ANNUAL REPORT



YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2026

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Bourne Christian Centre is a Charitable Incorporated Organisiation
registered in England and Wales, number: 1161520

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Background

This is the Board of Trustees of Bourne Christian Centre annual report for the year ending 31 March 2026 along with the financial statements of the charity for the year. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and 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 2019).

The income of the charity is below the threshold for a statutory audit to be required. The trustees have therefore opted to have the accounts independently examined fulfilling the requirements of the Charity Commission.

Structure, Governance and Management

Structure

Bourne Christian Centre is a registered charity and uses the names of Bourne Christian Centre, Bourne Family Project, Bourne Relief and The Storehouse for the various parts of its work.

Charity Number 1161520

Principal Address Bourne Chapel
Waters Road
Kingswood
Bristol, BS15 8BE

Governance

Bourne Christian Centre is led by the Leadership Team and Trustees. The Leadership Team have responsibility for the spiritual direction and vision. The Trustees have legal responsibility for the charity and seek to support the outworking of the Leadership Team's vision and direction in accordance with the charity's constitution and relevant laws and regulations.

The two teams meet during the year to discuss plans and direction or where need arises to discuss specific topics.

Management

Leadership Team

The Leadership Team members who held office during the year, or currently hold office are:

Ben and Joanna Mitchell
Mark and Vicky Payton
Jon and Julia Pike
Mark and Karen Southall
Jon Steer
Richard and Donna Smith *(appointed 21 June 2026)*

Trustees

The Trustees who held office during the year, or currently hold office are listed below together with their area of specialism/lead responsibility:

Rachel Finlayson	Safeguarding
Mark Southall	Link Trustee to the Leadership Team
Simon Edwards	Finance and Risk Management (Chair)
Clare Cox	Bourne Family Project (*resigned 24 November 2025*)
Sarah Bryant	General Business experience
Stephen Palfreyman	Information Technology (*resigned 28 October 2025*)
Esther Tiley	(joined 27 April 2026)
David Cox	*(joined 21 June 2026)*

All the Trustees held office throughout the year, except where stated, and no remuneration has been paid to any trustee.

New Trustees are appointed by the existing trustees, to bring the appropriate balance of experience and skills. Induction training is provided by the existing Trustees, and further third-party training is provided as appropriate.

Reference and Administrative Details of the Charity, its Trustees and Advisors

Bankers

CAF Bank Limited
PO Box 289
West Malling
Kent, ME19 4TA

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Manchester
M60 4EP

Independent Examiner

Jennifer Dickinson ACA
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Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors
2nd Floor – South
One Castle Park
Tower Hill
Bristol
BS2 0JA

Governing Document

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, governed by a constitution dated 23 February 2015 and is a registered charity, registered in England and Wales.

Involvement with Other Charities

Rob Scott-Cook of Woodlands Group of Churches provides the Leadership Team of the church with support and spiritual oversight, through the building of relationship and communication.

Risk Management

The Trustees review the major risks the charity faces on a regular basis and have identified the following risks:

Financial sustainability - the Trustees believe that maintaining the reserves at the agreed level, combined with our forecasting and monthly scrutiny of management accounts, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. For more details of the reserves policy see note 1b on page 28 in the accounts.

Safeguarding - the church undertakes a significant amount of work with children, young people and vulnerable adults and we ensure their safety in our care is paramount. The church safeguarding procedure and policy is based on Thirtyone:eight template and is reviewed annually.

Health and Safety - the Trustees continue to review our policies and procedures and perform risk assessments for events held during the year.

Reputational Risk - the Trustees review the impact on reputation that any activity we undertake may have and seek to take appropriate mitigating action, as necessary.

We continue look to reconsider our points of risk and ensure appropriate mitigations are in place where required to safeguard the sustainability and assets of the charity.

Charitable Objectives

Objectives

The objectives of the Trust are to proclaim and further the Gospel of God concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, the preaching and teaching of the Christian faith and the relief of people in need, hardship, or distress.

When planning the activities to outwork our objectives the Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

We subscribe to the Evangelical Alliance's statement of faith.

Vision

The church has a strong and committed congregation and as a group we are keen to find God and outwork his vision for this church:

Rooted in Christ, Growing in love

The Leadership Team see us outworking this through being a 'deep and wide' church. We need to get deep as a church in the Spirit, the word (the Bible) and love, with a hunger to receive new gifts, to grow in our gifting and to enable others to do the same. Wide is about more than our church, it is about reaching out into the community. Increasingly we want to be a church that:

"Proclaims good news to the poor, binds up the broken hearted, proclaims freedom to the captives and release from the darkness for the prisoners, proclaims the year of the Lord's favour and the day of the vengeance of our God, comforts all who mourn and provides for those who grieve in Zion."

Isaiah 61:1

There are three areas that we are focusing on to outwork this vision:

Celebrating family
Engaging community, and
Making Jesus known.

An important part of outworking our vision is for us to take our place in the body of Christ in Bristol, which we are achieving through our relationship with the Woodlands Church Family. We continue to partner with Müllers (a working name of The George Müller Charitable Trust) into their Church Partnership which focusses on strengthening youth work within the church and across Bristol. We are excited to see how this partnership will develop our youth provision in Kingswood in the coming years.

Public Benefit

The activities that the charity undertakes to meet its charitable purposes for public benefit are:

- The provision of Gathered Church services and events to the general public.
- Local community outreach activities, including grants to extended members of the community where a need is identified.
- The provision of events and activities for Children and Youth.
- The provision of Counselling, Therapy Services and Family Support related activities through Bourne Family Project.
- The provision of dedicated space in our building for the South and East Bristol Foodbank.
- Support for Christian overseas missionaries and organisations through Bourne Relief.
- Pastoral care to those of any age or background associated with the activities of Bourne Christian Centre and its activities.

Further details on the activities of the charity and how it has delivered public benefit are described below.

Pastoral Care and Outreach

People who come to the church regularly are invited to join a homegroup and the leaders of these groups develop a close relationship with their members. This personal contact enables people to grow in their relationship with God and to deal with any issues they are encountering. Where further help is needed to support individuals, the leadership of the church become involved.

The church is involved in outreach through talking to shoppers at the local Kings Chase Shopping Centre, as well as through the meetings and groups we run.

Grants are paid at the discretion of the trustees; these grants are for the furtherance of the gospel or for those in need of financial support. For an analysis see note 6 in the accounts.

The church is committed to reaching as many of the local community as possible and this is achieved through advertising our services and other weekly activities at the church and meeting people at the shopping centre.

Gathered Church

Objectives and Activities

The church gathers regularly at different times of the week, and we have various gatherings that are a useful forum to preach the gospel and help people grow in their relationship with God. The church does not operate a formal membership structure but seeks to support all those who come to our gatherings. The church gathers:

- **Sunday Morning** - includes groups for children and youth.
- **Prayer and Bible Study** - during the week.
- **Homegroups** - various locations throughout the week.
- **Fusion Youth** - bi-weekly at the church premises (Years 6 to 13).
- **Bourne Youth Club** - twice a month at the church premises (Years 6 to 13).
- **Youth Football** – fortnightly football outreach for youth from the community and church

The church also runs groups for the local community:

Bourne Toddlers runs weekly as a play and stay session. Parents and carers with their toddlers can enjoy free play, crafts and the opportunity to meet and chat with others.

Silver Singers runs on the first Wednesday of the month for a time of singing songs from the past decades with refreshments.

Bourne Community Club runs twice a month with activities, games, refreshments, and a chance to chat over refreshments.

We also host a branch of the **South and East Bristol Foodbank** from our offices, staffed by volunteers from the churches in Kingswood.

