

Congleton Pentecostal Church

Annual Report for the financial year 1/4/22– 31/3/23

Mission Statement

The purpose of Congleton Pentecostal Church is to give every man, woman and child the opportunity of understanding the Gospel and to be a Church where people can grow and develop for the glory of God.

Jesus said to His disciples: “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid...” Our vision is to be like a city set on a hill, shining the light and love of Jesus for all to see.

Our aim is to do this, not by staying within the four walls of a building, but by reaching out to the community around us and to a world in need.

1. Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisers

Charity name: Congleton Pentecostal Church.

Additional Working Names: Carmel Pentecostal Church, Cross Street Church, Cross Street Pentecostal Church

Charity registration number: 1051793.

Principle address of the charity: Cross Street, Congleton, Cheshire, CW12 1HQ.

Names of the charity’s trustees on the date the report was approved:

Rev. Andrew Calvert (Chairman)), Miss Alison Bond (treasurer), Mrs Karen Calvert (Secretary), Mr. Paul Bayley and Mr Gareth Lewis.

Name of any other person who served as a trustee in the financial year in question:

2. Structure, governance and management

The Charity’s governing document is a Constitution and trust deed adopted on 10th April 2006 as amended by resolutions 4th December 2007 and 7th September and by Deed of Variation dated 7th September 2008.

The management and control of the Church and its property and funds is vested in the Church Council. The Church Council consists of the Senior Minister and any other ministers of the Church together with such persons as the Church Council may from time to time appoint or elect. The minimum number of members of the Church Council is three.

The Charity is a Church which operates in Congleton, Cheshire but also supports other Christian missionaries and charities worldwide. The objects of the Church are for the benefit of the public:

- a) To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of faith in such ways and such parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the Church Council from time to time may think fit;
- b) 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 United Kingdom or the World as the Church Council from time to time think fit; and
- c) To advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the Church Council from time to time may think fit.

3. Financial Review The charity has remained financially solvent during this financial year (See accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023).

The charity's reserves policy is: The charity aims to hold reserves of between three months and two years of its annual expenditure.

Donations made to other charities and missionaries during this financial year:

World of Worth - £1,601

Carmel Assembly & Colin Mitchell (Israel) - £200

David Taylor & Oasis of Hope Foundation (Colombia) - £160

Central Africa Missions (C.A.M.) - £300

Open Doors - £1,005

Albanian Evangelical Mission - £150

Ukraine - £1,660

TOTAL - £5,076

4. Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

The Charity does not hold any funds as custodian trustee on behalf of others.

5. Public benefit statement

In compliance with their duty as charity trustees the Church Council, in exercising their powers and duties, have shown due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission.

6. Activities This year has continued to be a period of transition in which we have

gradually moved away from Zoom to more normal services at the church premises. In addition to the Sunday morning services at the church, in April we started having Sunday

evening services in the church once a month. Zoom continued to be useful, particularly for some of the evening meetings in which we have had speakers such as Carol and Ginny from C.A.M. and Roy Leeming, who would not have been able to visit the church in person.

However, after a long period of social distancing, the majority of people were very happy to be able to be back in the church building and enjoying fellowship in person.

In June we restarted the Lighthouse children's club. There is just a small number coming to Lighthouse, mostly church children but it's been a good time of getting to know the children better.

In July Lucy had the vision to start Diversity Connect - giving help and support to people from overseas who relocate to Congleton. Two weeks later Rebicca joined us and then Veronica and their families and they were the first that Lucy was able to help and support and on New Year's day we had a meal with them and others from overseas which was a great celebration.

Sharing a meal together can be a great way of getting to know each other and also a good opportunity to invite friends. The Easter breakfast and Harvest lunch were both particularly enjoyed and appreciated. A new initiative that we started in October 2022 is Nourish – food for body and soul, which takes place on the third Friday of each month. Nourish is an afternoon tea prepared by Laura and Mary and a team of volunteers, with a thought for the day halfway through. This has provided a great opportunity to invite friends and share the gospel in a relaxed atmosphere and there's been about 30 people each time we have gathered together.

Other highlights of the year have been: the Evening of Prayer for the persecuted church, Christmas Cracker, Carols by Candlelight with Rode Hall Silver Band, the Spring, Summer and Autumn Fairs, the Way course and baptismal service.

