

Congleton Pentecostal Church
Annual Report for the financial year 1/4/23– 31/3/24

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 2024).

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 - £1,827

Carmel Assembly & Colin Mitchell (Israel) - £215

Israel (relief for those affected by the Hamas attack) - £600

Focus on Israel - £190

David Taylor & Oasis of Hope Foundation (Colombia) - £840

Central Africa Missions (C.A.M.) - £50

Open Doors - £75

Albanian Evangelical Mission - £130

CSW - £170

Gathehu School - £600

TOTAL - £4,697

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 During this period the church's regular weekly activities have been two services on Sundays, Toddler Group and Prayer Meeting on Wednesdays, Bible Study on Thursday evenings and Lighthouse children's club on Friday evenings. The monthly Nourish meal and monthly all age Family services have also continued to attract visitors. Some of the annual highlights of the year have been: the Easter Breakfast, the Evening of Prayer for the persecuted church, Christmas Cracker, Carols by Candlelight with Rode Hall Silver Band, the New Year's Eve celebration, the Spring, Summer and Autumn Fairs, the Way course and baptismal service. In November we also had Safeguarding Sunday when we thought about the importance of keeping each other safe.

Visiting speakers during this period have been: David Taylor (Oasis of Hope Ministries, Colombia), Keith Davies (Christian Solidarity Worldwide), Rachel David (World of Worth), Andy Thomson (Albanian Evangelical Mission), Mark Baker (Focus on Israel) and Matt Searles as part of the Congleton Bible Week.

7. A Period of Transition This year the Church Council began the process of appointing a new Pastor to take over from Andrew when he retires. Members were given opportunity to give their input regarding what gifts and qualities they felt were important in the new Pastor. March 2024 was a month of prayer for God's guidance and the position was advertised both locally and internationally with a view to making an appointment in 2024.

8. 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.

9. 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 in line with the Churches Child Protection Advisory Service (CCPAS) guidelines. Our safeguarding officer is Karen Calvert.

10. 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 Town Trust who donated £300 towards the cost of the Health and wellbeing Day.

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.

CONGLETON PENTECOSTAL CHURCH Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Service collections		18,510		15,159
Service collections Gift Aided		16,133		9,768
Missionary Offerings		2,514		1,256
Missionary Offerings Gift Aided		2,690		2,392
Tax reclaimed		4,704		7,427
Designated donations		550		3,230
Other donations		65		1,659
Toddler group		520		382
Other grants		0		0
Interest		108		38
Other		1841		615
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Total income		47,635		41,926
Ministry/Missionary gifts to institutions	4,697		5,076	
Ministry/Missionary gifts to individuals	<hr/> 190		<hr/> 550	
		(4,887)		(5,626)
Payroll	24,101		22,022	
Club costs	822		914	
Rates, water, light & heat	5,455		4,663	
Insurance	1,069		1,429	
Repairs, renewals, furniture & fittings	1,680		872	
cleaning	144		75	
Printing, postage & stationery	260		115	
Advertising	122		0	
Office costs computer and phone	882		775	
Hire of equipment	1343		993	
Motor expenses	872		764	
Legal & professional	0		0	
Accountancy	0		0	
Bank charges	0		22	
Canteen & refreshments	1288		1330	
Payment against designated donations	615		9880	

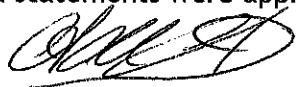
Toddler group expenses	70		9
Building fund expenditure	0		0
Other	<u>637</u>		<u>878</u>
Total expenses		(39,359)	(44,740)
Net surplus/(deficit)		<u>3,388</u>	<u>(8,440)</u>
Cash & bank balances		13,626	10,499

Statement of Financial Position
At 31 March 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible Assets	369,625	369,625
Investments	0	0
	369,625	369,625
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors	0	0
Cash at bank & in hand	13,626	10,499
CREDITORS		
Amounts falling due within one year	(244)	(457)
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)	13,382	9,952
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	383,007	379,577
NET ASSETS	383,007	379,577

The financial statements were approved by the board of Trustees on

Signed:



Print Name: A.M. CALVERT

Chairman of Trustees

Date: 23/12/24

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1051793

Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statement for the Year Ended
31 March 2024 for
Congleton Pentecostal Church

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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 2024, 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:

(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 o to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of 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

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16th December 2024