Volunteers

The Leadership Team and Trustees are incredibly grateful for the volunteers who work within the church. We currently have 49 people who help on a voluntary basis and without them the church would not function. The volunteers are involved in every area of the church, particularly:

- Running the various Sunday and midweek meetings.
- Outreach into the community
- General maintenance of the buildings.

Achievements and Performance

Sunday Gathering - every Sunday the church family gathering for a time of welcome, sung worship, children's and youth work, Bible teaching, reflections and refreshments. This a time to publicly preach and teach the gospel and is open to the public. Each week we see teams of volunteers, average 13 people per week, serving and making "church" happen. During the year we have seen at gatherings an **average of 75 people**, of which **13% are non-church** members.

Bourne Café - on the first Sunday of the month, we hold our a more informal service for discussion, cakes, and coffee. This is an opportunity for those who are looking into Christianity to ask questions and find out more about our faith. We also invite those attending groups (Bourne Youth Club, Bourne Toddlers, Silver Singers and Community Club) to Bourne Café to experience Church in an informal setting. Teams of volunteers, average 13 people per week, serve and each month we have seen an average of **74 people**, of which **11% are non-church** members.

Christmas Specials – Due to the closure of our Chapel building (see 'Storm Daragh' section below), we were unable to all our regular special events, but we still had the opportunity to put on a traditional Christingle, a Carol Services, an all-age participating and performed Nativity and a Christmas Eve Unplugged (reflective evening gathering). All of these were accessible and open to church members and our community, seeing **average attendance of 76** and 17% **of those being non-church** members. The church members supported all these events, including volunteering on welcome, stewarding and refreshment teams – approximately **11 volunteers** at each event.



Children's and Youth Work - we have two classes for children and youth on a Sunday morning, for those walking through to aged eighteen. These classes use age-appropriate material to help them understand more about the Christian faith and to build their relationship with God. We were successful this year in winning a £4,000 Youth Outreach grant from Müllers - we have used this to support our youth work provision, including hosting an Alpha Youth event, establishing outreach football sessions and a planned weekend away.

Fusion (Years 6-13) – running bi-weekly, it has a focus on fellowship and discipleship and is run from the church premises. We have taken the group through the Youth Alpha course and opened it up to youth that attend the Bourne Youth Club. Most weeks we saw 18 young people**, with a fifth of those attending having no other links with our church** and take an interest in exploring faith further.

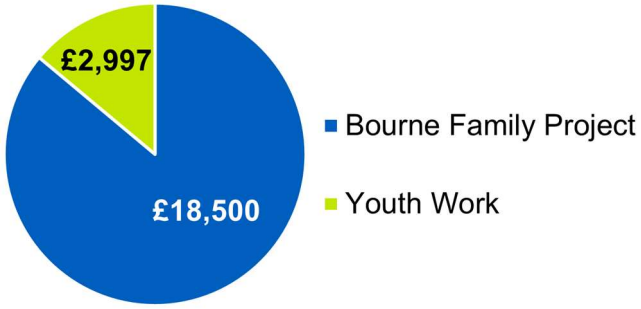
Bourne Youth Club (Years 6-13) - runs on the first and third Friday. We are currently seeing about **29 children each week**, with **almost a third of those attending having no other links with our church**. Each session includes games, a talk, and some food. It is well supported by volunteers who come and cook the children some food and build relationships with them.

Bourne Toddlers - a weekly play and stay toddler group that runs throughout the year, where parents and carers with their toddlers can enjoy free play with a vast selection of toys, as well as book and baby corner and craft tables. This community has grown and received lovely praise of its welcome and inclusivity. Run by a small team of volunteers (4 per week), we see **on average 40 parents, carers and toddlers, of which 90% are from the wider community**.

Silver Singers - each month (first Wednesdays) we see on average **11 non-church members join us** to sing along with music from the past few decades - and a space for those to want to have a dance as well! There is always a half-time refreshment to catch a breath and a chat with church members and the volunteers.

Bourne Community Club - twice a month (second and fourth Wednesdays) our doors are open for community members to come and enjoy some company whilst doing a craft, completing a puzzle, join in with a game or even a round on the pool table or table tennis. With a small team of volunteers from the church, we have built relationships with **community members, on average 7 at each session, and church members**.

Fundraising - during the year the Trustees continued employing a fundraising organisation 'Chell Perkins' to specifically focus on fundraising activities for Bourne Family Project, our Building Project and fundraising for Youth Work provision. Bids were submitted to a suite of funders throughout the year and successful won **£21,497** for:



Storm Darragh hit the UK in December 2024 and unfortunately affected the running of our community activities and Sunday Gatherings. The damage caused by the storm was more extensive than initial inspections - we identified damage through the whole ridge and the attachment of the roof across all walls. Insurers rejected our claim, to which we are following the correct complaints procedure, so we engaged with relevant professionals and contractors to facilitate repairs. Most of the work has been carried out by our competent team of volunteers under the guidance and recommendations from Structural Engineers, Roofing Specialist and Building Control. We are so grateful not only to the vast number of hours our volunteers have committed but the faithfulness of our church family members who have given in excess of £80,000 - we are also still hoping for success from Chell Perkins who submitted bids for further funding for the building work. Roof work will continue through 2026, but our hope is to be complete as soon as possible.

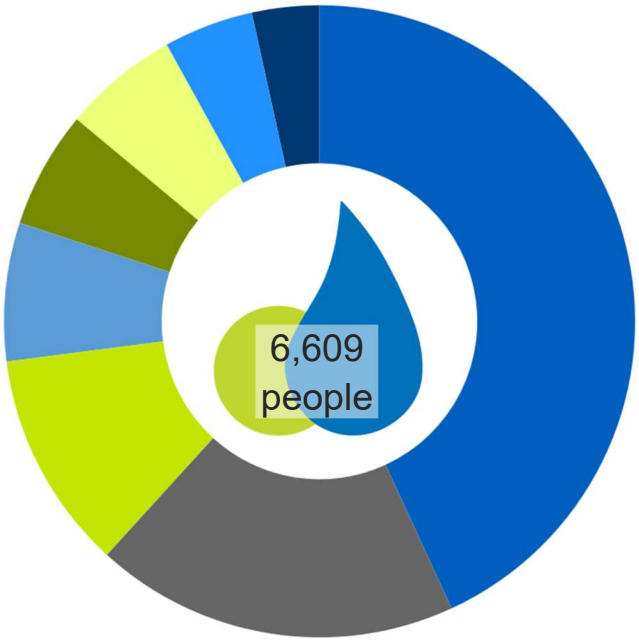


The impact of the roof work has meant we had to move and reorganise our community outreach work and Sunday Gatherings. We are fortunate to have an office building with many rooms that could accommodate all but our Toddlers. During quarter three of 2025 we rented another church hall to enable Toddlers to happen, but this became cost prohibitive - attendance dropped significantly due to the relocation. However, in January we had made the roof safe to enable to use the Lower Hall again and restart all community activities. Although we have noticed a reduction in our weekly community attendance, we have also seen several of our community members joining us at our Sunday Gatherings.

