

ST JOHN'S CHURCH CHARITY

England & Wales · Charity number 515193

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1984-06-21

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

Address St. John's Community Hall
King Street
Ashbourne
DE6 1EA

Phone 01335342292

Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CHARITY SHALL BE THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH CONSISTENT WITH THE DOCTRINES CONTAINED IN THE STATEMENT OF DOCTRINES SET OUT IN THE SECOND SCHEDULE OF THE SCHEME DATED 2 MARCH 1983 AND IN PARTICULAR BY THE PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF A CHURCH AT ASHBOURNE FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP AND THE FURTHERANCE OF OTHER CHARITABLE WORK IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Activities: Church of England church.

Classification

- **How:** Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** ASHBOURNE
- Derbyshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£28,673	£28,341	-	-
2024-12-31	£35,506	£33,644	-	-
2023-12-31	£30,552	£25,843	-	-
2022-12-31	£27,508	£26,165	-	-
2021-12-31	£22,266	£13,589	-	-
2020-12-31	£12,510	£37,091	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Cox		2018-12-11
Emma Lomas		2025-01-25
Glenn Hughes		2018-01-01
Glynn David Bevan		2022-02-25
John Gilmore		2026-01-14
Julie Ann Hughes		2021-10-06
Keith James Lomas		2013-10-01
MONICA LUCY COPE		
Rev Dwayne Darcy Engh		2025-10-27

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	January	2025		31	December	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name St. John's Church Ashbourne

Other names charity is known by St. John's Church Charity

Registered charity number (if any) 515193

Charity's principal address

St. John's Community Hall
King Street
Ashbourne
Postcode DE6 1EA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Glenn Hughes	Treasurer		Trustees
2	Monica Cope			Trustees
3	Keith Lomas			Trustees
4	Andrew Cox			Trustees
5	Glynn Bevan			Trustees
6	Julie Hughes			Trustees
7	Emma Lomas		20FEB25 - 31DEC25	Trustees
8	Dwayne Engh		27OCT25 - 31DEC25	Trustees
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust Deed
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are appointed by the existing trustees and serve for 5 years, after which they may be re-appointed.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;• the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;• relationship with any related parties;• trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.	<p>St. John's is a Peculiar Church within the Church of England and is part of the Parish of Ashbourne. The charity works locally with Ashbourne Churches Together.</p>
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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Advancement of the Christian faith, particularly by the provision and maintenance of St. John's church Ashbourne for public worship and other charitable and community activity.

Church services as part of the Church of England. Provision of facilities for charitable and community activities. Ashbourne Baptist church and Ashbourne Christian Fellowship also use the facilities for regular worship. Two other charities (ACE youth charity and Ashbourne Arts) are based at St. John's Community Hall.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

The trust is run entirely by volunteers.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

In addition to the regular services the church has provided a venue and facilities for other local Christian groups, charities and community activities. We provide a resource to local community groups that offer activities that mitigate social isolation and mentor young people.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserve fund is approximately two months' running costs, in line with Church of England guidance.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The charity is able to meet its commitments and has no significant creditors or debtors. However, it has incurred considerable expense over the last two years in renovation of a property (St. John's School House) following the discovery of dry rot. The work has significantly affected income, since the property was normally rented out but is currently unoccupied.

The majority of the charity's income is from rental of the church and hall buildings for community activities.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Glenn Hughes</i>	
Full name(s)	Glenn Hughes	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	14JAN26	

St. John's Church Ashbourne Financial Report for the twelve months ending 31st December 2025

Summary

General fund income for 2025 was a little less than that for 2024 (taking into account the insurance claim made during 2024).

Expenditure was broadly in line with budget except for the cost of upkeep for St. John's School House. We had hoped that renovation would be completed during 2025 but work is still ongoing.

We have been able to cover all necessary expenditure but made no contribution to the Church of England Common Fund. We finished the year with no outstanding creditors or debtors.

The General Fund shows a year-end deficit of £10,667 but this includes the transfer of £10,000 to our maintenance fund, for work on the house. Without this exceptional item the deficit would be £677. The General fund value is now £9,103.78.

Glenn Hughes

Treasurer, St. John's Church Charity

January 2026

Statement of Assets and Funds at 31DEC2025

Assets	2025 £	2024 £
Bank current account (co-op)	12,731.45	3,652.95
CBF Deposit account (CCLA)	17,367.20	26,363.86
CCLA COIF charities Investment Fund	1,500.93	1,576.38
BLK charities UK Bond fund	28,113.28	27,687.90
payments pending		-250.00
	59,712.86	59,031.09
Funds	31DEC25	31DEC24
Reserve fund	6,000.00	6,000.00
Investment fund	29,614.21	29,264.28
Major maintenance fund	14,353.46	3,344.23
Warm Spaces Fund	641.41	641.41
General fund	9,103.78	19,781.17
	59,712.86	59,031.09

Property

St. John's church, Ashbourne and St. John's church hall (inc. cottage)

Building and contents insured by the trustees for up to £13.3m

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Bank account reconciliation **2025** **(figures in £)**

