

LODGE FARM CHURCH



Trustees Annual Report & Annual Accounts for Year ending 5 April 2023

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Lodge Hill
Caerleon
NEWPORT
South Wales
NP18 3DL

Charity Commission Registration Number 501543

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name	LODGE FARM CHURCH
Registered Charity number	501543
Charity's principal address	Lodge Farm Church Lodge Hill, Caerleon, NEWPORT, Gwent NP18 3DL

Names of the Trustees in post throughout the year, and who manage the Charity

Trustee Name	Office (if any)
David Prosser	Charity Correspondent
John Schneider	
Neil Broder	Chair
Susan Broder	
Tracey Miles	Treasurer
Jennifer Persse	

Constitution

The church was founded in 1969 and constituted by a deed of trust dated 19 July 1973, as amended 26 November 1992, as amended 8th June 2008
The objects of the Trust are to conduct public meetings, to own and maintain the building for the worship of God and the preaching of the Gospel and for the edification of believers, and also for the holding of a Sunday School and other meetings.

Main Activities in relation to the objects of the Trust:

What

General Charitable Purposes
Overseas aid / famine relief
Religious activities

Who

Children / Young people
Elderly / Old people
People with a disability / Special Needs
General public / Mankind

How

Makes grants to individuals
Makes grants to organisations, including schools, charities etc.
Provides human resources e.g., staff, volunteers
Provides buildings / facilities / open spaces
Provides voluntary services

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2022-23

2022-23 saw the church building slowly being open to more “in person” activities following the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition to Sunday morning services being in person and on Zoom, we returned to holding Sunday Club for primary school children and a Junior Church for comprehensive age young people. Sunday morning messages continued to be available through social media such as Facebook and YouTube.

From June – September 2022, we met once a month during Sunday lunchtimes for picnics on the lawn at the back of the church. This enabled us to spend time with each other, catching up on church family news.

In addition to our Sunday morning services we continued to meet throughout the year as a church on Zoom at 7:30pm for a time of corporate prayer, enabling us to keep up to date and focus our prayers on the needs of our church family, our community and the missionaries we support.

Through the year we strived to encourage our community to join us not only on a Sunday morning but to more relaxed services such as Messy Church, Family Services, Café style church and services to celebrate Easter, Harvest and Christmas.

A major highlight this year was to see our baptismal pool opened on two occasions and five young people witness their love of God by being led through the waters of baptism.

MID-WEEK MEETINGS

Our Connect Groups continued to meet twice a week during school term times but now back in individual church family members’ homes and on Zoom for those unable to make a meeting in person for Bible Study, Fellowship and Prayer

2022-23 also saw the return of Women’s Hour which is held once a month and preparations being made for the return in April of Ladybirds (formerly Babies & Toddlers). Both these activities are seen as valuable in encouraging those in our community to come and get to know us as a church

CAERLEON & PONTIR CHURCHES WORKING TOGETHER

We continued to work with other churches in the area and during the year worked together to:

- Provide a joint Pentecost service and tea
- Participate in the Caerleon Festival Songs of Praise
- Hold an Annual Children in Need Quiz with Bring and Share Buffet
- Visit our three local primary schools once a month as an Open the Book Team, taking assemblies introducing children to Bible stories, following national Open the Book guidance
- Provide Lenten lunches to the community during the six weeks of Lent

This year also saw the start of an exciting venture providing a Memory Café once a week for individuals in our community and their carers. Lodge Farm Church hosts this activity and provides volunteers to work with volunteers from other churches in the neighbourhood. We also work closely with the Alzheimer's Society.

PASTORAL CARE

As a Church we recognise that we all have a responsibility to look out for and support the church family and the wider community. During the year our Pastoral Team remained active in meeting the needs of those who were unable to leave their homes, those going through difficult times, those who were grieving the loss of a loved one and those who were ill. Examples of how they helped included prayer support, food shopping, cooking meals, telephone contact etc.

WEEKLY NEWS

To enable the Church family to remain in contact with each other we continued to produce a Weekly News which included a message from our Pastor, a diary of weekly and upcoming events, items for prayer, birthday notifications, messages of encouragement, word-searches and many other updates/activities. These were delivered electronically, given to those attending church and delivered to those unable to make church through illness etc.

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES APPEAL

Work commenced in October on the filling of boxes with gifts suitable for various age groups, to be sent to needy families in Eastern Europe. Lodge Farm Church arranges the collections of boxes from local churches in the area, and deliveries to Eastern Europe are organised by Blythswood Care.

BUSINESS MEETINGS

Throughout the year the Church family, Leadership, Finance Team, Pastoral Team and the Trustees met regularly

IN SUMMARY

Throughout the year Lodge Farm Church remained active and continued reaching out to and supporting both the local and wider Community, aiming to fulfil its purpose to:

- share with passion the unconditional Love of God,
- nurture the faith of believers
- proclaim the Good News of Jesus
- have an impact in our community, meeting people where they are

FINANCIAL REVIEW

BUILDINGS

The insured value of the church building in December 2022 was £2,138,481. The insurance premium for the church building and contents and public liability cover was £2,703.13.

