



Lighthouse Community Church
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**Final Accounts and Trustees Annual Report
for the year**

1st January to 31st December 2024

Receipts & Payments Accounts: for the period 1st January to 31st December 2024

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds* £ | Total This Year 2024 £ | Total Last Year 2023 £ |
|--|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Receipts | | | | |
| Gift Aid monies received | 5,963 | | 5,963 | 5574 |
| Little Acorns - Toddler Group | 1,506 | | 1,506 | 1638 |
| Money raised for Shoe Boxes | | 1,610 | 1,610 | 1540 |
| Other Miscellaneous Income (including bank interest) | 2,133 | 13 | 2,146 | 905 |
| Room Hire | 1,548 | | 1,548 | 1407 |
| Specified Gifts (EAB/MAF/Ukraine soup & soap) | | 40 | 40 | 260 |
| Tithes & Offerings | 36,242 | | 36,242 | 33447 |
| Total Receipts: | 47,392 | 1,663 | 49,055 | 44,771 |
| Payments | | | | |
| Administration | 2,339 | | 2,339 | 1,672 |
| Church Building Running Costs (electric/water/insurance/maintenance) | 9,194 | | 9,194 | 9,256 |
| Hardship/Help Gifts | 327 | | 327 | 862 |
| Housekeeping (refreshments/kitchen/cleaning supplies etc) | 1,531 | | 1,531 | 1,245 |
| Kids/Toddlers/Youth | 1,311 | | 1,311 | 1,019 |
| Ministry Gifts/Visiting Speakers | 4,200 | | 4,200 | 3,261 |
| Missions/Aid (EAB £3960/MAF £300) | 4,260 | | 4,260 | 4,920 |
| Music/Sound Equipment | 212 | | 212 | 789 |
| Other Miscellaneous Expenditure | 1,793 | 40 | 1,833 | 4,405 |
| Outreach/Community | 621 | | 621 | 958 |
| Shoe Boxes | 800 | 1,478 | 2,278 | 2,353 |
| Staffing Costs | 9,943 | | 9,943 | 9,019 |
| Subscriptions (AOG) | 1,165 | | 1,165 | 984 |
| Total Payments: | 37,696 | 1,518 | 39,214 | 40,743 |
| Net Receipts/(Payments): | 9,696 | 145 | 9,841 | 4,028 |
| Balances brought forward 1st January: | 92,271 | 1,080 | 93,351 | 89,323 |
| Balances carried forward 31st December: | 101,967 | 1,225 | 103,192 | 93,351 |

* *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 totalling £1225, of which £1093 is for Transport and £132 is for Shoe Boxes.

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period - 31st December 2024

| | | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds* | Total This Year 2024 | Total Last Year 2023 |
|-------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Cash funds held: | bank accounts | 101,967 | 1,225 | 103,192 | 93,351 |



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 JOHN WEAVER | 24/9/25. |
|  | PETER BURCH | 25/9/25 |

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 2024.

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

Date: 23/09/2025

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 2024

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. A Soup Group was held on Thursday afternoons which is a social group for people from within and outside of the church, and they meet for a soup lunch and chat.

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 monthly on a Tuesday, with many volunteers helping with cooking, serving, setting up and clearing away. A two-course lunch is provided followed by a talk or activity.

Children's work continued; On Sunday mornings during the service the children are firstly encouraged to take part in praise and worship, with dancing and flags, and activities are provided by Hilary at the back of the main hall. During the word, the children are then taken out to the minor hall and kids' room to learn more about God in a child friendly way, with stories, crafts and activities. 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.

Hazel organised a monthly social for the ladies in the church, where they met for a meal at The Heath. The men of the church also met occasionally for a cooked Sunday breakfast, organised by Jan.

A Bikers group met at the church for a monthly cooked breakfast on a Saturday (April to October).

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.

As a church we have continued to support the very important work of Evangelical Action Brazil, with many of our members being active supporters of the mission, helping with events in the UK, and serving on the board of trustees. We also hosted their AGM and celebration service.

LCC joined with other churches in our local area to help run an Alpha course in the Autumn of 2024, 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 approximately £1,600 was raised to buy the gifts (with some items donated too).

We are still actively working towards using our NFDC agreed outline planning permission to build an extension consisting of up to 3 portacabins or similar structure at the back of the church, to give a separate space potentially 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 £49,055, with payments made of £39,214, giving a surplus for the year of £9,841. However, when combined with the funds brought forward from the previous financial year of £93,351, this left £103,192 cash funds held at the year ending 31st December 2024; £1,225 of these funds being restricted, mainly for transport related expenditure. We thank God for his provision to us.

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:

25 / SEPT / 2025