

# The Gateway Church @ Leek

## Trustees Report

Year ending 31 December 2023

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: -

In 2023 we also had a conference that celebrated 92 years as a church in Leek. Through our ongoing connection with Arena Church Ilkeston, we were able to have Kristian Thorpe from that church as well as Dek Dudfield who is the AOG zone leader, from Excel Church, Bilston, Mark Sherratt lead pastor at Milton Keynes Christian Centre and Mark Birch-Machin from Speakers of Life prophetic network.

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, again, did a Sunday morning family/all age service on a Sunday morning. We ran 3 of these events run by the various children's ministry teams in the church.

2023 saw us launch an event called "What's the Story?" This is an event aimed at bringing the good news of Jesus Christ through music, personal stories and teaching in an informal setting that is open to everyone in the community.

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 organisations Open Doors and Wycliffe Bible Translators.

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. We also have 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 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.

We baptised 2 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".

Quiz nights and church walks were added to the life of the fellowship too, as well as other family events.

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

## Profit and Loss

The Gateway Church  
For the year ended 31 December 2023

Account	2022
<b>Turnover</b>	
Designated income - Little Treasures	497.50
Designated income - Missions	8,504.60
Gift Aid	10,554.11
Interest Income	105.95
Other Revenue	2,190.86
Tithes and offerings	54,524.41
<b>Total Turnover</b>	<b>76,377.43</b>
<b>Cost of Sales</b>	
Direct Expenses	2,998.78
Direct Wages	15,448.20
Visiting preachers	2,300.00
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>20,746.98</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>55,630.45</b>
<b>Administrative Costs</b>	
Advertising & Marketing	937.94
Audit & Accountancy fees	1,421.20
Cleaning	2,556.34
Consulting	175.00
Depreciation Expense	
Missions	7,476.00
Food and drink	1,905.92
General Expenses	
Insurance	2,613.96
IT Software and Consumables	307.45
Legal Expenses	803.88
Light, Power, Heating	14,054.10
Postage	9.10
Printing & Stationery	101.98
Water Rates	935.76
Repairs & Maintenance	41,861.60
Staff training	774.49
Subscriptions	2,177.00
Telephone & Internet	401.91
Travel - National	705.44
<b>Total Administrative Costs</b>	<b>79,219.07</b>
<b>Operating Profit</b>	<b>(23,588.62)</b>

## Balance Sheet

The Gateway Church  
As at 31 December 2023

Account	31-Dec-23
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
<b>Tangible Assets</b>	
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
<b>Total Tangible Assets</b>	<b>262,845.28</b>
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>262,845.28</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Cash at bank and in hand</b>	
Cash	982.17
Current Account	17,919.54
Reserve Deposit Account	11,235.71
<b>Total Cash at bank and in hand</b>	<b>30,137.42</b>
Accounts Receivable	0.00
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>30,137.42</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	
Accounts Payable	2,615.33
PAYE Payable	443.12
Pensions Payable	52.15
Rounding	- 0.07
Wages Payable - Payroll	0.20
<b>Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>3,110.73</b>
<b>Net Current Assets (Liabilities)</b>	<b>27,026.69</b>
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>	<b>289,871.97</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	
Loan	(10.00)
<b>Total Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	<b>(10.00)</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>289,881.97</b>
<b>Capital and Reserves</b>	
Current Year Earnings	- 23,588.62
Retained Earnings	313,470.59
<b>Total Capital and Reserves</b>	<b>289,881.97</b>

## Funds Analysis

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Building Fund	915.22
Church	14,457.37
Coffee Bar	430.62
Creche	1.53
Emergency Need Fund	246.00
Gateway Kids	- 273.65
Lion Club	- 267.69
Little Treasures	- 91.17
Missions - C Felix	61.00
Missions - Emericks	30.00
Missions - Feba	-
Missions - General	3,420.45
Missions - J & C	80.00
Missions - J & PG	-
Missions - L/Russia	-
Missions - Open Doors	636.00
Missions - Sat 7	-
Missions - Christmas	430.00
Missions - B Wilson	50.00
Reserves	10,000.00
Restricted funds	-
Room Hire	-
Source	28.91
Zone	- 173.18
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,981.41</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 2023, 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*

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Date: **03 March 2024**