



# **Lighthouse Community Church**

**Charity No: 1050455**

**Final Accounts and Trustees Annual Report  
for the year  
1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

## Receipts &amp; Payments Accounts: for the period 1st January to 31st December 2022

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds*	Total This Year 2022	Total Last Year 2021
	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>				
Gift Aid monies received	5,392	177	5,569	2786
Little Acorns - Toddler Group	603		603	194
Money raised for Shoe Boxes		1,232	1,232	2072
Other Miscellaneous Income	44	100	144	382
Room Hire	864		864	475
Specified Gifts			0	451
Tithes & Offerings	29,237		29,237	25946
<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<b>36,140</b>	<b>1,509</b>	<b>37,649</b>	<b>32,306</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Administration	2,324	20	2,344	1,315
Church Building Running Costs <i>(electric/water/insurance/maintenance)</i>	9,236		9,236	3,764
Hardship/Help Gifts	350		350	500
Housekeeping <i>(refreshments, kitchen, cleaning supplies etc)</i>	665		665	386
Kids/Youth/Toddlers	661		661	150
Ministry Gifts/Visiting Speakers	3,175		3,175	3,200
Missions/Aid	4,360	15	4,375	4,360
Music/Sound Equipment	1,599		1,599	1,628
Other Miscellaneous Expenditure	1,358	100	1,458	1,016
Outreach/Community	430		430	575
Shoe Boxes	760	1,395	2,155	2,842
Subscriptions <i>(A.O.G.)</i>	1,092		1,092	1,363
Wages	8,214		8,214	8,106
<b>Total Payments:</b>	<b>34,224</b>	<b>1,530</b>	<b>35,754</b>	<b>29,205</b>
<b>Net Receipts/(Payments):</b>	<b>1,916</b>	<b>-21</b>	<b>1,895</b>	<b>3,101</b>
Balances brought forward 1st January:	86,336	1,092	87,428	84,327
<b>Balances carried forward 31st December:</b>	<b>88,252</b>	<b>1,071</b>	<b>89,323</b>	<b>87,428</b>

\* **Restricted Funds:** These are funds which have been given for a specific purpose. Where possible they are spent in the same year to which they relate. However, we currently have a restricted balance carried forward of £1071 for transport.

**Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period - 31st December 2022**

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds*	Total This Year 2022	Total Last Year 2021
		£	£	£	£
Cash funds held:	bank accounts	88,252	1,071	<b>89,323</b>	87,428

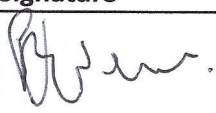

**Assets retained for the charity's use (belonging to unrestricted funds):**

- portacabin building
- furniture, fixtures and fittings
- P.A. & music equipment
- computers and other electrical equipment
- childrens equipment and toys
- kitchen appliances and equipment
- office equipment and books

**Liabilities (to be paid from unrestricted funds):**

amounts owed for utilities, goods and services.

**Approved by 2 trustees of Lighthouse Community Church on behalf of all the trustees:**

Signature	Print Name	Date of Approval
	PHILIP WEAR	24/9/2023
	PETER BURCH	24/9/2023

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Lighthouse Community Church.**

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022, which are set out on pages 2 to 3.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether any particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, (~~\*except as set out on the following page~~), no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the 2011 Act have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: ..... JANET CARTER .....

Signature: ..... *Janet Carter* .....

Date: ..... 22/09/23 .....

Relevant professional qualification or body: ..... ACMA .....

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(\*please delete if not applicable)

## Trustees Annual Report for Lighthouse Community Church

for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

The following are current managing trustees of the charity, and were serving at the time this report was approved:-

Roy Dyer (Chairman)  
Peter Burch  
(Brenda) Mary Dyer  
Philip Weaver

The following are current holding trustees for the charity:-

Keith Dyer  
Robert Dyer

The charity is a trust, and its governing document is a model constitution and trust deed adopted on the 13<sup>th</sup> October 2006. Any new trustees are appointed by the existing trustees.

### Objectives and Activities of the Charity (as set out in the governing document)

The objects of the charity are for the benefit of the public:-

- To advance the Christian faith in such ways, and in such parts of the UK or the world, as the church leadership from time to time may think fit;
- To relieve sickness and financial hardship, and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the UK or the world, as the church leadership from time to time think fit; and
- To advance education in such ways and in such parts of the UK or the world as the church leadership from time to time may see fit.

The main activities undertaken by the charity are:

- Church services & worship
- Connect/home groups, for members in the community
- Counselling
- Oasis – lunch club for the community
- Parent and toddler group
- Prayer
- Support for local outreach services, and missions across the world

## Achievements and Performance

Weekly church services were held in the building, with the main service being held on a Sunday morning, with praise and worship, prayer, teaching, encouragement, and a time for refreshments and chat at the end.

Connect/house groups were run in the church, and in homes, giving a great opportunity to meet up with friends and learn more about God, discuss issues, and pray.

There is a great focus on prayer within the church, with our main prayer meeting being held weekly on a Monday evening.

Oasis lunch club continued to serve the community, with many volunteers from within the church helping with cooking, serving, setting up and clearing away.

Children's work continued; Parent and Toddler groups were held in the church building 2 mornings per week, for the benefit of the community. Once a month volunteers from the church also helped out with Messy Church at Blackfield Baptist Church.

'Bring & Share' lunch took place once a month after the Sunday morning service, providing a great time to eat and socialise together.

A Bikers group met at the church for a monthly cooked breakfast on a Saturday.

Living After Loss is a group which supports the bereaved in the local community, and this was held once a month on a Monday afternoon in the church.

From November 2022 we opened up the church on a Thursday during the day, to join in with the Warm Space initiative, providing a place for people who were cold or lonely, or just fancied a chat, to meet together and have a simple lunch of soup and bread. School children from the local secondary school also popped in at the end of the school day to warm up and have pizza and biscuits.

We are seeking to extend the time on our planning permission to build an extension consisting of 3 portacabins on the back of the church, to give a separate space for children's work/an extra meeting room and a dedicated room for prayer.

## Financial Review and Reserves

The charity's principal source of funding was from donations from its members, and from the public.

Total receipts for the year were £37,649, with payments made of £35,754, giving a surplus for the year of £1,895. However, when combined with the funds brought forward from the previous financial year of £87,428, this left £89,323 cash funds held at the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022; £1,071 of these funds being restricted for transport related expenditure.

There is a reserve policy in place of a minimum of £5,000 (approximately 2 months expenditure). Reserves are held in order to plan for future expenditure and contingencies.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved this trustees report as detailed above.

*Signed on behalf of the Lighthouse Community Church trustees:*

Signature: 

Full Name: Roy Dyer (Chairman of the Trustees)

Date: 24 SEP 2023