

CHRISTCHURCH ABBEYDALE

ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Address Heron Way Abbeydale Gloucester GL4 5EQ

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CHURCH COUNCIL

Officers & Trustees

Rev Peter Clarkson	Minister and Chair
David Evans	Church Secretary
Susan Hill	Treasurer

Trustees

Alison Apperley	Fellowship	Appointed	27/04/2022
David Barber			
Barry Bishop	Evangelism & Discipleship		
Gordon Dale	Children & Young People		
Val Doll		Resigned	27/04/2022
Howard Francis	Deputy Treasurer	Resigned	27/04/2022
Carole Francis-McGann		Appointed	27/04/2022
Brenda Hamilton-Cowley		Appointed	27/04/2022
Audrey Staite	Pastoral	Resigned	27/04/2022
Val Stephens	Prayer	Resigned	27/04/2022
Carol Terry		Resigned	27/04/2022
Mike Thomas		Appointed	27/04/2022
Daniel Tuck	Communication	Appointed	27/04/2022
Norman Whitaker			

Bankers

Barclays Bank Plc
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CCLA Investment Management Limited
COIF Deposit & Property Fund
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Independent Examiner Mrs M Adlard

Charity Number 293684

CHRISTCHURCH ABBEYDALE
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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.

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Church Council Annual Report (contd)

Objectives and Activities (contd)

Christchurch Abbeydale is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our 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. For example, the midweek communion service provides a smaller more intimate, weekly opportunity to share bread and wine, this service offers a quiet space and is valued by those who regularly attend.

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

Our work week was carried out as usual with the required maintenance of the building and surrounding areas, this was very well supported.

Jubilate carried out singing engagements at Lydney, Café Church, Jubilee festivities, Carols & Flowers, to name a few.

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Church Council Annual Report (contd)

Achievements and Performance (contd)

We committed to a new vision which had arisen from LYCIG where we will embrace and support a vision to grow numerically, spiritually and its outreach to the wider community. Two new ventures were started in Little Angels and Warm Welcome.

Membership

During the year we had 95 members and 35 adherents, the majority of whom live locally. The average attendance during the year was 55 and the attendance does vary particularly at religious periods like Easter and Christmas and other festivals.

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 Gifft 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 was paid in the previous year with the balance being paid this year.

The Baptist Strategy Building Scheme has this year informed us that a long term liability exists 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 2023 this fund should be £15,751 The balance of £ 22,322 held in the (COIF Charities Deposit Fund) at the end of the year, meets this policy, together with £8,388 in the current account to meet immediate expenditure.

The balance of £20,221 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: 

Signature: 

Rev Peter Clarkson

Chair

Date: 26th April 2023

Susan Hill FMAAT

Treasurer

CHRISTCHURCH ABBEYDALE

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Receipts					
Planned Givings (S/O)	25,144	0	0	25,144	23,424
Envelope Givings	7,900	0	0	7,900	11,575
Collections and Sum UP	5,304	0	0	5,304	3,364
	38,348	0	0	38,348	38,363
Gift Aid Refunded	10,646	0	0	10,646	17,884
Charitable Donations	0	0	1,781	1,781	1,074
Donations	5,054	0	154	5,208	10,101
a Other Voluntary receipts	801	0	0	801	565
b Activities for Generating Funds	4,213	0	0	4,213	1,862
c Receipts from Church Activities	3,732	0	0	3,732	1,867
Boys Brigade	0	223	0	223	7,101
Bank Interest	3	0	0	3	1
Misc. Income	50	0	0	50	2,149
Total Receipts	62,847	223	1,935	65,005	80,967
Payments					
d Denominational Payments	7,651	0	0	7,651	7,039
e Ministerial Costs	56,308	0	0	56,308	56,276
f General Church Expenses	1,171	0	0	1,171	951
Altar Expenses	0	0	0	0	0
Junior Church	60	0	0	60	74
g Administration Cost	2,600	0	0	2,600	1,569
Utility Cost	3,816	0	0	3,816	3,247
h Building Maintenance Cost	4,300	0	0	4,300	3,482
Charitable Givings & Gifts	0	0	2,389	2,389	1,842
Boys Brigade	0	1,478	1,000	2,478	6,212
Church Activities	1,965	0	0	1,965	469
Rent in Lieu	2,500	0	0	2,500	1,237
Total Payments	80,371	1,478	3,389	85,238	82,398
Excess of Receipts over Pymts.	-17,524	-1,255	-1,454	-20,233	-1,431
Transfer between funds	-2,709	1,255	1,454	0	0
B/F from previous year	13,044	579	0	13,623	15,054
Net Transfer To/from Deposit Acc.	15,000	0	0	15,000	0
Transfer from Property Account	2,553	0	0	2,553	0
Total Funds C/F	10,364	579	0	10,943	13,623