Opening balances

67238886	Co-op charity account	3,652.95
612193001D	CBF deposit account	26,363.86

Transactions

general fund payments	-39,350.35
general fund receipts	28,672.96
investment fund receipts	1,189.63
investment fund payments	-1,189.63
maintenance fund receipts	17,200.00
maintenance fund payments	-6,190.77
warm spaces fund receipts	0.00
warm spaces fund payments	0.00
2024 payments made after year end	-250.00

closing balance	30,098.65
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Year end balance from statements

67238886	Co-op charity account	12,731.45
612193001D	CBF deposit account	17,367.20

plus deposits post year end	30,098.65
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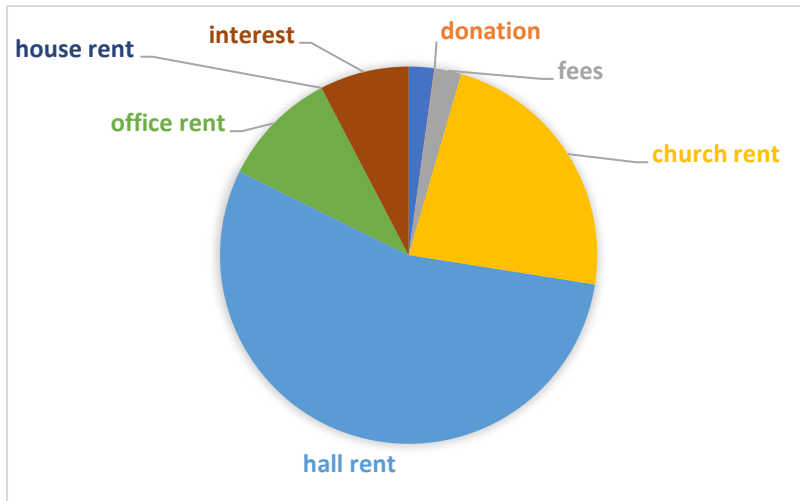
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Details of individual funds

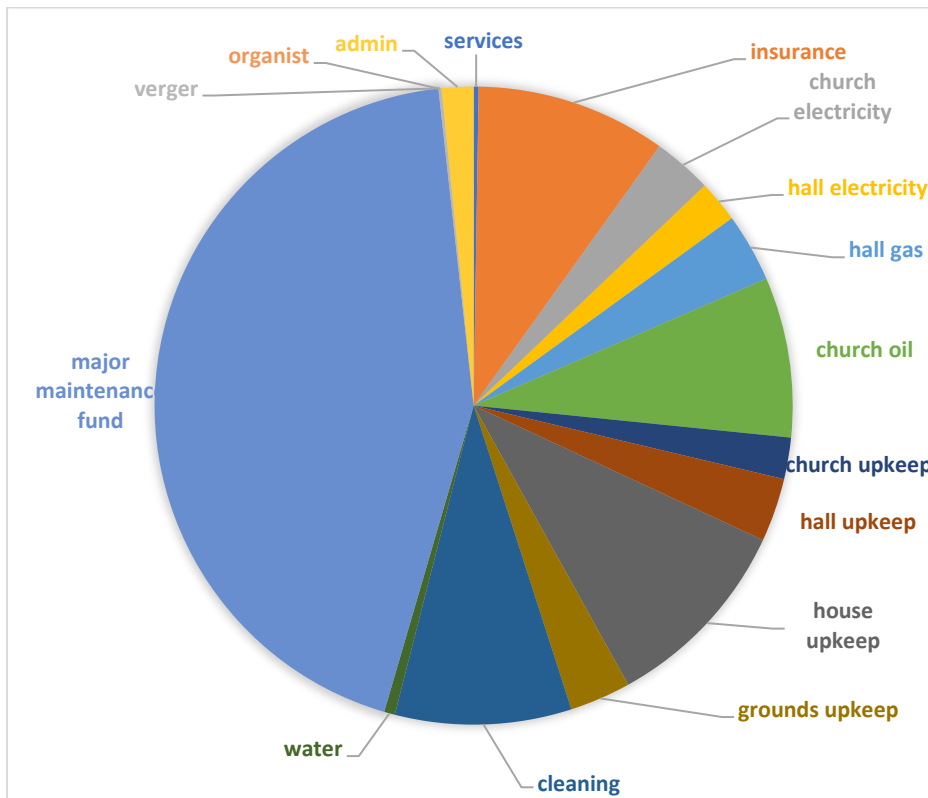
1. General Fund (unrestricted)