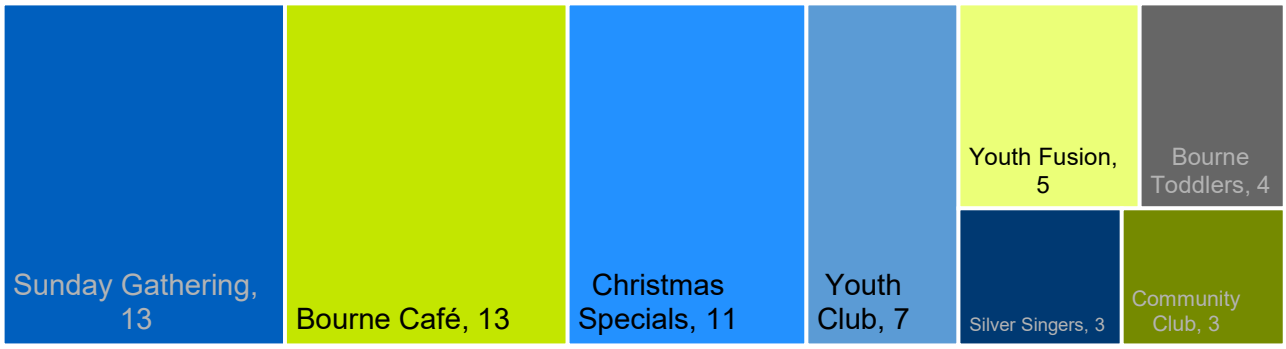
Facts and Figures

Due to the closure of our Chapel building we did experience a drop in attendance through 2025-26 to just over 6,500 people, an average of 127 people a week, engaging with our weekly gatherings, groups and community outreach work:

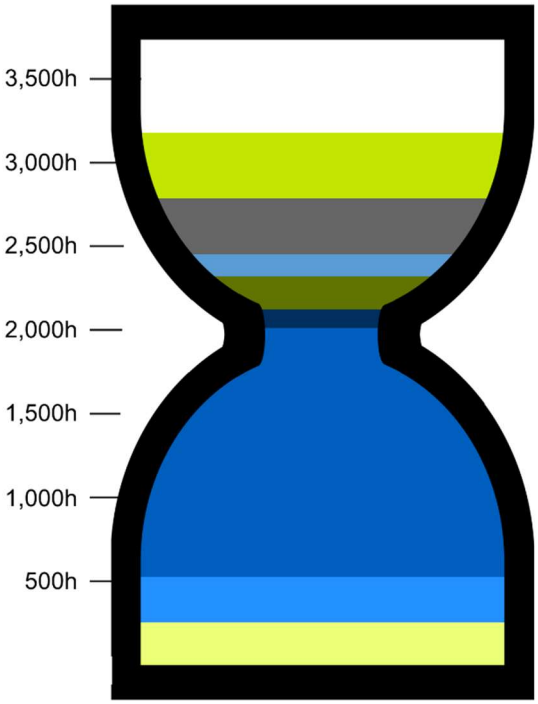
Bourne Café (10/yr)	740
Bourne Toddlers (28/yr)	1232
Christmas Specials (4/yr)	304
Community Club (22/yr)	396
Silver Singers (12/yr)	228
Sunday Gathering (38/yr)	2850
Youth Club (13/yr)	468
Youth Fusion (17/yr)	391



We are only able to run our gatherings, groups and events as we have an amazing team of volunteers you give their time to serve our community - here are our average team numbers:

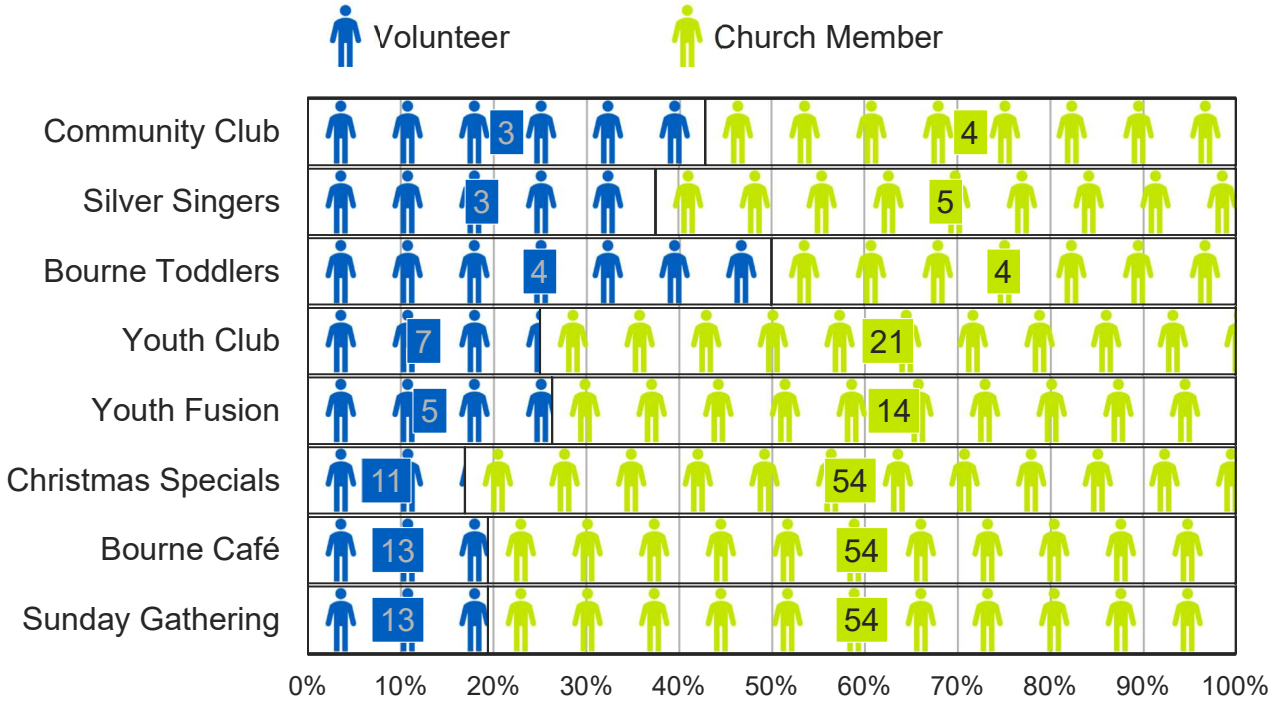


During this year our amazing volunteers gave us just over 3,000 hours:

