

CHRISTCHURCH ABBEYDALE

ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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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		
David Barber			
Barry Bishop	Evangelism & Discipleship	Resigned	05/04/2023
Gordon Dale	Children & Young People		
Carole Francis-McGann			
Brenda Hamilton-Cowley			
Audrey Staite	Pastoral	Appointed	26/04/2023
Val Stephens	Prayer	Appointed	26/04/2023
Mike Thomas			
Daniel Tuck	Communication	Resigned	01/02/2023
Norman Whitaker			

Bankers

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COIF Deposit & Property Fund
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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 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.

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Church Council Annual Report (contd)

Objectives and Activities (contd)

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.

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. The two new ventures Little Angels and Warm Welcome continue to be successful.

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Membership

During the year we had 90 members and 34 adherents, the majority of whom live locally. The average attendance during the year was 57 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 Gift Day when additional donations were made.

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.

This unrestricted fund is to cover unexpected or emergency expenditure that may arise from time to time. In 2024 this fund should be £10,675. The balance of £23,422 held in the (COIF Charities Deposit Fund) at the end of the year, meets this policy, together with £6,498 in the current account to meet immediate expenditure.

The balance of £22,074 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.

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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: 24th April 2024

CHRISTCHURCH ABBEYDALE

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Receipts					
Planned Givings (S/O)	23,875	0	0	23,875	25,144
Envelope Givings	7,338	0	0	7,338	7,900
Collections and Sum UP	6,228	0	0	6,228	5,304
	37,441	0	0	37,441	38,348
Gift Aid Refunded	10,577	0	0	10,577	10,646
Charitable Donations	0	0	1,857	1,857	1,781
Donations	7,427	0	1,394	8,821	5,208
a Other Voluntary receipts	623	0	0	623	801
b Activities for Generating Funds	5,162	0	1,000	6,162	4,213
c Receipts from Church Activities	4,346	0	127	4,473	3,732
Boys Brigade	0	0	0	0	223
Bank Interest	25	0	0	25	3
Misc. Income	562	0	0	562	50
Total Receipts	66,163	0	4,378	70,541	65,005
Payments					
d Denominational Payments	9,849	0	0	9,849	7,651
e Ministerial Costs	41,351	0	0	41,351	56,308
f General Church Expenses	1,807	0	0	1,807	1,171
Altar Expenses	103	0	0	103	0
Junior Church	45	0	0	45	60
g Administration Cost	1,949	0	0	1,949	2,600
Utility Cost	4,311	0	0	4,311	3,816
h Building Maintenance Cost	6,600	0	0	6,600	4,300
Charitable Givings & Gifts	0	0	2,484	2,484	2,389
Boys Brigade	0	0	0	0	2,478
Church Activities	1,591	0	575	2,166	1,965
Rent in Lieu	2,500	0	0	2,500	2,500
Total Payments	70,106	0	3,059	73,165	85,238
Excess of Receipts over Pymts.	-3,943	0	1,319	-2,624	-20,233
Transfer between funds	-266	0	266	0	0
Fixed Asset Purchase -	-2,468	0	0	-2,468	0
B/F from previous year	10,364	579	0	10,943	13,623
Transfer To/from Deposit Acc.	0	0	0	0	15,000
Transfer from Property Account	2,500	0	0	2,500	2,500
Transfer to Property Account	-853	0	-1,000	-1,853	53
Total Funds C/F	5,334	579	585	6,498	10,943

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Dec-23	Dec-22
Bank Current Account	6,498	10,943
COIF Deposit Account		
As at Jan 2023	22,322	
Interest during the year	1,100	
Deposits during the year		
Withdrawals during the year		
As at Dec 2023	23,422	
COIF Property Account		
As at Jan 2023	20,221	
Interest during the year	999	
Deposits during the year	3,500	
Withdrawals during the year	2,646	
As at Dec 2023	22,074	

