

Charity number: **1051796**

## **CHRISTIAN LIFE FELLOWSHIPS**

PCF Church – Main Church Location  
HCF Church – Missional Plant Location

# **ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the year ended  
**31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

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## LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The following information is accurate as of 31 December 2024:

<b>Charity Name:</b>	<b>Christian Life Fellowships</b>	
<b>Charity Number:</b>	1051796	
<b>Church Name:</b>	<b>PCF Church</b> (Poynton Christian Fellowship), Poynton, Cheshire	
<b>Charity Web Site:</b>	www.pcfpoynton.com	
<b>Financial year commencing:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024	
<b>Financial year ending:</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> December 2024	
<b>Address:</b>	307 Park Lane Poynton, Stockport, Cheshire SK12 1RJ	
<b>Senior Leadership Team</b>	Wayne Wilson (Senior Pastor) Clare Wilson (Associate Pastor)	Gordon Deans Steve Haslam
<b>Charity Trustees:</b>	Wayne Wilson (Chairman) Andrew Allan (Treasurer) Richard Sheldon Dr Maggie Clifford	Simon Frank (Secretary) Debbie Longden Helen Jackson-Roberts
<b>Church Council:</b>	The Charity Trustees, Staff Ministers and Senior Leadership Team	
<b>Property Holding Trustees:</b>	Assemblies of God Property Trust	
<b>Accountant:</b>	<b>Spencer Accounting Services</b> 65 Arnfield Road, Withington Manchester M20 4AG	
<b>Bankers:</b>	Barclays Bank Kingdom Bank Hampshire Bank Green Pastures CBS	
<b>Solicitors:</b>	Geldards LLP (formerly Robinsons), 3 Mundy, HEANOR, Derbyshire, DE7 7EB	

The Senior Pastor, Senior Leaders and Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements for the twelve months ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

The Christian Life Fellowships Charity carries out its activities under the banners of **PCF Church** (Poynton Christian Fellowship) and, with a Mission location **HCF Church** (Handforth Christian Fellowship).

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

PCF Church is an unincorporated Charitable Trust established by a deed dated 20 October 1993. A revised constitution, adopted on 12 April 2007, remains the current governing document.

### **The Church Council**

The Church Council is the senior decision-making body of PCF Church. It comprises Ministers, Senior Leaders, and Charity Trustees. An Annual General Meeting of church members is held to receive reports and accounts.

### **Leadership Team**

The church is led by Senior Pastor Wayne Wilson together with wife Clare Wilson (associate Pastor) and the Senior Leadership Team. They are supported by:

- Josh Bull (Youth Pastor),
- Leoni Gould (Worship Pastor),
- And our team of Charity Trustees, with office bears being:
  - Wayne Wilson (Chairman)
  - Simon Frank (Secretary)
  - Andrew Allan (Treasurer)

### **Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees**

Trustees are appointed by the existing board in accordance with the Constitution. Consideration is given to church members who attend regularly, demonstrate spiritual maturity, bring relevant skills, and are committed to the '*Team*' ethos.

New Trustees serve a minimum one-year probationary period, allowing time to assess their suitability and contribution. The Senior Pastor annually reviews with each Trustee their continued service.

### **Connected Organisations**

While autonomous, PCF Church is part of the *Assemblies of God* (AoG) movement, which provides doctrinal oversight, leadership accreditation, and national affiliation.

We are also active members of Churches Together in Poynton and the Evangelical Alliance.

### **Risk Management**

Trustees actively assess the major risks facing the charity and implement procedures to mitigate them. Church policies are reviewed regularly to ensure alignment with current Charity Commission and Government guidance.

### **Donations Policy**

We aim to support trustworthy charitable organisations with similar values. We give preference to charities we know personally and who demonstrate effective use of funds with minimal administrative deductions.

## OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE CHARITY

The objects of the Charity are set out in the 2007 Constitution, which adopted the Model Deed for local Assemblies of God Churches. It states that:

The objectives of the Church are for the benefit of the public:

- a) *To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Faith in such ways and in such parts of the UK or the world as the Church Council sees fit.*
- b) *To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the UK or the world as the Church Council from time to time sees fit.*
- c) *To advance education in such ways and in such parts of the UK or the World as the Church Council from time to time may think fit.*

Our core mission is to express a Pentecostal Christian faith that makes a meaningful difference in our community. We strive to **multiply** in all aspects of Christian faith as our people **connect** with one another, with the local community and with God, and as we **grow** in God, and **show** our faith in practical and spiritual ways.

