

Antioch Christian Centre

Annual Report and Accounts

For the year ending 31st March 2024

Charity number: 1009954

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Legal and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Antioch Christian Centre

Charity Registration Number: 1009954

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Report of the Trustees

Church Report

The church has seen some exciting things happening over the last year.

The senior leaders have started to establish their own connections and have been inspired by attending a leaders' conference at Chroma Church in Leicester. This has enabled them to receive from God and develop more of a strategy and a vision.

The beginnings of this involved giving more of an emphasis (in faith) on new salvations. At the start of the year, we began opening event meetings with an opportunity for people to give their life to Jesus. As a result of this we have seen 3 people give their lives to Jesus and 3 people recommit their lives. It has also enabled the church to build in more of a structure around this.

The senior leaders have also applied to be part of a brand-new programme called Strengthen that aims to gather 10 couples who lead together and strengthen them as individuals, couples, leaders and their church. They have attended the first session, and it has been excellent. We look forward to seeing how this develops.

The leadership team continues to meet weekly and work well together. One member of the team left this year, but it was positive to be able to end things well and cheer them on in their decision.

Antioch continues to build with the local churches and in their connection with New Wine Cymru as well as continuing to build with Rob and Cath Whillier who have been incredibly supportive of us.

Small groups continue to run on a Monday and Friday every other week and men's walks every couple of months.

We hope to continue to develop more of a strategy and clearer vision for the church in 2024-25 and are excited by what God has been doing. The senior leaders would like to continue to attend the Strengthen programme and the Chroma leaders' gatherings as this has been hugely beneficial for them and for the church.

Goals for the coming year:

- 1. Develop a clearer vision and strategy for the church.**
- 2. Continue to explore and build on new and existing connections.**
- 3. Develop the leadership team and look to get some new people on**
- 4. Continue to focus on new salvations**

Centre

The last 12 months have been both exciting and at times challenging for the Centre. We've seen several NHS clinics continuing to be run e.g. retinopathy, pain management & pulmonary rehab, whilst, at the same time, new partnerships have been developed which have allowed us to connect with different members of the community.

For example, we've had the opportunity to host UK Government funded Cook24 in two of the business units upstairs. This in turn has led to several Cook24 events being held in other parts of the building throughout the year. Local schools have come into the Centre which in turn has allowed us to share what we do with even more people. It's been a real privilege to be a part of Cook24's journey thus far. Additionally, Cook24 have been joined by People Plus in the business units upstairs. This collaboration with the Job Centre focuses on getting people back into work by helping with job clubs, preparing CVs and interview skills. With Cook24 joining People Plus in hiring units upstairs, we're excited to note that all nine units are now full, a real answer to prayer!

Other new partnerships include the opportunity to host the dance, drama and acting school Phoenix every Thursday evening in the main hall and café. The school hopes to grow such that it can then offer classes to a wider age range in other parts of the building.

Part way through the year, a new Centre Manager was hired for 3 days per week, something we've been praying into as a church for about a decade! Our new Centre Manager El has settled in well, thriving in her new role, and as the financial year closed out, she successfully completed her probationary period and we're looking at increasing her role by an extra day per week. Since El's appointment, several strategic partnerships have been built and we look forward to seeing how these develop and grow over the coming months.

One of the most unanticipated aspects of this year was when we were served notice by Hywel Dda Health board of their intention to move the phlebotomy service from Antioch after more than a decade here. Antioch helped trial this service so it will be a bittersweet moment when we say goodbye to staff who have become like friends, whilst looking forward with anticipation towards what's next. The phlebotomy service will cease on May 17th 2024.

The Wheelhouse café and Lifeshare food & clothes bank have shared specific updates but with the appointment of our new Centre Manager, we've had the opportunity to further cement team relationships and collaborate in ways that have been a real benefit to the people we serve in our community.