	2025	budget	2024
	£	£	£
Receipts			
pledged	0	0	0
collection	625	600	749
donation	13	0	0
fees	651	0	154
church rent	6,595	5,000	5,010
hall rent	15,716	15,000	15,221
office rent	2,880	2,880	2,880
house rent	0	0	2,794
interest	2,193	1,600	2,333
other	0	0	6,365
TOTAL RECEIPTS	28,673	25,080	35,506
Payments			
diocese	0	1,000	1,000
gifts / charity	0	0	20
services	98	200	172
insurance	3,796	3,800	3,460
church electricity	1,180	1,000	1,020
hall electricity	834	600	564
hall gas	1,368	1,400	1,244
church oil	3,193	4,000	3,827
church upkeep	826	2,000	2,218
hall upkeep	1,269	1,000	895
house upkeep	3,944	1,000	0
grounds upkeep	1,218	1,000	1,040
cleaning	3,515	3,600	3,573
water	216	200	191
major maintenance fund	17,200	17,200	4,800
organist	0	0	0
verger	60	0	0
admin	635	500	1,662
projects	0	0	0
other	0	0	7,957
TOTAL PAYMENTS	39,350	38,500	33,644
EXCESS / (DEFICIT)	-10,677	-13,420	1,862
excess without exceptional items	-677	-3,420	3,454

General fund sources of income



General fund expenditure



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2. Investment Fund (unrestricted)	2025		2024
	£		£
Receipts			
income derived from COIF	44		43
income derived from BLK	1,146		1,172
unrealised gain / loss COIF investment	-75		35
unrealised gain / loss BLK investment	425		-1,282
TOTAL RECEIPTS	1,540		-32
Payments			
transfer to other funds	1,190		1,215
TOTAL PAYMENTS	1,190		1,215
EXCESS / (DEFICIT)	350		-1,247
3. Major Maintenance Fund (unrestricted)	2025	budget	2024
	£	£	£
Receipts			
transfer from other funds	17,200	17,200	4,800
donation	0		0
interest	0		0
other	0		0
TOTAL RECEIPTS	17,200	17,200	4,800
Payments			
House refurbishment	6,191	20,000	22,572
TOTAL PAYMENTS	6,191	20,000	22,572
EXCESS / (DEFICIT)	11,009	-2,800	-17,772
4. Warm Spaces Fund (restricted)	2025		2024
	£		£
Receipts			
donation	0		0
other	0		0
TOTAL RECEIPTS	0		0
Payments			
heating	0		0
other	0		0

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TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
EXCESS / (DEFICIT)	0	0

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH CHARITY
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2025

CHARITY NAME – ST. JOHN'S CHURCH CHARITY

CHARITY NUMBER – 515193

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of St. John's Church Charity Trust

We report to the trustees on our examination of the accounts of the St. John's Church Charity Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2025.

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').

We report in respect of our examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out our examination we have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

We have completed our examination. We confirm that no material matters have come to our attention in connection with the examination giving us 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.

We 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.

Signed: Coates and Partners Limited

Name: COATES AND PARTNERS LIMITED

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies: F.C.A. (ICAEW)

Address: 51, ST JOHN STREET, ASHBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE, DE6 1GP

Date: 11/05/2026

**St. John's Church Ashbourne
Year Ending 31 December 2025**

Treasurer

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.

Signature of Treasurer

G. Hughes

Dated

13 MAY 2026

Name

MR GLENN HUGHES

ADDRESS

6 Bradley View, Ashbourne, Derbyshire,
DE6 1RN

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01JAN2024 Period start date To 31DEC2024 Period end date

Charity name: St. John's Church Ashbourne

Charity registration number: 515193

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Advancement of the Christian faith, particularly by the provision and maintenance of St. John's church Ashbourne for public worship and other charitable and community activity.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Church services as part of the Church of England. Provision of facilities for charitable and community activities. Ashbourne Baptist church and Ashbourne Christian Fellowship also use the facilities for regular worship and the ACE youth charity is based here.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The trust is run entirely by volunteers.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	In addition to the regular services the church has provided a venue and facilities for other local Christian groups, charities and community activities. We provide a resource to local community groups that offer activities that mitigate social isolation and mentor young people. The Community Hall is also home to the office of Ashbourne Arts.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity is able to meet its commitments and has no significant creditors or debtors.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserve fund is approximately two months' running costs, in line with Church of England guidance.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£6,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The C of E congregation is very small but the majority of the charity's income comes from rental of buildings and this income seems stable.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Rental of church, church hall, adjoining house and office space. However the house is currently vacant, undergoing renovation.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Increasing energy costs, potential competition from other venues for local groups to meet. Cost of house renovation, and loss of rental income, following discovery of dry rot.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	Trust
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are appointed by the existing trustees and serve for 5 years, after which they may be re-appointed.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	St. John's is a Peculiar Church within the Church of England and is part of the Parish of Ashbourne. The charity works locally with Ashbourne Churches Together.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	St. John's Church Charity
Other name the charity uses	St. John's Church Ashbourne
Registered charity number	515193
Charity's principal address	St. John's Church Buxton Road Ashbourne DE6 1EX

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Nicholas Bishop	Chair		Trustees
2	Glenn Hughes	Treasurer		Trustees
3	Keith Lomas			Trustees
4	Monica Cope			Trustees
5	Andrew Cox			Trustees
6	Beverley Oakley		01JAN – 20JUL	Trustees
7	Glynn Bevan			Trustees
8	Julie Hughes			Trustees
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
None		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

n/a

Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)		
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)		
Date		

St. John's Church Ashbourne Financial Report for the twelve months ending 31st December 2024

Summary

General fund income for 2024 was similar to that in 2023, when exceptional items are taken into account. A reduction in rent from the house, due to it being vacated, was offset by additional church bookings and an increase in interest earned, after closing the NSI account and moving funds to the CBF deposit account, which pays a higher rate of interest.