The church has owned a bungalow since 2013 but owing to the increased maintenance costs for this property, that we did not have the means to finance, this property has been sold.

POLICY ON RESERVES

Part of our reserves is used to maintain the buildings which continues to be expensive.

ETHICAL INVESTMENTS

Kingdom Bank, where we have a Deposit Account, have a strict policy in relation to ethical investments.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

Lodge Farm Church relies on donations for its income and does not carry out fund-raising.

In addition to this the building has been hired for private birthday parties and to local organisations, allowing us to raise much needed income to meet the expenses of running a busy church and the maintenance of the church building and grounds

EXPENSES

The Trustees were not paid any expenses during the financial year.

PAYMENTS IN SUPPORT OF OUR OBJECTIVES

Our donations to individuals and charities and support for community activities during the year remained an important part of our total expenditure.

GIFT AID

During the year 13 members made regular donations under the Gift Aid scheme. We also took part in the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

The Annual Accounts for year ending 5 April 2023 are attached to this report.

THANKS

A sincere thank you to everyone who has contributed to helping to provide the necessary income to meet our ongoing commitments.

Five members of our church family, including our Treasurer, are involved in overseeing the accounts and are helping to ensure that as we go forward, the administration of our financial affairs is on a sound footing.

Our reports and accounts are subject to the requirements of regulatory bodies, the Charity Commission, HMRC, and The Pensions Regulator.

Our Accounts Examiner performs a valuable service in helping the church to keep to regulatory guidelines.

In reports to church meetings, and in the Weekly News, we continue to aim to highlight the causes to which we send donations and publicise the thank you letters we receive.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
LODGE FARM CHURCH**

I report on the accounts of Lodge Farm Church for the accounting period ending 5th of April 2023

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of the procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43 (7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 43 of the Charities 1993 Act and under section 44(1)© of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the 2005 Act);
- To follow the procedure laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

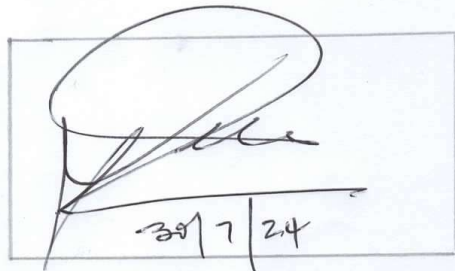
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items 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 41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 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.

Steve Villars
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LODGE FARM CHURCH



ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

Financial year begins 6th April 2022

Financial year ends 5th April 2023

These accounts have been prepared on
the receipts and payments basis with
a statement of assets and liabilities

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name: *St Paul's Church* No (if any): 501543

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from: 06/04/22 To: 05/04/23

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	5,214	290	-	5,504	7,560
Donations - Gift Aid and GASDS	25,704	5,269	-	30,973	26,324
Grants Received	-	-	-	-	-
Legacy	-	-	-	-	-
HMRC gift aid refund	6,321	-	-	6,321	3,943
Hire of hall	4,900	-	-	4,900	3,860
Rent received from property	4,375	-	-	4,375	7,500
Interest from deposit account	-	-	-	-	88
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	46,515	5,559	-	52,073	49,275
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sale of Property – 8 Pear Tree Close NP18 3RL	173,249	-	-	173,249	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	173,249	-	-	173,249	-
Total receipts	219,764	5,559	-	225,322	49,275
A3 Payments					
Church activities	1,992	-	-	1,992	628
Office costs	2,927	-	-	2,927	2,178
Wages, salaries, PAYE, NIC	30,991	-	-	30,991	30,246
Employer, employee pension payment	2,195	-	-	2,195	2,195
Grants for UK and overseas	6,039	6,015	-	12,054	10,460
Insurance of church building, minibus	2,842	-	-	2,842	2,920
Maintenance of church property	1,632	-	-	1,632	306
Lighting, heating, water supply	1,969	-	-	1,969	1,037
Payments set against rental income	3,536	-	-	3,536	4,777
Equipment	1,608	-	-	1,608	-
Sub total	55,731	6,015	-	61,746	54,747
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	55,731	6,015	-	61,746	54,747
Net of receipts/(payments)	164,033	- 456	-	163,577	- 5,472
A5 Transfers between funds	- 2,454	2,454	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	44,033	563	-	44,596	50,068
Cash funds this year end	205,612	2,561	-	208,173	44,596

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	HSBC Bank current account	80,112	2,561	-
	Cash in hand	500	-	-
	Kingdom Bank Deposit Account	125,000	-	-
	Total cash funds	205,612	2,561	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

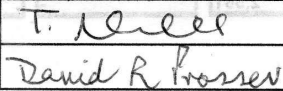
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Church building and land NP18 3DL	General	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
 David R Prosser	TRACEY MILES DAVID R PROSSER	06/08/2024 G-08-24