

LIVING WORD CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1013584

Details

Other names CHRISTIANS IN YORK, KING'S CHURCH, YORK

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1992-08-11

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: PROCLAMATION AND FURTHERANCE OF THE GOSPEL OF GOD BY EVERY MEANS POSSIBLE CONCERNING HIS SON, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD AND THE PREACHING AND TEACHING OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF YORK AND ITS ENVIRONS.

Activities: Advancement of the gospel of Jesus Christ to all mankind in word and deed.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** CITY OF YORK AND ITS ENVIRONS
- City Of Wakefield
- City Of York
- East Riding Of Yorkshire
- Leeds City
- North Yorkshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£201,639	£209,419	-	-
2024-04-05	£194,069	£163,850	-	-
2023-04-05	£157,124	£169,900	-	-
2022-04-05	£162,298	£159,613	-	-
2021-04-05	£149,582	£147,616	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Matthew Paul STAPLES	Chair	
Amy Ellis		2019-11-19
Anthony Matthew Bower		2026-02-05

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Living Word Church

Trustees' Annual Report for the period 6 April 2024 – 5 April 2025

Charity's Full Name – Living Word Church

Registered Company Number – None

Registered Charity Number – 1013584

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity set out in its governing document:

Proclamation and furtherance of the Gospel of God by every means possible concerning his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord and the preaching and teaching of the Christian faith throughout the city of York and its environs.

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts:

From the initial setting up of this charity in 1988, the Church has been inspired and motivated to use the gifts that God has given them to bless people and make their lives better. This includes the material demonstrations of unconditional love through acts of kindness and service, this is the charitable activities of this charitable trust. The Church gives to the poor and needy, both to people within the Church and those outside the Church. Many of the details in this report continue to be similar to the previous years' reports, but that is how faithfulness works, continuing to work with people and in an area to see hope and life flourish.

The Church's main goal is to enable as many people as possible to hear the Gospel and discover the joy and freedom that Jesus Christ has made available for all. The Riverside Centre is used as a Place of Worship; built initially as a public house, the building provides great spaces for the Church to worship and fellowship together and spaces for the wider community to meet and find friendship. This has been such a valuable space for the church and community to make connections as people finding fellowship and friendship in an increasingly separated society. The finances pay for the pastoral leader, hub manager and community worker, media creator and an administrator. In this year the trust also gained funding to pay for a café coordinator. These paid roles support the large number of volunteers that make the community of faith and the charitable work possible.

During the financial year April 2024 to April 2025 Living Word Church used the Riverside Centre to support people in the York area. The Centre remained a place of worship, prayer and fellowship for the church community and a base for the Christian outreach and charitable works particularly the increased requirement for the Foodbank services. The Hub Community Café opened 2 days a week, providing healthy, low cost and tasty meals in a warm, friendly environment to around 55 guests each week. The charity worked with York Foodbank Charity to provide free lunches for foodbank clients and their families in the café; this gives them an additional meal and time out in the Hub Cafe. This community resource has welcomed many people from the surrounding area, providing homemade food and high-quality hot drinks at 'not for profit' prices. This has also allowed people a space to build friendships with café customers, helping to reduce the isolation lots of people feel.

We have spoken to and given emergency food to over 593 vouchers, representing 876 adults and 559 children making a total number of 1453 individuals supported through running one of the Trussell Trust foodbanks in connection with York Foodbank (this was 17% of the York Foodbank provision this year). We work with volunteers from St Andrews and York Community Church in this project. This is a significant number of households being supported in the city from our centre and

we praise our volunteer team for the additional work put in to support these families. In association with York Foodbank we work with the Peasholm Charity to provide community support and advice to people who come into the Riverside Centre. We also partner with the Restore (a charity supporting people out of homelessness) by providing time and space in the Riverside Centre for friendship and community.

The Riverside Centre remained a base for outreach into the community around Huntington Road and the Bell Farm Estate. The Little Stars toddler and baby group continued this year providing a great place for parents/carers and their small children to socialise, fellowship and learn. There are usually 40 families coming each week. This year saw the continuation of the CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Life Skills course being run at the Riverside Centre.

During this year we continued to work with the Ark Church and the Elim Church to provide a very needed youth group. This space for fun and friendship has seen up to 15 young people each week. The Riverside Centre has also been opened as a welcoming place for international students in combination with Friends International with up to 10 students each session.

The trustees consider that they have complied with their duties to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Additional details of objectives and activities:

The vast majority of the Church's income is from gifts from members. These gifts are split between incomes related to tithes, general offerings and earmarked gifts (for specific purposes). Where Gift Aid is applicable this is added to any earmarked gifts before these are passed on. The rest of the Gift Aid is used for projects and outreach. We encourage all members who can work to find work and we support them in that aim. Specific gifts were earmarked by the givers to support those who are poor or needy in the local area and abroad.

Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole:
Details of the performance and achievements are included in the sections above.

We continued to work with the York based Christian charity Bundles of Joy to store their baby equipment, clothing and consumables in the second-floor rooms of the Riverside Centre. They distribute a bundle of baby items to families in the York area who are having a baby and are in need. During this financial year the Besom Charity also used space in the Centre to supply furniture and white goods to households in need, as well as preparing many Christmas hampers for those in need.

The Church continued to make the Riverside Centre available to the international congregation of the York Elim Church. We work with the churches across York and the York One Voice group where there are common outreach goals and missions.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period:

The trustees have increased the reserves with a plan to have a couple of months' worth of essential outgoings. Income remains strong with generous gifts from church members. The mortgage and energy cost have remained high this year, taking a high proportion of the income. The staff costs remain the highest proportion of expenditure.

Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held:

The new reserve fund, separate from the Seed Fund has been put aside to support the employment of the paid employees, leaving the Seed Fund for gift for ministries to the Church and a fund to support those in need. Reserves are also kept ensuring liabilities can be met by easing the cashflow.

Amount of reserves held:

We ended the year with an increased combined reserves of £12,000 in the Reserve Fund and Seed Fund.

Reasons for holding zero reserves:

N/A

Funds materially in deficit:

None

Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern:

N/A

Additional Information:

None

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of the charity's trusts:

Type of governing document – **Trust Deed**

How the charity is constituted – **Trust**

Trustee selection methods – **Appointment by current trustees**

Additional governance issues:

If there is an even number of trustees and a decision is not unanimous then the lead trustee will vote twice and a simple majority will be adhered to.

If a trustee is related to any employee receiving a salary or benefit, that trustee cannot be involved in the decision-making process that affects the salary or benefit.

The trustees will review the benefits and disbenefits of changing the charity constitution to be a charitable incorporated organisation.

Reference and Administration Details

Charity's full name – **Living Word Church**

Other names the charity is known by – **None**

Charity's principal address – **187-189 Huntington Road, York. YO319BP**

Names of the trustees who manage the charity:

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Matthew Staples	Lead Trustee		
Jason George	Trustee		
Amy Ellis	Trustee		

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved:
None

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity:

Trustee Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Matthew Staples	
Franklyn Allsup	Trustee up to 12 th November 2022, will be relinquishing this responsibility.
Richard Renier	Trustee up to 3 rd July 2021, will be relinquishing this responsibility.
Amy Ellis	To take on this responsibility once the transfer process is completed.
Jason George	To take on this responsibility once the transfer process is completed.

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others:

Description of the assets held in this capacity – **None**

Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects – **None**

Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets – **None**

Names and addresses of advisers – None

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members:

James Topliss (Lead Elder/Pastor – Employed by the Charity)

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Annual Report and Accounts

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature



Full Name – **Matthew Staples**
Position – **Lead Trustee**
Date – **9th January 2026**

Signature



Full Name – **Amy Ellis**
Position – **Trustee**
Date – **9th January 2026**

I report on the accounts of: **Living Word Church**
for the year ended: **05 April 2025** which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Charity'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:

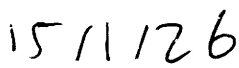
- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records

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.



Jeff Todd (FCA)

Outsource independent examination services
24 First Avenue
York
YO31 7YQ



Date:

Living Word Church
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Receipts & Payments Accounts for the year ended:			5th April 2025	
	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
	funds	funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Tithes & offerings	124,045	-	124,045	128,237
Earmarked gifts & offerings	14,359	-	14,359	13,758
Contributions to events	16,542	-	16,542	23,744
Gift aid	21,070	-	21,070	24,984
Hub income	24,825	-	24,825	3,081
Interest	763	-	763	70
Other income	35	-	35	195
Total receipts	201,639	-	201,639	194,069
 Payments				
Tithe of income	17,732	-	17,732	12,716
Salaries and expenses	91,104	-	91,104	71,348
Conferences, training and travel	842	-	842	212
Seed fund spend	7,222	-	7,222	2,057
Building costs & refurbishment	4,558	-	4,558	875
Hospitality	219	-	219	213
Visiting ministry	7,445	-	7,445	1,140
Earmarked gifts	26,808	-	26,808	19,937
Sponsorship & Ministry	420	-	420	371
Meeting costs	542	-	542	531
Outreach events & evangelism	999	-	999	385
Administration (inc utility costs)	24,311	-	24,311	28,100
Mortgage repayments	27,217	-	27,217	25,965
Total payments	209,419	-	209,419	163,850
Net of receipts/(payments)	(7,780)	-	(7,780)	30,219
Balance brought forward	43,236	-	43,236	13,017
Balance carried forward	35,456	-	35,456	43,236

