

# Trustee Report for 2022

A small number of regular members continue to meet for a time of scripture reading, prayer and reflection at the Chapel each Sunday. Emlyn takes inspiration from this meeting for his blog posts to the website, often sharing thought-provoking comment sparked by the time of discussion earlier that morning.

During the week, those who value a time of quiet prayer, gather on a Wednesday evening for this purpose. This meeting provides an opportunity for some who attend other churches to join with us.

This year, the Chapel has welcomed a group of local people who have a passion for organic vegetable growing to make use of the garden area. They have taken on half the available area and have worked hard to cultivate this plot. Next year the plan is to put up a poly tunnel and thus increase the scope of produce that can be grown.

Our relationship with the Christian School continues to be positive and constructive. Staff at the school are to be thanked for taking such care to check with us when any changes to the premises are proposed. Chapel members are invited to school functions such as the Easter production and we join with the school in worship at the Carol Service at Christmas.

On a Saturday morning, the Chapel is available for a Christian youth group from Bishops Stortford to meet.

We have improved the aspect of the Chapel site from the road by re-rendering the front of the Stable block and painting this to match the cream used on other parts of the site. Thanks to some additional small improvement projects undertaken by the school over the year, the whole site is looking cared for and loved.

Looking forward to next year, we hope to pursue the possibility of our premises being used by Bishops Stortford Vineyard Church either occasionally or on a more regular basis. We may, as a result, have an opportunity to build closer relationships with them through their café church in Bishops Stortford.

# Takeley Chapel

## General Account Receipts and Payments

	<u>Year ended 31/12/2022</u>	<u>Year ended 31/12/2021</u>
<b>Receipts</b>		
Gifts	1,907.16	1,653.15
Rent	3,000.00	2,000.00
Schol contribution to Grounds	840.00	840.00
Total receipts	5,747.16	4,493.15
<b>Payments</b>		
Sundry Expenses	-	334.69
Charitable Giving	150.00	130.00
Utilities	141.92	133.57
Maintenance	2,130.43	2,281.67
Repair outside wall	4,404.00	-
Chapel sign	-	170.40
Cupboards	-	1,020.00
Insurance (less school contribution)	546.79	539.06
Subscription & payments to 31:8	36.25	32.25
Administrator pay	420.00	265.00
Church Growth Trust	-	2,991.42
Total payments	7,829.39	7,898.06
Net surplus(deficit) in year	(2,082.23)	(3,404.91)
Opening balances	17,101.49	20,506.40
Closing balances	15,019.26	17,101.49
<b>Represented by Assets</b>		
Barclays Community account	15,019.26	10,438.34
Stewardship account	-	6,663.15
	15,019.26	17,101.49

The accounts as set out above and associated banking documents relating to the period ending 31st December 2022 have been independently examined.

Signed: - Susan Gowlett

Date: - 24 April 2023