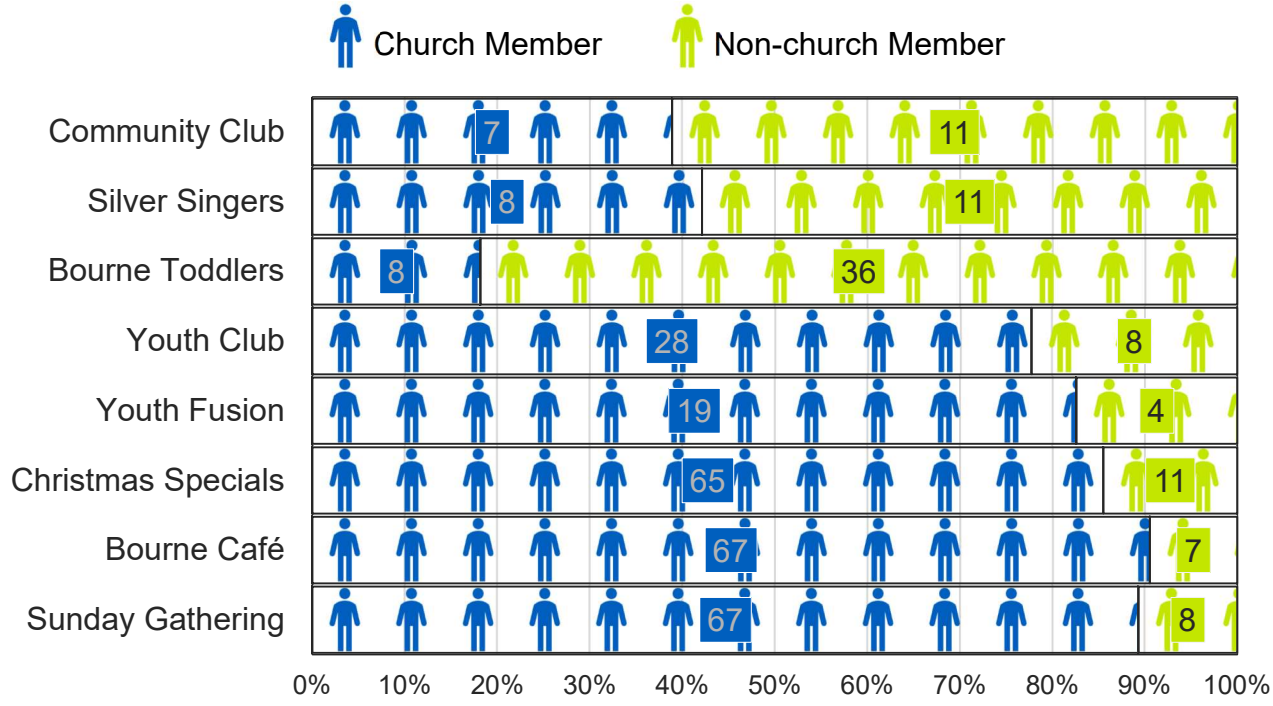


Bourne Café	390h
Bourne Toddlers	336h
Christmas Specials	132h
Community Club	198h
Silver Singers	108h
Sunday Gathering	1,482h
Youth Club	273h
Youth Fusion	255h

It's not just about the volunteers; we experience great support from our church members at all our gatherings, groups and events:



It has been great to see so many of our community join us at our gatherings, groups and events:



Bourne Family Project

Our mission is to express Christ's compassion and love to our community through providing advice, training, resourcing, adult counselling, children's therapy, and forest school.

We welcome families and individuals from across Bristol and South Gloucestershire via self-referrals, or through other organisations and services such as GPs, schools, and nurseries. Whatever their reason for seeking our support, our team of qualified and student therapists help people to:

- Navigate difficult challenges in life.
- Process traumatic experiences or overwhelming emotions.
- Make connections.
- Increase their sense of worth and confidence.
- Understand their own path to wellbeing.
- Feel empowered to make positive changes.
- Have hope for the future.
- Learn new skills.

Adult Counselling - work in a person-centred way, carefully listening to each person's story, empowering individuals to help clients understand how their personal history has impacted them, learn their personal triggers, and identify ways to be more resilient.

Children and Youth Creative Therapy - is a way for troubled children and youth to process their traumatic experiences, either through talking, creativity, or the metaphor of play, helping to make painful memories less intense and increasing resilience.

We have links with the local health centres and schools enabling us to reach as wide a section of the local community as possible. A small charge is made for our services, but we consider individual's circumstances to ensure that an inability to pay does not exclude any beneficiaries.

Family Fund - sessions are £22.50 with every session being funded via the fees and the Family Fund (from some of the regular donations). Therapists discuss fees and slowly reduce the amount requested in small increments if they are unable to pay. Information about personal grants is sent out to those who refer to encourage them to seek funding from other sources if unable to pay. Subsidised clients are given 16 sessions - no opportunity for extension.

Objectives and Activities

The focus for our services continues to be adult counselling and children's creative therapies. We have expanded to Teen Creative Counselling through a trained Play Therapist. This means that older children who would have aged out of our provision (4–12-year-olds) have still been able to receive the support they need. We recognise the need for a more holistic approach that goes beyond the therapy room and have continued our **Forest School Holiday**. We have struggled to run sessions due to staffing availability meaning a reduced income. We managed to negotiate a reduced fee for the grounds we hire for the session but have been unable to run sessions since October 2025.

Parent and Baby Group - this stopped after the summer due to volunteer poor health.

Adult Counselling - offers one-to-one weekly counselling to over 18s. Sessions run three days and one evening a week. The sessions are 50 minutes to 1 hour. The team comprises of two qualified paid counsellors, plus 2 volunteers and an average of 5 students. We have a working relationship with a local organisation 'Beloved' who refer some of their clients to us. They agreed a slightly increased fee of £30 per session to help cover overheads involved.

Children's Creative Therapy - continues to offer one-to-one weekly therapy to children aged 4-12. Weekly sessions last for 45 minutes and run three days a week. Each therapist also conducts reviews with parents/carers every 6-8 weeks. We have two qualified Play Therapists who work as consultants providing play therapy. One of these therapists also provides creative counselling therapy for teens 11-18. One student finished in November, and another started soon after. We have increased the hours of play therapy provision from 5 hours to 14 hours using grants and donations. This has increased the number of clients seen by a third.

Achievements and Performance

At the start of this financial year, we had **61 on the children's waiting list**. We now have 32. To support the more complex cases on the list, we continued with our Play Therapist for 5 hours a week term time only and used a grant to increase it to 10. They are also creative therapy trained for teenagers so have been able to work with older children. Another grant has allowed us to employ another trained therapist for 4 hours a week seeing 3 clients. Our average waiting time for children's therapy is 8.5 months down from 13. We are very pleased with this reduction in the wait time but aim to reduce this to 6 months maximum wait. We now only have 6 clients who have been waiting over a year to be seen. This is mostly due to their availability, suitability to work with students or age, meaning only our qualified therapists can work with them.

The adult counselling continues to be very popular with 93 referrals being received over the year with the wait being around 3 months.

Project Sustainability

We are ensuring that BFP is increasingly sustainable by taking the following steps:

- Promote services online, through GP surgeries and to other organisations
- Continuing the option to 'Pay it forward' by overpaying for sessions if clients would like to help fund others.
- Some of the regular monthly donations are used to subsidise fees (Family Fund). In discussion with therapist, clients can pay less than the suggested fee but only have 16 sessions (no extensions).
- Ensuring client sessions are only 16 weeks. Extra sessions are up to the discretion of the Manager. Clients can re-refer if needed.
- Every session must be funded, whether through payments or the Family Fund.
- Building links with other services in the area, such as Beloved who referred some clients to us and pay £30 per session to help us cover overhead costs, and meetings with Network counselling to build links with them.
- Provide opportunities for feedback on current services and what the community thinks is missing in the area. Consider how/if we can fill these gaps.

Future Plans include:

- Consider a different approach to Forest School- after school clubs, funding for Pupil Premium and vulnerable children that may benefit from sessions to help cover costs
- Apply for grants to cover core-costs.
- Apply for a multi-year grant to pay for a Creative/Play Therapist
- Create another team fundraising event to widen our base of supporters from church members
- Use community feedback to change/expand services if suitable.

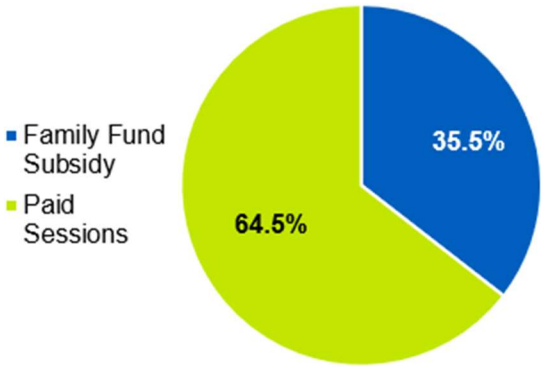
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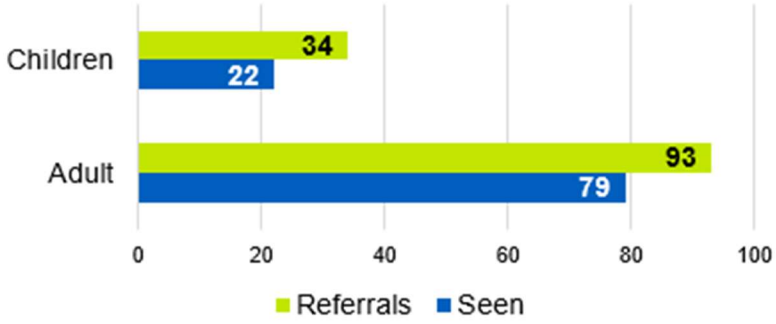
- The Souter Charitable Trust £3,000 core costs
- The SMB Trust £1,500 – used to fund supervision for our staff
- Bloss Family Foundation £1,000 – used to fund Play Therapy Hours
- Truelight Trust £3,000 – core costs
- Quartet Foundation £4,000 Play Therapy Hours, £1,000 training, resourcing
- The Sir Bernard and Lady Schreier Foundation £2,000 – used to fund Play therapy hours
- Albert Hunt Trust £3,000 – core costs
- £2,000 fundraising event 1,000 miles in May

Most of our payments are now taken on card with very few cash or BACs.