Our premises serve both as a place of worship and as a welcoming community facility for Poynton and surrounding areas.

The Trustees are mindful of the Charity Commission's guidance on advancing religion for public benefit.

## PUBLIC BENEFIT

As a church, we conduct a wide range of activities in pursuance of our charitable aims. We feel these activities provide benefit both to those who worship with us and to the wider community.

### AS A CHURCH, WE OFFER:

#### Bible Teaching and Exposition

Bible teaching is a fundamental of the Christian faith and is especially important to us and forms one of the spiritual pillars of our church. Most of our services incorporate bible teaching in some form including teaching for the wider church, appropriate teaching for children and fun interactive bible studies for young adults.

#### Worship and Prayer

Worship and prayer form the second spiritual pillar of our church life. Vibrant, contemporary worship is a key part of all our Sunday services, incorporating music and prayer that engage people of all ages.

In addition to our Sunday gatherings, members of the congregation meet at various times and locations throughout the week to pray—both for the needs of our local community and for one another within the church family.

#### Special Events

We offer a wide range of services and events that are both spiritually enriching and meaningful to our congregation and wider community. These include our regular Sunday morning services, prayer gatherings, and dedicated music and worship nights.

No Christian calendar would be complete without our special services for Easter and Christmas—significant times of celebration, reflection, and outreach for our church family and community.

### **Baptism and Baby Dedication**

These services are always well attended by family and friends, as we joyfully celebrate key moments in the spiritual journey of our church members. Baptism marks a public declaration of faith and obedience to biblical teaching, while baby dedications offer a meaningful opportunity for parents to seek God's blessing on their children and to commit to raising them with wisdom and faith.

### **Weddings**

Weddings are a vital part of community life, and our church venue and facilities are well used for these joyful occasions. To support couples preparing for marriage, we offer marriage preparation courses designed to equip them with a strong foundation for a lifelong, Christ-centred relationship. These sessions provide practical tools and biblical insights to help couples thrive in their journey together.

### **Online Services**

All our main services are streamed online, providing a vital connection point for those unable to attend in person. Our online presence enables us to reach and engage with individuals who are isolated, unwell, vulnerable, or lonely—ensuring they remain part of the church family and can continue to grow in faith and community from wherever they are.

## **TO THE WIDER COMMUNITY, WE OFFER:**

### **Funeral Services**

We support our community by providing full Christian funeral services, either at the church or other appropriate venues. These services are available to our members, their immediate families, and members of the wider community who are known to us.

### **Pastoral Care**

Our Pastoral Team provides vital support to church members in times of need, offering home and hospital visits where appropriate. Connect Group Leaders play a key role in pastoral care, overseeing their small groups and encouraging members to care for one another—especially the sick, housebound, and isolated.

### **Children**

Our regular Sunday children's ministry, *Lions* (ages 4–10), creates a fun, faith-filled environment for our younger generation. We also host a variety of family-focused services and events, such as birthday parties, Easter and Christmas celebrations, and our annual *Light Party*, which offers a positive alternative to Halloween.

For children under 4, our crèche facility also runs *Little Feet*—a warm, welcoming space for babies, toddlers, and their parents to connect and thrive.

### **Young Adults**

We run a diverse programme of events for young people, including midweek gatherings, youth clubs, camps, Bible studies, and a dedicated youth conference. These initiatives aim to equip young adults with life principles rooted in faith. Increasingly, many of our young people are becoming active volunteers, serving both in the church and the wider community.

### **Ladies Groups**

Our women's ministry supports connection and encouragement through both in-person and online gatherings. These include small group meetings, Zoom sessions, and informal meetups in local cafés. A key focus is reaching out to and supporting isolated women in our community.

### **Men Gatherings**

Our men's groups also meet both online and in person, providing opportunities for friendship, faith-building, and community engagement. Activities include walks, breakfasts, and social meetups—such as watching sporting events together.