For example, in January we secured a small grant from The Heart Of Wales Line that allowed us to trial "Tasty Tuesday". During this trial period, our café manager cooked and served hot meals using donated fresh ingredients to people accessing the foodbank. It was great to see the difference this project made to people, especially at a time of the year when it is particularly cold and dank outside. This project serves as an example of the way we love to welcome people into the building and show kindness, regardless of what service they are here to access. Everyone is welcomed into the Centre in what we hope will be reflective of the love of Jesus and it continues to be a real honour to serve our neighbours, the nation and the nations in this way.

Lifeshare

Notable points in the foodbank this year include:

1. Key statistics for the year April 2023 - March 2024:
 - We supported an average of 27 people each week via the foodbank
 - 1,349 people fed with our food parcels (includes adults & children)

- 9,329kgs of food given to people experiencing food poverty
 - 68 Christmas food parcels given alongside regular food parcels in Dec 2023, this equated to 187 people supported; a total of 777kgs of food given away.
2. There has been an increase in the number of 'self-referrals' who are not engaged with any referral agency who identify as being in financial crisis.
 3. A decrease in donations via Asda and Morrisons; this constitutes the majority of our food supply and has resulted in the need to purchase more food ourselves. Morrisons kindly invited us to hold a foodbank drive in the entrance area of the store in December 2023. This generated many donations.
 4. In December 2023 we piloted a new way of supporting people on the approach to Christmas. Previously agencies made referrals in advance for a Christmas Hamper, which resulted in 265 referrals in December 2022 – wonderful to help so many people but totally unsustainable! A decision was made to offer a Christmas parcel alongside their usual food parcel for anyone visiting the foodbank during December. This effectively spread the demand over the whole month and meant the recipients were those most in need. In light of our reduced donations it also meant the remainder of our stock was not as depleted in January as it may have been in previous years.
 5. Collaborated with Coedcae School providing 18 students with the opportunity to pack Christmas food parcels at Antioch Centre over a 2-week period.
 6. Lifeshare received two grants totalling £4,000 from Carmarthenshire County Council.
 7. There is a current team of 7 volunteers. Over the past 18 months the turnover of volunteers has consisted of 6 new volunteers joining the team whilst 7 existing volunteers have moved on to other opportunities. Also 2 former volunteers who had left returned to volunteer weekly.
 8. We have also been able to offer 3 sixth form students from Coleg Sir Gar and Ysgol Y Strade the opportunity to volunteer in the foodbank.
 9. Facilitated specific events for foodbank volunteers:
 - Two 'in-house' training and information sessions

Wheelhouse

This has been our first full year since we opened in November 2019. April saw us still open on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, but at the end of April I reduced my days to Wednesday and Thursday as I was finding three days too much for me. We had a regular group that used to come in on Tuesdays (knit and natter) who were very sad to see us close and I suspect would come back if we reopened. Despite losing a day we continued to build a good clientele of both regulars, staff, and visitors.

During May we introduced the 'weekly special', which gave people the opportunity to purchase a full, nutritious meal for £2.50 – with the cost-of-living crisis this was very well received. This menu has expanded to include a soup and roll for £1.50 and a variety of meals – and remains very popular. The introduction of El Edwards as centre manager in October saw an increase in business on a number of fronts. She obtained two grants to cover some of our operating expenses as a warm space, and also to introduce 'Tasty Tuesdays' where we worked together with Foodbank to provide free meals to those in need as a ten-week project.

One of the great successes was the feeding of a family of six for two successive weeks. But sadly, it wasn't as successful as we hoped. The left-over meals have been added to the specials board.

The café itself has continued to grow (despite meals being cheaper) and we continue to welcome both the FAN group every Tuesday and the Pulmonary group on the first Wednesday of the month. Added to this, the increased activity throughout the centre means increased demands on the café.

There have also been bookings (outside of the café) for people to hire the kitchen and café area. We had another unannounced visit from Food Hygiene in February which we passed with flying colours, maintaining our 5-star food hygiene rating, and with no recommendations.