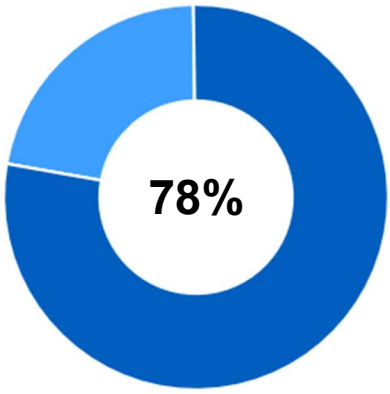
Facts and Figures

Therapy and Counselling Sessions: 1,012

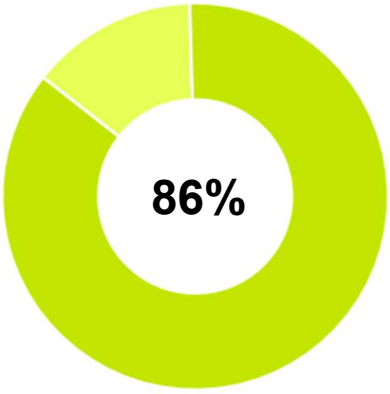




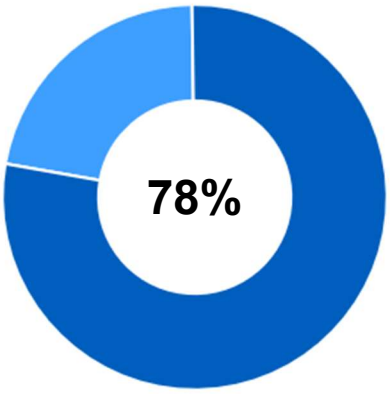
Children's Therapy



made progress in ability to express emotions



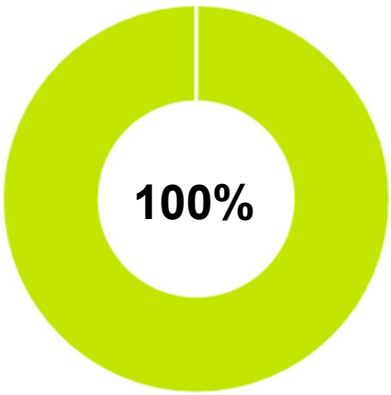
made progress in increased self-esteem



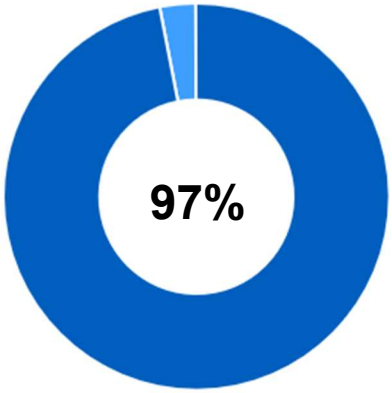
made progress in ability to form positive relationships

Those who didn't make progress had attended less than half of the recommended 16 sessions of therapy

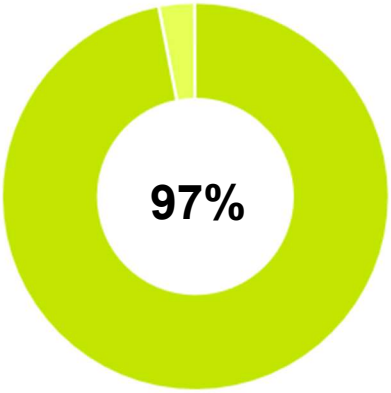
Adult's Therapy



made progress in understanding how personal history has impacted them



made progress in being aware of personal triggers



made progress in finding ways to be more resilient

Bourne Relief

Bourne Relief was established as the fundraising section of the church, with the aim of supporting and enabling those in need wherever they are. The projects we supported in this year were:

- Removing Obstacles to Education (ROTE)
- The Storehouse

Objectives and Activities

ROTE is a project founded by two members of the church congregation, Paul and Francesca Meager, after spending 2018 and 2022 in Mozambique serving. The project currently supports 6 boys with their annual school enrolments and have provided them with school uniforms, books, stationary, PE kits and shoes, as well as items to help them with employment, such as bikes. ROTE has also helped to build brick houses through 'Iris Ministries' house building sector, 'Mercy Ministries'.

The Storehouse was initiated as a response to the increase in hardship we are seeing in Bristol and South Gloucestershire. Our community has been noticeably affected by the rise in heating and electricity bills and many people are struggling to provide enough food and warm clothing for themselves and their families. The Storehouse is intended to "meet the needs of those in need" and can include helping people with clothing, food, heating, and wellbeing needs. Currently those accessing help from The Storehouse are primarily from Foodbank, Bourne Christian Centre (BCC) and the clubs run by BCC. For The Storehouse to run effectively, BCC works in partnership with its Foodbank to provide food and stores donated clothes for distribution. BCC's Operations Manager is also available throughout the week to run the ministry as and when needed. The fundraising is done by means of regular donations, sponsored and social events.

Achievements and Performance

ROTE - At the end of the Mozambique academic year in December 2025 it was decided that ROTE would continue to support two of the boys from the programme with completing their final year of education. Paul and Francesca Meager became aware that a third boy that had previously been supported by ROTE was no longer attending school and he did not make any attempt to ask for support for the 2026 academic year. The two remaining boys have continued to attend school in 2026 and ROTE has been able to provide them with enrolment fees, school uniforms, sports clothing, shoes, stationery and backpacks.

Paul and Francesca have continued to maintain regular contact with them through video calls, which has helped with encouraging them with their education and also keeping them accountable for using the funds for the right purposes. Whenever funds have been sent we receive photos of the school clothing and resources purchased as well as photos of any test results.

The boys have been making good progress with their education and have been successful in the tests so far this year. Paul and Francesca are hopeful that they will complete the year successfully if they continue with the good progress they have been making.

Paul and Francesca are hoping to return to Mozambique for a final visit within the coming year and will be seeking to connect with the boys. They are also hoping to check up on the houses that have been built with funds raised by ROTE and identify any maintenance that might be needed. This could include arranging someone to paint the houses with exterior paint, which will help to prolong the life of the houses and ensure they are more resistant to adverse weather conditions. This is likely to be in the spring of 2027.

The Storehouse - gives out physical items to people on an occasional basis and receiving support on a formal weekly basis is not something The Storehouse seeks to offer. Should it be noticed that someone is depending on The Storehouse for regular support, further help and referring them to appropriate professional services would happen immediately.

The type of help The Storehouse can offer is practical help to meet basic needs that affirm human dignity and comply with basic humanitarian rights to such things as food, clothes, warmth and shelter. Help could include clothing, shoes, food, toiletries, funds on an electric card, bedding or, if homeless, a tent or booking a space in a night shelter or hostel for up to three nights. Money alone is not directly given.

Grant Making Policy

Grants are paid to individuals and charities at the discretion of the trustees and in line with the charity's grant making policy. These grants are for the furtherance of the gospel or for those in need of financial support. Grants paid out in the year amounted to £960 (see note 6 in financial statements).

