



Lighthouse Community Church

Charity No: 1050455

**Final Accounts and Trustees Annual Report
for the year**

1st January to 31st December 2023

Receipts & Payments Accounts: for the period 1st January to 31st December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds*	Total This Year 2023	Total Last Year 2022
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Gift Aid monies received	5,574		5,574	5569
Little Acorns - Toddler Group	1,638		1,638	603
Money raised for Shoe Boxes		1,540	1,540	1232
Other Miscellaneous Income (including bank interest)	896	9	905	144
Room Hire	1,407		1,407	864
Specified Gifts (Ukraine & earthquakes)		260	260	0
Tithes & Offerings	33,447		33,447	29237
Total Receipts:	42,962	1,809	44,771	37,649
Payments				
Administration	1,672		1,672	2,344
Church Building Running Costs <i>(electric/water/insurance/maintenance)</i>	9,256		9,256	9,236
Hardship/Help Gifts	862		862	350
Housekeeping <i>(refreshments, kitchen, cleaning supplies etc)</i>	1,245		1,245	665
Kids/Toddlers/Youth	1,019		1,019	661
Ministry Gifts/Visiting Speakers	3,261		3,261	3,175
Missions/Aid	4,660	260	4,920	4,375
Music/Sound Equipment	789		789	1,599
Other Miscellaneous Expenditure	4,405		4,405	1,458
Outreach/Community	958		958	430
Shoe Boxes	813	1,540	2,353	2,155
Staffing Costs	9,019		9,019	8,214
Subscriptions <i>(A.O.G.)</i>	984		984	1,092
Total Payments:	38,943	1,800	40,743	35,754
Net Receipts/(Payments):	4,019	9	4,028	1,895
Balances brought forward 1st January:	88,252	1,071	89,323	87,428
Balances carried forward 31st December:	92,271	1,080	93,351	89,323

* **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 £1080 for transport.

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period - 31st December 2023

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds*	Total This Year 2023	Total Last Year 2022
		£	£	£	£
Cash funds held:	bank accounts	92,271	1,080	93,351	89,323

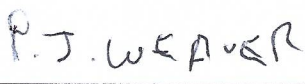
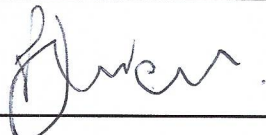

Assets retained for the charity's use (belonging to unrestricted funds):

- 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
		24/10/24
	ROY DYER	24/10/2024

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

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31st December 2023, 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: JANE T. CARTER

Signature: Janet

Date: 30/09/24

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 1st January to 31st December 2023

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 13th 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. Members from the church are also running a House of Prayer, which takes place in a dedicated space at St Andrews Church, and is attended and supported by many people from the local churches.

Oasis lunch club continued to serve the community, with many volunteers 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. Some of our church members also helped out with Messy Church which is held at Blackfield Baptist Church, and takes place on a Saturday morning every other month.

'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. On Thursday afternoons some members from this group met weekly at the church for a lunch of soup followed by a social time.

LCC joined with other churches in our local area to help run an Alpha course in the Autumn of 2023, held at St Andrews Church, in Dibden Purlieu. Several members of our church volunteered with cooking and serving, and leading discussion groups – it was a very blessed time.

For many years, LCC has been involved in the annual collection and filling of shoe boxes with gifts, as part of the Samaritan's Purse initiative, which aims to reach poorer children across the world who don't know about Jesus, and often have never received a present in their lives. Money is raised either by direct giving, or by supporting the tabletop sale, and last year in November we were able to send 160 shoe boxes filled with gifts. The church pays for the £5 postage of each box, and £1,540 was raised to buy the gifts (with some items donated too).

We are still actively working towards using our planning permission to build an extension consisting of 3 portacabins or something similar 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 £44,771, with payments made of £40,743, giving a surplus for the year of £4,028. However, when combined with the funds brought forward from the previous financial year of £89,323, this left £93,351 cash funds held at the year ending 31st December 2023; £1,080 of these funds being restricted for transport related expenditure. We thank God for an increase in our annual tithes and offerings this year of just over £4,000.

There is a reserve policy in place of a minimum of £6,000 (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 report as detailed above.

Signed on behalf of the Lighthouse Community Church trustees:

Signature: 

Full Name: Roy Dyer (Chairman of the Trustees)

Date: 24 / OCT / 2024.