



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01JAN2024      Period start date    To 31DEC2024      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	<b>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.</b>
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	<b>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.</b>
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	<b>The trust is run entirely by volunteers.</b>
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	<b>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 resource to local community groups that offer activities that mitigate social isolation and mentor young people. The Community Hall is also home to the office of Ashbourne Arts.</b>

### 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	<b>The charity is able to meet its commitments and has no significant creditors or debtors.</b>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<b>Reserve fund is approximately two months' running costs, in line with Church of England guidance.</b>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>£6,000</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	<b>n/a</b>
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<b>n/a</b>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<b>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.</b>

### 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	<b>Rental of church, church hall, adjoining house and office space. However the house is currently vacant, undergoing renovation.</b>
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	<b>Increasing energy costs, potential competition from other venues for local groups to meet. Cost of house renovation, and loss of rental income, following discovery of dry rot.</b>
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document ( <a href="#">trust deed</a> , <a href="#">royal charter</a> )	Para 1.25	<b>Trust Deed</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g <a href="#">unincorporated association</a> , <a href="#">CIO</a> )	Para 1.25	<b>Trust</b>
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	<b>Trustees are appointed by the existing trustees and serve for 5 years, after which they may be re-appointed.</b>

### 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	<b>St. John's is a Peculiar Church within the Church of England and is part of the Parish of Ashbourne. The charity works locally with Ashbourne Churches Together.</b>
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**

	<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office (if any)</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	<b>Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)</b>
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		01JAN – 20JUL	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**

<b>Director name</b>		
<b>None</b>		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	
<b>None</b>		

## 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
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## Other optional information

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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>		
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>		
<b>Date</b>		

**St. John's Church Ashbourne Financial Report for the twelve months ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

**Summary**

General fund income for 2024 was similar to that in 2023, when exceptional items are taken into account. A reduction in rent from the house, due to it being vacated, was offset by additional church bookings and an increase in interest earned, after closing the NSI account and moving funds to the CBF deposit account, which pays a higher rate of interest.

Gas and electricity costs increased by nearly £200 compared to 2023. Most of this increase was for electricity used in the church, perhaps reflecting the increased use and a period where the main (oil) heating was not working. We signed a new 3-year fixed-rate agreement for gas and electricity, ending in August 2027.

Spending on upkeep of buildings was lower this year (this does not include the house refurbishment, the cost of which is being taken from the major maintenance fund). We have been able to cover all necessary expenditure and contributed £1,000 to the Church of England Common Fund. We finished the year with no outstanding creditors or debtors.

The General Fund shows a year-end surplus of £1,862 but this includes income from an insurance claim, together with the associated expenditure, and also a transfer of £2,000 to our reserve fund. Without these exceptional items the surplus would be £3,454. The General fund value is now £19,781.

The Major Maintenance fund is much reduced, due to the work needed on the house following the discovery of dry rot. We have spent over £20,000 on this so far and will probably need to spend a similar amount again to complete the full refurbishment.

Glenn Hughes

Treasurer, St. John's Church Charity

January 2025

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31DEC2024**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Assets</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Bank current account (co-op)	3,652.95	43,430.87
CBF Deposit account (CCLA)	26,363.86	245.73
CCLA COIF charities Investment Fund	1,576.38	1,541.56
BLK charities UK Bond fund	27,687.90	28,969.74
payments pending	-250.00	
	<hr/> 59,031.09	<hr/> 74,187.90
<b>Funds</b>		
Reserve fund	6,000.00	4,000.00
Investment fund	29,264.28	30,511.30
Major maintenance fund	3,344.23	21,116.40
Warm Spaces Fund	641.41	641.41
General fund	19,781.17	17,918.79
	<hr/> 59,031.09	<hr/> 74,187.90

**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

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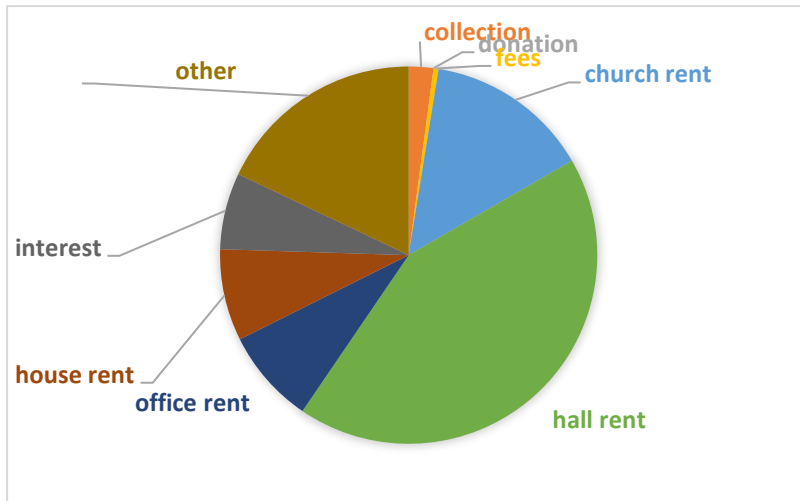
<b>Bank account reconciliation</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>(figures in £)</b>
<b>Opening balances</b>		
67238886 Co-op charity account		43,430.87
612193001D CBF deposit account		245.73
<b>Transactions</b>		
general fund payments		-33,643.77
general fund receipts		35,506.15
reserve fund receipts		2,000.00
investment fund receipts		1,214.68
investment fund payments		-1,214.68
maintenance fund receipts		4,800.00
maintenance fund payments		-22,572.17
warm spaces fund receipts		0.00
warm spaces fund payments		0.00
<b>closing balance</b>		<u><u>29,766.81</u></u>
<b>Year end balance from statements</b>		
67238886 Co-op charity account		3,652.95
612193001D CBF deposit account		26,363.86
less payments pending -	PCC Admin	-250.00
plus deposits post year end		0.00
		<u><u>29,766.81</u></u>