Financial Review

Principal Funding Sources and Expenditure

Unrestricted Funds

The unrestricted church income mainly comes from donations made by church members. This is used to support the pastoral work and to meet the costs of holding the various church meetings.

Fee income from users of the Bourne Family Project is included in unrestricted income and transferred to a designated fund to support the costs of the project.

To help with routine maintenance and to support the planned renovation of the buildings we have a designated fund for maintenance, with income transferred from unrestricted funds. During the year funds were expended from the maintenance fund to replace a boiler servicing the chapel building. Unused funds are carried forward to enable us to undertake larger maintenance and renovation works.

Expenditure from unrestricted funds comprises salary costs for our operations and admin staff and expenditure to ensure the operations of our church ministries and Sunday services.

Restricted Funds

Restricted Collections

During the year there have been occasions where church members have been asked to support, or have offered to support, projects and so the income for these has been included as restricted collections. The main restricted collections that church members have contributed to are:

Overseas Mission - for church members who go overseas on mission trips; and for funds distributed to projects overseas.

Building Redevelopment Project - the buildings need redevelopment to make them more inclusive and accessible and initial thoughts on this have been developed. Donations to our building funds continue and have begun to be drawn upon as we begin phase 1 of our building plans to which include installing a lift in the chapel.

Ministries, Outreach and Operations Manager - specific call on funds to increase the role to support plans of the church to deliver its mission. Funds are drawn upon each month to support the payment of this role's salary.

As well as these collections, church members contribute to **The Storehouse** and **Bourne Family Project**.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have examined the requirement for free reserves and consider that a level of three to six months general expenditure would be adequate. At the year end this would be between £32,492 and £64,984 compared to free reserves of £35,950 which equates to 3.3 months.

The charity is also building up a designated maintenance fund so that we should have funds available for routine maintenance and to cover any major work that may be required. To support our building project the charity has a building fund, and unspent funds are carried forward each year to support the financial resources required to deliver this project.

The charity holds unrestricted, general reserves of £35,950, designated reserves that can be drawn down, if necessary, of £14,829, and a cash balance of £47,311 without impacting restricted funds.

The Trustees consider that the charity has sufficient unrestricted reserves and cash flow to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from the date on which these financial statements are approved. For this reason, the accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis.

Thank Yous

We are very appreciative of the grant funders that have supported us this year and would like to thank:

Towards the work of Bourne Family Project

- The Souter Charitable Trust
- The SMB Trust
- Bloss Family Foundation
- The Truemark Trust
- Quartet Community Foundation
- The Sir Bernard & Lady Schreier Foundation

Towards youth work provisions

- Bishop Radford Trust
- The Deo Gloria Trust

We would like to thank the church members for their support and all the work they do to outwork the church vision. They support us in a variety of ways, including:

- Practical ways through volunteering.
- Through prayer for all our ministries.
- Financial giving to support both the general work of the church and specific ministries.
- Fundraising to support our ministries.

Statement of Responsibilities of the Trustees

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The 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 the state of affairs of the charity and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the net income or expenditure, of the charity for the year. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- Make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- 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 which 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 Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees 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.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Members of the charity have no liability to contribute to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up. The Trustees are members of the charity, but this entitles them only to voting rights. The Trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity.

Independent Examiners

Godfrey Wilson Limited were re-appointed as independent examiners to the charity during the year and have expressed their willingness to continue in that capacity.

Approved by the Trustees on 20 July 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

S.L.Edwards

Simon Edwards, Trustee (Chair)

Independent examiner's report

To the trustees of

Bourne Christian Centre

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Bourne Christian Centre (the CIO) for the year ended 31 March 2026, which are set out on pages 26 to 43.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity trustees of the CIO you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

(1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the CIO as required by section 130 of the Act; or
(2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
(3) the accounts do 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.

Jennifer Dickinson

Date: 20 July 2026
Jennifer Dickinson ACA
Member of the ICAEW
For and on behalf of:
Godfrey Wilson Limited
Chartered accountants and statutory auditors
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Bourne Christian Centre

Statement of financial activities

For the year ended 31 March 2026

	Note	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	**2026 Total £**	2025 Total £
Income from:					
Donations	3	104,736	89,174	**193,910**	121,419
Charitable activities	4	23,569	29,327	**52,896**	34,780
Investments		-	2,110	**2,110**	1,906
Other income		-	-	**-**	5,590
Total income		128,305	120,611	**248,916**	163,695
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		2,124	10,363	**12,487**	3,743
Charitable activities:					
Gathered Church		48,995	92,948	**141,943**	105,499
Pastoral and Outreach		520	1,238	**1,758**	1,038
Bourne Family Project		29,009	25,419	**54,428**	52,753
Overseas mission		495	-	**495**	1,606
Total expenditure	5	81,143	129,968	**211,111**	164,639
Net income / (expenditure) and net movement in funds	7	47,162	(9,357)	**37,805**	(944)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		53,510	382,892	**436,402**	437,346
Total funds carried forward		100,672	373,535	**474,207**	436,402

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above. Movements in funds are disclosed in note 14 to the accounts.

Bourne Christian Centre

Balance sheet

As at 31 March 2026

	Note	£	**2026** **£**	2025 £
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets	10		**322,756**	334,285
Current assets				
Debtors	11	**11,471**		4,664
Cash at bank and in hand		**147,983**		106,249
		159,454		110,913
Liabilities				
Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year	12	**(8,003)**		(8,796)
Net current assets			**151,451**	102,117
Net assets	13		**474,207**	436,402
Funds	14			
Restricted funds			**100,672**	53,510
Unrestricted funds				
Designated funds			**337,585**	350,056
General funds			**35,950**	32,836
Total charity funds			**474,207**	436,402

Approved by the trustees on 20 July 2026 and signed on their behalf by

S.L. Edwards

Simon Edwards, Trustee

1. Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

Bourne Christian Centre is a charitable incorporated organisation registered in England and Wales. The registered office address is Bourne Chapel, Waters Road, Kingswood, Bristol, BS15 8BE.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities in preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Bourne Christian Centre meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

b) Going concern basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern. The charity holds unrestricted, general reserves of £35,950 and designated reserves held in net current assets, that can be drawn down if necessary, of £14,829, without impacting restricted funds. The cash balance is £147,983. The trustees therefore consider that the charity has sufficient unrestricted reserves and cash flow to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from the date on which these financial statements are approved.

c) Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from the government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

d) Donated services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item, is probable and the economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), general volunteer time is not recognised.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

e) Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity: this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

1. Accounting policies (continued)

f) Funds accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

g) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

Expenditure is analysed as follows:

Raising Funds

This includes expenses for fundraising events.

Gathered Church

This includes the cost of running the meetings to proclaim the gospel, including the Sunday morning meeting, mid-week meetings for youth etc. and costs of the Bourne Chapel and items necessary to hold meetings.

Pastoral and Outreach Costs

This includes expenses for the pastoral team, outreach and grants made by the church to support charities and individuals including those working overseas.

Bourne Family Project

This is the cost of the work we do to support families including counselling, children’s creative therapies and group work.

Overseas Mission

This includes the distribution of sponsorship and donations made to Bourne Relief for overseas projects.

Support Costs

These are costs incurred to support the activities within the church and includes salaries, insurance and banking. Support costs are allocated to activities based on the proportion of direct activity costs.

Governance Costs

This includes costs incurred in respect of constitutional and statutory matters including the independent examination costs.

