

# The Gateway Church @ Leek

## Trustees Report

Year ending 31 December 2020

The Gateway Church @ Leek: Registered charity No. 1052556 (In fellowship with the Assemblies of God)

Charity objects:

- i. The advancement of the Christian religion by the proclamation and furtherance of the gospel of God concerning His Son Jesus Christ the Lord and the preaching and teaching of the word of God by the church in accordance with the statement of fundamental truths of the Assemblies of God in Great Britain and Ireland as approved by the general council from time to time (the statement).
- ii. Such other charitable purposes as shall further the attainment of the above objects of the church or any of them.
- iii. The furtherance of the other charitable work of the church consistently with the statement.
- iv. The furtherance of the work of Assemblies of God in Great Britain and Ireland and the promotion of the spiritual teaching and the maintenance of the statement and promotion of religious observances that manifest the statement.

Over the last year the church has sort to fulfil the objects in the following ways:-

The church meets Once on a Sunday at 10.00am where we proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ and teach the word of God to all who attend. At the morning service we also give every opportunity to all who come along to worship and take communion together as a community of believers. We have a membership of 42 adults.

We have a ministry team of 8 members who discuss & agree upon the teaching themes for each month and a number of people within our fellowship who take responsibility for teaching and preaching and we also had input from regular visiting speakers.

On a Tuesday evening we hold our church prayer meeting where we come together to pray for any church, local community and global needs. Also all our members are encouraged to attend our fortnightly Connect groups which take place in host houses and are a place for pastoral care and mutual spiritual growth.

On the first Saturday morning of every month we have a men's breakfast where we seek to grow together in our faith & practice of Christianity.

Throughout the week we open the church to provide activities and services for the community. The church runs a mother and toddler groups on a Tuesday that is open to all and has an attendance of approximately 45 toddlers plus parents/guardians, and on a Friday evening we provide two children's club's that are open to all young people between the ages of 4 and 14 years. At these groups we promote a safe environment where young people can grow and learn together in appropriate year groups. In Leek we have a middle

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school system so we provide three clubs that cater for each set of school year groups (Years 1 - 4; years 5 - 8). The activities at these clubs are designed to promote mutual respect, team work and our personal worth and value to God and we also promote and teach the word of God relevantly to each club by various means and overall approximately 50 young people attend. All our children's & youth workers are DBS checked.

We have developed a close relationship with our umbrella organisation at the Assemblies of God in the form of local area ministers meetings, Zone meetings, area and national events. Additional to this we are in a partnership for leadership development with a larger church in Ilkeston. Through this partnership we attend 3 in person events per year as well as monthly Zoom calls for support and instruction.

In February, 4 members of our children's workers teams attended a days training at iKids conference in Coventry run by the national AOG UK children's department.

We support a number of missionary activities around the world and in the UK. We again had a visit in the year from the organisation "Open Doors" that seeks to raise awareness of the plight of Christians around the world who are persecuted for their faith in Jesus. They spoke to us about this and encouraged us to support the persecuted church in prayer and through other practical means. We have a visit once a year and also in "in-house" presentation on the work of "Open Doors" presented by all members' from our missions department 6 months after their visit.

The Church contributes to Christian mission overseas supporting a variety of organisations, individuals and work in such places as Eastern Europe, Brazil, Israel, Pakistan, Asia, Russia, Africa, and Peru. These works all include the advancement of the Christian faith as well as providing relief work against poverty and disaster, Education, care of orphans, building homes and community facilities and information services.

Over the last year we have continued to make our building available for the furtherance of the local Foodbank and they use a few rooms in our building as their warehouse and distribution centre. This Foodbank is run under the umbrella of The Trussell Trust and has continually served needy people in our community throughout the year. The Foodbank also has close working relationships with many of the professional services in our community.

In our home town we lend our support to the "Street Pastors" project that runs every Friday in amongst the night time economy of Leek. The Pastors help to bring peace, help and a safe environment to the town working in conjunction with the local police on Friday evenings. Our building is also used as a polling station by the local council.

