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AGM to receive reports and accounts for the year 2022-23

Ivy Church Mission:

“Passionate about Jesus Christ and making Him known; Serving our neighbours, near and far.”



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AGM 17.05.2023... 7.30pm

Agenda

1. welcome
2. apologies
3. prayer
4. purpose
5. minutes of 2022
6. trustee appointments
7. reports
8. accounts

The objects of the Church:

- (a) To advance the Christian Faith.. 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.

This report is intended to show how:

1. We have been fulfilling our purposes, as summarised in the “Objects” and
2. That we are of great benefit to the public.

Introduction

The Mission Statement of Ivy Church attempts to capture the essence of the “Objects” above. Thus Ivy Church is “Passionate about Jesus Christ and making Him known; Serving our neighbours, near and far.” Our meetings and activities aim to express this. Enthusiastic and sincere worship, prayer, fellowship and bible-teaching moves us into action in sharing the love of God in practical ways. Ivy Church is a warm and welcoming community of people of all ages and a variety of ethnic backgrounds, and seeks to bring that warm and broad welcome to all people in our locality (and even further

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afield - especially by the use of technology). Our endeavours include support for a variety of causes in the wider world, supporting missions which provide health care, food, medical and other practical support, and facilitating training and education. It is the testimony of Ivy Church that, "This is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him." Jn 3.16,17 NLT.

The year 2022

2022 was a year of gradually pushing forward with our endeavours to reach beyond our four walls, endeavouring to advance the Christian faith, including country walks, picnics, litter-picking & improving our local environment. We participated in the Good Friday walk-of-witness, Pentecost on College Green and "God Loves you Tour" with evangelist Franklin Graham. We are able to launch "Ivy-Tots" and have been delighted to welcome many families from the community. Later in the year we held a 12 week 'Alpha Course' for those interested in investigating the Christian faith. A small number of members were able to serve our neighbours through volunteering in various ways at the Bristol Churches Winter Night Shelter.

This year has seen Ivy Church reaching out with various initiatives to benefit our community and to fulfil our purposes far and wide. We have seen outstanding success with the relaunch of IvyTots. This has seen many families welcomed, enjoying welcome hospitality, high quality activities in a safe and well serviced environment. The Alpha Course was well attended by church members, as well as guests, from the locality, as well as (much) further afield. Special thanks must go to Heather & Liam for their catering excellence.

A sense of family and community was enhanced by a number of fellowship ventures: Walk, Cycle-rides, prayer picnic, curry, Picnic and games, Tea-party...

Practical work was done together, with a work-day on the Church grounds, and locally with litter-picking, rubbish clearance and some heavy-duty pruning in the neighbourhood - in association with "The Noise." We have seen the property improved with repairs to the church roof, and we expect to have new main access doors fitted soon. Our heating system has been upgraded with the use of remote 'Hive' technology. This, together with quality roof insulation and double-glazed doors is of benefit to the environment and to our church economy.

Support for needs in the neighbourhood was further enhanced by a generous offering of foodstuff for the local food-bank, in partnership with St Werburgh's Primary School. We were very happy to receive St Werburgh's Primary School for 2 Christmas Carol Concerts, well attended by families and friends. Special services, as usual were held for the seasons - Christmas, Easter, harvest, shoe-box appeal (for Eastern Europe)...

Thanks are due to all those who volunteer to serve our neighbours, near and far, using all our resources for the Glory of God and the benefit of the community.

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Our Sunday services have gathered momentum to some degree since the return to the church building after covid and various restrictions. Our membership is somewhat reduced, due to deaths and migrations. A number of families and individuals regularly join us via zoom-links and a growing number follow our sermons via Facebook and YouTube. Our Website attracts messages with prayer requests and other enquiries and we are pleased to respond as soon as possible. Zoom continues to be a helpful way of conducting business meetings and prayer groups, with a saving on travel costs and environmental impact. The same applies to our two meetings each week for young people of various age-groups, where a variety of helpful topics are discussed. A hybrid (zoom = in-person) arrangement works well for LiFe groups, which meet for mutual support, prayer and bible-study. 2023 holds promise for a monthly “Bible-Course,” using video and discussion for all ages to gain an overall grasp of the bible story.

It is anticipated that at least one member of the Ivy Church Council will attend “Safeguarding” training in the coming year, and each year following.

Ivy Church continues to be involved at leadership level with Ashley Churches Together Serving, Churches Together in Greater Bristol (Enabling Team), Local Leaders’ weekly early prayer, Assemblies of God Bristol area Hub leadership, and attendance at Area, Zone, and National Leadership conferences. Some of these are done by Zoom and others involve travel to Torquay or Harrogate.

Fellowship, support and pastoral care are helped by the use of WhatsApp. as well as the sharing of prayer needs for “our neighbours near and far.” These are no substitute for personal contact, but are a very useful addition. Ivy church has a well-presented website, facebook page and also an Ivy-Tots Facebook page.

Ivy Church Council have worked to put together policies on: Conflicts of Interest, First Aid, Data Protection, Health and Safety, Risk-Management, Fire, Volunteer Management, Complaints, Reserves, and even a policies policy. And there is more to do.

Special appreciation must go to our new treasurer and finance team, Youth, children’s and Tots teams, Musicians, Property maintenance, Missions Support, Welcome Team, I.T. technicians, website management, pastoral care, teaching, and serving in a host of ways. Some are able to give several hours a week, others less, but all is of value to bless and our community. Equally, the financial support to Ivy Church is necessary, and much appreciated and Ivy Church Council works to try to ensure that funds are well managed to fulfil the objects of Advancing the Christian faith, the relief of sickness and hardship and facilitation of good education.

IVY CHURCH MISSIONS REPORT 2022

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Thank you to all who have given so faithfully over the past year to enable us to continue to support our missionary partners and to meet some of the needs presented to us.

We have had visits from Simon and Victoria Ewing (Tanzania), Denis and Charmaine Squires (Peru), John and Liz Medcraft (Brazil), and Rod Whiting representing Open Doors. What a blessing they each were as they shared how God is moving in various areas of our world and challenging us as we partner with them.

We have also been able to send monies to:

- the Ukrainian Appeal
- contributed in sending three barrels and two boxes to Claire Kinhead (Jamaica) filled with much needed items for the work amongst all age groups.
- India Hope as they serve the people there.

Please continue to pray for all our missionary partners as they give themselves to share God's love to those He has called them to serve in these difficult times and that many more people may find Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

May the Lord continue to bless you all.

Jeff Rawlins, Chris Ashmeade and Pam Panton

Missions Team, March 2023.

Ivy Missions 2022

Income	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Totals	Opening Balance Jan 2022
	£ 800.00	£ 800.00	£ 800.00	£ 800.00	£ 800.00	£ 800.00	£ 800.00	£ 800.00	£ 800.00	£ 800.00	£ 800.00	£ 800.00	£ 9,600.00	£ 2,687.87
Extra Donation-Kinhead		£ 250.00			£ 250.00			£ 250.00			£ 250.00		£ 1,000.00	
Returned Standing orders							£ 20.00	£ 20.00	£ 20.00				£ 60.00	
Total Income 2021 <i>(should read 2022)</i>													£ 10,660.00	
Expenditure (Regular Giving)														
Denis & Charmaine Squire	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 480.00	
Emmanuel International: Simon & Victoria Ewing	£ 80.00	£ 80.00	£ 80.00	£ 80.00	£ 80.00	£ 80.00	£ 80.00	£ 80.00	£ 80.00	£ 80.00	£ 80.00	£ 80.00	£ 960.00	
AOG World Missions: Geoff & Sue Smith	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 600.00	
Going Asia Mission	£ 20.00	£ 20.00	£ 20.00	£ 20.00	£ 20.00	£ 20.00	£ 20.00	£ 20.00	£ 20.00				£ 180.00	
Evangelical Action: John & Liz Medcraft	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 600.00	
Light of Gospel: Sara & Sasha Vitakic	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 600.00	
Central African Mission: Carol & Ginny	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 480.00	
Internation Bible College: Johnny & Eliana Whyte	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 360.00	
Creative Solutions: Peter & Jenny Kay	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 600.00	
Tom & Olive Kisaki (Japan)	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 600.00	
India Hope	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 600.00	
AOG World Missions: Claire Kinhead		£ 560.00			£ 560.00			£ 560.00			£ 560.00		£ 2,240.00	
Total Expenditure (Regular Giving)													£ 8,300.00	
Additional Support														
Denis & Charmaine Squire									£ 500.00				£ 500.00	
Emmanuel International: Simon & Victoria Ewing								£ 500.00					£ 500.00	
AOG World Missions Ukraine Appeal			£ 400.00										£ 400.00	
Claire Kinhead						£ 500.00							£ 500.00	
Evangelical Action: John & Liz Medcraft	£ 150.00									£ 400.00			£ 550.00	
India Hope								£ 500.00		£ 200.00			£ 700.00	
Open Doors										£ 200.00			£ 200.00	
Total Additional Support													£ 3,350.00	
Summary														
	Opening balance		£ 2,687.87											
	Total Income		£ 10,660.00											
	Total Expenditure		£ 11,650.00											
	Closing Balance 31 Dec 2		£ 1,697.87											