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities at:	5th April 2025
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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total funds	2024 Total funds
Assets	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand				
Current bank account	4,693	-	4,693	37,451
Savings bank account	30,763	-	30,763	5,785
	<u>35,456</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,456</u>	<u>43,236</u>

	2025	2024
Assets retained for Charity's own use	£	£
Building	<u>325,000</u>	<u>325,000</u>

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total funds	2024 Total funds
Liabilities	£	£	£	£
Independent Examination fee	400	-	400	400
Mortgage for building	183,643	-	183,643	197,860
	<u>184,043</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>184,043</u>	<u>198,260</u>

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended: **5th April 2025**

The Trustees have taken advantage of section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 and prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

Approval of Accounts for the year ended: **5th April 2025**

The report and accounts were approved at a meeting of the Trustees held on:

8 / 1 / 2026

Date

Signed for and on behalf of the Trustees:

M Staples

Signature

MATTHEW STAPLES

Name

TRUSTEE

Position (e.g. Chair etc)

13 / 1 / 2026

Date

A Ellis

Signature

Amy Ellis

Name

TRUSTEE

Position (e.g. Chair etc)

13 / 01 / 2026

Date

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It is estimated that we have spoken to and given emergency food to over 666 families through running one of the Trussell Trust foodbanks in connection with York Foodbank (this was 20% of the York Foodbank provision this year). We work with volunteers from St Andrews and York Community Church in this project. This is a significant number of households being supported in the city from our centre and we praise our volunteer team for the additional work put in to support these families.

The Riverside Centre remained a base for outreach into the community around Huntington Road and the Bell Farm Estate. The Little Stars toddler and baby group continued this year providing a great place for parents/carers and their small children to socialise, fellowship and learn. There are usually 35 families coming every week. This year saw the continuation of the CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Life Skills course being run at the Riverside Centre. The second cohort of 3 people and 5 in the third cohort attended this course and learned how to budget and how to make ends meet on a very tight income.

During this year we worked with the Ark Church and the Elim Church to provide a very needed youth group. This space for fun and friendship has seen up to 22 young people each week. The Riverside Centre has also been opened as a welcoming place for international students in combination with Friends International with up to 10 students each session.

The trustees consider that they have complied with their duties to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

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Additional Information:

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Jason George	Trustee		
Amy Ellis	Trustee		

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved:

None

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity:

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Description of the assets held in this capacity – None

Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects – None

Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets – None

Names and addresses of advisers – None

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members:

James Topliss (Lead Elder/Pastor – Employed by the Charity)

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Annual Report and Accounts

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature



Full Name – Matthew Staples
Position – Lead Trustee
Date – 16th January 2025

Signature



Full Name – Amy Ellis
Position – Trustee
Date – 16th January 2025

I report on the accounts of: **Living Word Church**
for the year ended: **05 April 2024** which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

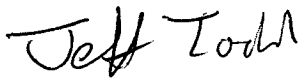
I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

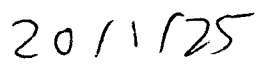
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
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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.



Jeff Todd (FCA)
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24 First Avenue
York YO31 7YQ



Date:

Living Word Church
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Receipts & Payments Accounts for the year ended:	5th April 2024
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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 Total funds	2023 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Tithes & offerings	128,237	-	128,237	99,137
Earmarked gifts & offerings	13,758	-	13,758	9,894
Contributions to events	23,744	-	23,744	13,956
Gift aid	24,984	-	24,984	23,008
Hub income	3,081	-	3,081	8,414
Interest	70	-	70	49
Other income	195	-	195	2,666
Total receipts	194,069	-	194,069	157,124
 Payments				
Tithe of income	12,716	-	12,716	8,258
Salaries and expenses	71,348	-	71,348	83,495
Conferences, training and travel	212	-	212	128
Seed fund spend	2,057	-	2,057	4,000
Building costs & refurbishment	875	-	875	8,767
Hospitality	213	-	213	185
Visiting ministry	1,140	-	1,140	1,500
Earmarked gifts	19,937	-	19,937	15,761
Sponsorship	371	-	371	560
Meeting costs	531	-	531	365
Outreach events & evangelism	385	-	385	180
Administration (inc utility costs)	28,100	-	28,100	25,631
Mortgage repayments	25,965	-	25,965	21,070
Total payments	163,850	-	163,850	169,900
Net of receipts/(payments)	30,219	-	30,219	(12,776)
Balance brought forward	13,017	-	13,017	25,793
Balance carried forward	43,236	-	43,236	13,017

