

CHARITY REGISTRATION NOS 1050435

RIVER OF LIFE CHURCH (ROL), TIPTOE, THE NEW FOREST.

ANNUAL TRUSTEES' REPORT

1 APRIL 2023-31 MARCH 2024

Office address The Life Centre, Wootton Road, Tiptoe Hampshire SO41 6FT

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The financial statements comply with the Assemblies of God Trust Deed, the Charities Act 2006 and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities published in 2013.

Structure, governance and management

The Trust Deed approved by the Charity Commission provides for a minimum of 3 management trustees, and three holding trustees. The following people fulfil this requirement. All the management trustees were in the process of being DBS checked.

Trustees during the period

J White

A Bingley

M Crofts

Simon Kemp

Auditor H van der Vyver M/HAC Christchurch

At periodic leaders' meetings, the trustees agree the broad strategy and areas of activity for the church within the definition of the Charity Commission's aims and guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. ROL aims to encourage and enable local people to come to faith and live out their faith as part of our church community through:

1. Worship, Bible teaching and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing knowledge and trust in the person and work of Jesus Christ.

2. Provision of pastoral support.

3. Mission and outreach.

This includes consideration of grant making, expenditure on maintenance and development of the Life Centre, reserves and risk management, functions of the church hall, day to day administration, policies, values and outcomes.

The church does not actively fundraise from the public. Finances are voluntarily donated by members and friends who regularly attend the church.

AN AGM is held in July each year when reports are received, reviews are undertaken and future developments discussed with church members.

Risk management

The trustees have considered any risks to which the church is exposed and have reviewed the risks and established systems and procedures to manage them.

General leadership

The River of Life church was led by Joshua White with the support of a leadership team comprising three voluntary team members (two trustees), covering finance, safeguarding, outreach, administration and worship. Encouragement was given throughout the year to all of its members to engage in service within the church and to the local community (whole life discipleship). The Life Centre comprises a chapel, a detached large hall, car park, barbecue patio and grounds.

Arrangements are in place for servicing of utilities and equipment, and public liability insurance is established.

Premises

The maintenance and development of the Life Centre this year incurred some minor expenditure

Reserves policy

The trustees aim to maintain £5,000 reserve in unrestricted funds to meet any emergency arising from the maintenance of the premises.

General

Monthly meals together have been enjoyed.

School Assemblies were led by the pastor

A school Christmas service was held at the church

During the week the hall has been used by the local community. A local youth group for special needs teenagers.

Missionary giving is evidenced from the annual accounts. Every donation abroad is accounted for.

Volunteers

Grateful acknowledgement is made of the contribution of individual volunteers who engaged to make ROL the welcoming and life giving family church it is. This has involved practically cleaning, painting, gardening, minor maintenance and handyman jobbing.

M Hutton

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Abbreviated Receipts and Payments Accounts for the Year ended 31 March 2024

	31/03/2024		31/03/2023	
	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward		34,377		20,486
Receipts				
General Offerings and Gifts	26,448		36,733	
Hall Income	1,070		2,606	
Other	1,183		12	
Income Tax Refund	<u>3,399</u>	32,100	<u>3,138</u>	42,489
Payments				
Leadership & Training	15,366		5,712	
Utilities	3,207		2,016	
Guest Speaker	1,851		900	
Missions / Love Gifts	7,892		12,612	
Gifts	-		150	
Equipment	70		92	
Building Maintenance	2,689		2,758	
Conferences & Courses	1,741		898	
LD Chaplaincy	-		259	
Admin expenses	2,485		1,278	
Subscriptions	-		903	
Sundry	812		668	
Safeguarding	-		152	
Independent Review	<u>200</u>	36,313	<u>200</u>	28,598
Balance carried forward		<u>30,164</u>		<u>34,377</u>
Represented by:				
Current Account		5,952		25,362
Savings Accounts		21,241		6,078
Accruals (Tax Refund & Audit Fee)		<u>2,971</u>		<u>2,937</u>
		<u>30,164</u>		<u>34,377</u>
Included in the the Savings Accounts are amounts that have been allocated to the Philippine Community Building Fund		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31 March 2024

	31/03/2024	31/03/2023
Cash Funds		
Current Account	5,952	25,362
Savings Accounts	21,241	6,078
Other Monetary Assets		
Inland Revenue - Tax Refund	3,171	3,137
Assets retained for the Charity's own use		
Life Centre	88,309	88,309
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>118,673</u>	<u>122,886</u>
Liabilities		
Independent Review	200	200

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of RIVER OF LIFE CHURCH (1050435)

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

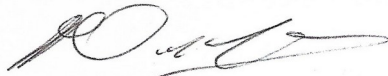
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



H van der Vyver MIAC
Christchurch
October 2024