

Life and Light Fellowship Church

Trustees' Report and Accounts 31 March 2021

Registered Charity No - 1003652

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND
ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

Trustees	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Revd James Arthur Herbert2. Mr Tony Barrington Wilson3. Rev Adolphus Ronald McLaren4. Rev Matthew Ian Morrison
Charity registered Number	1003652
Date of charitable registration	26 July 1991
Principal office address	46 Nineveh Road Birmingham B21 0TT
Secretary	Revd James Arthur Herbert
Independent examiners	Patsy Alexander MSC ACMA – C/o GoodtoGive
Bankers	Barclays Bank PLC

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The Board of Trustees, who are the trustees for charity law purposes, submit their annual report and the financial statements of Life and Light Fellowship Church for the year ended 31 March 2021. The Board of Trustees confirms that the annual report and financial statements of the Charity comply with current statutory requirements, the requirements of the Charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities (revised 2005)'.

Structure, governance and management

The 4 Trustees are:

1. Revd James Arthur Herbert
2. Mr Tony Barrington Wilson
3. Rev Adolphus Ronald McLaren
4. Rev Matthew Ian Morrison

The Trustees play a primary role in ensuring good governance and functioning of the foundation. The Board's role, functions and responsibilities are quite clearly defined.

The Charity currently has a dedicated team of Advisory board members in the UK. Who have helped to secure financial support and contribute to the future planning of the organisation.

Governing document:

Life and Light Fellowship Church is an unincorporated charitable organisation formed on 1 June 1991 and registered as a charity on 26 July 1991. The charity is governed by a Trust deed dated 1 June 1991 and amended on 16 March 2017.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees:

The members of the General Trustee Board are trustees for the purposes of charity law. New trustees may be appointed by resolution of a meeting of the trustees.

Much of the charity's work focuses upon the promotion of the Christian religion and the running and maintenance of its places of worship.

The General Trustee Board seeks to ensure that the needs of this group are appropriately reflected through the diversity of the trustee body. To enhance the potential pool of trustees, the charity has, through selective advertising and networking with voluntary organizations active in the sector, sought to identify those who would be willing to become members of the charity and use their own experience to assist the charity.

Risk Management:

We are committed to a policy of identifying, monitoring and managing the risks that might adversely affect the activities in which we are involved. In this context, risk is defined as the potential to fail to achieve charity objectives and for loss, financial and reputational, inherent in the environment in which we operate in the nature of the transactions undertaken.

The principal risk of the charity has been its dependence on voluntary income. Trustees have initiated various processes to mitigate such risk, so that the charity has sufficient reserve in the event of adverse condition(s).

The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have taken steps to mitigate the significant risks.

Public Benefit:

The Trustees have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 and have paid due regard to public benefit when preparing this report. The benefit provided to the public is consistent with the aims of the charity in UK.

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Objectives and activities:

1. The advancement of Christian faith and assist and promote the education and training of people in all aspect of life.
2. To provide support to relief sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health

COVID 19 IMPACT

The 'stay at home' directive from government meant the impact of covid was felt in all areas of our work. The church office remained opened and became the main communication hub for members. There was a major investment in equipment to ensure our main activities could continue using social media platforms. However, a number of our members mainly due to age, could not access social media. To ensure regular contact with them our magazine 'The weekly Prayer Worship', was sent to them by post. Message of significant life events in the life of our members, and other essential communication was channelled through the Prayer Worship which had a wide circulation by post and other social media.

It would be true to say what was initially seen as a temporary situation, covid-19 has created a paradigm shift in the way we carry out our work.

Financial review:

The largest contribution to the charity for the year came from general offerings. The charity has begun its charitable activities from its inception.

The Charity currently aims to designate the total fund received less expenses for the main objective of the charity.

Plans for future periods:

The Charity plans to develop various fundraising strategy to include mass marketing. Besides mass marketing and events, the charity is aiming to achieve its targets through securing donations from willing individuals. A development board may be created to help include other avenues of fundraising to be included in the yearly programme.

Statement of Board of Trustees' responsibilities

The Board of Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Charity law applicable to charities in England/Wales requires the Board of Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the surplus or deficit of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements the Board of Trustees have:

- Selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently,
- Made judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- Stated whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis (unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation).

The Board of Trustees has overall responsibility for ensuring that the Charity has an appropriate system of controls, financial and otherwise. They are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which 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 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the

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assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the detection and prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Statement of disclosure of information to independent examiner

We, as the Trustees of the Charity who held office at the date of approval of these financial statements as set out on page 2 each confirm, so far as we are aware, that:

- There is no relevant information of which the Charity's independent examiner are unaware; and we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken as Trustees in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the charity's independent examiner is aware of that information.

Independent Examiner:

The Charity's independent examiner, Patsy Alexander MSC ACMA C/o Good to Give LTD, has indicated their willingness to continue in office and offer themselves for appointment.

This report was approved by the Trustees on and signed on their behalf by:

Revd James Arthur Herbert


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Date: 10/01/2022

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF LIFE AND LIGHT FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet with associate notes.

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my examination work.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements, and they consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the Charities Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

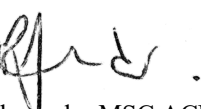
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Group/Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual 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 Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or
 - to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Signed:


Patsy Alexander MSC ACMA

Dated: 10/01/2022

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Incorporating income and expenditure account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Total Funds
	2021	2021	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources				
General offerings	62,979	-	62,979	66,057
Gift aid	9,324	-	9,324	6,109
Investment income	40	-	40	183
Total Incoming resources	72,343	-	72,343	72,349
Resources expended				
Direct charitable expenditure	54,044	-	54,044	55,974
Governance costs	1,440	-	1,440	1,440
Total Resources expended	55,484	-	55,484	57,414
Movement in total fund for the year- Net income / (expenditure) For the year	16,859	-	16,859	14,935
Other Gains	-	-	-	-
Fund balance brought forward	385,784	-	385,784	370,849
Fund balance carried forward	402,643	-	402,643	385,784

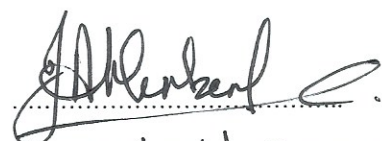
BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 March 2021

	Note	£	2021 £	£	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Building			265,000		265,000
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors (Gift aid receivable)		2,748		-	
Cash at bank		134,895		120,784	
			<u>137,643</u>	<u>120,784</u>	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year			<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>137,643</u>		<u>120,784</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>402,643</u>		<u>385,784</u>
CHARITY FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds		314,013		-	304,980
Restricted funds		88,630		-	80,804
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>402,643</u>		<u>385,784</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on and signed on their behalf, by:

Revd James Arthur Herbert



Date: 10/01/2022

The notes on page 9 form part of these financial statements

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008). The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' published in March 2005 and applicable accounting standards.

1.2 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.3 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of financial activities when the charity has entitlement to the funds, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donated services or facilities, which comprise donated services, are included in income at a valuation which is an estimate of the financial cost borne by the donor where such a cost is quantifiable and measurable. No income is recognised where there is no financial cost borne by a third party.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

1.4 Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities, they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Fundraising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities. Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the yearend are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT (continued)
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1.5 Tangible Fixed Asset

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Building	Nil
Plant and Machinery	20% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	20% on reducing balance

1.6 Related Party Transactions

There were no payments to trustees or connected persons during the year nor in previous years.