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities at:	5th April 2024
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	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Assets				
Cash at bank and in hand				
Current bank account	37,451	-	37,451	5,168
Savings bank account	5,785	-	5,785	7,849
Tracker account	-	-	-	-
	43,236	-	43,236	13,017

	2024 £	2023 £
Assets retained for Charity's own use		
Building	325,000	325,000

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Liabilities				
Independent Examination fee	400	-	400	380
Mortgage for building	197,860	-	197,860	202,658
	198,260	-	198,260	203,038

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended:	5th April 2024
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The Trustees have taken advantage of section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 and prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

Approval of Accounts for the year ended:	5th April 2024
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The report and accounts were approved at a meeting of the Trustees held on: 16/1/2025
Date

Signed for and on behalf of the Trustees:



Signature

MATTHEW STAPLES

Name

LEAD TRUSTEE

Position (e.g. Chair etc)

16 January 2025.

Date



Signature

Amy ELLIS

Name

TRUSTEE

Position (e.g. Chair etc)

16th January 2025.

Date

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Living Word Church

Trustees' Annual Report for the period 6 April 2022 – 5 April 2023

Charity's Full Name – **Living Word Church**

Registered Company Number – **None**

Registered Charity Number – **1013584**

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity set out in its governing document:

Proclamation and furtherance of the Gospel of God by every means possible concerning his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord and the preaching and teaching of the Christian faith throughout the city of York and its environs.

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts:

The Church continues to be inspired and motivated to use the gifts that God has given them to bless people and make their lives better. This includes the material demonstrations of unconditional love through acts of kindness and service. The Church gives to the poor and needy, both to people within the Church and those outside the Church. Many of the details in this report continue to be similar to the previous year's report, but that is how faithfulness works, continuing to work with people and in an area to see hope and life.

The Church's main goal is to enable as many people as possible to hear the Gospel and discover the joy and freedom that Jesus Christ has made available for all. The Riverside Centre is used as a Place of Worship; built initially as a public house, the building provides great spaces for the Church to worship and fellowship together and spaces for the wider community to meet and find friendship. This has been such a valuable space for the church and community to remake connections as people are still re-finding fellowship and friendship in the post-pandemic environment. The finances pay for the pastoral leader, hub manager and community worker, media creator and an administrator. These paid roles support the large number of volunteers that make the community of faith and the charitable work possible.

During the financial year April 2022 to April 2023 Living Word Church used the Riverside Centre to support people in the York area. The Centre remained a place of worship, prayer and fellowship for the church community and a base for the Christian outreach and charitable works particularly the increased requirement for the Foodbank services. The Hub Community Café opened 2 days a week, providing healthy, low cost and tasty meals in a warm, friendly environment. The Riverside Centre was an official 'warm space' opening 3 days a week during the winter. This community resource welcomes many people from the surrounding area, providing homemade food at 'not for profit' prices. This has also started the building of friendships with café customers, helping to reduce the isolation lots of people felt during the lockdowns.

It is estimated that we have spoken to and given emergency food to over 721 families through running one of the Trussell Trust foodbanks in connection with York Foodbank (an increase of 20% from the previous year). We work with volunteers from St Andrews and York Community Church in this project. This is a significant number of households being supported in the city from our centre and we praise our volunteer team for the additional work put in to support these families.

The Riverside Centre remained a base for outreach into the community around Huntington Road and the Bell Farm Estate. The Little Stars toddler and baby group continued this year providing a great place for parents/carers and their small children to socialise, fellowship and learn. There are usually 30 families coming every week. This year saw the start of the CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Life Skills course being run at the Riverside Centre. The first cohort of 5 people attended this course and learned how to budget and how to make ends meet on a very tight income.

The trustees consider that they have complied with their duties to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Additional details of objectives and activities:

The vast majority of the Church's income is from gifts from members. These gifts are split between incomes related to tithes, general offerings and earmarked gifts (for specific purposes). Where Gift Aid is applicable this is added to any earmarked gifts before these are passed on. The rest of the Gift Aid is used for projects and outreach. We encourage all members who can work to find work and we support them in that aim. Specific gifts were earmarked by the givers to support those who are poor or needy in the local area and abroad. The Church was blessed by receiving gifts from the York Foodbank and York Elim to assist in refurbishing parts of the Riverside Centre.

Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole:
Details of the performance and achievements are included in the sections above.

We continue to work with the York based Christian charity Bundles of Joy to store their baby equipment, clothing and consumables in the second floor rooms of the Riverside Centre. They distribute a bundle of baby items to families in the York area who are having a baby and are in need. During this financial year the Besom Charity also continued using space in the Centre to supply furniture and white goods to households in need, as well as preparing many Christmas hampers for those in need.