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Dec-22	Dec-21
Bank Current Account	10,943	13,623
COIF Deposit Account		
As at Jan 2022	37,217	
Interest during the year	105	
Deposits during the year		
Withdrawals during the year	-15,000	
As at Dec 2022	22,322	
COIF Property Account		
As at Jan 2022	20,183	
Interest during the year	91	
Deposits during the year	2,500	
Withdrawals during the year	-2,553	
As at Dec 2022	20,221	

DESIGNATED AND RESTRICTED FUNDS

	1st Jan 2022		Receipts	Payments	Transfer	31 Dec 2022
a Boys Brigade	0	Designated	223	1,478	1,255	0
e Communion Fund	579	Designated	0	0	0	579
	<u>579</u>		<u>223</u>	<u>1,478</u>	<u>1,255</u>	<u>579</u>
b Charitable Donations	0	Restricted	1,781	2,196	415	0
c Donations	0	Restricted	154	193	39	0
d Boys Brigade	0	Restricted	0	1,000	1,000	0
	<u>0</u>		<u>1,935</u>	<u>3,389</u>	<u>1,454</u>	<u>0</u>
	579		2,158	4,867	2,709	579

(a) The church paid 7th Gloucestershire Boys Brigade an agreed amount and they are now fully self funded.

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

(c) Monies collected as restricted donations to charities and other bodies (d) Grant repaid to Boys Brigade. (e) Special request on communion Sunday to the fund, to allow the minister flexibility in supporting relief in need cases put to him.

Creditors : The Independent Examiners invoice for the 2022 accounts is expected to be appx £360 (2021 - £360) Baptist Building Loan: £5,000 (2021 - £5,000) Baptist Pension Fund Nil (2021 - 15,000), Baptist M & M £1,624 (2021 - £833)

Debtors: Gift Aid 2022 £9,000approx, (2021 £10,157)

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Receipts and Payments Analysis		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
		Fund	Fund	Fund	2022	2021
a	Other Voluntary Receipts					
	Chronicle	499	0	0	499	537
	Sunday & Friday Coffee	219	0	0	219	28
	Appeals & Gifts	0	0	0	0	0
	Flowers	10	0	0	10	0
	Books/Cards & Publications	73	0	0	73	0
		801	0	0	801	565
b	Activities for Generating Funds					
	Letting Fees	2,810	0	0	2,810	1,585
	T @ 3	551	0	0	551	0
	Keep Fit	852	0	0	852	277
		4,213	0	0	4,213	1,862
c	Receipts from Church Activities					
	Fees	0	0	0	0	0
	Fetes, Concerts & Plays	3,732	0	0	3,732	1,867
		3,732	0	0	3,732	1,867
Expenditure						
d	Denominational					
	Baptist	0	0	0	0	0
	Anglican	2,360	0	0	2,360	2,583
	Methodist	3,958	0	0	3,958	3,166
	United Reformed	1,333	0	0	1,333	1,290
		7,651	0	0	7,651	7,039
e	Ministerial Cost					
	Employment Cost	50,939	0	0	50,939	50,914
	Visiting Ministers & Expenses	41	0	0	41	35
	Manse Rent	5,328	0	0	5,328	5,327
	Communion Fund	0	0	0	0	0
		56,308	0	0	56,308	56,276
f	General Church Expenses					
	Music Copyright & Gen Exp.	888	0	0	888	951
	Flowers	0	0	0	0	0
	Catering & T @ 3	285	0	0	285	0
		1,173	0	0	1,173	951
g	Administration Cost					
	Stationery & Post	3	0	0	3	120
	Card Machine	141	0	0	141	0
	Photocopier	1974	0	0	1974	1089
	Web & Accounts	482	0	0	482	360
		2600	0	0	2600	1569
h	Building Maintenance					
	Repairs & Mtce	3,681	0	0	3,681	2,969
	Insurance	580	0	0	580	513
	Cleaning	39	0	0	39	0
		4,300	0	0	4,300	3,482

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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:** 26th April 2023

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 26th April 2023 and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting: Rev Peter Clarkson

Date: ... 26th April 2023

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 2022

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 11 September 2023