

The Gateway Church @ Leek

Trustees Report

Year ending 31 December 2022

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 “Leadership Track” stream in our church for present and potential leaders continues to move forward. This is so we can be the best leaders we can in every area of church life to support and help others find their place in the body of Christ. We ran a session in 2022, that was a team building day run by an outside agency.

In 2022 we also had a conference that celebrated 91 years as a church in Leek. Through our ongoing connection with Arena Church Ilkeston, we were able to have visiting speakers from that church as well as Andy Aston who is the AOG central area leader.

The church meets Once on a Sunday at 10.30am where we proclaim the good news 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 with about 65 people who regularly attend church.

This year we launched a Sunday morning family/all age service on a Sunday morning. We ran 2 of these events.

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 as well as a visit from the missions organisation “Missionary Aviation Fellowship”.

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

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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. 2022 saw us start up a separate monthly ladies breakfast for the same reasons. The ladies also have quarterly coffee mornings for fellowship & instruction from the scriptures.

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 Wednesday morning that is open to all and has an attendance of approximately 35 toddlers plus parents/guardians, and on a Friday evening we provide two children's clubs that are open to all young people between the ages of 4 - 8 years and 9-13 years. At these groups we promote a safe environment where young people can grow and learn together in appropriate year groups. The activities at these clubs are designed to promote mutual respect, teamwork and our personal worth and value to God and we also promote and teach the word of God relevantly by various means and overall approximately 45 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.

This year saw our Pastor gain his full status as an Assemblies of God minister at the national conference in May.

We baptised 8 people into the faith and have had a number of new people attending church as well as new members.

We support several 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.

Other notable events were the church leading a local Christian service in the town square called "Club Day". At this we lead a worship service that was available to everyone.

Quiz nights and church walks were added to the life of the fellowship too, as well as the continuation of "Wonder in the Woods" family event.

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.

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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.

Signed by the Trustees

Paul Sherwin - (Chairman)

Cristian Tudosie

David Smith

Profit and Loss

The Gateway Church

For the year ended 31 December 2022

Account	2022
Turnover	
Designated income - Lion Club	312.00
Designated income - Little Treasures	538.23
Designated income - Missions	8,453.04
Gift Aid	5,079.83
Interest Income	10.75
Other Revenue	3,208.66
Tithes and offerings	51,997.48
Total Turnover	69,599.99
Cost of Sales	
Direct Expenses	2,985.05
Direct Wages	14,428.50
Total Cost of Sales	17,413.55
Gross Profit	52,186.44
Administrative Costs	
Advertising & Marketing	194.70
Audit & Accountancy fees	1,221.60
Cleaning	2,186.62
Consulting	365.00
Depreciation Expense	4,840.86
Missions	13,847.24
Food and drink	2,046.01
General Expenses	626.43
Insurance	2,373.68
IT Software and Consumables	209.88
Legal Expenses	837.17
Light, Power, Heating	9,232.01
Printing & Stationery	21.21
Water Rates	1,454.48
Repairs & Maintenance	8,309.66
Subscriptions	1,150.00
Telephone & Internet	338.42
Travel - National	1,063.70
Total Administrative Costs	50,318.67
Operating Profit	1,867.77

Balance Sheet

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As at 31 December 2022

Account	31-Dec-22
Fixed Assets	
Tangible Assets	
Buildings - West Street Property	250,000.00
Computer Equipment	4,506.17
Contents	77,451.85
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Computer Equipment	(3,336.86)
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Contents	(67,745.05)
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Plant and Machinery	(206.40)
Plant & Machinery	2,175.57
Total Tangible Assets	262,845.28
Total Fixed Assets	262,845.28
Current Assets	
Cash at bank and in hand	
Cash	3,602.09
Current Account	37,662.70
Reserve Deposit Account	11,129.76
Total Cash at bank and in hand	52,394.55
Accounts Receivable	0.00
Total Current Assets	52,394.55
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	
Accounts Payable	1,848.39
PAYE Payable	427.08
Pensions Payable	52.15
Rounding	(0.07)
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2,327.55
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	50,067.00
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	312,912.28
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	
Loan	(10.00)
Total Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	(10.00)
Net Assets	312,922.28
Capital and Reserves	
Current Year Earnings	1,867.77
Retained Earnings	311,054.51
Total Capital and Reserves	312,922.28

Funds Analysis

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Building Fund	13,502.44
Church	27,689.57
Coffee Bar	498.55
Creche	(72.29)
Emergency Need Fund	286.00
Lion Club	(178.87)
Little Treasures	34.38
Missions - Emericks	120.00
Missions - Feba	10.00
Missions - General	(3,163.46)
Missions - J & PG	61.29
Missions - L/Russia	20.00
Missions - Open Doors	20.00
Missions - Sat 7	554.96
Missions - Christmas	2,515.00
Missions - B Wilson	50.00
Reserves	10,000.00
Restricted funds	-
Room Hire	-
Source	250.80
Zone	40.17
Total	52,238.54

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 2022, 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: *J Alexander*

Name: **John Alexander ACMA CGMA**
Address: **12, Cosby Drive, East Leake, Loughborough, LE12 6AD**

Date: **26 June 2023**