. The balance of £ 37,216 held in the (COIF Charities Deposit Fund) at the end of the year, meets this policy, together with £ 13,623 in the current account to meet immediate expenditure.

The balance of £20,183 in the COIF Charities Property Fund is a restricted fund retained towards meeting the cost of major building repairs that will be required to be undertaken on the church. Although not the legal owners of the land and building (this is held by Shared Churches (Gloucester) Ltd which was set up in 1989 for this purpose), Christchurch Abbeydale carries out repairing and maintenance in lieu of a annual rent.

We work towards transferring £2,500 per annum to the COIF Charities Property Fund to meet that responsibility.

Summary

For the size of the organisation and its range of activities, the figures presented in these accounts are presented on the basis that the organisation can meet its outgoings, and will be a continuing organisation.

Signature: 
Rev Peter Clarkson

Chair

Signature: 
Susan Hill FMAAT

Treasurer

Date: 24-4-22

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS					
Receipts					
Planned Givings (S/O)	23,424	0	0	23,424	21,794
Envelope Givings	11,575	0	0	11,575	11,277
Collections	3,364	0	0	3,364	4,552
	38,363	0	0	38,363	37,623
Gift Aid Refunded	17,884	0	0	17,884	0
Charitable Donations	0	0	1,074	1,074	656
Donations	9,844	0	257	10,101	3,586
a Other Voluntary receipts	565	0	0	565	445
b Activities for Generating Funds	1,862	0	0	1,862	1,565
c Receipts from Church Activities	1,867	0	0	1,867	21,449
Boys Brigade	0	5,101	2,000	7,101	4,004
Bank Interest	1	0	0	1	13
Misc. Income	2,149	0	0	2,149	0
Total Receipts	72,535	5,101	3,331	80,967	69,341
Payments					
d Denominational Payments	7,039	0	0	7,039	7,474
e Ministerial Costs	56,276	0	0	56,276	28,562
f General Church Expenses	951	0	0	951	990
Altar Expenses	0	0	0	0	0
Junior Church	74	0	0	74	61
g Administration Cost	1,569	0	0	1,569	1,646
Utility Cost	3,247	0	0	3,247	3,811
h Building Maintenance Cost	3,482	0	0	3,482	2,423
Charitable Givings & Gifts	181	0	1,661	1,842	1,685
Boys Brigade	0	3,212	3,000	6,212	2,320
Church Activities	469	0	0	469	20,720
Rent in Lieu	1,237	0	0	1,237	0
Total Payments	74,525	3,212	4,661	82,398	69,692
Excess of Receipts over Pymts.	-1,990	1,889	-1,330	-1,431	-351
Transfer between funds	1,559	-1,889	330	0	0
B/F from previous year	13,475	579	1,000	15,054	15,405
Net Transfer To/from Deposit Acc	0	0	0	0	0
Total Funds C/F	13,044	579	-0	13,623	15,054

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Dec-21	Dec-20
Bank Current Account	13,623	15,054
COIF Deposit Account		
As at Jan 2021	37,213	
Interest during the year	4	
Deposits during the year		
Withdrawals during the year		
As at Dec 2021	37,217	
COIF Property Account		
As at Jan 2021	18,944	
Interest during the year	2	
Deposits during the year	1,237	
Withdrawals during the year	0	
As at Dec 2021	20,183	

DESIGNATED AND RESTRICTED FUNDS

	As at	1st Jan 2021		Receipts	Payments	Transfer	31 Dec 2021
a Boys Brigade		0	Designated	5,101	3,212	-1,889	0
e Communion Fund		579	Designated	0	0	0	579
		<u>579</u>		<u>5,101</u>	<u>3,212</u>	<u>-1,889</u>	<u>579</u>
b Charitable Donations		0	Restricted	1,074	1,336	262	0
c Donations		0	Restricted	257	325	68	0
d Other Voluntary Receipts		0	Restricted	0	0	0	0
f Boys Brigade		1,000	Restricted	2,000	3,000	0	0
		<u>1,000</u>		<u>3,331</u>	<u>4,661</u>	<u>330</u>	<u>0</u>
		1,579		8,432	7,873	-1,559	579

(a) The church supports the 7th Gloucestershire Boys Brigade and provides a budget to meet any shortfall. This year this was not needed and they repaid the surplus.