Gas and electricity costs increased by nearly £200 compared to 2023. Most of this increase was for electricity used in the church, perhaps reflecting the increased use and a period where the main (oil) heating was not working. We signed a new 3-year fixed-rate agreement for gas and electricity, ending in August 2027.

Spending on upkeep of buildings was lower this year (this does not include the house refurbishment, the cost of which is being taken from the major maintenance fund). We have been able to cover all necessary expenditure and contributed £1,000 to the Church of England Common Fund. We finished the year with no outstanding creditors or debtors.

The General Fund shows a year-end surplus of £1,862 but this includes income from an insurance claim, together with the associated expenditure, and also a transfer of £2,000 to our reserve fund. Without these exceptional items the surplus would be £3,454. The General fund value is now £19,781.

The Major Maintenance fund is much reduced, due to the work needed on the house following the discovery of dry rot. We have spent over £20,000 on this so far and will probably need to spend a similar amount again to complete the full refurbishment.

Glenn Hughes

Treasurer, St. John's Church Charity

January 2025

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31DEC2024

	2024	2023
Assets	£	£
Bank current account (co-op)	3,652.95	43,430.87
CBF Deposit account (CCLA)	26,363.86	245.73
CCLA COIF charities Investment Fund	1,576.38	1,541.56
BLK charities UK Bond fund	27,687.90	28,969.74
payments pending	-250.00	
	<hr/> 59,031.09	<hr/> 74,187.90
Funds		
Reserve fund	6,000.00	4,000.00
Investment fund	29,264.28	30,511.30
Major maintenance fund	3,344.23	21,116.40
Warm Spaces Fund	641.41	641.41
General fund	19,781.17	17,918.79
	<hr/> 59,031.09	<hr/> 74,187.90

Property

St. John's church, Ashbourne and St. John's church hall (inc. cottage)

Building and contents insured by the trustees for up to £13.3m

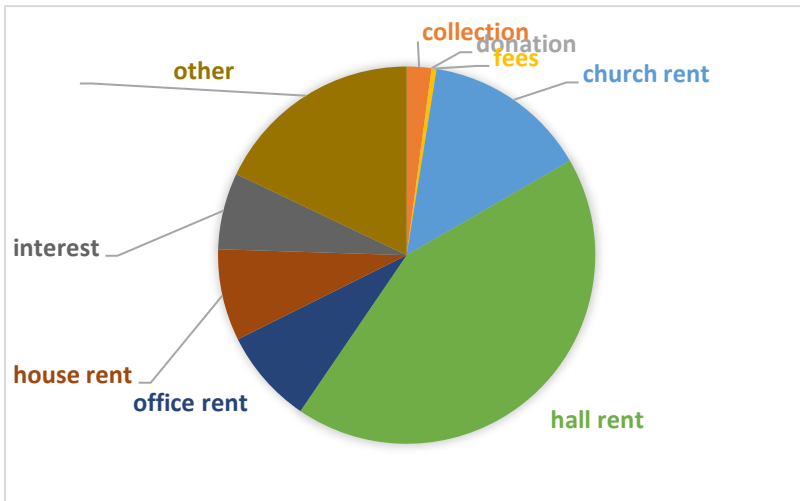
Bank account reconciliation	2024	(figures in £)
Opening balances		
67238886 Co-op charity account		43,430.87
612193001D CBF deposit account		245.73
Transactions		
general fund payments		-33,643.77
general fund receipts		35,506.15
reserve fund receipts		2,000.00
investment fund receipts		1,214.68
investment fund payments		-1,214.68
maintenance fund receipts		4,800.00
maintenance fund payments		-22,572.17
warm spaces fund receipts		0.00
warm spaces fund payments		0.00
closing balance		<u><u>29,766.81</u></u>
Year end balance from statements		
67238886 Co-op charity account		3,652.95
612193001D CBF deposit account		26,363.86
less payments pending -	PCC Admin	-250.00
plus deposits post year end		0.00
		<u><u>29,766.81</u></u>

