



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1st April 2024** Period start date To **31 March 2025** Period end date

Charity name: NewSong Community Church

Charity registration number: 701018

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The advancement of the Christian Faith and the Worship of God in the County of Worcestershire and elsewhere.
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	To hold religious services, organise social events, and have a network of small groups and activities – all aimed at reaching out to the community so that, ultimately, people will find God and grow in their Christian faith.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	As Trustees, we are aware of the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. We follow the guidance knowing we must only take part in charitable purposes which must be for the public benefit, as we reach out to the community in the advancement of God's Kingdom.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The Charity does not have a policy for grant-making and does not engage in any grant making activities.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	The Charity does not have social investment policies and does not hold investments. Our church finances are held within a UK bank that has a focus on social conscience. The bank only uses customers deposits to lend to organisations that make a positive difference to communities across the UK.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	We value our Volunteers greatly and their contribution is significant to our Charity's ability to undertake a range of activities. Without the support of 50+ volunteers we would not be able to achieve our purpose of

		religious services and support to our community.
Other		N/A

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	<p>Provision of regular services, social events, community involvement activities, short-term mission projects, and community support initiatives.</p> <p>Our primary focus as a religious setting is to provide wellbeing and faith-based support to active church members. Secondly, as an anchor organisation for our local community who use our building as a key hub, a safe place and facility that they can access and use.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Our main objective for our church is for 'More people to know Jesus, and for us to know Jesus more'.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	We recently successfully applied for a communities grant for £10,000. We spent the monies on refurbishing the toilets, kitchen oven and new boiler to make the community space more accessible to all.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	NewSong does not hold any current investments.
Other		By refurbishing the toilets in the church hall, we hope to attract income towards our room hire and maintain a strong income stream for future accounting periods.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At the end of March 25, there was a deficit of circa \$7k driven by building refurbishment activity paid for from charity reserves. (expensed inline with SORP)
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity will maintain prudent reserves to secure the operation of the charity, and these will be levels will reviewed regularly by the trustees
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Circa £70,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	The Trustees have decided that holding reserves is necessary and we currently have just over 9 months' worth of normal operating costs in our bank accounts.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	We do not have funds or subsidiary undertakings that are materially in deficit.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	There are no uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

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	The principal source of funding is by donations from the congregation and supporters.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	The charity does not hold material financial investments or have an investment policy for this.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The principal risks facing the charity are the current economic climate and cost of living crisis. As all of our income comes from donations from our supporters, it is important for us to recognise that levels of income could decrease due to economic factors which could be a risk for the charity.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Declaration of Trust 11 Nov 1988 – amended 01 Sept 1993
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Constituted by 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	By agreement of the Leaders of the Church

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	Trustees are introduced to the organisation by both other Trustees and Elders to ensure they are aware of all policies and procedures relating to the governance of the charity. Decisions around governance are taken by the charity's trustees and all operational decisions are delegated to staff.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The Charity does not have subsidiary undertakings. We are not part of a wider network or affiliated with an umbrella group.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Although the charity does not have subsidiary undertakings, we do work alongside a number of faith driven groups with which it co-operates in the pursuit of its charitable objectives to advance the Christian Faith in Bromsgrove.
Other		The arrangements for setting the pay and remuneration of the charity's key management personnel are agreed by the Trustees. We have a scale range which has been benchmarked against other similar salary posts.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	NewSong Community Church
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	

Charity's principal address

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	Gavin Last	Chairman		Elders
2	Timothy Wright	Trustee		Elders
3	Kerry Poole	Trustee		Elders
4	Martha Simwanza	Trustee		Elders
5	Adeniyi Adetoki	Trustee		Elders
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

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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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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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		

