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Trustees' Annual Report - Year ending 31 March 2024

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 (Resigned 30/10/23)
 Mr. R Thomas
 Mrs. C.A Whitting
 Miss. S Hawke (Resigned 20/01/24)
 Mr D. Fowle

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.

Over the year the church has delivered Sunday morning children's 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, men's and ladies ministries, the Alpha Course, Connecting with each other programmes and many one off events. Connect Church is highly reliant on its team of volunteers which come from the membership of the church to deliver its activities.

In line with our value of Courageous Faith, in September 2023 the Leadership Team set four priority areas that we would invest in over the next 24 months. These included the Alpha Course, Prayer, Childrens and Youth Ministry and Church Planting.

Our Children and Youth ministry continues to grow and flourish, our vision is that every child and young person in Wadebridge will have the opportunity to encounter Jesus. In addition to our existing programmes, in September 2023 we launched a new youth drop in for school years 6 through 9. This has seen great engagement with the young people from the town and is helping meet an increasing need in the community.

We ran our largest ever Alpha Course and have run the course more frequently over the last period. The prayer ministry of the church has seen monthly prayer and fasting days/events and an additional prayer meeting added to the weekly programme.

Connect Church explored planting a new church to serve the villages of Indian Queens, Fraddon, St Columb Road and the town of St Columb Major. We have very limited personnel to resource this project at present and it has been placed on hold.

Connect Church is growing – We have seen people come to faith, make commitments and people relocating to the area join us. In November 2023, we did a head count across the life of the church and numerically we have grown significantly as a church. We don't see everybody in church every week and people's attendance patterns have changed significantly post pandemic. If we were to have everyone in on a Sunday morning we would have 156 people in attendance. The figures show that 24% of our congregation are over 65, 48% of our congregation are aged 30 - 65 and 25% under the age of 18. These are some great figures to celebrate and we are breaking current church trends of ageing congregations. An area for investment and growth for



us as a church is only 3% of Connect Church are aged 18-29. Our Childrens and Youth Pastor will be doing some work to change this demographic and reach that missing generation from our church family. With church growing this is also placing additional pressure of other areas of church life e.g. Church governance, HR and managing the upkeep of the building, the trustees are putting an action plan in place around this.

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. We work closely with other local charities which include Wadebridge Foodbank and Creation Fest. It was a pleasure on the 7th of May to partner with Wadebridge Carnival and Egloshayle Parish Church to celebrate the Kings Coronation. We held a service on the Jubilee Playing fields and then joined in with the Carnival Fun Day afterwards. Later on in the summer, Connect Church made it's own Alpha Course entry to Wadebridge carnival, promoting the upcoming Alpha course. These are some examples from this last year where we have been Connecting with our community.

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.

We hereby confirm that we have fully complied with section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 requiring trustees to have regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit. The Charity does not have a policy or intention to provide Grants.

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

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



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Connect Church Cornwall

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1050242

Set out on pages

1 and 2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2024.

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:

J. Tamblyn

Date:

13/12/2024

Name:

Joseph Tamblyn

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

Chartered Accountant

Address:

Trudgeon Halling Chartered Accountants, The Platt, Wadebridge,

Section B
Disclosure

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 2023

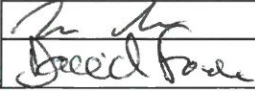
To

Period end date
31st March 2024

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 | 101,671 | | | 101,671 | 98,939 |
| Gift Aid | 30,563 | 2,476 | | 33,038 | 20,936 |
| Lettings | 1,740 | | | 1,740 | 3,539 |
| Other Income | | | | - | 5,320 |
| Bank Interest | 1,643 | | | 1,643 | 262 |
| Restricted - Missional | | 5,303 | | 5,303 | 6,091 |
| Restricted - Other | | 4,000 | | 4,000 | 3,888 |
| | | | | - | |
| | | | | - | |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 135,518 | 11,778 | - | 147,295 | 138,976 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 135,518 | 11,778 | - | 147,295 | 138,976 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| Salaries & Associated Employment costs | 75,028 | | - | 75,028 | 71,804 |
| Church activities | 20,648 | | - | 20,648 | 21,238 |
| Missional Giving | 18,765 | | - | 18,765 | 18,845 |
| Premises | 21,007 | | | 21,007 | 16,370 |
| Administration | 2,446 | | | 2,446 | 2,403 |
| Non-AV Equipment & Software | 3,396 | | | 3,396 | 2,466 |
| Insurance | 1,888 | | | 1,888 | 1,406 |
| Affiliations | 2,680 | | - | 2,680 | 2,835 |
| Restricted - Missional | | 6,860 | | 6,860 | 10,847 |
| Restricted - Other | | 3,481 | | 3,481 | 3,241 |
| | | | | - | - |
| | | | | - | - |
| Sub total | 145,848 | 10,342 | - | 156,189 | 151,454 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table) | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 145,848 | 10,342 | - | 156,189 | 151,454 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | - 10,330 | 1,436 | - | (8,894) | (12,478) |
| A5 Transfers between funds | | | | | |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 77,299 | 6,973 | - | 84,272 | 96,750 |
| Cash funds this year end | 66,969 | 8,409 | - | 75,378 | 84,272 |

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 | 8,793 | 8,404 | - |
| | Kingdom Bank | 57,073 | | - |
| | Lloyds Mission Account | | 5 | - |
| | Equals Money | 1,102 | | - |
| | Petty Cash | 1 | | - |
| | Total cash funds | 66,969 | 8,409 | - |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK | OK | OK |
| | | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
| B2 Other monetary assets | Details | | | |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| 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 | 11/12/24 | |
| | | DAVID FOWLE | 13/12/24 | |