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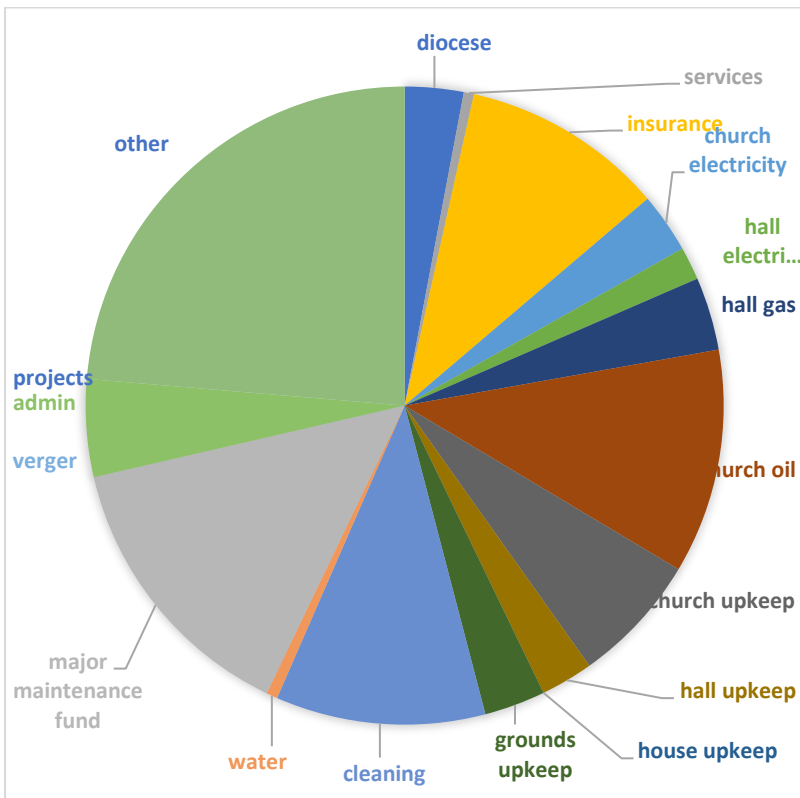
Details of individual funds

1. General Fund (unrestricted)	2024	budget	2023
	£	£	£
Receipts			
pledged	0	0	0
collection	749	600	620
donation	0	0	1,350
fees	154	0	84
church rent	5,010	4,000	3,825
hall rent	15,221	15,000	15,276
office rent	2,880	2,880	2,805
house rent	2,794	5,000	4,939
interest	2,333	2,400	439
other	6,365	0	1,214
TOTAL RECEIPTS	35,506	29,880	30,552
Payments			
diocese	1,000	1,000	1,000
gifts / charity	20	0	0
services	172	200	105
insurance	3,460	3,800	3,322
church electricity	1,020	900	816
hall electricity	564	800	652
hall gas	1,244	1,400	1,173
church oil	3,827	4,000	3,718
church upkeep	2,218	2,500	4,287
hall upkeep	895	1,000	728
house upkeep	0	1,000	925
grounds upkeep	1,040	1,000	50
cleaning	3,573	3,600	3,600
water	191	200	167
major maintenance fund	4,800	4,800	4,800
organist	0	0	0
verger	0	0	50
admin	1,662	900	802
projects	0	2,500	3,292
other	7,957	2,000	1,154
TOTAL PAYMENTS	33,644	31,600	30,643
EXCESS / (DEFICIT)	1,862	-1,720	-91
Excess minus exceptional (other) items	3,454		

General fund sources of income



General fund expenditure



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2. Investment Fund (unrestricted)	2024	2023
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Receipts		
income derived from COIF	43	42
income derived from BLK	1,172	1,172
unrealised gain / loss COIF investment	35	130
unrealised gain / loss BLK investment	-1,282	471
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>-32</u>	<u>1,814</u>
Payments		
transfer to other funds	1,215	1,214
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>1,215</u>	<u>1,214</u>
EXCESS / (DEFICIT)	-1,247	600
3. Major Maintenance Fund (unrestricted)	2024	2023
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Receipts		
transfer from other funds	4,800	4,800
donation	0	0
interest	0	0
other	0	0
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>4,800</u>	<u>4,800</u>
Payments		
House refurbishment	22,572	
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>22,572</u>	<u>0</u>
EXCESS / (DEFICIT)	-17,772	4,800

St. John's Church Ashbourne Financial Report 2024

4. Warm Spaces Fund (restricted)	2024	2023
	£	£
Receipts		
donation	0	0
other	0	0
TOTAL RECEIPTS	0	0
Payments		
heating	0	0
other	0	219
TOTAL PAYMENTS	0	219
EXCESS / (DEFICIT)	0	-219

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH CHARITY
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024

CHARITY NAME – ST. JOHN'S CHURCH CHARITY

CHARITY NUMBER – 515193

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Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies: F.C.A. (ICAEW)

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Date: 12/06/2025

ST JOHN'S CHURCH CHARITY

England & Wales - Charity number 515193

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01JAN2023 Period start date To 31DEC2023 Period end date

