

## Community Church @ Lawrence Weston Report for year ending 31st March 2023

### Background.

Community Church @ Lawrence Weston has a Trust Deed drawn up by the Property Trust and The Charity Commission.

The Charity number being: 1050616

The Trust was set up in 1993 by Property Trust of Assemblies of God, Great Britain & Ireland and approved by the Charity Commission. The Trust meets once a month to discuss the affairs of the Trust and have no sub-committees acting on their behalf.

The Charity have examined the various skills needed on the Management Trust to run the Charity and are satisfied with the following skills>

The Management Trustees are:

Rev. Jim Allmark (Pastor/Chairman)

Mrs. Jill Russell (Treasurer)

Rev. Emmanuel Munanga

Heather Roberts

Rev Phillip Watkins

The Charity recognizes that any Remuneration must be in the minority of the Trustees.

The Objectives of the Trust.

The objectives are to advance the Christian religion in the Parish by the following methods.

(a) Preaching and Teaching the Scriptures (The Bible) through

(i) Holding regular Sunday Services, including worship and teaching for all ages.

(ii) Running weekly meetings for, prayer, study and fellowship

(iii) Encouraging members to be involved in their community

(b) By supporting various charitable activities.

### Objectives of the Charity's Finance

The Finances have been used to support the Church Minister and to resource the Activities of the Trust. Also the maintenance of the Charity's Equipment, e.g. photocopier / Projector, Boiler and other general maintenance.

The finances of the Trust have been managed properly over the last year. The Church Treasurer and Accountant has given proper and effective oversight. All the financial statements of the various activities which constitute the charity have been approved.

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Total receipts for the year have decreased by 0.19%, Expenditure increased by 19.13%.

### Policies

The Trust's Level of Reserves Policy.

The Trustees have directed that a proportion of the monies kept in the Savings Account with Property Trust, Assemblies of God, in Nottingham are to be held as the Trust's Reserve in

case the Charity ceases to function. This amount will therefore not be used by the Trust. It will accumulate a small amount of Interest each year. The amount set by the Trust is £10,000 which will enable the Charity to function for at least 6 months giving the Charity time to cease in an orderly and lawful way.

#### Risk Assessment.

Sandra Lewis is the responsible person for Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS), and Mrs Heather Roberts is the deputy person for DBS. All personnel involved with children have been DBS checked. The charity is aware that a DBS check is not foolproof and constant monitoring is required.

The Charity continues to seek advice from the Insurance Company on matters of safety, security and Policy. The Charity has an Insurance Indemnity for the Management Trustees. A Review of the Charity's policy is taken every two years.

#### Serious Misdemeanour

There have been no incidents of any Criminal / Sexual / Abuses in the Charity either reported to the Authorities or to the Chair this year.

#### Organization of the Charity

The church has one employee in 2022-2023

#### Sufficiency of Funds.

Total Income was approx £66.48 less than 2021 to 2022

Total Expenditure was approx £6989.96 more than 2021 to 2022

The Charity address is, 170, Kingsweston Lane, Lawrence Weston, Bristol, BS11 0QP.

Bank is Lloyds Bank

Solicitors: Ellis-Fermor & Negus

The Charity uses Kingdom Banking for its long term Deposits.