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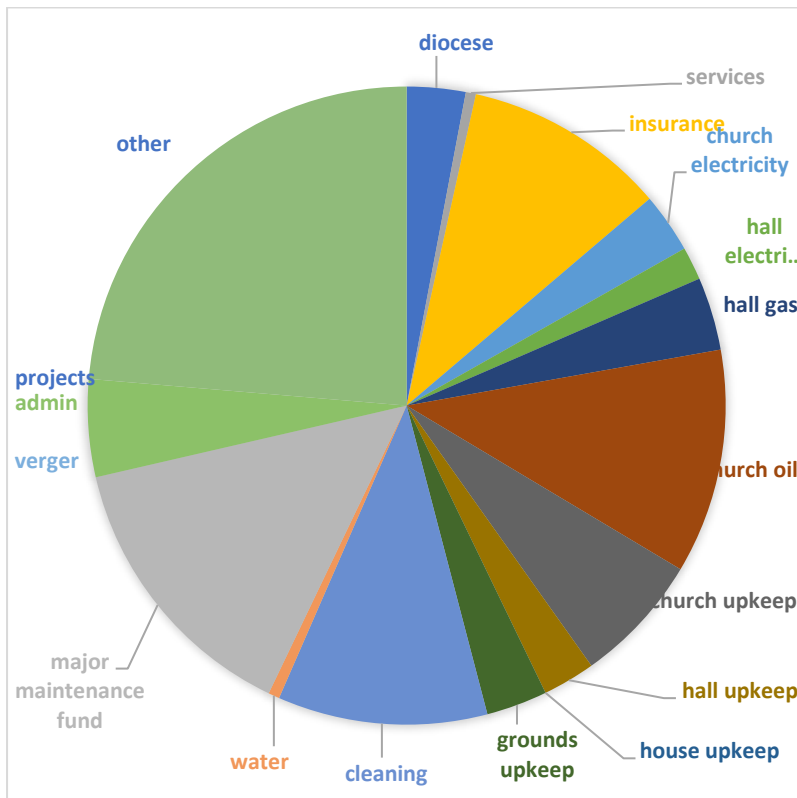
**Details of individual funds**

<b>1. General Fund (unrestricted)</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>budget</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Receipts</b>			
pledged	0	0	0
collection	749	600	620
donation	0	0	1,350
fees	154	0	84
church rent	5,010	4,000	3,825
hall rent	15,221	15,000	15,276
office rent	2,880	2,880	2,805
house rent	2,794	5,000	4,939
interest	2,333	2,400	439
other	6,365	0	1,214
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>35,506</b>	<b>29,880</b>	<b>30,552</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
diocese	1,000	1,000	1,000
gifts / charity	20	0	0
services	172	200	105
insurance	3,460	3,800	3,322
church electricity	1,020	900	816
hall electricity	564	800	652
hall gas	1,244	1,400	1,173
church oil	3,827	4,000	3,718
church upkeep	2,218	2,500	4,287
hall upkeep	895	1,000	728
house upkeep	0	1,000	925
grounds upkeep	1,040	1,000	50
cleaning	3,573	3,600	3,600
water	191	200	167
major maintenance fund	4,800	4,800	4,800
organist	0	0	0
verger	0	0	50
admin	1,662	900	802
projects	0	2,500	3,292
other	7,957	2,000	1,154
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>33,644</b>	<b>31,600</b>	<b>30,643</b>
<b>EXCESS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>1,862</b>	<b>-1,720</b>	<b>-91</b>
Excess minus exceptional (other) items	3,454		

### General fund sources of income



### General fund expenditure



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<b>2. Investment Fund (unrestricted)</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<b>Receipts</b>		
income derived from COIF	43	42
income derived from BLK	1,172	1,172
unrealised gain / loss COIF investment	35	130
unrealised gain / loss BLK investment	-1,282	471
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<u>-32</u>	<u>1,814</u>
<b>Payments</b>		
transfer to other funds	1,215	1,214
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<u>1,215</u>	<u>1,214</u>
<b>EXCESS / (DEFICIT)</b>	-1,247	600
<b>3. Major Maintenance Fund (unrestricted)</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<b>Receipts</b>		
transfer from other funds	4,800	4,800
donation	0	0
interest	0	0
other	0	0
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<u>4,800</u>	<u>4,800</u>
<b>Payments</b>		
House refurbishment	22,572	
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<u>22,572</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>EXCESS / (DEFICIT)</b>	-17,772	4,800

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<b>4. Warm Spaces Fund (restricted)</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
donation	0	0
other	0	0
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
heating	0	0
other	0	219
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>219</b>
<b>EXCESS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-219</b>

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH CHARITY**  
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**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 2024.

**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 Ltd.

Name: COATES AND PARTNERS LIMITED

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

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Date: 12/06/2025