



Chaplaincy to the University of Leicester

Report and Accounts

Year Ended 31st December 2023

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Charity Information

For the year ended 31st December 2023

Trustees

- The Venerable Richard Vernon Worsfold
- Dr Christopher John Rowan Willmott
- Professor Robert Ian Norman
- Barry Williamson Wilford (deceased March 2024)
- Richard Louis Brucciani OBE DL
- Anthony Charles Midgley
- Rev Philip Edward Tiplady (appointed 9th November 2023)
- Janet Heaps Perry
- Michael Newton

Chaplains

- Rev Luke Briggs (Anglican and Coordinating Chaplain)
- Ros Henwood (International Students)
- Fr Benedict Jonak (Roman Catholic Chaplain)
- Rev Leigh Greenwood (Baptist Chaplain)
- Ruth Fraser (Quaker Chaplain)
- Rev Liam Dacre-Davis (Methodist Chaplain)
- Lois Young (Assistant Anglican Chaplain)

Staff

- Ros Henwood – Chaplain for International Students (part time)
- Jamie Finlay – Administrator (part time)

Governing Document: Chaplaincy Declaration of Intent and Chaplaincy Constitution (2023)

Principal address: The Gatehouse Chaplaincy Centre, University Road, Leicester, LE1 7RH

Independent examiner: Brian Niblock CA, AGI

Bankers: HSBC (Branch Identifier Code: HBUKGB4137R, Sort Code: 40-28-08 Account Number: 01156977)

Chaplaincy to the University of Leicester

Report of the Trustees

For the period 1 Jan 2023 – 31 Dec 2023

Objectives

The Constitution states the charity's objects as follows:

The advancement of the Christian religion within the University of Leicester for the benefit of its students and all other persons connected with the University and for the general public by the provision of Chaplaincy facilities including the equipping of a Chaplaincy Centre for the University for the purpose of worship, prayer, pastoral work and discussion on an ecumenical basis.

In order to fulfil these objectives, the Chaplaincy holds regular meetings serving staff and students of the University of Leicester, as well as giving pastoral support to individuals, applying its funds as appropriate.

Governance

The Chaplaincy was formed in 1991 as a Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP), formed of various Christian denominations aiming to serve students and staff at the University of Leicester.

The Chaplaincy is overseen by the Chaplaincy council, which is comprised of trustees and representatives of the member denominations. Chaplains and staff are invited to attend. The Chaplaincy Council meets three times per year.

The trustees are nominated by their denominations and the Chaplaincy Council and voted into office by the existing trustees (as detailed in the Constitution). The Officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary) are nominated and seconded by members of the Chaplaincy Council and voted into office by the trustees only.

Review of Activities

The Chaplaincy is a Christian organization that exists to provide spiritual support to the students and staff at the University of Leicester. Our team of chaplains draws from a wide variety of Christian traditions, but we're unified in our mission: the advancement of the Christian faith at the university.

Our aims and activities are summarised in our Mission Statements as follows:

- *To be a Bridge of Welcome*
- *To be a Space to Explore*
- *To be a Prophetic Voice*
- *To be a House of Prayer*

With respect to the charity's objectives, the following summarises the activities of the Chaplaincy

Chaplaincy Lecture

We hosted the first Chaplaincy Lecture since the Pandemic which was a great success. The series of lectures is designed to provide a Christian viewpoint on an important cultural issue. This year, Dr *Krish Kandiah OBE* spoke on *The Cascade of Grace: Transforming Society Through Compassionate Hospitality*. The lecture was attended by the Vice Chancellor of the University, as well as staff, students and members of the public.

Welcome on Wednesday

Welcome on Wednesday is our flagship weekly event for International Students, and is a very effective 'front window' event for the Chaplaincy. With pizza, board games and a relaxed atmosphere, and a good team of volunteers to build relationships with them, it is a great way for us to get to know students who then return for other groups and events, or whom we can support individually.

Wellbeing Pop-Up

Well-Being Pop-Up ensures an incarnational presence and consistent pastoral availability over on campus each week. As well as supporting students with their mental health, it provides excellent opportunities to partner with staff in the well-being hub, who have seamlessly incorporated our event into their programme.

Catholic Student Mass

Catholic Student Mass gathers 20-30 weekly at Holy Cross. As well as the student mass, the Catholic Chaplain has pioneered a weekly hot meal event at Holy Cross, catering for up to 50-60 students.

Alpha & Open

We have run an Alpha Course (in partnership with the Christian Union) which gathered students interested in exploring the basic claims of Christian faith. In addition to the privilege of journeying alongside these spiritual seekers, the series was an excellent opportunity to provide training for those CU members who comprised the team. We also ran a welcome event after Freshers Week and a follow-up series in partnership with the Christian Union. Keeping the format that had worked well with Alpha, but writing our own material, we called it Open and aimed at students who are not religious but are open to exploring the big questions of life and basic claims of faith. It was very encouraging to engage with several young adults who were either asking these questions for the first time or taking tentative steps back towards a faith they had previously left behind.

PGR Lunches

This year, we have launched a series of lunches for post-graduate research students. These aim to be a social connection point and an antidote to the isolation they sometimes feel as research students. There has been a very genuine sense of gratitude for this.