Month & Year to Date Financial Report 2024-25

GENERAL FUND OPERATIONS		Month ending 31 Mar 25		Year to Date	
		Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
<u>Income</u>					
Bank Interest		£450	£456	£1,840	£2,095
Covenant Refunds		£1,134	£1,105	£13,600	£15,604
Misc Income		£0	-£6	£0	£1,408
Offering		£5,600	£3,491	£67,200	£84,815
Room Hire		£670	£600	£8,040	£8,370
TOTAL INCOME		£7,854	£5,646	£90,680	£112,292
<u>Expenditure</u>					
GF-ADMIN COSTS:					
Bank Charges		£30	£23	£360	£150
Sundry Expenses		£10	£150	£1,120	£284
Church Supplies		£15	£0	£180	£0
Internet		£60	£62	£720	£810
Printing		£2	£0	£24	£40
Stationery & Postage		£15	£0	£180	£293
Website		£12	£12	£144	£120
		£144	£247	£2,728	£1,697
GF-BLDG & GROUNDS:					
Cleaning costs		£5	£0	£60	£308
Electricity		£220	£0	£2,800	£2,988
Gas		£250	£566	£2,500	£2,961
Insurance		£2,100	£2,159	£2,100	£2,159
Maintenance		£150	£1,157	£1,800	£23,091
Safety		£70	£0	£840	£461
Water		£65	£216	£780	£803
		£2,860	£4,097	£10,880	£32,771
GF-DISCIPLESHIP:					
Minister Training & Courses		£45	£46	£532	£216
New Resources		£30	£0	£360	£315
		£75	£46	£892	£531
GF-MINISTRY:					
Church Equipment		£163	£0	£1,964	£11,418
Church Supplies		£30	£0	£360	£485
Ministry Support		£5	£346	£60	£393
Bible Buddies		£45	£10	£540	£556
Sundry Expenses		£9	£225	£100	£1,852
Travel Expenses		£9	£0	£100	£181
Pension		£275	£277	£3,300	£3,304
Salary and NI contributions		£5,300	£5,494	£63,600	£61,038
Telephone		£30	£115	£360	£511
Visiting Speakers		£50	£0	£600	£0
		£5,916	£6,468	£70,984	£79,738
GF-HOSPITALITY:					
Hospitality		£15	£17	£180	£407
Pastoral care		£50	£0	£600	£320
		£65	£17	£780	£727
GF- MISSION & OUTREACH:					
Outreach		£40	£339	£480	£429
Family Support		£25	£0	£300	£0
Charitable Giving		£100	£0	£1,200	£1,627
		£165	£339	£1,980	£2,056
GF-PERFORMING ARTS:					
Consumables		£40	£0	£480	£219
Video's & Music		£5	£0	£60	£44
Licence Agreements		£158	£0	£1,896	£1,110
		£203	£0	£2,436	£1,374
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		£9,428	£11,215	£90,680	£118,893
OPERATING INCOME LESS EXPENDITURE		-£1,574	-£5,569	£0	-£6,601

Balance Sheet at end of Mar	
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	Total
Unity Bank Current Account	£6,668
Unity Bank Deposit Account	£64,389
Petty Cash	£100
Debtors	£6,721
Total Cash & Bank Accts	£77,878

Any questions to Treasurer.newsong@gmail.com



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

NewSong Community Church

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 March 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

701018

Set out on pages

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**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed. [The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [named body]].
Delete [] if not applicable.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees 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 accounts present a 'true and fair' 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 material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

ESTON

Date:

25/6/25

Name:

EDWARD STOTT FCA

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

ICAEW (retired)

Address:

TOPHOUSE,

WOODCOTE GREEN

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).



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701018

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01-Apr-24

To

31-Mar-25

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	100,420	-	-	100,420	-
Operating Activities	9,778	-	-	9,778	-
Investment Income	2,095	-	-	2,095	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	112,292	-	-	112,292	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	112,292	-	-	112,292	-
A3 Payments					
Grants paid	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities	85,233	-	-	85,233	-
Support Costs	31,964	-	-	31,964	-
Administration	1,697	-	-	1,697	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	118,893	-	-	118,893	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	118,893	-	-	118,893	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 6,601	-	-	- 6,601	-
A5 Transfers between funds	77,758	-	-	77,758	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	71,157	-	-	71,157	-
Cash funds this year end					

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Accounts	71,057	-	-
	Petty Cash	100	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	71,157	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval