

Charity registration number: 1059661

Guiding Light Assembly

Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

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Reference and Administrative Details

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Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Objectives and activities

Public benefit

Offering public services of worship
Provision of foodbanks to public
Contributing to the spiritual and moral education of children

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Achievements and performance

In-person services were held every Sunday throughout the year. Prayer meetings, Bible studies, monthly men and women's fellowship meetings, and Masterlife Discipleship, Experiencing God and Mind of Christ programmes were held on Zoom. A residential Easter retreat was held for church members and their families. Pastoral care and outreach activities continued throughout the year. A barbecue community outreach was held at Victoria Park, East Finchley during the third quarter of the year. A 3-day prayer and fasting program for people, the church and the nation was held at the end of each month, with an extended version between 28 November and 18 December. A crossover service into the new year was held on 31 December.

Financial review

The Charity's income represents an increase of 20% compared to the previous year. The church remains reliant on the consistent and generous tithes and offerings from members and general donors.

Expenditure includes an exceptional item required to adjust opening reserves. A like-for-like comparison against the previous year shows that expenditure increased marginally by 2%.

Policy on reserves

The Assembly adopts the practice of transferring all surplus funds from a current account to named project accounts in order to meet any contingent needs. The trustees are also endeavouring to resource a designated Building Fund Reserve. The purpose of this Reserve is to facilitate the plan and ambition of the Assembly to acquire its own premises for worship and other social action initiatives. A Building Fund account is held in an associated company limited by guarantee, Guiding Light Assembly (GLA) UK, incorporated under registration number 07265137. As at 31 December 2023, the balance on the Building Fund Reserve was £75,315 (2022 - £63,303).

Principal funding sources

The Constitution authorises the Assembly to receive income by way of donations, gifts and grants, provided that it does not undertake any permanent fundraising activities in raising funds for its primary objectives.

Investment policy and objectives

The constitution authorises the investment of surplus monies not immediately required subject to conditions and consent imposed or required by law.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Plans for future periods

Aims and key objectives for future periods

- To continue with existing programmes
- To source own Church premises either by acquisition or on a long lease
- To continue to develop outreach programmes for all age groups

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The Charity is governed by constitution, adopted on 27 July 1996. The Charity is constituted as an unincorporated association, and was registered as a charity on 9 December 1996. The Charity is accredited in the HMRC Gift Aid scheme.

Organisational structure

The Assembly is a church plant of the Guiding Light Assembly, Nigeria. There is some level of visionary and ministry oversight that comes from the headquarters in Nigeria. The activities in the UK are managed by a pastoral team, headed by the full time Senior Pastor who is in charge of ministry, teaching, regular services, prayer meetings, counselling and all other outreach and ministerial activities.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 9 November 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



.....
Mrs Susan Toyin Okolo
Trustee

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

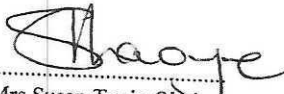
The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 9 November 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



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Mrs Susan Toyin Okoto
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Guiding Light Assembly

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Guiding Light Assembly for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of Guiding Light Assembly you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

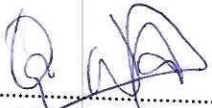
I report in respect of my examination of the Guiding Light Assembly's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Guiding Light Assembly as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Femi Ogidan, FCCA
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

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9 November 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies		129,648	-	129,648
Investment income	3	212	-	212
Total income		<u>129,860</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>129,860</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities		(58,826)	-	(58,826)
Other expenditure		(53,134)	-	(53,134)
Total expenditure		<u>(111,960)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(111,960)</u>
Net income		17,900	-	17,900
Gross transfers between funds		(12,012)	12,012	-
Net movement in funds		5,888	12,012	17,900
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		19,907	63,303	83,210
Total funds carried forward	9	<u>25,795</u>	<u>75,315</u>	<u>101,110</u>
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies		108,460	-	108,460
Investment income	3	29	-	29
Total income		<u>108,489</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>108,489</u>
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds		(1)	-	(1)
Charitable activities		(57,430)	-	(57,430)
Total expenditure		<u>(57,431)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(57,431)</u>
Net income		51,058	-	51,058
Gross transfers between funds		(18,076)	18,076	-
Net movement in funds		32,982	18,076	51,058
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		(13,075)	45,227	32,152
Total funds carried forward	9	<u>19,907</u>	<u>63,303</u>	<u>83,210</u>

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form an integral part of these financial statements.
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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

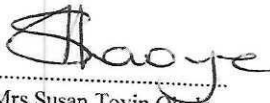
All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.
The funds breakdown for 2022 is shown in note 9.