Ivy Church Accounts for 2022. AGM report

- Giving decreased by 2.4%
- Thank you to all those who have continued to give regularly, in church, online or by standing order. This has been remarkable and has been fundamental to maintaining our financial strength.
- Ivy Church (it^{its} people!) are very generous.
- Gift Aid income for the year was £11300
- Our total cash assets are very healthy at £133840. However, given the reduction in giving we must take care to invest wisely.
- Costs for gas, electricity, water continued to be low but will increase in early 2023 as our current contract expires, new contracts will see a sharp rise in utility tariffs.
- Building updates included: Final part of IT, Gates, Blinds, Roof above foyer, New Doors, update to tots room - additional thanks to those who gave their time decorating the lower back room (receipts22).
- Bank charges remain low from bank (included in Admin).
- Overall spending for the year rose by 1%
- There was a surplus at the end of the year of £933.
- Predicted spend for 2023 include and^{an} update to the church house, parts of which are overdue and update.

Vernon Holmes

Ivy Church Treasurer

Ivy Pentecostal Church Accounts															
Year ending 31st December 2022															
	Savings Bank Accounts	Current Account	Totals 2022	Totals 2021	Totals 2020	Totals 2019	Totals 2018	Totals 2017	Totals 2016	Totals 2015	Totals 2014	Totals 2013	Totals 2012	Totals 2011	Totals 2010
	£	£		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Opening Balances	80730	51537	132267	124981	122724	114128	117758	131455	113786	102565	88743	90379	83547	73012	59852
Income															
Undesignated Giving			54726	56053	56726	59190	55009	61244	59039	58393	57099	57951	55004	51036	54233
Designated Giving			50	3820	325	3053	5450	7713	1352	2754	21185	11090	15586	4356	1724
Gift Aid Reclaim			11300	11654	11684	11516	11719	13364	10358	11391	13129	13076	11145	13236	12850
Rent			10180	10080	9700	9500	8960	10015	11365	9380	8807	7680	7260	6598	6751
Interest	127		127	297	418	588	749	521	316	434	449	592	589	487	552
Misc			741		196	62	0	104	200	330	2592	260	140	1663	18
Total Income			77124	81904	79049	83909	81887	92961	82900	82682	102261	90649	89724	77376	76218
Expenditure															
Church Admin			37540	40920	43156	44767	45742	40126	36930	36891	54982	64767	48144	36071	35379
Church Property			22827	8472	7971	8168	11953	51444	11003	11870	8597	8546	12972	8514	9050
Church Purposes			14243	24308	22808	17175	20486	14579	15106	22267	18519	18627	20913	19314	13968
Church Mortgage			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Account closed			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manse Property			941	918	2857	5203	7336	509	2192	433	7341	345	863	2942	4571
Total Expenditure			75551	74618	76792	75313	85517	106658	65231	71461	89439	92285	82892	66841	62968
Transfers Out															
Transfers In															
Closing Balances	80857	52983	133840	132267	124981	122724	114128	117758	131455	113786	102565	88743	90379	83547	73012
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF IVY PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

I report on the accounts of the Charity (number 1050613) for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 1 -

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner:

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the act), as amended by s.28 of the Charities Act 2006 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act, as amended);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, as amended); 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 Commissioners. 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement:

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:

- proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 41 of the Act);

and

- accounts prepared agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act.



PHIL BATER MAAT

(Association of Accounting Technicians)

1st April 2023



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- **Serving our Neighbours, near and far**

Ivy Pentecostal Church

Statement of Assets and Liabilities As at 31 December 2022

1. Church Building known as 'Ivy Church' at Ashley Hill, Bristol BS6 5JD
2. Church Manse at 33 Alcove Road, Fishponds, Bristol BS16 3DS
3. Bank Accounts:
 - a. Current a/c Lloyds bank, Downend branch, Bristol with a balance of £52983 on 31 Dec 2022
 - b. Savings a/c Kingdom Bank, Nottingham with a balance of £54319 on 31 Dec 2022
 - c. Savings Bond of £26538 value with Triodos Bank on 31 Dec 2022
 - d. A trust a/c for missionaries at Lloyds Bank, Horfield branch, Bristol with balance of £1697 on 31 Dec 22
4. Mortgages: There are no mortgages on Ivy Church Property
5. Loans: We have no loans
6. Creditors: We have no creditors