### **Building Facilities**

Our church facilities continue to serve the wider community, welcoming a range of groups and activities throughout the week. Health, dance, and fitness classes for all ages make regular use of our space, promoting wellbeing and social connection.

### **Training & Education**

We offer accessible courses for both our congregation and the public on important topics including Mental Health Awareness, First Aid, Safeguarding, Bereavement, and Food Hygiene. Many of these courses are now offered online, increasing accessibility and impact across the community.

## **INFLUENCING OUR COMMUNITIES FOR GOOD:**

### **Foodbanks**

Alongside directly helping individuals and families in need, we continue to partner with local food banks and trusted charities. Through practical and financial support, we help ensure families facing emergencies and food insecurity—especially children—receive timely assistance. Our ongoing partnerships have enabled us to extend consistent care to those most vulnerable in our local area.

### **Community Engagement**

We actively encourage our members to serve the wider community by participating in local projects and civic responsibilities, including roles in local councils. Many of our members support and volunteer with charities that provide vital services such as community transport, orphan care, child sponsorship in developing nations, and delivering groceries to isolated elderly neighbours. These acts of service reflect our core values and help foster a stronger, more compassionate community.

### **High School Support**

Our Youth Leaders work in collaboration with other local churches to support area high schools. This includes offering pastoral care to students facing challenges, running youth development courses, and contributing to curriculum areas such as the *Life and Beyond* programme. This engagement brings faith-based support and practical life guidance to the next generation.

### **Support for Older Adults**

We care deeply about our older generation. Through small groups, regular fellowship, and home visits, we provide social and spiritual support to seniors—especially those who are isolated. In times of loss, we also offer bereavement care packs and compassionate follow-up to help individuals navigate grief with dignity and hope.

## **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

The Trustees are delighted to report on many positive outcomes for *PCF church* during the period under review.

### **WITHIN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY:**

#### **Online Church Services**

As part of our commitment to accessibility and inclusion, we continue to livestream all our main services. These broadcasts are especially valuable for those unable to attend in person due to health challenges, distance, or other personal circumstances.

In addition to our regular Sunday services, we also offer livestreaming for special events such as weddings and funerals. This enables extended family, friends, and those who are isolated or vulnerable to feel connected and supported, even from afar.

Our online presence remains a vital tool in fostering community, care, and spiritual engagement beyond the physical walls of the church.

#### **Pastoral Care & Community Response Team**

To ensure consistent care and meaningful connection within our church family, all members are part of Connect Groups, each led by a dedicated Connect Group Leader. These leaders are central to our pastoral care efforts—providing spiritual encouragement, coordinating practical help, and ensuring that those who are unwell, isolated, or facing challenges receive timely and appropriate support. This includes home and hospital visits, prayer ministry, and food deliveries.

Our Community Response Team works in close partnership with Connect Group Leaders to respond quickly and compassionately to any arising needs—expressing the love of Christ through tangible acts of service, kindness, and presence.

Of particular significance this year was the compassionate outreach extended to prisoners across the country. Regular prison visits, care packages, and handwritten letters have provided encouragement and a reminder of God's grace to those seeking to rebuild their lives.

#### **Handforth Missional Church Plant**

In May 2023, PCF Church expanded its mission by launching a missional church plant in the Handforth area—a community that includes pockets of significant deprivation where many families are facing hardship.

This year, we expanded our strategy for reaching the Handforth area through three core areas of ministry:

- 1. Community Partnerships**

We continue to collaborate with local churches and organisations to meet practical needs with compassion. A key partner in this mission is *Hope Central*, a trusted local charity that provides vital support services such as foodbanks, debt counselling, addiction recovery, and job-seeking assistance.

Our church congregations regularly collect food and essential supplies for *Hope Central*, and many of our members volunteer their time and skills to support its operations

- 2. Sunday Evening Gatherings**

We host informal gatherings on Sunday evenings in the heart of the Handforth community. These times of worship singing, and sharing stories create space for genuine relationship-building and spiritual connection with local residents.