Charity name: St. John's Church Ashbourne

Charity registration number: 515193

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Advancement of the Christian faith, particularly by the provision and maintenance of St. John's church Ashbourne for public worship and other charitable and community activity.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Church services as part of the Church of England. Provision of facilities for charitable and community activities. Ashbourne Baptist church and Ashbourne Christian Fellowship also use the facilities for regular worship and the ACE youth charity is based here.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The trust is run entirely by volunteers.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	In addition to the regular services the church has provided a venue and facilities for other local Christian groups, charities and community activities. We provide a vulnerable individual with secure, affordable accommodation as well as being a resource to local community groups that offer activities that mitigate social isolation and mentor young people.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity is able to meet its commitments and has no significant creditors or debtors.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserve fund is approximately two months' running costs, in line with Church of England guidance.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£4,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The C of E congregation is very small but the majority of the charity's income comes from rental of buildings and this income seems stable.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Rental of church, church hall, adjoining house and office space.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Increasing energy costs, potential competition from other venues for local groups to meet.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	Trust
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are appointed by the existing trustees and serve for 5 years, after which they may be re-appointed.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The charity works with Ashbourne Churches Together and is a Peculiar Church under the Church of England.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	St. John's Church Charity
Other name the charity uses	St. John's Church Ashbourne
Registered charity number	515193
Charity's principal address	St. John's Church Buxton Road Ashbourne DE6 1EX

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Nicholas Bishop	Chair		Trustees
2	Glenn Hughes	Treasurer		Trustees
3	Keith Lomas			Trustees
4	Monica Cope			Trustees
5	Andrew Cox			Trustees
6	Beverley Oakley			Trustees
7	Glynn Bevan			Trustees
8	Julie Hughes			Trustees
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
None		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

n/a

Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)		
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)		
Date		

St. John's Church Ashbourne Financial Report for the twelve months ending 31st December 2023

Summary

The Trust has seen a further increase in rental income compared to last year, particularly for hall bookings, which now account for half of our annual income.

We have spent more on electricity and gas, perhaps reflecting the additional hall bookings, and significantly more on heating oil. We still have a 3-year fixed-rate agreement for gas and electricity, ending in August 2024, but prices have started to reduce so there may be less of an impact when the fixed-rate term ends.

Despite increased spending on upkeep of buildings we have been able to cover all necessary expenditure, including regular payment into our major maintenance fund, and finished the year with no outstanding creditors or debtors. Our contribution to the Church of England Common Fund was reduced to £1,000 this year.

The General Fund shows a small year-end deficit of £91 but this includes a payment of £1,154 for repairs to the church boiler after flooding in the basement. It is expected that this amount will be reclaimed from our insurers, along with the costs of other repairs after water damage, during 2024. The fund value is still healthy at just under £18,000, even though we have spent just over £3,000 on elective projects during the year.

Some changes have been made to accounts –

Our NSI savings bond has been closed, with the balance being paid into the Trust's current account. Most of the funds in our current account will be moved to the CBF deposit account, where they will earn more interest.

Glynn Bevan was added to the signatories for the current account.

Glenn Hughes

Treasurer, St. John's Church Charity

January 2024

St. John's Church Ashbourne Financial Report 2023

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31DEC 2023

	2023	2022
Assets	£	£
Bank current account (co-op)	43,430.87	24,947.77
CBF Deposit account (CCLA)	245.73	238.09
NSI Income Bond	0.00	14,000.00
CCLA COIF charities Investment Fund	1,541.56	1,411.83
BLK charities UK Bond fund	28,969.74	28,499.09
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	74,187.90	69,096.78
Funds		
Reserve fund	4,000.00	4,000.00
Investment fund	30,511.30	29,910.92
Major maintenance fund	21,116.40	16,316.40
Warm Spaces Fund	641.41	860.00
General fund	17,918.79	18,009.46
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	74,187.90	69,096.78

Property

St. John's church, Ashbourne and St. John's church hall (inc. cottage)

Building and contents insured by the trustees for up to £13.3m

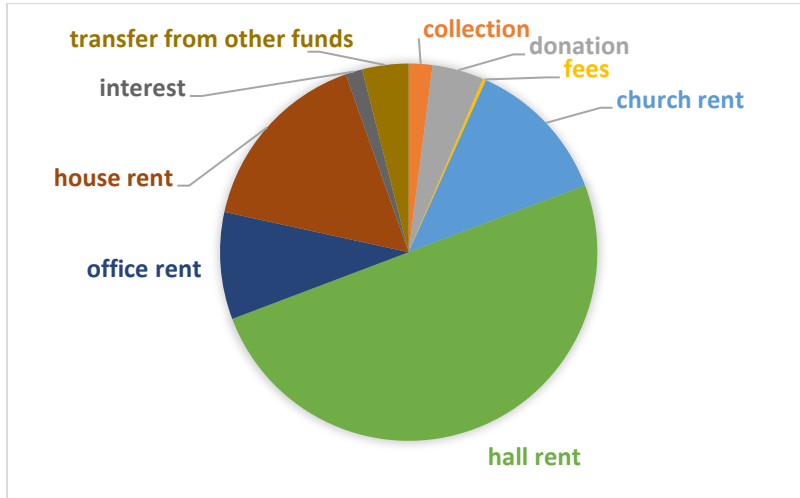
Bank account reconciliation	2023	(figures in £)
Opening balances		
67238886 Co-op charity account		25,014.46
AA664000 NSI income bond		14,000.00
612193001D CBF deposit account		238.09
Transactions		
2022 payments after year end		-30.00
	100006	-14.99
	175	-21.70
general fund payments		-30,642.63
general fund receipts		30,551.96
investment fund receipts		1,214.08
investment fund payments		-1,214.08
maintenance fund receipts		4,800.00
maintenance fund payments		0.00
warm spaces fund receipts		0.00
warm spaces fund payments		-218.59
closing balance		<u><u>43,676.60</u></u>
Year end balance from statements		
67238886 Co-op charity account		43,430.87
AA664000 NSI income bond		0.00
612193001D CBF deposit account		245.73
		<u><u>43,676.60</u></u>