7. Reaching out to the community This year, as we gradually came out of the COVID restrictions, the pastor has started to visit local schools again to lead acts of worship and he has also started visiting Clayton Manor Care Home to lead Songs of Praise services assisted by Eileen Ecclestone.

8. A Period of transition — At the AGM the pastor spoke about us being in a period of transition and he compared the church with the children of Israel on their journey to the promised land. He quoted 1 Samuel 7.12 "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us". God has been with us every step of the way so far and He has provided for our financial needs and also the personnel, with the giftings and abilities needed at each stage of the journey; so, we will continue to trust Him for the future.

The Pastor feels that he will soon be ready to hand on the baton and so the future leadership of the church has been high on the agenda in Church Council meetings and will continue to be over the coming months.

9. Health and Safety

The Church Health and Safety Officer is Glenys Somayajula.

The Church fire safety Co-ordinator is Gaz Lewis. In case of fire, the fire safety co-ordinator, members of the Church Council and/or others with leadership responsibility at the time of evacuation will act as fire marshals .

The procedure for evacuation of the building is outlined at each A.G.M.

The fire and burglar alarms are tested twice a year by Crime Watch Security Systems
Fire extinguishers are checked annually by 3 Counties services
The boilers are serviced annually by Gas Care.
The Church has a level 5 Food Hygiene certificate.

10. Legal

The Church is insured for buildings, contents and public liability with Congregational.
The Church is covered for copyright on words and music for songs we use through the Christian Copyright Licensing International (CCLI).
The Church has a Safeguarding policy which is approved by the Churches Child Protection Advisory Service (CCPAS). Our safeguarding officer is Karen Calvert.

11. Thank You

We greatly appreciate the ongoing support of Congleton Young People's Trust who donated £250 towards the costs of Christmas Cracker. We are also very thankful for the ongoing support of the Congleton Inclosure Trust and Congleton Town Trust who donated £1,980 and £500 respectively towards the cost of the new carpet in the entrance lounge.

Finally, thank you to everyone who during this year has given generously either financially or with their time and talents. Thanks to people using their many and varied God given talents and abilities we continue to be a thriving expression of the body of Christ here in Congleton.

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Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statement for the Year Ended
31 March 2023 for
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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Congleton Pentecostal Church

I report on the accounts of Congleton Pentecostal Church for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on page 1.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity'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 and to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether 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 next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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CONGLETON PENTECOSTAL CHURCH Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023

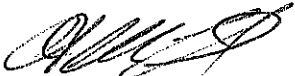
	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
Service collections		15,159		11,258
Service collections Gift Aided		9,768		17,833
Missionary Offerings		1,256		6,500
Missionary Offerings Gift Aided		2,392		2,931
Tax reclaimed		7,427		2,282
Designated donations		3,230		6,250
Other donations		1,659		1,709
Toddler group		382		336
Other grants		0		0
Interest		38		
Other		615		268
Total income		41,926		49,417
Ministry/Missionary gifts to institutions	5,076		6,236	
Ministry/Missionary gifts to individuals	550		3,020	
		(5,626)		(9,256)
Payroll	22,022		20,896	
Club costs	914		588	
Rates, water, light & heat	4,663		4,190	
Insurance	1,429		1,318	
Repairs, renewals, furniture & fittings	872		2,989	
cleaning	75		149	
Printing, postage & stationery	115		171	
Advertising	0		0	
Office costs computer and phone	775		826	
Hire of equipment	993		1,015	
Motor expenses	764		0	
Legal & professional	0		0	
Accountancy	0		0	
Bank charges	22		22	
Canteen & refreshments	1330		350	
Payment against designated donations	9880		300	
Toddler group expenses	9		138	

Building fund expenditure	0	0
Other	<u>878</u>	<u>669</u>
Total expenses	(44,740)	(33,591)
Net surplus/(deficit)	<u>(8,440)</u>	<u>(6,570)</u>
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Statement of Financial Position
At 31 March 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible Assets	369,625	369,625
Investments	0	0
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CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors	0	0
Cash at bank & in hand	10,499	19,455
CREDITORS		
Amounts falling due within one year	(547)	(966)
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)	9,952	18,489
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	379,577	388,114
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The financial statements were approved by the board of Trustees on

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Date: 25th November 2023

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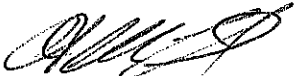
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