- 3. Summer Sports Academy**

During the summer holidays, we ran a Sports Academy which welcomed 50 young people from

the local area. Through games, activities, food, and positive supervision, we provided a safe and enjoyable environment while establishing meaningful bridges into the community.

### **Hockley Centre Facilities**

The Hockley Centre continues to serve as a vibrant hub for our community, with a wide variety of dance, exercise, and fitness-based small businesses making use of our facilities each week. On average, over 500 people pass through our doors weekly to participate in these activities.

### **Poynton Arts Festival**

The Hockley Centre provided a venue at no cost to several local artists. By providing the venue, arranging the booking system, PA & lighting equipment, with a complimentary café, we were able to support these artists, and provide a loving and safe environment for the Arts Festival and local community.

### **Youth Events**

Our youth team has remained active and committed to supporting young people in our community through a variety of initiatives. Partnering with other local churches, we hosted youth conferences, away weekends, and community outreach activities designed to build faith, friendship, and resilience in the lives of young people.

#### **Easter Family Fun Day**

During the Easter break, we hosted a vibrant Family Fun Day which drew record numbers from the community. Families enjoyed a wide range of activities including Easter egg hunts, games, stories, and delicious food. The event provided a joyful atmosphere and a wonderful opportunity to build new relationships and strengthen existing ones.

#### **Poynton Youth Outreach Week**

In partnership with the other local churches, Youth Leaders from three different churches partnered with *The Message School of Evangelism (MSE)* Students connecting with local young people on the streets over the summer holidays through detached youth work. There was volleyball, football & cricket, PLUS our “LET’S TALK TENT” where young people were able to explore faith and interact with trained youth workers.

### **Christmas Panto – ‘Scrooge-ish’**

PCF Church’s star-studded cast returned to the stage with another festive feast for the senses! ‘*Scrooge-ish*’ was a joyful, laughter-filled production brimming with music, drama, and fun for all ages.

Due to overwhelming demand, we ran two back-to-back performances—remarkably, over 50% of attendees came from the local community, making this not just a church event but a truly community-wide celebration. The panto continues to be a creative and engaging way to share the message of Christmas while bringing people together.

### **SIGNIFICANT DONATIONS - WITHIN OUR WIDER COMMUNITY:**

In addition to supporting our church members and their families when required, our policy is to form partnerships with other local and international organisations where we can make a difference.

As a church we supported both local communities and wider UK-based charities, partnering with them to help achieve their important goals.

- **Hope Central**

Our donations assist Hope Central, a trusted local charity providing vital services such as foodbanks, debt counselling, addiction recovery, and job-seeking support.

- **Just-Ice Poynton**

We support this local organisation in its mission to bring freedom to survivors of exploitation and to combat modern slavery and human trafficking.

- **Christian Concern**

A UK-based evangelical advocacy organisation dedicated to promoting and protecting Christian values in public life. Their mission is to bring the love, justice, truth, freedom, and hope of Jesus Christ to the heart of society.

### **SIGNIFICANT DONATIONS - OVERSEAS COMMUNITY:**

Our heart for mission extends beyond our local context. As part of our commitment to global compassion, we partner with trusted organisations where our giving can make a tangible difference. Our support spans humanitarian relief, spiritual outreach, and care for vulnerable communities.

We have supported *AoG Missions*, where missionaries serve in challenging and dangerous areas, providing love and practical and spiritual help to families in desperate need.

We also contribute to international ministries that impact the world through biblical training and guidance, such as Dr John Andrew's ministry and *GenZeal* under the leadership of Josh Green.

## **FINANCIAL**

Our regular monthly income has remained stable and consistent throughout the review period. We are deeply thankful for the faithfulness, reliability, and generous financial support of our members.

The Church Council extend their sincere gratitude to the Treasury Team for their dedicated and above-and-beyond efforts in supporting the Church Charity, with special thanks to the late Pauline Hague, Mike Hughes, and Andrew Allan (Charity Treasurer).

## **FUTURE PLANS**

The Church Charity seeks to continue to develop our work in the life of our church and the wider community, and to that end, we are looking at the structures and staffing needed to achieve this. Looking to the future, we need to provide facilities for the new church plant in Handforth and its associated community projects.