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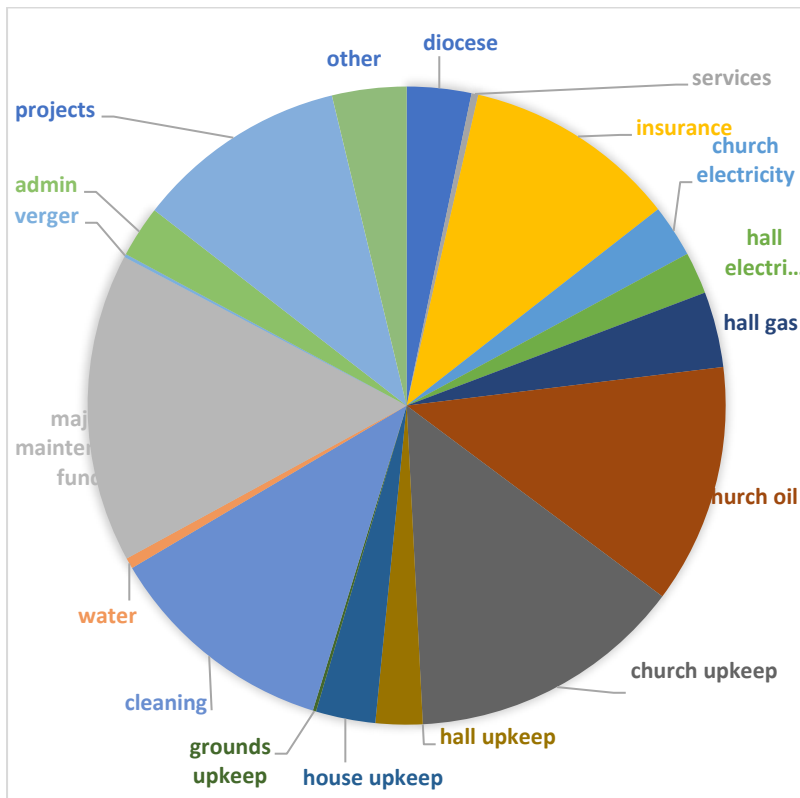
Details of individual funds

1. General Fund (unrestricted)	2023	2022
	£	£
Receipts		
pledged	0	40
collection	620	843
donation	1,350	625
fees	84	472
church rent	3,825	4,574
hall rent	15,276	11,197
office rent	2,805	2,580
house rent	4,939	4,989
interest	439	114
transfer from other funds	1,214	1,214
TOTAL RECEIPTS	30,552	26,648
Payments		
diocese	1,000	2,000
gifts / charity	0	121
services	105	166
insurance	3,322	3,041
church electricity	816	895
hall electricity	652	474
hall gas	1,173	859
church oil	3,718	1,953
church upkeep	4,287	2,098
hall upkeep	728	370
house upkeep	925	0
grounds upkeep	50	585
cleaning	3,600	2,653
water	167	91
major maintenance fund	4,800	2,000
organist	0	0
verger	50	30
admin	802	2,298
projects	3,292	6,533
other	1,154	0
TOTAL PAYMENTS	30,643	26,165
EXCESS / (DEFICIT)	-91	483

General fund sources of income



General fund expenditure



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2. Investment Fund (unrestricted)	2023	2022
	£	£
Receipts		
income derived from COIF	42	42
income derived from BLK	1,172	1,172
income derived from NSI		111
unrealised gain / loss COIF investment	130	-186
unrealised gain / loss BLK investment	471	-7,376
TOTAL RECEIPTS	1,814	-6,237
Payments		
transfer to other funds	1,214	15,324
TOTAL PAYMENTS	1,214	15,324
EXCESS / (DEFICIT)	600	-21,562

3. Major Maintenance Fund (unrestricted)	2023	2022
	£	£
Receipts		
transfer from other funds	4,800	16,000
donation	0	0
interest	0	0
other	0	316
TOTAL RECEIPTS	4,800	16,316
Payments		
TOTAL PAYMENTS	0	0
EXCESS / (DEFICIT)	4,800	16,316

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4. Warm Spaces Fund (restricted)	2023	2022
	£	£
Receipts		
donation	0	860
other	0	0
TOTAL RECEIPTS	0	860
Payments		
heating	0	
other	219	
TOTAL PAYMENTS	219	0
EXCESS / (DEFICIT)	-219	860

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Trustees Annual Return 2021-2022

Heavitree Community Preschool continues to strive for excellence and a very strong preschool. The setting is oversubscribed with a healthy waiting list.