The fact that we received this for the second time means that when we are next due an inspection, the inspectors have the option to do a minimal assessment, which may not even require a visit (at their discretion). This is very encouraging.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report and it is signed on their behalf by:-

Signed: S.P.W.J. Trustee

Date: 7-1-25

Print Name: STUART PAUL LATHING

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Antioch Christian Centre

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 24, which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Charities Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act);
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as 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 matter has come to my attention:

- (1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
- (2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Nicola Jayne Lewis

Date: 9th December 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES


for the year ended 31st March 2024

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds This Year	Total Funds Last Year
	Note				
INCOME					
Voluntary income	2	56,138	0	56,138	44,886
Income from charitable activities	4	126,245	1,865	128,110	110,521
Grant Income		0	5,154	5,154	0
Total incoming resources		<u>182,383</u>	<u>7,019</u>	<u>189,402</u>	<u>155,407</u>
EXPENDITURE					
Charitable Activities	5	139,119	74,966	214,084	208,382
Governance costs	5	17,177	0	17,177	6,347
Total expenditure		<u>156,296</u>	<u>74,966</u>	<u>231,261</u>	<u>214,729</u>
Net movements in funds		26,087	(67,947)	(41,859)	(59,322)
Fund Transfers		(11,285)	11,285	0	0
Total funds brought forward		84,334	164,054	248,389	307,710
Total funds carried forward		<u>99,137</u>	<u>107,393</u>	<u>206,529</u>	<u>248,389</u>

BALANCE SHEET

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds This Year	Total Funds Last Year
as at 31st March 2024	Note				
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8	109,898	107,393	217,291	282,583
Current assets					
Debtors	9	13,428	0	13,428	7,667
Cash at bank and in hand		30,550	0	30,550	27,434
		<u>43,978</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>43,978</u>	<u>35,101</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	8,690	0	8,690	10,863
		<u>8,690</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8,690</u>	<u>10,863</u>
Net current assets		<u>35,288</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>35,288</u>	<u>24,237</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		145,186	107,393	252,579	306,820
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	11	46,049	0	46,049	58,432
Net assets		<u>99,137</u>	<u>107,393</u>	<u>206,529</u>	<u>248,389</u>
The funds of the charity:					
Restricted funds	13		107,393	107,393	164,054
Unrestricted funds		99,137		99,137	84,334
Total Funds		<u>99,137</u>	<u>107,393</u>	<u>206,529</u>	<u>248,389</u>

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP FRS102), and with the Charities Act.

Signed by..... 

Trustee

Print Name..... Stuart Paul Watkins

Dated..... 7-1-25

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Basis of preparation & Accounting Policies

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Change in Basis of Accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

Changes to previous Accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for the previous years.

Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year.

a) Income

Recognition of income – Incoming resources are included in the statement of financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity is entitled to the resources.
- the trustees are virtually certain that they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Incoming resources with related expenditure – Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources & related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

Grants and donations - Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts – Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Contractual income and performance related grants – These are only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

b) Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability recognition – Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resource.

Support costs – Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources e.g. allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

c) Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity – Expenditure is capitalised if the asset has a useful life of more than 1 year and its cost exceeds £100.

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Freehold Property	2% Straight Line Basis
Fixtures & Fittings	25% Of Reducing Balance
Motor Vehicles	25% Straight Line Basis
Final Phase Renovation	10% Straight Line Basis

2. Voluntary Income

Donations income consists of regular giving by church members in tithes and offerings, plus "one off" gifts or donations. Where these gifts are given for a specific purpose or project they are held in a restricted fund. This includes gifts received under the gift aid scheme.

