



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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

Charity name: St. John's Church Ashbourne

Charity registration number: 515193

Objectives and Activities

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

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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

Achievements and Performance

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

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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

Financial Review

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

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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

Structure, Governance and Management

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

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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

Reference and Administrative details

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

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

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

Director name		
None		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

n/a

Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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

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

Summary

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

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

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

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

Some changes have been made to accounts –

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

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

Glenn Hughes

Treasurer, St. John's Church Charity

January 2024

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31DEC 2023

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

Property

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

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

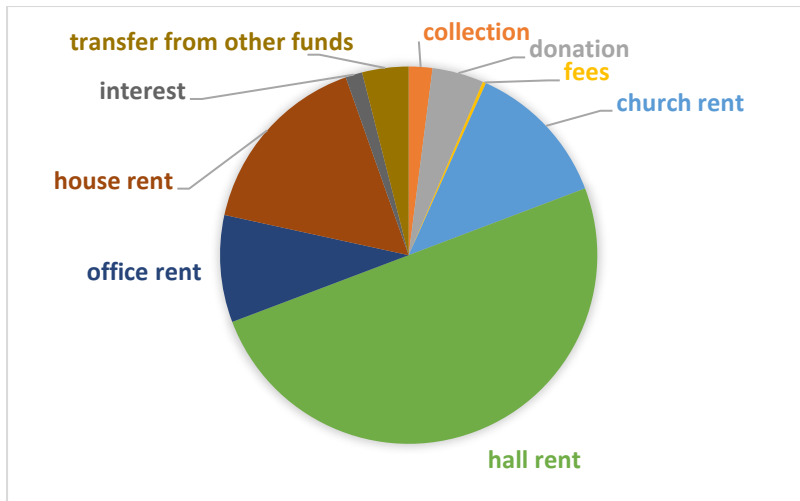
Bank account reconciliation	2023	(figures in £)
Opening balances		
67238886 Co-op charity account		25,014.46
AA664000 NSI income bond		14,000.00
612193001D CBF deposit account		238.09
Transactions		
2022 payments after year end		-30.00
	100006	-14.99
	175	-21.70
general fund payments		-30,642.63
general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

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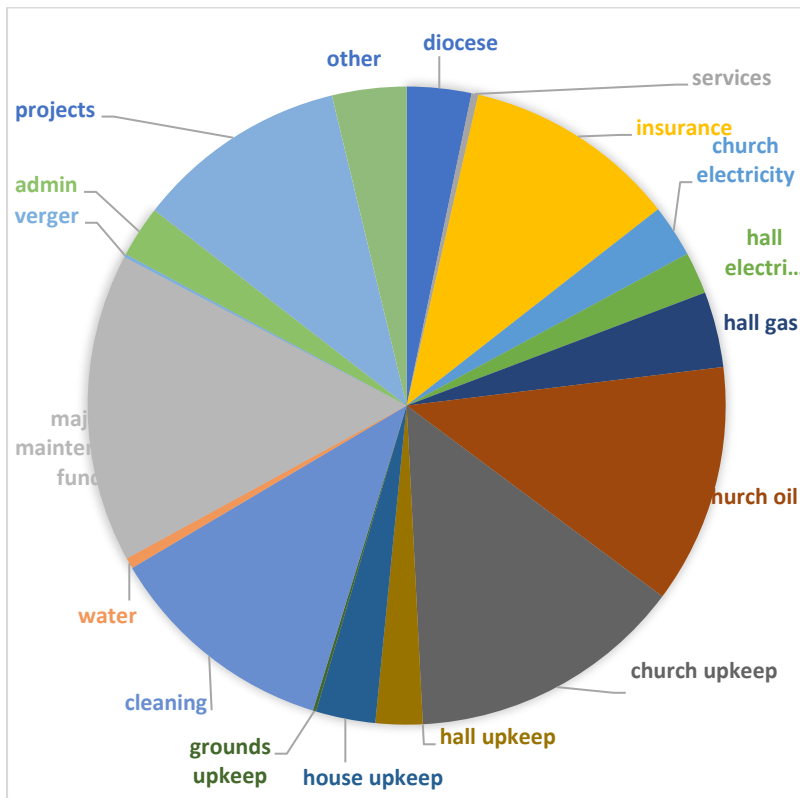
Details of individual funds

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

General fund sources of income



General fund expenditure



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

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

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

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH CHARITY
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2023

CHARITY NAME – ST. JOHN'S CHURCH CHARITY

CHARITY NUMBER – 515193

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

We report to the trustees on our examination of the accounts of the St. John's Church Charity Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

Signed: *Coates and Partners Limited*

Name: *COATES AND PARTNERS LIMITED*

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

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Date: *26/01/2024*