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form an integral part of these financial statements.
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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Current assets			
Debtors			
Cash at bank and in hand	8	92,577	63,303
		<u>9,826</u>	<u>20,699</u>
		102,403	84,002
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		<u>(1,293)</u>	<u>(792)</u>
Net assets		<u>101,110</u>	<u>83,210</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted			
		75,315	63,303
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted		<u>25,795</u>	<u>19,907</u>
Total funds	9	<u>101,110</u>	<u>83,210</u>

The financial statements on pages 6 to 13 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 9 November 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



 Mrs Susan Toyin Okoro
 Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Guiding Light Assembly meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Investment income

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Expenditure

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Grant expenditure

Grants are made to Christian organisations and workers who are involved in advancing the Christian faith.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £300 or more are initially recorded at cost less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class

Computer Equipment

Depreciation method and rate

Straight-line method over three years

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the charity has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Donations and legacies; Gift aid reclaimed	8,475	8,475
Regular giving and capital donations	121,173	121,173
Total for 2023	129,648	129,648
Total for 2022	108,460	108,460

3 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Interest receivable and similar income; Interest receivable on bank deposits	212	212
Total for 2023	212	212
Total for 2022	29	29

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

4 Grant-making

Analysis of grants

Analysis	Grants to individuals	
	2023	2022
	£	£
Honoraria	1,390	1,390

The support costs associated with grant-making are £Nil (31 December 2022 - £Nil).

5 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

Staff costs during the year were:	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	27,525	30,614

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

6 Independent examiner's remuneration

Examination of the financial statements	2023	2022
	£	£
	420	420

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

7 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

8 Cash and cash equivalents

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash on hand	225	225
Cash at bank	9,601	20,474
	9,826	20,699

9 Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
General	19,907	129,860	(111,960)	(12,012)	25,795
Restricted funds	63,303	-	-	12,012	75,315
Total funds	83,210	129,860	(111,960)	-	101,110

	Balance at 1 January 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 December 2022 £
General	13,075	(108,489)	57,431	18,076	(19,907)
Restricted	(45,227)	-	-	(18,076)	(63,303)
Total funds	(32,152)	(108,489)	57,431	-	(83,210)

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies (analysed below)	129,648	108,460
Investment income (analysed below)	212	29
Total income	129,860	108,489
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds (analysed below)	-	(1)
Charitable activities (analysed below)	(58,826)	(57,430)
Other expenditure (analysed below)	(53,134)	-
Total expenditure	(111,960)	(57,431)
Net income	17,900	51,058
Net movement in funds	17,900	51,058
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	83,210	32,152
Total funds carried forward	101,110	83,210

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<i>Donations and legacies</i>		
Committed giving	121,173	99,329
Gift Aid tax reclaimed	8,475	9,131
	129,648	108,460
<i>Investment income</i>		
Interest on cash deposits	212	29
	212	29
<i>Raising funds</i>		
Sundry expenses	-	(1)
	-	(1)
<i>Charitable activities</i>		
Grants payable - individuals	(5,271)	(3,300)
Wages and salaries	(27,525)	(30,614)
Staff NIC (Employers)	(928)	(1,105)
Insurance	680	(976)
Telephone and fax	(6,012)	(5,089)
Office expenses	(8,925)	(7,149)
Computer software and maintenance costs	(4,141)	(3,562)
Charitable donations	(1,550)	-
Management charges payable	(1,730)	(634)
Motor expenses	(3)	-
Travel and subsistence	(890)	(2,779)
Accountancy fees	(1,942)	(1,640)
Bank charges	(169)	(162)
Independent examiner's fee	(420)	(420)
	(58,826)	(57,430)
<i>Other expenditure</i>		
Exceptional administrative expenses	(53,134)	-
	(53,134)	-

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements.
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