We continue to expand our reach and impact lives for the good, as we pursue our charitable objectives.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

### Funding sources & donations

The vast bulk of our income continues to be the "giving" by our members for which we are grateful. We also have some hire income from the Hockley Centre, and the rental income from the flats at 311 Park Lane.

### Reserves Policy

As stated in our Accounts, any surplus we make goes to help us to build and maintain a sensible level of reserves, as per the Charity Commission guidelines for the "prudent charity". Thereafter funds are being held for planned expenditure, church multiplication and ongoing essential maintenance with the possibility of new premises at some stage.

Our current building has served us well, but the main building is now over 170 years old, so we seek to maintain a balance between keeping our premises in good order while looking also to the future.

### Investments

Our four-part investment strategy continues to be:

- 1) Immediate Access funds - in the current account.
- 2) Short Term funds - in a 35 Day access account (for projects etc)
- 3) Medium Term funds – in a reserve account with 90-day access
- 4) Long Term funds – in an investment account with a one-year access

### Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and the United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of Charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year.

In preparing Financial Statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Acts.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by



10/07/2024

Wayne Wilson

Date

Senior Pastor & Chairman of Trustees

#### Notes:

The simplified **Receipts & Payments Statement** and **Net Worth Statement** for the year ending **31<sup>st</sup> December 2024** are simplified statements to demonstrate cash flow and balance sheet entries from the provisional accounts, before being adjusted for Assets Additions, Depreciation, Assets Disposals etc.

This data is applied after the relevant calculations by our Accountants.

## SIMPLIFIED NET WORTH STATEMENT

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>31/12/2024</b>	notes	<b>31/12/2023</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Property &amp; Equipment</b>	£		£	
307 Park Lane	725,000	a	643,557	a. Our buildings had a full revaluation in Summer 2024
Equipment, fixtures etc	24,372	c	26,241	b. These values are net of depreciation
311 Park Lane	410,000	a	276,473	c. These values are net of depreciation, disposals etc.
Equipment, fixtures etc	0		1,801	d. We have set aside this account for HCF.
	<b>1,159,372</b>		<b>948,072</b>	e. Account no longer used - being run down
<b>Cash &amp; Current Bank Accounts</b>				f. "Restricted Funds" - donations for a given <b>purpose</b> .
Cash	184		215	g. "Charity Reserve" - as per the Charity Commission guidelines for the prudent Charity.
CLF & PCF current accounts	50,387		29,460	h. Immediate Access account for emergency funds and planned expenditure.
CLF Charity Account - HCF	4,035	d	9,750	i. Building Fund - we recognise we will not be in our premises for ever, so we have started longer-term investment accounts to help us move when the time is right.
Barclays Bank "Temporary"	0	e	1	j. A socially responsible investment in this established Christian Social Enterprise which houses the homeless
Barclays Bank "Restricted Funds"	1	f	1	k. C&C Bank is Cambridge & Counties Bank
Office Petty Cash "float"	100		100	l. The Credit Card statement for December is paid in January.
	<b>54,707</b>		<b>39,527</b>	m. No Trustee claimed expenses for Trustees meetings.
<b>Investment Accounts</b>		g		n. Employees - at the year-end, the Charity had 2 full-time and 6 part-time employees.
Barclays Bank "Projects"	15,647	h	25,300	<b>Important Note</b> - these are simplified extracts from the Annual Return to the Charity Commission, which is being finalised and will be filed & displayed online shortly.
Redwood Bank 35 day notice a/c	78,119	i	85,404	
Kingdom Bank	71,004	i	84,434	
Hampshire Trust Bank 1 year bond	80,000	i	83,870	
Green Pastures 2 year loan stock	54,636	j	53,045	
C&C Bank 1 Year Bond #1	50,000	k.	0	
C&C Bank 1 Year Bond #2	30,000	k.	0	
	<b>379,406</b>		<b>332,053</b>	
<b>Prepayments</b>	2,612		1,924	
<b>Current Liabilities, credit card etc</b>	(3,912)		(6,248)	
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>1,592,185</b>		<b>1,315,328</b>	