The Church continues to be able to make the Riverside Centre available to the international congregation of the York Elim Church. We continue to work with other churches across York to combine resources where it is beneficial.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period:

The trustees have used some of the reserves to continue to employ the hub manager and community outreach worker to further develop the outreach programmes. The reserve has helped manage the cash flow during this period. The mortgage and energy cost increased dramatically this year, taking a higher proportion of the income.

Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held:

The reserve funds are held in the Seed Fund which is 10% of the tithe income put aside to support the employment of the paid employees, for gift for ministries to the Church and a fund to support those in need. Reserves are also kept ensuring liabilities can be met by easing the cashflow.

Amount of reserves held:

We ended the year with a reduced combined reserves of £2,600 in the Reserve Fund and Seed Fund.

Reasons for holding zero reserves:

N/A

Funds materially in deficit:

None

Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern:

N/A

Additional Information:

None

Structure, Governance and Management**Description of the charity's trusts:**Type of governing document – **Trust Deed**How the charity is constituted – **Trust**Trustee selection methods – **Appointment by current trustees****Additional governance issues:**

If there is an even number of trustees and a decision is not unanimous then the lead trustee will vote twice and a simple majority will be adhered to.

If a trustee is related to any employee receiving a salary or benefit, that trustee cannot be involved in the decision-making process that affects the salary or benefit.

Reference and Administration DetailsCharity's full name – **Living Word Church**Other names the charity is known by – **None**Charity's principal address – **187-189 Huntington Road, York. YO319BP****Names of the trustees who manage the charity:**

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Matthew Staples	Lead Trustee		
Franklyn Allsup	Trustee	Up to 12 November 2022	
Jason George	Trustee	From 13 November 2022	
Richard Renier	Trustee	Up to 3 rd July 2021	
Amy Ellis	Trustee		

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved:

None

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity:

Trustee Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Matthew Staples	
Franklyn Allsup	Trustee up to 12 th November 2022, will be relinquishing this responsibility.
Richard Renier	Trustee up to 3 rd July 2021, will be relinquishing this responsibility.
Amy Ellis	To take on this responsibility once the transfer process is completed.

Jason George	To take on this responsibility once the transfer process is completed.
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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others:

Description of the assets held in this capacity – **None**

Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects – **None**

Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets – **None**

Names and addresses of advisers – **None**

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members:

James Topliss (Lead Elder/Pastor – Employed by the Charity)

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Annual Report and Accounts

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature



Full Name – **Matthew Staples**
Position – **Lead Trustee**
Date – **22nd January 2023**

Signature



Full Name – **Amy Ellis**
Position – **Trustee**
Date – **22nd January 2023**

I report on the accounts of: **Living Word Church**
for the year ended: **05 April 2023** which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Charity'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

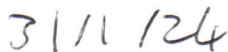
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records

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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York YO1 7PR



Date:

Living Word Church
(Charity Number: 1013584)

Receipts & Payments Accounts for the year ended:	5th April 2023
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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2023 Total funds	2022 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Tithes & offerings	99,137	-	99,137	108,921
Earmarked gifts & offerings	9,894	-	9,894	17,176
Contributions to events	13,956	-	13,956	12,008
Gift aid & other income	23,008	-	23,008	23,221
Hub income	8,414		8,414	
Interest	49	-	49	1
Other income	2,666	-	2,666	971
Total receipts	157,124	-	157,124	162,298
Payments				
Tithe of income	8,258	-	8,258	11,056
Salaries and expenses	83,495	-	83,495	79,349
Conferences, training and travel	128	-	128	327
Seed fund spend	4,000	-	4,000	2,833
Building costs & refurbishment	8,767	-	8,767	2,353
Hospitality	185	-	185	107
Visiting ministry	1,500	-	1,500	1,991
Earmarked gifts	15,761	-	15,761	18,125
Sponsorship	560	-	560	360
Meeting costs	365	-	365	2,900
Outreach events & evangelism	180	-	180	704
Administration (inc utility costs)	25,631	-	25,631	19,204
Mortgage repayments	21,070	-	21,070	20,304
Total payments	169,900	-	169,900	159,613
Net of receipts/(payments)	(12,776)	-	(12,776)	2,685
Balance brought forward	25,793	-	25,793	23,108
Balance carried forward	13,017	-	13,017	25,793

Living Word Church
(Charity Number: 1013584)

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at:

5th April 2023

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Assets				
Cash at bank and in hand				
Current bank account	5,168	-	5,168	10,456
Savings bank account	7,849	-	7,849	15,337
	<u>13,017</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,017</u>	<u>25,793</u>
Assets retained for Charity's own use				
			2023 £	2022 £
Building			<u>325,000</u>	<u>325,000</u>
Liabilities				
Independent Examination fee	380	-	380	380
Mortgage for building	202,658	-	202,658	203,271
	<u>203,038</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>203,038</u>	<u>203,651</u>

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended:	5th April 2023
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The Trustees have taken advantage of section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 and prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

Approval of Accounts for the year ended:	5th April 2023
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The report and accounts were approved at a meeting of the Trustees held on:

22-1-24

Date

Signed for and on behalf of the Trustees:

M. P. Staples

Signature

M. P. Staples

Name

Head Trustee

Position (e.g. Chair etc)

22-1-24

Date

A. Ellis

Signature

A. Ellis

Name

Trustee

Position (e.g. Chair etc)

30-1-24

Date

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Living Word Church

Trustees' Annual Report for the period 6 April 2021 – 5 April 2022

Charity's Full Name – **Living Word Church**

Registered Company Number – **None**

Registered Charity Number – **1013584**

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity set out in its governing document:

Proclamation and furtherance of the Gospel of God by every means possible concerning his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord and the preaching and teaching of the Christian faith throughout the city of York and its environs.

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts:

The Church continues to be inspired and motivated to use the gifts that God has given them to bless people and make their lives better. This includes the material demonstrations of unconditional love through acts of service. The Church gives to the poor and needy, both to people within the Church and those outside the Church. Many of the details in this report are similar to the previous year's report, but that is how faithfulness works, continuing to work with people and in an area to see hope and life.

The Church's main goal is to enable as many people as possible to hear the Gospel and discover the joy and freedom that Jesus Christ has made available for all. The Riverside Centre is used as a Place of Worship; built initially as a public house, the building provides great spaces for the Church to worship and fellowship together and spaces for the wider community to meet and find friendship. The finances pay for the pastoral leader, hub manager and community worker, media creator and an administrator. These paid roles support the large number of volunteers that make the community of faith and the charitable work possible.

During the financial year April 2021 to April 2022 Living Word Church used the Riverside Centre to support people in the York area. The Centre remained a place of worship, prayer and fellowship for the church community and a base for the Christian outreach and charitable works particularly the increased requirement for the Foodbank services. A large proportion of the lockdown period saw the church predominantly meet online, it was great to get back together during this reporting period and restarting the work in the community.

The Centre has had to stop the weekly community café during the pandemic, the reopening of the community café followed a refurbishment. This was funded through donations and gifts from generous friends. This community resource welcomes many people from the surrounding area, providing homemade food at 'not for profit' prices. This has also started the building of friendships with café customers, helping to reduce the isolation lots of people felt during the lockdowns.

It is estimated that we have spoken to and given emergency food to over 600 families through running one of the Trussell Trust foodbanks in connection with York Foodbank. We work with volunteers from St Andrews and York Community Church in this project. This is a significant number of households being supported in the city from our centre and we praise our volunteer team for the additional work put in to support these families.

The Riverside Centre remained a base for outreach into the community around Huntington Road and into the Bell Farm Estate. The Little Stars toddler and baby group was paused for the pandemic period and reopened in the garden area in the summer and then fully open in the Autumn. There are usually 20 to 30 families coming every week.

The trustees consider that they have complied with their duties to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Additional details of objectives and activities:

The vast majority of the Church's income is from gifts from members. These gifts are split between incomes related to tithes, general offerings and earmarked gifts (for specific purposes). Where Gift Aid is applicable this is added to any earmarked gifts before these are passed on. The rest of the Gift Aid is used for projects and outreach. We encourage all members who can work to find work and we support them in that aim. Specific gifts were earmarked by the givers to support those who are poor or needy in the local area and abroad.

Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole:
Details of the performance and achievements are included in the sections above.

We continue to work with the York based Christian charity Bundles of Joy to store their baby equipment, clothing and consumables in the second floor rooms of the Riverside Centre. They distribute a bundle of baby items to families in the York area who are having a baby and are in need. During this financial year the Besom Charity also continued using space in the Centre to supply furniture and white goods to households in need, as well as preparing many Christmas hampers for those in need.

In the autumn of 2021 we were privileged to be able to make the Riverside Centre available to the international congregation of the York Elim Church. We continue to work with other churches across York to combine resources where it is beneficial.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period:

The trustees have used some of the reserves to continue to employ a hub manager and community outreach worker to further develop the outreach programmes. The reserve has helped manage the cash flow during this period.

Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held:

The reserve funds are held in the Seed Fund which is 10% of the tithe income put aside to support the employment of the paid employees, for gift for ministries to the Church and a fund to support those in need. Reserves are also kept ensuring liabilities can be met by easing the cashflow.

Amount of reserves held:

We ended the year with combined reserves of £3,700 in the Reserve Fund and Seed Fund.

Reasons for holding zero reserves:

N/A

Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets – **None**

Names and addresses of advisers – **None**

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members:

James Topliss (Lead Elder/Pastor – Employed by the Charity)

Peter White (Elder – Volunteer)

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Annual Report and Accounts

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature



Full Name – **Matthew Staples**

Position – **Lead Trustee**

Date – **22nd January 2023**

Signature



Full Name – **Amy Ellis**

Position – **Trustee**

Date – **22nd January 2023**

I report on the accounts of: **Living Word Church**
for the year ended: **05 April 2022** which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Charity'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 the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
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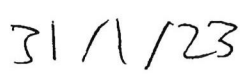
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Date:

Living Word Church
(Charity Number: 1013584)

Receipts & Payments Accounts for the year ended:			5th April 2022	
	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022	2021
	funds	funds	Total	Total
	£	£	funds	funds
Receipts			£	£
Tithes & offerings	108,921	-	108,921	110,984
Earmarked gifts & offerings	17,176	-	17,176	15,668
Contributions to events	12,008	-	12,008	50
Gift aid & other income	23,221	-	23,221	22,641
Interest	1	-	1	4
Other income	971	-	971	235
Total receipts	162,298	-	162,298	149,582
Payments				
Tithe of income	11,056	-	11,056	14,269
Salaries and expenses	79,349	-	79,349	74,344
Conferences, training and travel	327	-	327	360
Seed fund spend	2,833	-	2,833	8,025
Building costs & refurbishment	2,353	-	2,353	1,208
Hospitality	107	-	107	-
Visiting ministry	1,991	-	1,991	1,475
Earmarked gifts	18,125	-	18,125	14,904
Sponsorship	360	-	360	360
Children & youth work	-	-	-	245
Meeting costs	2,900	-	2,900	1,560
Outreach events & evangelism	704	-	704	224
Administration (inc utility costs)	19,204	-	19,204	20,460
Mortgage repayments	20,304	-	20,304	10,182
Total payments	159,613	-	159,613	147,616
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,685	-	2,685	1,966
Balance brought forward	23,108	-	23,108	21,142
Balance carried forward	25,792	-	25,792	23,108

Living Word Church
(Charity Number: 1013584)

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at:	5th April 2022
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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2022 Total funds	2021 Total funds
Assets	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand				
Current bank account	10,456	-	10,456	9,569
Savings bank account	15,336	-	15,336	13,539
Tracker account	-	-	-	-
	<u>25,792</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,792</u>	<u>23,108</u>

		2022	2021
Assets retained for Charity's own use		£	£
Building		<u>325,000</u>	<u>325,000</u>

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2022 Total funds	2021 Total funds
Liabilities	£	£	£	£
Independent Examination fee	380	-	380	360
Mortgage for building	203,271	-	203,271	222,834
	<u>203,651</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>203,651</u>	<u>223,194</u>

Living Word Church
(Charity Number: 1013584)

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended:	5th April 2022
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The Trustees have taken advantage of section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 and prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.


Approval of Accounts for the year ended:	5th April 2022
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The report and accounts were approved at a meeting of the Trustees held on:

25/1/2023

Date

Signed for and on behalf of the Trustees:



Signature

MATTHEW PAUL STAPLES


Name

LEAD TRUSTEE

Position (e.g. Chair etc)

31/1/2023

Date



Signature

AMY CHARLOTTE ELLIS

Name

TRUSTEE

Position (e.g. Chair etc)

02/02/2023

Date

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During the financial year April 2020 to April 2021 Living Word Church used the Riverside Centre to support people in the York area. The Centre remained a place of worship, prayer and fellowship for the church community and a base for the Christian outreach and charitable works particularly the increased requirement for the Foodbank services. A large proportion of the lockdown period saw the church predominantly meet online.

The Centre has had to stop the weekly community café during the pandemic, the reopening of the café will be reviewed following the lockdown. Relationships with national and local food retailers and restaurants has increased with additional donations to the foodbank which has supported the increased demand.

It is estimated that we have spoken to, and given emergency food to, over 750 families through running one of the Trussell Trust foodbanks in connection with York Foodbank. At the start of the national lockdown we saw an increase in the number of people needing emergency food parcels. Although the Riverside Centre remained a base for outreach into the community around Huntington Road and into the Bell Farm Estate the Little Stars toddler and baby group was paused for the year.

