

THE KING'S CHURCH, WISBECH

REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31 December 2022

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THE KING'S CHURCH, WISBECH

ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 31 December 2022

The Trustees present their Annual Report together with the Accounts for the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The King's Church, Wisbech is registered with the Charity Commissioners No. 1000160 and constituted by a Deed of Trust. The registered address is 14 Clarkson Avenue, Wisbech, Cambs, PE13 2EG.

The Church Overseers direct all spiritual aspects of the church, and the Trustees have responsibility for the administration of the Charity. All of the 5 Overseers were also Trustees during the financial year, although this did not last for more than a few months. The roles of both the Church Trustees and Overseers were defined during the year and a new trustee body constituted after this work was completed. The trustees are all drawn from the beneficiaries of the charity.

The following trustees have served:

Mr Keith Smith	- Chairman
Mr Clive Butcher (to 5 December 2022)	
Mrs Lesley McChlery (to 24 April 2022)	
Mr Dave Nurney (to 24 April 2022)	
Mr Richard Welford (to 24 April 2022)	
Ms Jane Gathercole (from 24 April 2022 to 5 December 2022)	
Mr Matthew McChlery (from 24 April 2022)	
Mrs Fiona Butcher (from 24 April 2022 to 5 December 2022)	
Mrs Lynn Monaghan (from 6 December 2022)	
Mr Alan Hammond (from 6 December 2022)	
Mrs Carol Forrest (from 8 February 2023)	
Mrs Verity McChlery (from 8 February 2023)	- Secretary

OBJECTS AND ORGANISATION:

The object of the Charity is the advancement of the Christian faith and, as an expression of that faith, to bring help and relief to people in conditions of hardship or distress.

The work of the Charity is performed by one part time administrator and volunteer workers who, in turn, are cared for and directed by the oversight of the Church. During the year 27 people volunteered for the Church.

The church makes grants to organisations and individuals. These grants are decided by the trustees. They are given to individuals in need or to support a Christian Ministry, either an individual or organisation, who is meeting the objectives of the Charity.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR:

Operation of the Trustee Body

During the year a significant review of the operation and membership of the trustee body has taken place. This was triggered by a review of the way the church operated during the COVID epidemic and as a result of training the trustees received during the year. The role of both the Overseers and Trustees and the relationship between the two were defined. A new trustee body was then constituted as a result of this work.

Due to this review, the trustees met numerous times during the year. Some of the meetings were short to discuss only one or two items on the agenda so some key issues could be explored. There were also several longer meetings with a full agenda. The new trustees body met for the first time in December 2022.

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ANNUAL REPORT (CONT'D)

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REVIEW OF THE YEAR (Cont'd):

Financial Results

In managing the church finances, the trustees are pleased to report that there continues to be sufficient funds to meet all the operating costs of our ministry and to be able to support local, national and international Christian ministries. The income for the year was just under £60,000 and 19% higher than projected. The Charity made a surplus on unrestricted funds of £3,988 during the year.

The trustees have discussed financial risks and have concluded that there are sufficient reserves to cover any financial risk that the charity may face. The church's income is solely dependent on gifts from those attending its meetings or making donations to the Charity and the Gift Aid received in connection to it. The trustees are satisfied that, should this source of income cease entirely, there are sufficient funds for the church to continue operating for the next year.

The trustees are aware of their stewardship of these resources and ensure they are used to enable the Objects of the charity to be met.

Grants

We regularly supported Tear Fund, Gideons International, Aid for Armenia, Wisbech Foodbank, International Justice Mission, Christian Concern, and Christian Solidarity Worldwide. Financial support is also given to one of the workers on the Wall of Answered Prayer project; this person attended the King's Church, Wisbech, for many years.

Grants were also made to a variety of individuals to support their ministry in the Kings Church.

In total during the year grants of £28,430 were made to organisations and individuals.

Training

During the year church volunteers engaged with Safeguarding training. DBS checks are carried out on all volunteers working with children, vulnerable adults or in leadership positions over seeing these activities.

The trustees underwent a variety of training as did volunteers.

Buildings

The church uses the Queen Mary Centre for its Sunday morning services and other events. This financial contribution, along with its role as part of the management committee, enables the church to support the Centre in its availability for the wider community.

The church also leases an office and small meeting room in Octavia View, the home of the Ferry Project which provides accommodation and support for those who would otherwise be homeless. The office is used as the main church office and the meeting room has been used as a studio for online meetings. The meeting room was again used for face-to-face meetings.

Meetings of various sorts have also started again in private homes.