Insurance Agents: Christian Insurance, Durham

Insurers: Ansvar

# Community Church at Lawrence Weston

## Receipts and Payments Summary for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Last Year	Description	£	Notes	Actual	Budget
<b>Receipt</b>	17,865.00	Collection		1	<b>19,361.85</b>	18,000.00
	4,520.51	Tax refund			<b>2,339.02</b>	4,500.00
	1,130.00	Missions			<b>535.00</b>	1,500.00
	10,561.48	Ukraine Gifts			<b>1,408.00</b>	0.00
		Hall Hire			<b>5,770.00</b>	0.00
		Other		2	<b>4,596.64</b>	2,500.00
	<u>34,076.99</u>				<u><b>34,010.51</b></u>	<u>26,500.00</u>
<b>Payment</b>	20,079.81	Ministry- Jim Allmark			<b>(22,378.86)</b>	(21,000.00)
	33.42	Community Outreach			<b>(368.50)</b>	0.00
	75.00	Ministry-Other			<b>(675.60)</b>	(500.00)
	420.00	AOG Admin			<b>(459.96)</b>	(420.00)
	1,960.00	Missions			<b>(1,800.00)</b>	(1,500.00)
	4,148.36	Maintenance-Bethesda		3	<b>(5,630.82)</b>	(5,000.00)
	0.00	Print, Post & Stat			<b>(951.20)</b>	0.00
	2,823.78	Other		4	<b>(4,265.39)</b>	0.00
	<u>(29,540.37)</u>				<u><b>(36,530.33)</b></u>	<u>(28,420.00)</u>
	<u>4,536.62</u>	<b>(Deficit)/Surplus</b>			<u><b>(2,519.82)</b></u>	<u><b>(1,920.00)</b></u>
	0.00	Petty Cash			<b>0.00</b>	0.00
	12,209.24	Current			<b>9,689.42</b>	10,289.24
	0.00	Business			<b>0.00</b>	0.00
	0.00	Subordinated deposit			<b>0.00</b>	0.00
	10,030.00	Deposit			<b>10,030.00</b>	10,030.00
	<u>22,239.24</u>				<u><b>19,719.42</b></u>	<u>20,319.24</u>
	17,702.62	<b>Opening Balance</b>			<b>22,239.24</b>	22,239.24
	4,536.62	Surplus/(Deficit)			<b>(2,519.82)</b>	(1,920.00)
	<u>22,239.24</u>	<b>Closing Balance</b>			<u><b>19,719.42</b></u>	<u>20,319.24</u>

*Notes*

1. Tithes and Offerings down due to people leaving and also only starting collecting cash tithes this year.
2. Other- Includes Boing Toddlers, Repayment of Jim's salary paid twice and pension and a payment from Kingdom
3. Maintenance inc. gas, electric, water, boiler service, wifi, beverages/biscuits, CCLI, DBS checks etc.
4. Payments made to Boing £2,300 and Parent Buddies £1,000

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## Budget for the year ended 31 March 2024

Description	2023/2024		Notes	2022 to 2023	
	£	Budget		Actual	Budget
Collection		19,000.00	1	19,361.85	18,000.00
Tax refund		2,500.00		2,339.02	4,500.00
Missions		1,500.00		535.00	1,500.00
Ukraine Gifts		0.00		1,408.00	0.00
Hall Hire		4,000.00		5,770.00	0.00
Other		3,000.00	2	4,596.64	2,500.00
		<u>30,000.00</u>		<u>34,010.51</u>	<u>26,500.00</u>
Ministry-Jim Allmark		(21,000.00)		(22,378.86)	(21,000.00)
Community Outreach		0.00		(368.50)	0.00
Ministry-Other		(500.00)		(675.60)	(500.00)
AOG Admin		(500.00)		(459.96)	(420.00)
Missions		(1,500.00)	3	(1,800.00)	(1,500.00)
Maintenance-Bethesda		(5,000.00)		(5,630.82)	(5,000.00)
Print, Post & Stat		0.00		(951.20)	0.00
Other		(3,000.00)		(4,265.39)	0.00
		<u>31,500.00</u>		<u>(36,530.33)</u>	<u>(28,420.00)</u>
<b>(Deficit)/Surplus</b>		<u><u>(1,500.00)</u></u>		<u><u>(2,519.82)</u></u>	<u><u>(1,920.00)</u></u>
Current		9,689.42		9,689.42	10,289.24
Subordinated deposit		0.00		0.00	0.00
Deposit		10,030.00		10,030.00	10,030.00
		<u>19,719.42</u>		<u>19,719.42</u>	<u>20,319.24</u>
<b>Opening Balance</b>		19,719.42		22,239.24	22,239.24
Surplus/(Deficit)		<u>(1,500.00)</u>		<u>(2,519.82)</u>	<u>(1,920.00)</u>
<b>Closing Balance</b>		<u><u>18,219.42</u></u>		<u><u>19,719.42</u></u>	<u><u>20,319.24</u></u>

1. Collections rolled forward based on recent run rate.

2. Other - includes grants, softplay, gifts etc.

3. Includes monies given each month to support Fineke & Claire plus any specific collections

# **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

**TO**

**THE TRUSTEES OF LAWRENCE WESTON COMMUNITY CHURCH BRISTOL**

**('The Charity')**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2023, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies as required by the Charity Commission.

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.

Since gross income is below £40,000, your examiner must be someone who has financial knowledge and able to understand accounting principles. I am a practicing Accountant and therefore qualified to prepare the Independent Examiners Report.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or 2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

Mr Martin Strong