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds This Year	Total Funds Last Year
Donations and Offerings	56,138	0	56,138	44,886
UK Government grants	0	0	0	0
Grants - other	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0
	56,138	0	56,138	44,886

3. Grants Receivable

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds This Year	Total Funds Last Year
Government Grants re. Covid	0	0	0	0
Grants	0	5,154	5,154	
Total Grants Receivable	0	5,154	5,154	0

4. Income from Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds This Year	Total Funds Last Year
Ministry & outreach				
Fees and supplies	8,822	0	8,822	5,122
Community centre				
Appeals and donations	0	1,865	1,865	1,060
Fees and supplies	21,752	0	21,752	23,340
Rental income	95,671	0	95,671	80,999
	117,423	1,865	119,288	105,399
Total Income from Charitable activities	126,245	1,865	128,110	110,521

5. Total Expenditure

	Ministry & outreach	Community centre	Governance	Total	Total Last Year
Direct costs					
Costs of goods sold		11,779		11,779	11,326
Employment costs	37,903	44,142		82,045	63,989
Establishment costs		18,918		18,918	15,851
Repairs and maintenance		5,393		5,393	9,004
Office expenses		2,273		2,273	1,253
Subscriptions and donations	2,716	1,884		4,600	3,933
Ministry and Outreach	7,179			7,179	4,187
Training & Charitable support	9,751			9,751	11,288
Cleaning		248		248	2,553
Legal and professional costs			17,177	17,177	6,347
Bad debt expense		1		1	62
Bank charges		437		437	448
Interest payable		3,696		3,696	2,719
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets		67,763		67,763	81,769
	57,550	156,534	17,177	231,261	214,729

6. Trustees Remuneration and Expenses

During the year Philippa Wisdom (wife of Paul Wisdom who was a trustee until 01.09.2023) was employed as part-time Foodbank Manager and received a salary of £10578.32.

7. Employees Remuneration

The employment costs including all NI, pension and additional costs were as follows:

	This Year	Last Year
Wages and salaries	82,045	63,989
Equivalent Number of Full time employees	3	3

8. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold land & buildings (inc. heritage assets)	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
Cost			
As at 1 April 2023	955,612	127,071	1,082,683
Additions for the period	0	2,469	2,469
Disposals for the period	0	0	0
As at 31 March 2024	955,612	129,540	1,085,152
Depreciation			
As at 1 April 2023	676,229	123,870	800,100
Charge for the period	66,344	1,417	67,761
Released on Disposal	0	0	
As at 31 March 2024	742,573	125,288	867,861
Net book value			
As at 31 March 2024	213,039	4,252	217,291
As at 1 April 2023	279,383	3,201	282,583

9. Debtors

	This Year	Last Year
Trade debtors	13,428	7,667
	13,428	7,667

10. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	This Year	Last Year
Bank loans and overdrafts	5,500	5,500
Trade creditors	(3,204)	(862)
PAYE and Pension Creditor	284	215
Accruals and deferred income	6,111	6,011
	8,690	10,863

11. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	This Year	Last Year
Bank loans and overdrafts	36,028	43,400
Accruals and deferred income	10,022	15,032
	46,049	58,432

12. Related parties

Controlling entity

The Charity is controlled by the Trustees.

13. Analysis of funds

	At 1.4.23	Income	Expenditure	Fund Transfers	At 31.3.24
General Funds					
Unrestricted income fund	84,334	182,383	156,296	(11,285)	99,137
Restricted Funds					
Building improvement fund	11,774	0	7,759	1,620	5,635
Final phase renovation	2,850	0	713	0	2,138
CFP Building improvements	146,430	0	48,810	0	97,620
Welsh Church Fund Building improvements	3,000	0	1,000	0	2,000
National Grid Grant staff costs	0	2,688	2,688	0	0
National Grid Grant - warm space	0	1,686	1,686	0	0
Heart of Wales Grant - warm space	0	480	480	0	0
Llanelli town Centre - Foodbank grant	0	300	300	0	0
Foodbank	0	1,865	11,530	9,665	0
	164,054	7,019	74,966	11,285	107,392
Total Funds	248,389	189,402	231,261	0	206,530

14. Net assets fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds This Year	Total Funds Last Year
Tangible assets	109,898	107,393	217,291	282,583
Current assets	43,978	0	43,978	35,101
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(8,690)	0	(8,690)	(10,863)
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	(46,049)	0	(46,049)	(58,432)
Net assets	99,137	107,393	206,529	248,389