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REVIEW OF THE YEAR (Cont'd):

Safeguarding

During the year a safeguarding issue was raised. This issue was raised and investigated by the police and the church safeguarding lead. The issue was resolved, and both the police and the safeguarding lead found that no illegal action had taken place.

The church is a member of ThirtyOne:Eight (an independent church safeguarding organisation) and consult them on all safeguarding issues and access safeguarding training from them.

Beneficiaries

It is very difficult to calculate the exact number of beneficiaries there are from the activity of the church. This is because materials are available to download on YouTube and the church's website and although we look at the download figures it is difficult to know how many people watch these downloads. What we do know is that hundreds of downloads have taken place. The majority of these are in the UK but hundreds are taking place in countries around the world.

The average attendance at the various services that the Kings Church holds has increased during the year. By the end of the year the Trustees estimate that there were 150 – 200 beneficiaries of these services.

The trustees are pleased to report that the meeting in Bulgarian has seen steady growth in numbers attending during the year and the average attendance is now between 50 and 70.

During 2022 the Friday online service "Friday Conversations" has continued. These meetings are regularly viewed by people in Wisbech but also attract viewers from across England and even international viewers.

The church website has proved to be a particularly effective tool at making The King's Church and the Christian message known in the area, throughout the UK and in other countries. The church also has effective and well-used Facebook and Instagram pages.

We seek to make the Christian faith relevant and desirable. We exist to enable people, from wherever they start, to grow in their knowledge of and relationship with Jesus Christ. We also believe that the good news of the gospel is for the whole person and as such we seek to provide a framework which provides pastoral help and support for a very diverse congregation.

In Wisbech the King's Church seeks to make an effective contribution to the work and witness of the church in this community and, in some small measure, to the world.

The church encourages its congregation to be involved with groups in the local community and has organised some events in the community.

V. McCHLERY
Trustee

K. SMITH
Trustee

11 October 2023

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

GENERAL FUND

For the year ended 31 December 2022

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>2022</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>2021</u> £
<u>RECEIPTS:</u>				
Donations, Legacies and Other Similar Receipts:				
Regular Giving/Offerings	45,237	-	45,237	41,655
Tax Recovered	10,666	-	10,666	8,549
Donations	65	3,825	3,890	1,367
Operating Activities to further the Charity's Objects:				
Sundry Income	131	-	131	13
Income from Investments:				
Bank Interest Received	72	-	72	28
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	£ 56,171	3,825	59,996	£ 51,612
<u>PAYMENTS:</u>				
Grants to further the Objects of the Charity:				
Aid for Armenia	480	-	480	480
Gideons International	480	-	480	480
Tearfund	480	-	480	480
International Justice Mission	480	229	709	480
Christian Concern	480	-	480	480
Christian Solidarity	240	-	240	240
Wisbech Foodbank	240	-	240	240
Other Donations: Ukraine	-	2,609	2,609	-
Armenian Ministries	-	-	-	2,035
Churches in Communities	-	-	-	1,000
Other	3,350	-	3,350	2,500
<u>CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE:</u>				
Charitable Activities:				
Supported Ministry	22,200	-	22,200	19,500
Ministry Expenses	-	-	-	600
Secretarial Expenses	2,940	-	2,940	3,075
Hire of Premises	12,397	-	12,397	12,072
Insurance	589	-	589	586
Telephone and Internet	829	-	829	648
Sundries and Gifts	316	-	316	182
Training	497	-	497	515
Project and Event Expenses	1,866	325	2,191	3,426
Website and Publicity	1,291	-	1,291	1,207
Performance & Copyright Licences	764	-	764	379
Churches in Communities - Affiliation	200	-	200	-
Evangelical Alliance - Subscription	100	-	100	100
Audio/Visual Equipment	784	-	784	2,372
Carried forward	51,003	3,163	54,166	53,077

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Brought forward	51,003	3,163	54,166	53,077
Management and Administration:				
Independent Examiner's Fees	1,050	-	1,050	1,938
Printing, Postage and Stationery	130	-	130	261
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>	£ 52,183	3,163	55,346	£ 55,276
<u>NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)</u> for the year	3,988	662	4,650	(3,664)
<u>BANK/CASH BALANCE</u> as at 1 January	34,021	-	34,021	37,685
<u>BANK/CASH BALANCE</u> as at 31 December	£ 38,009	662	38,671	£ 34,021

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE KING'S CHURCH,
WISBECH**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the Accounts of The King's Church, Wisbech (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on Page 4 to 6.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report:

As the Charity's Trustees 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 Charity's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the 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 Examiners 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 as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

K. J. DAY F.C.C.A

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11 October 2023