Cooking on a Budget

We have run several 'Cooking on a Budget' sessions to provide students with practical skills around cookery and eating on a budget. These garnered a lot of interest from the University and was also featured on BBC Radio Leicester.

Staff Lunch & Staff Prayer

It has been good to see a steady development of our ministry among staff, having focused more on ministry to students over the preceding few turbulent years. We have re-launched our weekly staff lunch, which provides a regular social opportunity open to all university staff. While the advent of hybrid working means fewer staff are on campus, we have noted that there is no duplicate offering of a shared lunch opportunity. Many staff have talked about the sense of isolation that not having a bustling workplace brings, so the lunches have been well received as an opportunity to connect with other staff. Similarly, we have a fortnightly staff-facing prayer breakfast has gathered a group of committed regulars who value the time and space and feel that gathering to pray here makes a difference.

Bereavement Journey Course

Also for staff, we have piloted a course aimed at supporting staff members who have recently gone through a bereavement. This has been well received by its recipients and by the Staff Health and Wellbeing team.

Social Events

Aside from these regular ministries, we have a programme of ad hoc events, such as our ever-popular Pancake Party on Shrove Tuesday, a walk with students to an event marking International Women's Day, firepit nights, and a Community Cohesion Meal with the Dialogue Society which provided opportunity for students of different faiths to come together.

1:1 Support

Aside from the formal courses, programmes and events, a significant part of the ministry of the Chaplaincy comes in the form of personal support given to individual students and staff. We support people regardless of their faith background with a listening ear.

Approval

The Trustees consider that the Chaplaincy continues to meet the objectives set out in the constitution and have complied with the duty to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in December 2008.

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

Chris Willmott

C. Willmott, Chair of Trustees

Date 31st October 2024

Chaplaincy to the University of Leicester
Registered Charity Number 1048391

Financial Accounts
Year ended 31 December 2023

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Reference and Administrative Details

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Treasurer's Report

Accounting Basis:

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Financial Review:

A receipt and payments surplus of £4,851 and unrealised investment gain of £1,195 have resulted in an overall surplus for the year of £6,046, compared to a deficit of £10,528 in 2022. The main factors which impacted on the year were as follows:

- Total receipts of £36,539 were £11,982 above the level in 2022 (£24,557).
- The building was hired out on several occasions and excess office space continued to be leased out, generating income of £7,784 (up from £873 in 2022). Additional restricted income was received from the University of Leicester covering the annual cost of the Chaplaincy's Administrator (£10,127 in 2023 from £5,912 in 2022).

Total expenditure of £31,688 was £1,708 above the level in 2022 (£29,980). In previous years this figure would have been increased by the inclusion of an accrual for the

- November / December 2023 electricity bill (£1,352).
- No investment funds were sold during the year. However, due to an increase in the share prices since the start of the year, the bid market value of the Chaplaincy's holdings has increased by £1,195, from £38,437 at 31 December 2022 to £39,632 at 31 December 2023.

The surplus for 2023 has been added to the reserves, which stand at £48,439 as at 31 December 2023.

Going Concern:

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The trustees have considered

 20/1/24
Anthony Midgley
Honorary Treasurer

Independent Examiner's Report

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2023, set out on pages 6 and 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Charities 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 Commission (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 Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the 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 material matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- The accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- The accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents 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 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.



Brian Niblock
Chartered Accountant, CA, AGI

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APPENDIX A

Receipts and Payments Accounts FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023			2022		
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Grant from Diocese of Leicester	3,600		3,600	3,600		3,600
Grant from the Leicester Methodist Trinity Circuit	1,500		1,500	1,250		1,250
University of Leicester	1,000	9,995	10,995	1,000	10,007	11,007
Friends Appeal	360		360	360		360
Other donations	25		25	25		25
Interest / investment income	1,488		1,488	1,477		1,477
Room hire	7,784		7,784	873		873
Other income	659		659	53		53
Administrator Donations		10,128	10,128		5,912	5,912
Total Receipts	16,416	20,123	36,539	8,638	15,919	24,557
Payments						
International Chaplain salary costs	494	9,995	10,489	494	10,007	10,501
Administrator salary costs		10,128	10,128		5,912	5,912
Services and Utility costs	2,938		2,938	3,583		3,583
Rates	1,581		1,581	1,269		1,269
Insurance	1,484		1,484	1,464		1,464
Maintenance	420		420	4,862		4,862
Speakers and events	298		298			
Training				250		250
Phone costs	949		949	229		229
Other expenditure	3,402		3,402	1,910		1,910
Total Payments	11,565	20,123	31,688	14,061	15,919	29,980
Variance between receipts and payments	4,851	0	4,851	-5,423	0	-5,423
Unrealised gains / (losses) (investment funds)	1,195		1,195	(5,105)		(5,105)
Total gains / (losses)	6,046	0	6,046	-10,528	0	-10,528

A. Midgley
20/7/24

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Honorary Treasurer

B. Niblock
20/7/24

Brian Niblock CA, AGI
Independent Examiner

Balance Sheets

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023	2022 £
Funds:		
Balance brought forward at 1 January	42,393	52,921
Receipts and Payments gain/loss	6,046	-10,528
Balance carried forward at 31 December	48,439	42,393
Represented by:		
Cash and Bank	8,403	3,956
Investments	40,036	38,437
Total funds	48,439	42,393

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