2020 has been the year of Covid-19. This has presented the church with a lot of challenges, yet also a lot of opportunities. When the church was first in lockdown we decided to do our

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services online via Facebook live and Zoom. We made a small investment in new equipment to help with this. We believe this has been a positive experience for the church and one we are planning to continue with into the future.

One of the challenges for the church leadership has been continually adapting to circumstances as they change so often. We made our building & services Covid secure and have been doing in-person services as and when the guidance has allowed. Not gathering is a real challenge for a church and online provision only goes so far, especially for those who have mental health needs. We have made use of WhatsApp groups to connect people but with the stay home orders pastoral care has been a challenge.

Covid has also caused us to have less in person contact with visiting speakers & ministries that we are connected with.

Signed by the Trustees

Paul Sherwin (Chairman)

Cristian Tudosie

David Smith

## Profit and Loss

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For the year ended 31 December 2020

Account	2020
<b>Turnover</b>	
Designated income - Little Treasures	274.50
Designated income - Missions	10,107.15
Gift Aid	9,133.93
Interest Income	8.70
Other Revenue	1,940.71
Tithes and offerings	36,269.38
<b>Total Turnover</b>	<b>57,734.37</b>
<b>Cost of Sales</b>	
Direct Expenses	1,320.67
Direct Wages	12,482.52
Visiting preachers	225.00
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>14,028.19</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>43,706.18</b>
<b>Administrative Costs</b>	
Advertising & Marketing	85.23
Audit & Accountancy fees	1,301.00
Bank Fees	0.34
Cleaning	434.89
Depreciation Expense	61,606.59
Missions	17,790.19
Food and drink	101.72
Insurance	2,120.53
IT Software and Consumables	199.03
Legal Expenses	551.18
Light, Power, Heating	5,089.36
Printing & Stationery	92.36
Rates	659.92
Repairs & Maintenance	4,758.86
Staff Training	1,237.82
Subscriptions	1,339.00
Telephone & Internet	462.55
Travel - National	372.53
<b>Total Administrative Costs</b>	<b>98,203.10</b>
<b>Operating Profit</b>	<b>(54,496.92)</b>

## Balance Sheet

The Gateway Church  
As at 31 December 2020

Account	31 Dec 2020
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
<b>Tangible Assets</b>	
Buildings - West Street Property	250,000.00
Computer Equipment	998.20
Contents	77,451.85
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Computer Equipment	(332.74)
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Contents	(61,273.85)
<b>Total Tangible Assets</b>	<b>266,843.46</b>
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>266,843.46</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Cash at bank and in hand</b>	
Cash	424.92
Current Account	34,840.72
Reserve Deposit Account	11,117.89
<b>Total Cash at bank and in hand</b>	<b>46,383.53</b>
Accounts Receivable	30.00
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>46,413.53</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	
Accounts Payable	1,467.29
PAYE Payable	110.88
Rounding	(0.07)
<b>Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>1,578.10</b>
<b>Net Current Assets (Liabilities)</b>	<b>44,835.43</b>
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>	<b>311,678.89</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>311,678.89</b>
<b>Capital and Reserves</b>	
Current Year Earnings	(54,496.92)
Retained Earnings	366,175.81
<b>Total Capital and Reserves</b>	<b>311,678.89</b>

## Funds Analysis

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Apartment	45
Building Fund	89
Church	34,334
Coffee Bar	851
Creche	- 70
Emergency Need Fund	5
Evangelism	- 518
Lion Club	52
Little Treasures	682
Missions - Emericks	-
Missions - Feba	10
Missions - General	- 1,222
Missions - Hazel	95
Missions - J & PG	636
Missions - L/Russia	30
Missions - Open Doors	- 195
Missions - Sat 7	164
Missions - Christmas	- 1,738
Missions - B Wilson	50
Reserves	10,000
Restricted funds	1,604
Room Hire	1,221
Source	294
Zone	- 192
<b>Total</b>	<b>46,228</b>

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Members/Trustees of The Gateway Church, Leek, Staffordshire.**

I report on the accounts for the period ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages ..... to .....

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Independent 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;
- 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 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, 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 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.

**Signed:**



**Name:**

**John Alexander ACMA CGMA**

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**Date:**

**24 March 2021**