(b) The church support a monthly donation for named charities

(c) Monies collected as restricted donations to charities and other bodies (d) These were one off appeals which were supported by the church (e) Special request on communion Sunday to the fund, to allow the minister flexibility in supporting relief in need cases put to him. (f) Grant received for Boys Brigade. (g) A funeral retiring collection of £100 was passed onto the Salvation Army.

Creditors The Independent Examiners invoice for the 2021 accounts is expected to be appx £360 (2020 - £360) Baptist Building Loan: £5,000 (2020 - £5,000) Baptist Pension £15,000 (2020 - 30,000), Baptist M & M £833 (2020 - Nil)

Debtors: Gift Aid 2021 £10,157, (2020 £9,305)

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Receipts and Payments Analysis		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
		Fund	Fund	Fund	2021	2020
a	Other Voluntary Receipts					
	Chronicle	537	0	0	537	353
	Sunday & Friday Coffee	28	0	0	28	92
	Appeals & Gifts	0	0	0	0	0
	Flowers	0	0	0	0	0
	Communion Fund	0	0	0	0	0
	Books/Cards & Publications	0	0	0	0	0
		565	0	0	565	445
b	Activities for Generating Funds					
	Letting Fees	1,585	0	0	1,585	1,330
	T @ 3	0	0	0	0	64
	Keep Fit	277	0	0	277	171
		1,862	0	0	1,862	1,565
c	Receipts from Church Activities					
	Fees	0	0	0	0	1,152
	Fetes, Concerts & Plays	1,867	0	0	1,867	306
	Holidays	0	0	0	0	19,991
		1,867	0	0	1,867	21,449
	Expenditure					
d	Denominational					
	Baptist	0	0	0	0	892
	Anglican	2,583	0	0	2,583	2,753
	Methodist	3,166	0	0	3,166	3,055
	United Reformed	1,290	0	0	1,290	774
		7,039	0	0	7,039	7,474
e	Ministerial Cost					
	Employment Cost	50,914	0	0	50,914	23,203
	Visiting Ministers & Expenses	35	0	0	35	35
	Manse Rent	5,327	0	0	5,327	5,324
	Communion Fund	0	0	0	0	0
		56,276	0	0	56,276	28,562
f	General Church Expenses					
	Music Copyright & Gen Exp.	951	0	0	951	922
	Flowers	0	0	0	0	0
	Catering & T @ 3	0	0	0	0	68
		951	0	0	951	990
g	Administration Cost					
	Stationery & Post	120	0	0	120	315
	Photocopier	1089	0	0	1089	971
	Web & Accounts	360	0	0	360	360
		1569	0	0	1569	1946
h	Building Maintenance					
	Repairs & Mtce	2,969	0	0	2,969	1,895
	Insurance	513	0	0	513	493
	Cleaning	0	0	0	0	35
		3,482	0	0	3,482	2,423

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DECLARATIONS

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council

Signature of Treasurer



Date:

27/4/2022

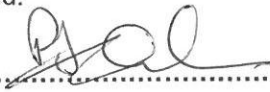
Name:

Susan Hill FMAAT

Presentation to the Church Meeting for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts have been presented to the Church Meeting on Wednesday 27th April 2022 and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting



Name of the Chair of the meeting:

Rev Peter Clarkson

Date: ...

27.4.2022

**Independent examiner's report on the unaudited financial statements to the trustees of
Christchurch Abbeydale**

I report on the unaudited Receipts and Payments of Christchurch Abbeydale for the year ended
31st December 2021

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 (2) of the Charities Act 2011
(The 2011 Act) and that an Independent Examination is needed

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity
Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of The 2011 Act and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration
as Council members 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
financial statements present a "fair and true 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 2011 Act: and to
prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the
accounting requirements of the 2011 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 financial statements to be reached.


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Date 18 May 2022