1. Accounting policies (continued)

h) Allocation of support and governance costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Governance costs are the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the charity, including the costs of complying with constitutional and statutory requirements and any costs associated with the strategic management of the charity's activities. These costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on the following basis, which is an estimate of resources used in each activity:

	2026	2025
Raising funds	**0.0%**	0.0%
Gathered Church	**82.8%**	76.8%
Pastoral and Outreach	**1.0%**	0.8%
Bourne Family Project	**16.1%**	22.2%
Overseas Mission	**0.1%**	0.2%

i) Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write down the cost of each asset to its estimated residual value over its expected useful life. The depreciation rates in use are as follows:

Freehold buildings	2% straight line
Fixtures and fittings:	
PA equipment	10% straight line
Other	25% straight line

Items of equipment are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £500.

j) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

k) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

l) Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

m) Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently recognised at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1. Accounting policies (continued)

n) Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for its employees. There are no further liabilities other than that already recognised in the SOFA.

o) Accounting estimates and key judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The key sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements are the depreciation rates as described in note (i) above.

2. Prior period comparatives: statement of financial activities

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2025 Total £
Income from:			
Donations	34,215	87,204	121,419
Charitable activities	5,800	28,980	34,780
Investments	89	1,817	1,906
Other income	-	5,590	5,590
Total income	40,104	123,591	163,695
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	2,124	1,619	3,743
Charitable activities:			
Gathered Church	9,186	96,313	105,499
Pastoral and Outreach	-	1,038	1,038
Bourne Family Project	20,846	31,907	52,753
Overseas mission	1,546	60	1,606
Total expenditure	33,702	130,937	164,639
Net income / (expenditure)	6,402	(7,346)	(944)
Transfers between funds	(760)	760	-
Net movement in funds	5,642	(6,586)	(944)

3. Income from donations and gifts

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	**2026 Total £**
Gathered Church including youth work	89,227	89,174	**178,401**
Bourne Family Project	8,152	-	**8,152**
Gifts in kind	7,357	-	**7,357**
Total income from donations and gifts	**104,736**	**89,174**	**193,910**

Prior period comparative:

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2025 Total £
Gathered Church	17,405	87,204	104,609
Bourne Family Project	10,765	-	10,765
Overseas Mission	1	-	1
Gifts in kind	6,044	-	6,044
Total income from donations and gifts	34,215	87,204	121,419

4. Income from charitable activities

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	**2026 Total £**
Gathered Church including youth work:			
Grants	2,997	-	**2,997**
Room hire and rent	-	6,989	**6,989**
Bourne Family Project:			
Grants	18,500	-	**18,500**
Fees	-	20,756	**20,756**
Room hire and rent	-	1,582	**1,582**
Fundraising	2,072	-	**2,072**
Total income from charitable activities	**23,569**	**29,327**	**52,896**

4. Income from charitable activities (continued)
Prior period comparative:

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2025 Total £
Gathered Church:			
Room hire and rent	-	8,580	8,580
Other income	-	587	587
Bourne Family Project:			
Grants	5,450	-	5,450
Fees	-	19,813	19,813
Fundraising	350	-	350
Total income from charitable activities	5,800	28,980	34,780

5. Total expenditure

	Raising funds £	Gathered Church £	Pastoral and Outreach £	Bourne Family Project £	Overseas Mission £	Support and governance costs £	**2026 Total £**
Staff costs (note 8)	-	36,089	-	29,677	-	13,746	**79,512**
Grants payable (note 6)	-	-	500	-	460	-	**960**
Premises costs	-	57,168	-	-	-	2,108	**59,276**
General expenses	12,487	11,079	948	19,813	-	8,358	**52,685**
Insurance	-	-	-	-	-	3,543	**3,543**
Accountancy	-	-	-	-	-	2,700	**2,700**
Legal and professional	-	-	-	-	-	307	**307**
Depreciation	-	12,128	-	-	-	-	**12,128**
Sub-total	12,487	116,464	1,448	49,490	460	30,762	**211,111**
Allocation of support and governance costs	-	25,479	310	4,938	35	(30,762)	-
Total expenditure	**12,487**	**141,943**	**1,758**	**54,428**	**495**	**-**	**211,111**

Total governance costs were £2,700 (2025: £2,520).

5. Total expenditure (continued)

Prior period comparative

	Raising funds £	Gathered Church £	Pastoral and Outreach £	Bourne Family Project £	Overseas Mission £	Support and governance costs £	2025 Total £
Staff costs (note 8)	-	35,602	-	31,533	-	12,863	79,998
Grants payable (note 6)	-	-	-	-	1,486	-	1,486
Premises costs	1,680	20,395	-	-	-	6,021	28,096
General expenses	2,063	12,248	758	13,947	60	7,794	36,870
Insurance	-	-	-	-	-	3,303	3,303
Accountancy	-	-	-	-	-	2,520	2,520
Legal and professional	-	-	-	-	-	297	297
Depreciation	-	12,069	-	-	-	-	12,069
Sub-total	3,743	80,314	758	45,480	1,546	32,798	164,639
Allocation of support and governance costs	-	25,185	280	7,273	60	(32,798)	-
Total expenditure	3,743	105,499	1,038	52,753	1,606	-	164,639

6. Grants payable

	2026	2025
	£	£
Grants to individuals:		
UK (2026: 1, 2025: 0)	**500**	-
Overseas (2026: 5, 2025: 5)	**460**	1,486
	960	1,486

There were no grants payable included within creditors at the year end in either period.

7. Net movement in funds

This is stated after charging:

	2026	2025
	£	£
Depreciation	**12,128**	12,069
Operating lease payments	**1,008**	1,008
Trustees' remuneration	**Nil**	Nil
Trustees' reimbursed expenses	**5,777**	Nil
Independent examiner's remuneration:		
▪ Independent examination (excluding VAT)	**2,250**	2,100

A trustee and a trustee's spouse were reimbursed for expenses relating to the roof repairs during the current year only.

8. Staff costs and numbers

Staff costs were as follows:

	2026	2025
	£	£
Salaries and wages	**77,486**	78,017
Pension costs	**2,026**	1,981
	79,512	79,998

No employee earned more than £60,000 during the year.

The key management personnel of the charitable company comprise the trustees and the leadership team. All key management personnel work in a voluntary capacity.

8. Staff costs and numbers (continued)

	2026 No.	2025 No.
Family support	**5**	5
Gathered Church	**1**	1
Support	**1**	1
Average head count	**7**	7

9. Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

10. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2025	529,705	92,241	**621,946**
Additions in year	-	599	**599**
At 31 March 2026	529,705	92,840	**622,545**
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2025	202,410	85,251	**287,661**
Charge for the year	8,381	3,747	**12,128**
At 31 March 2026	210,791	88,998	**299,789**
Net book value			
At 31 March 2026	**318,914**	**3,842**	**322,756**
At 31 March 2025	327,295	6,990	334,285

11. Debtors

	2026 £	2025 £
Trade debtors	**3,785**	680
Prepayments	**1,973**	2,133
Income tax recoverable	**5,713**	1,583
Other debtors	**-**	268
	11,471	4,664

12. Creditors : amounts due within 1 year

	2026	2025
	£	£
Accruals	**7,032**	7,985
Other taxation and social security	**971**	811
	8,003	8,796

13. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted funds	Designated funds	General funds	**Total funds**
	£	£	£	**£**
Tangible fixed assets	-	322,756	-	**322,756**
Current assets	100,672	14,829	43,953	**159,454**
Current liabilities	-	-	(8,003)	**(8,003)**
Net assets at 31 March 2026	**100,672**	**337,585**	**35,950**	**474,207**

Prior year comparative:

	Restricted funds	Designated funds	General funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	334,285	-	334,285
Current assets	53,510	15,771	41,632	110,913
Current liabilities	-	-	(8,796)	(8,796)
Net assets at 31 March 2025	53,510	350,056	32,836	436,402