Heavitree Community Preschool promotes active learning through play, whilst offering children the opportunity to excel across the seven areas of learning. Children are able to explore the setting fully inside and out with the correct balance of adult led group work.

We have continued to fully utilise the garden area, involving the children in all aspects, to teach them about growing and caring for the environment and life cycles of wildlife.

All planning and activities within the setting are a managed balance of Child-initiated and adult led. We use topic-based themes throughout the year, to focus our learning around whilst ensuring we are meeting the broad curriculum within the early years framework. We have a timetable for each day that we try to stick to, though often quite loosely. It helps the children to understand what to expect from the day, what comes next and when home time is etc. There is a visual picture timetable for the children to see and be shown if they are worried about anything to do with the routine. The room is set up to follow all areas of the EYFS. We try to adapt to the children's needs by making activities available inside and out and tailoring the activities to the children we have in on the day. All children have a key person; this person should be the first point of contact for all parental queries.

Due to fundraising activities and a grant secured from Local Authority we have been able to replace some of our older outdoor equipment with more challenging and fun equipment for the children.

Lunch and snacks- We promote healthy eating in pre-school, we encourage parents to send the children with a balanced lunch and fruit or vegetable snacks.

We started the year with a high ratio of staff to children, to sustain that level has been challenging but we have successfully recruited against vacancies created by natural turnover. Keeping staffing ratio high has enabled us to continue with staff led activities like outside trips to the woodlands, the local park and shops without compromising the children's care.

Despite the continuing impact of Covid 19 , we had another successful transition to schools this year with leavers enjoying a graduation party and picnic.

St. John's Church Ashbourne Financial Report for the twelve months ending 31st December 2022

The Trust has seen increased rental income compared to the previous two years, which were affected by the covid pandemic. This is good news because much of our total income comes from these rentals.

We have been protected from increases in electricity and gas prices because we have a 3-year fixed-rate agreement, which began in August 2021. However, we have seen a significant increase in the cost of heating oil, used for the church.

The Trust has been able to cover all necessary expenditure and finished the year with no outstanding creditors or debtors, although it should perhaps be noted that our contribution to the Church of England Common Fund was kept at £2,000 rather than the £6,000 recommended.

The General Fund shows a year-end surplus of £483 and the fund value is still healthy at just over £18,000, even though we have spent some £6,500 on elective projects during the year.

Some changes have been made to accounts –

A Major Maintenance fund was set up with initial seeding of £14,000 and a plan to feed into this monthly, from the General Fund (we originally agreed £200 / month but later increased this to £400).

Money in the NSI savings bond is now treated as savings rather than investment (the capital is not at risk) and so is no longer shown in the Investment Fund. This capital has been transferred to the major maintenance fund. Interest from the savings bond will be paid into the general fund.

A new fund has been created to manage the grant from DDDC for the 'Warm Spaces' project. This is a restricted fund since the grant is given for a specific purpose. The grant was received late in the year and nothing was spent from this fund before the end of the year (the project launched in January 2023).

Glenn Hughes

Treasurer, St. John's Church Charity

June 2023

St. John's Church Ashbourne Financial Report 2022

Financial Statement for the 12 months ending December 2022

1. General Fund (unrestricted)	2022	2021
	£	£
Receipts		
pledged	40	240
collection	843	824
donation	625	750
fees	472	116
church rent	4,574	2,006
hall rent	11,197	5,499
office rent	2,580	1,980
house rent	4,989	5,029
interest	114	10
other	1,214	4,598
TOTAL RECEIPTS	26,648	21,051
Payments		
diocese	2,000	2,000
gifts / charity	121	95
services	166	170
insurance	3,041	2,612
church electricity	895	395
hall electricity	474	433
hall gas	859	987
church oil	1,953	741
church upkeep	2,098	3,136
hall upkeep	370	417
house upkeep	0	0
grounds upkeep	585	925
cleaning	2,653	1,113
water	91	0
major maintenance fund	2,000	
organist	0	0
verger	30	25
admin	2,298	540
projects	6,533	
other	0	0
TOTAL PAYMENTS	26,165	13,589
EXCESS / (DEFICIT)	483	7,462

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2. Investment Fund (unrestricted)	2022	2021
	£	£
Receipts		
income derived from NSI	111	2
income derived from COIF	42	41
income derived from BLK	1,172	1,172
unrealised gain / loss NSI investment	0	0
unrealised gain / loss COIF investment	-186	198
unrealised gain / loss BLK investment	-7,376	-792
TOTAL RECEIPTS	-6,237	622
Payments		
transfer to other funds	15,324	
TOTAL PAYMENTS	15,324	0
EXCESS / (DEFICIT)	21,562	622

3. Major Maintenance Fund (unrestricted)	2022	2021
	£	£
Receipts		
transfer from other funds	16,000	
donation	0	
interest	0	
other	316	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	16,316	0
Payments		
TOTAL PAYMENTS	0	0
EXCESS / (DEFICIT)	16,316	0

4. Warm Spaces Fund (restricted)	2022	2021
	£	£
Receipts		
donation	860	
other	0	

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TOTAL RECEIPTS

860

0

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