The trustees consider that they have complied with their duties to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Additional details of objectives and activities:

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Financial Review

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Amount of reserves held:

We ended the year with combined reserves of £8,746 in the Reserve Fund and Seed Fund.

Reasons for holding zero reserves:

N/A

Funds materially in deficit:

None

Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern:

N/A

Additional Information:

None

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of the charity's trusts:

Type of governing document – **Trust Deed**

How the charity is constituted – **Trust**

Trustee selection methods – **Appointment by current trustees**

Additional governance issues:

If there is an even number of trustees and a decision is not unanimous then the lead trustee will vote twice and a simple majority will be adhered to.

If a trustee is related to any employee receiving a salary or benefit, that trustee cannot be involved in the decision-making process that affects the salary or benefit.

Reference and Administration Details

Charity's full name – **Living Word Church**

Other names the charity is known by – **None**

Charity's principal address – **187-189 Huntington Road, York. YO319BP**

Names of the trustees who manage the charity:

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Matthew Staples	Lead Trustee		
Franklyn Allsup	Trustee		
Richard Renier	Trustee		
Amy Ellis	Trustee		

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved:

None

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity:

Trustee Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Matthew Staples	
Franklyn Allsup	
Richard Renier	
Amy Ellis	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others:

Description of the assets held in this capacity – **None**

Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects – **None**

Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets – **None**


Names and addresses of advisers – **None**

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members:

James Topliss (Lead Elder/Pastor – Employed by the Charity)

Peter White (Elder – Volunteer)

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Annual Report and Accounts
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature 

Full Name – **Matthew Staples**

Position – **Lead Trustee**

Date – **16th January 2022**

I report on the accounts of: **Living Word Church**
for the year ended: **05 April 2021** which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

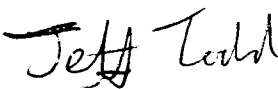
I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

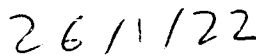
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records

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.



Jeff Todd (FCA)
Outsource independent examination
services
The Hiscox Building
Peasholme Green
York YO1 7PR



Date:

Living Word Church
(Charity Number: 1013584)

Receipts & Payments Accounts for the year ended:		5th April 2021		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2021 Total funds	2020 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Tithes & offerings	110,984	-	110,984	110,568
Earmarked gifts & offerings	15,668	-	15,668	17,694
Contributions to events	50	-	50	565
Gift aid & other income	22,641	-	22,641	31,047
Interest	4	-	4	79
Other income	235	-	235	3,074
Total receipts	149,582	-	149,582	163,027
Payments				
Tithe of income	14,269	-	14,269	10,832
Salaries and expenses	74,344	-	74,344	73,710
Conferences, training and travel	360	-	360	900
Seed fund spend	8,025	-	8,025	4,224
Building costs & refurbishment	1,208	-	1,208	4,425
Hospitality	-	-	-	18
Visiting ministry	1,475	-	1,475	1,397
Earmarked gifts	14,904	-	14,904	17,500
Sponsorship	360	-	360	360
Children & youth work	245	-	245	12
Meeting costs	1,560	-	1,560	1,493
Outreach events & evangelism	224	-	224	365
Administration (inc utility costs)	20,460	-	20,460	17,087
Mortgage repayments	10,182	-	10,182	20,495
Other sundry costs	-	-	-	477
Total payments	147,616	-	147,616	153,295
Net of (payments)/receipts	1,966	-	1,966	9,732
Balance brought forward	21,142	-	21,142	11,410
Balance carried forward	23,108	-	23,108	21,142

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities at:		5th April 2021		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021	2020
	funds	funds	Total	Total
Assets	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand				
Current bank account	9,569	-	9,569	13,175
Savings bank account	13,539	-	13,539	7,966
Tracker account	-	-	-	1
	23,108	-	23,108	21,142
Assets retained for Charity's own use				
			2021	2020
			£	£
Building			325,000	325,000
	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021	2020
	funds	funds	Total	Total
Liabilities	£	£	£	£
Independent Examination fee	360	-	360	350
Mortgage for building	222,834	-	222,834	233,016
	223,194	-	223,194	233,366

Living Word Church
(Charity Number: 1013584)

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended:	5th April 2021
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The Trustees have taken advantage of section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 and prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

Approval of Accounts for the year ended:	5th April 2021
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The report and accounts were approved at a meeting of the Trustees held on:

16 JAN 2022

Date

Signed for and on behalf of the Trustees:

mpstaple

Signature

MATTHEW STAPLES

Name

LEAD TRUSTEE

Position (e.g. Chair etc)

19 JAN 2022

Date

A Ellis

Signature

AMY ELLIS

Name

TRUSTEE

Position (e.g. Chair etc)

20/01/2022

Date