14. Movements in funds

	At 1 April 2025 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	**At 31 March 2026 £**
Restricted funds					
Restricted Church Funds:					
Building Fund	29,097	83,659	(41,784)	786	**71,758**
Overseas Mission Fund	786	-	-	(786)	**-**
Ministries and Outreach leader	-	5,435	(5,435)	-	**-**
Chell Perkins	2,446	-	(2,446)	-	**-**
Youth work:					
George Muller Charitable Trust	4,000	-	(1,321)	-	**2,679**
Deo Gloria Trust	-	1,000	-	-	**1,000**
Bishop Radford Trust	-	1,997	-	-	**1,997**
Youth work	-	133	(133)	-	**-**
Bourne Relief:					
Overseas projects	2,735	-	(495)	-	**2,240**
Storehouse	1,604	-	(520)	-	**1,084**
Bourne Family Project:					
Donations and fundraising	11,943	17,581	(19,580)	-	**9,944**
Aviva wellbeing grant	899	-	-	-	**899**
Albert Hunt Trust	-	3,000	-	-	**3,000**
Bloss Family Foundation	-	1,000	-	-	**1,000**
Quartet Foundation	-	5,000	(2,462)	-	**2,538**
Schreier Foundation	-	2,000	(1,032)	-	**968**
SMB Trust	-	1,500	(680)	-	**820**
Souter Charitable Trust	-	3,000	(3,000)	-	**-**
Truelight Trust	-	3,000	(2,255)	-	**745**
Total restricted funds	53,510	128,305	(81,143)	-	**100,672**
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds:					
Fixed assets fund	334,285	-	(12,128)	599	**322,756**
Maintenance fund	15,771	3,474	(4,416)	-	**14,829**
Youth work	-	-	(839)	839	**-**
Bourne Family Project	-	22,491	(27,282)	4,791	**-**
Total designated funds	350,056	25,965	(44,665)	6,229	**337,585**
General funds	32,836	94,646	(85,303)	(6,229)	**35,950**
Total unrestricted funds	382,892	120,611	(129,968)	-	**373,535**
Total funds	**436,402**	**248,916**	**(211,111)**	**-**	**474,207**

14. Movements in funds (continued)

Purposes of restricted funds

Building Fund

Our buildings need major renovation to make them more accessible and inclusive, so a building fund has been established to finance this work. In previous years we have undertaken work on the flat roof, part of the roof over the Chapel and preparatory work for the installation of a lift to access the first floor of the Chapel. In the current year it became apparent that urgent work was needed to replace the main chapel roof. The church members have been very generous in their donations to fund this work and the work in progressing well.

Overseas Mission Fund

The overseas mission fund was created for donations towards the costs of individuals going overseas on mission work. Since there are no current plans for overseas work the donors have transferred this to the building fund.

Ministries and Outreach leader

It was decided that we needed more support for the Ministries and Outreach in the church and so a paid role was created to provide this. To support the funding of the role the church members were asked if they would agree to provide donations towards this. The donations are used to support the cost of this role with the remainder funded from unrestricted funds.

Chell Perkins

The church needs funds to support Bourne Family Project, Youth work and the building project. Chell Perkins have been employed to help with this fundraising and a gift was received to support this, the remainder of the cost coming from unrestricted funds.

Youth Work

The church would like to increase our provision for youth within the church and local area and has received the grants for this purpose from individuals and the following:

- George Muller Charitable Trust;
- Deo Gloria Trust; and
- Bishop Radford Trust.

Bourne Relief Overseas Projects

ROTE (Removing Obstacles to Education) - Funds raised through donations and fundraising are used to support children in Pemba, Mozambique. A couple from the church have been based in Pemba and this fund is used to help the children they are continuing to support.

Bourne Relief Storehouse

This fund is used to help those in hardship, including help with clothing, food and heating.

Bourne Family Project

The Bourne Family Project supports families in the local area. The project receives donations and grants towards its work and these funds are kept separately and spent in accordance with the funders' specifications. The specific restricted funds within the Bourne Family Project are:

- Fundraising – donations and fundraising events specifically to support the project;
- Aviva grant for wellbeing – grant to help improve people's wellbeing, specifically for running courses to help with budget management and cooking on a budget;
- The Albert Hunt Trust – grant to support core costs;

14. Movements in funds (continued)

Purposes of restricted funds (continued)

Bourne Family Project (continued)

- Bloss Family Foundation – grant to support increased hours for play therapy;
- Quartet Foundation – in the previous year we had a grant to help with wellbeing, this will be used to support supervision costs for staff and to run courses such as CAP money course. In the current year we received a grant to support increasing play therapy sessions and staff training;
- Schreier Foundation – grant to support increased hours for play therapy;
- SMB Trust – grant to help with core costs, specifically supervision cost;
- Souter Charitable Trust – grant to help with subsidising fees and core costs; and
- Truelight Trust – grant to support core costs.

Purposes of designated funds

Fixed assets fund

The fixed assets are held in a designated fund with the cost of additions funded by a transfer from unrestricted funds.

Maintenance fund

As well as the building work there is maintenance needed to the building and so the charity has a maintenance fund. This is funded through rental income, any excess in the maintenance fund will be used for the renovation.

Youth work

This has been set up to support the increase in youth provision and is funded by a transfer from unrestricted funds.

Bourne Family Project

The church transfers unrestricted income to cover some of the costs of Bourne Family Project, this includes fees paid by users of the project and a contribution from church funds.

Transfers between funds

The church capitalised costs of £599, these were financed by a transfer from the unrestricted fund to the fixed asset fund.

The church supported salaries for the Bourne Family Project via a transfer of £4,791 from unrestricted funds.

The church supported youth work via a transfer of £839 from unrestricted funds.

With the agreement of the donors, £786 was transferred from the Overseas Mission fund to the Building Fund.

14. Movements in funds (continued)

Prior year comparative:

	At 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 March 2025 £
Restricted funds					
Restricted Church Funds:					
Building Fund	24,758	4,589	(250)	-	29,097
Overseas Mission Fund	786	-	-	-	786
Ministries and Outreach leader	-	8,690	(8,690)	-	-
Sports England	-	1,450	(690)	(760)	-
George Muller Charitable Trust	-	4,000	-	-	4,000
Chell Perkins	-	4,126	(1,680)	-	2,446
Bourne Relief:					
Overseas projects	4,191	90	(1,546)	-	2,735
Storehouse	1,604	-	-	-	1,604
Bourne Family Project:					
Donations and fundraising	11,660	17,159	(16,876)	-	11,943
Aviva wellbeing grant	1,640	-	(741)	-	899
Grant - Quartet Foundation	3,229	-	(3,229)	-	-
Total restricted funds	47,868	40,104	(33,702)	(760)	53,510
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds:					
Fixed assets fund	345,594	-	(12,069)	760	334,285
Maintenance fund	15,771	-	-	-	15,771
Bourne Family Project	-	23,539	(27,043)	3,504	-
Total designated funds	361,365	23,539	(39,112)	4,264	350,056
General funds	28,113	100,052	(91,825)	(3,504)	32,836
Total unrestricted funds	389,478	123,591	(130,937)	760	382,892
Total funds	437,346	163,695	(164,639)	-	436,402

15. Operating lease commitments

The charity had operating leases at the year end with total future minimum lease payments as follows:

	2026	2025
	£	£
Amount falling due:		
Within 1 year	**1,008**	1,008
Within 1 - 5 years	**1,764**	2,772
	2,772	3,780

16. Related party transactions

Trustees and connected persons donated, before Gift Aid, £39,410 (2025: £14,375) to the charity during the year.

Disclosed within note 7 are trustee reimbursed expenses in relation to a trustee and a trustee's spouse who have been involved with repairs to the roof (2025: Nil).

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