DESIGNATED AND RESTRICTED FUNDS

	1st Jan 2023		Receipts	Payments	Transfer	Transfer to Property Acc	31 Dec 2023
a Communion Fund	579	Designated	0	0	0	579	579
	<u>579</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>579</u>	<u>579</u>
b Charitable Donation	0	Restricted	1,857	-2,123	266	0	0
c Donations	0	Restricted	394	-361	0	0	33
d Church Activities	0	Restricted	127	-60	0	0	67
e Little Angels	0	Restricted	1,000	-515	0	0	485
f Legacy	0	Restricted	1,000	0	0	-1,000	0
	<u>0</u>		<u>4,378</u>	<u>-3,059</u>	<u>266</u>	<u>-1,000</u>	<u>585</u>

(a) Special fund to allow the minister flexibility in supporting relief in need cases out to him.

(b) The church activities raising money for specific charities.

(c) Monies collected as restricted donations to charities and other bodies

(d) Joint activity for church funds and Winstons Wish

(e) Grant for little Angels

(f) A Legacy was received to support the maintenance of the church buildings

The church collected funds amounting to £773 for the Boys Brigade and Girls Association via the SumUp card and has subsequently paid this amount over. No amounts were outstanding at 31st December 2023 (2022 - Nil)

Creditors The Independent Examiners invoice for the 2023 accounts is expected to be approx £370 (2022 - £360) Baptist Building Loan: £5,000 (2021 - £5,000), Gas and Electricity £498 (2022 - £450)

Debtors: Gift Aid 2023 £10,026 (2022 £10,577)

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Receipts and Payments Analysis		Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2023	Total 2022
a	Other Voluntary Receipts					
	Chronicle	382	0	0	382	499
	Sunday Coffee	211	0	0	211	219
	Appeals & Gifts	0	0	0	0	0
	Flowers	20	0	0	20	10
	Books/Cards & Publications	10	0	0	10	73
		623	0	0	623	801
b	Activities for Generating Funds					
	Letting Fees	3,272	0	0	3,272	2,810
	Little Angels	399	0	1,000	1,399	0
	T @ 3	474	0	0	474	551
	Keep Fit	1,017	0	0	1,017	852
		5,162	0	1,000	6,162	4,213
c	Receipts from Church Activities					
	Fees	0	0	30	30	0
	Fetes, Concerts	4,346	0	97	4,443	3,732
		4,346	0	127	4,473	3,732
	Expenditure					
d	Denominational					
	Baptist	2,772	0	0	2,772	0
	Anglican	2,869	0	0	2,869	2,360
	Methodist	2,582	0	0	2,582	3,958
	United Reformed	1,626	0	0	1,626	1,333
		9,849	0	0	9,849	7,651
e	Ministerial Cost					
	Employment Cost	36,023	0	0	36,023	50,939
	Visiting Ministers	0	0	0	0	41
	Manse Rent	5,328	0	0	5,328	5,328
	Communion Fund	0	0	0	0	0
		41,351	0	0	41,351	56,308
f	General Church Expenses					
	Music Copyright & Gen Exp.	1,501	0	0	1,501	888
	Flowers	0	0	0	0	0
	Catering & T @ 3	306	0	0	306	285
		1,807	0	0	1,807	1,173
g	Administration Cost					
	Stationery & Post	70	0	0	70	3
	Card Machine	21	0	0	21	141
	Photocopier	1373	0	0	1373	1974
	Web & Accounts	485	0	0	485	482
		1949	0	0	1949	2600
h	Building Maintenance					
	Repairs & Mtce	5,846	0	0	5,846	3,681
	Insurance	606	0	0	606	580
	Cleaning	148	0	0	148	39
		6,600	0	0	6,600	4,300

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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:

24th April 24

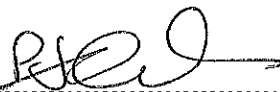
Name:

Susan Hill FMAAT

Presentation to the Church Meeting for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts have been presented to the Church Meeting on Wednesday 24th April 2024 and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting



Name of the Chair of the meeting:

Rev Peter Clarkson

Date:

24th April 24

**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 2023

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.

Mary Adlard



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Date 16 June 2024