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Trustees' Annual Report - Year ending 31 March 2023

LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Registration: 1050242

Principal Address: Connect Church, Molesworth Street, Wadebridge, Cornwall. PL27 7DS.

GOVERNING INSTRUMENT

Connect Church Cornwall operates under the Model Constitution with Trust Deed for local Assemblies of God, adopted in March 2006, and is in fellowship with the Assemblies of God church for Great Britain.

The church is administered by a Church Council comprising:

Pastor: Mr. D. Cox (Chair)
 Mr. S.P. Jenkins
 Mr. R Thomas
 Mrs. C.A Whitting
 Miss. S Hawke
 Mr D. Fowle (Appointed 07/11/22)

All members of the council are appointed for the duration of their pastoral relationship or for a minimum of three years. Trustees are appointed by the church council from members of the charity.

AIMS AND ORGANISATION

The objects of the Charity are:

- (a) to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think fit;
- (b) to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time think fit; and
- (c) to advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think fit.



The above objectives are outworked through our Purpose and Values:

Our Purpose: Connecting with Jesus, Connecting with each other and Connecting with our Community.

Our Values are:

- Courageous Faith
- Transforming Hope
- Extravagant Love

The church has carried out the normal functions one would expect from a church, it continues to hold meetings for public Christian worship, child dedications, funerals and weddings.

It has been a joy to see the church return to most of its pre-pandemic activities. Over the year the church has delivered Sunday morning childrens provision, Little Acorns - its weekly mums and toddlers group, Connect Youth (youth group), run discipleship courses/programmes, Connect Groups (in-person and digital), provided pastoral care, mens and ladies ministries and run the Alpha Course. We have intentionally created space for us to Connect with each other as a church family over the last year, this has involved varying our Sunday programme to facilitate this. Connect Church is highly reliant of its team of volunteers which come from the membership of the church to deliver its activities.

After a long period of recruitment, the church were successful in appointing a new full time Childrens and Youth Pastor. This has enabled us to increase our Childrens and Youth provision in the church and in the community. Our vision is that every child and young person in Wadebridge will have the opportunity to encounter Jesus. New initiatives include Muddy Church, a bi-weekly wunday morning youth provision, more assemblies/lessons in our local schools and youth residential trips.

Digital content is such an important part of the life of the church now – firstly for the church family, but secondly enabling us to Connect with our community. This includes Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, weekly newsletters, and the website which has had a significant update over this last year. These are all tools for enabling us to share the *transforming hope* of the Gospel. In addition to this, a significant project included migrating the church administration across to 'Church Suite' a church management software package.

We continue to support missions and ministry organizations we work with locally and around the world. This is one of the primary ways our value of *extravagant love* is worked out. Several overseas trips were able to take place to work with and support some of our mission partners for the first time since the pandemic.

As part of our value of *courageous faith*, Connect Church are exploring planting a new church to serve the villages of Indian Queens, Fraddon, St Columb Road and the town of St Columb Major. We have continue to hold prayer and worship services in this this locality.



We work closely with other local charities which include Wadebridge Foodbank and Creation Fest. Pastor Drew Cox continues to chair 'Wadebridge HOPE Initiative'. Originally this team was a local response to the pandemic, now it serves as an informal hub of community leaders to connect and share information across the town.

PRINCIPAL FUNDING

The trustees have resolved to establish a reserve to provide for future activities, including future building projects. We aim to provide a reserve of three months working capital. The trustees do not have wide powers of investment.

Most of the church's income is derived from the giving of the church members via the offerings taken at our meetings. Income tax refunds are claimed via the Gift Aid scheme. All income is applied to the purpose of the trust as laid down in its articles and instruments, model and deed.

The trustees regularly review risks which could have an impact on the charity, applying mitigating actions where necessary.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Drew Cox", written in a cursive style.

Mr. D Cox
Pastor
For and on behalf of Church Council



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees/
members of

Connect Church Cornwall

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1050242

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust'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 which gives 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 content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:

Date:

5/12/2023

Name:

Joseph Tamblyn

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Chartered Accountant

Address:

Trudgeon Halling Chartered Accountants, The Platt, Wadebridge,
Cornwall PL27 7AE

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Connect Church Cornwall

No (if any)
1050242

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
1st April 2022

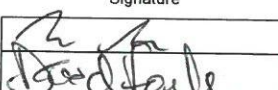
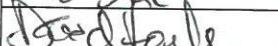
To

Period end date
31st March 2023

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					
General Offering	98,939			98,939	97,009
Gift Aid	19,825	1,111		20,936	23,855
Lettings	3,539			3,539	5,981
Other Income	5,320			5,320	2,400
Bank Interest	262			262	86
Missional Fundraising				-	41,639
Other				-	3,209
Restricted - Missional		6,091		6,091	
Restricted - Other		3,888		3,888	
				-	
				-	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	127,885	11,091	-	138,976	174,180
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	127,885	11,091	-	138,976	174,180
A3 Payments					
Salaries & Associate Employment costs	71,804		-	71,804	60,530
Church activities	21,238		-	21,238	14,991
Missional Giving	18,845		-	18,845	18,000
Mission Fundraising				-	47,266
Other				-	3,581
Premises	16,370			16,370	11,289
Administration	2,403			2,403	2,808
Non-AV Equipment & Software	2,466			2,466	4,181
Insurance	1,406			1,406	1,331
Affiliations	2,835		-	2,835	2,660
Restricted - Missional		10,847		10,847	-
Restricted - Other		3,241		3,241	-
				-	-
				-	-
Sub total	137,366	14,088	-	151,454	166,637
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	137,366	14,088	-	151,454	166,637
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 9,480	- 2,997	-	(12,478)	7,543
A5 Transfers between funds					
	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	86,780	9,970	-	96,750	89,207
Cash funds this year end	77,299	6,973	-	84,272	96,750

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	Lloyds Current Account	9,874	6,832	-
	Kingdom Bank	66,010		-
	Lloyds Mission Account		141	-
	Pleo	1,414		-
	Petty Cash	1		-
	Total cash funds	77,299	6,973	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			DREW COX	13-11-23
			DAVID FOWLE	13-11-23