## SIMPLIFIED RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS STATEMENT

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	2024	2023	note		2024	2023	note
<b>Church Giving</b>	£	£	a	<b>Church Family</b>			
Standing Orders	126,817	114,148		Audio, Video and Music	681	537	
Offerings etc	64,698	61,928		Childrens Church	294	646	
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	191,515	176,076		Pastoral, Events, meetings etc.	4,542	4,079	
				Church family training	1,544	3,509	h
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<b>Misc. Income</b>					8,428	11,089	
Rental Income 311	16,240	13,885		<b>Church Running Costs</b>			
Rental Income Hockley Centre	26,181	24,860		Professional and Bank Fees	9,178	7,145	i
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	42,421	38,745		Subscriptions and fees	4,715	5,335	
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<b>Other Income</b>					16,046	15,109	
Tax Reclaim	61,814	32,680	b	<b>Mission &amp; Ministries</b>			
Bank Interest	11,726	9,270	c	Events, Mission, Visiting Ministries etc	8,357	3,161	j
Misc. donations, misc & exceptional	8,160	5,364		Mission & Ministry Gifts	8,232	16,226	
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	81,700	47,314		Benevolent / Charitable Gifts, Min Support etc	21,763	26,748	
				Assemblies of God	7,200	7,200	
<b>Special Offerings</b>	44,298	35,028			-----	-----	
					52,333	58,829	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>359,934</b>	<b>297,163</b>	abc	<b>Staff Costs</b>			
				Remuneration, Pension, NI etc	171,452	161,165	
				Ministry Expenses, Travel & Training	2,877	1,189	
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				<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>288,802</b>	<b>285,381</b>	
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				<b>SURPLUS</b>	<b>71,132</b>	<b>11,782</b>	l
				Asset Additions, Depreciation, Disposals etc will reduce these figures			
<b>Building 307-9 Park Lane</b>	£	£					
Utilities, Insurance etc.	18,141	20,978	d				
Repairs, Renovations & Improvements	13,116	5,814					
Cleaning & consumables	793	1,014					
Equipment, fixtures & fittings	545	2,531	e				
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	32,595	30,337					
<b>Building 311 Park Lane</b>							
Utilities	0	35					
Professional fees	883	814					
Maintenance, refurbishment & misc.	4,188	6,814	f				
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	5,071	7,663					

## **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

These are simple extracts from our draft Annual Return and Accounts to the Charity Commission. Adjustments for Assets Additions, Depreciation, Assets Disposals etc have been made, but the final accounts have not yet been signed off by our Accountants.

The following notes provide additional information on some of the larger movements in the Receipts & Payments Account:

- a) Income - Church Giving increased in the year, and is now back to pre-Covid levels despite the economic climate. Regular income is up, and we had a record First Fruits offering.
- b) Tax Reclaim - our figures were again distorted by delayed 2023 HMRC payments actually received in 2024, so our Tax Reclaim for Gift Aid appears to have almost doubled, which is clearly not the case. This has artificially inflated our surplus this year, which affects the year-on-year comparison.
- c) Bank Interest rose, reflecting higher interest rates.
- d) Utilities – down slightly after the huge increases in energy costs in 2023
- e) Equipment, Fixtures & Fittings – this is smaller items. Larger items appear as Asset Additions and this year include a new projector, a replacement media desk and some audio equipment for HCF.
- f) 311 Maintenance – this year included some new windows downstairs, and tree trimming at the rear
- g) Youth Work – includes net impact of major activities e.g. Youth Getaway and Limitless
- h) Church Family Training – includes Ministerial Training, RightNow Media, and courses.
- i) Professional & Bank Fees – this year includes the cost of building revaluations, as well as the usual Accountant's fees, accounts package, support with finances etc
- j) Mission & Ministries – the mix within this Category varies each year, and this year our focus was setting up and running HCF. Overall, we are delighted to have maintained our target of 10% of Church Giving
- k) Mission Misc includes part of our spend on HCF (net spend in the year was around £9,000)
- l) Surplus/deficit – we are projecting a surplus of around £70,000, before final adjustments for Asset Additions, Depreciation, Disposals etc which will affect these figures. The surplus is higher due to the combination of several factors – the main ones were the record First Fruits appeal, the increased giving, and the late payment of 2023 Gift Aid. of 2023.