

THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
OF
THE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
KING'S CHRISTIAN CENTRE

Presented via Zoom

**The “Virtual” Annual
General Meeting**

Held on Thursday 25th April 2024

At 7:30pm

By

Malcolm Macqueen

Our Scripture for the year in 2023 was II Corinthians 5:20 *“Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ’s stead, be ye reconciled to God”*. The desire to be witnesses and ambassadors in our lives, individually and collectively as a congregation was a motivating factor in the life of the Church during the year ahead.

We hosted a Prophetic Witness Ministries International meeting highlighting the events currently taking place in the world in light of Bible Prophecy, had a March of Witness in Swindon Town Centre, a Barbecue in Lydiard Park with visitors invited, Water Baptism services, and a day long Polish Outreach meeting among other events.

As the days in which we are living become increasingly more spiritually dark, the Church needs to shine brighter and not be ashamed of the Gospel Message which is the answer to the problems of our society.

Tonight, I welcome everyone who joins us “on-line” for our AGM to review our Church activities and finances for the year 2023.

Our financial year begins on 1st November 2022 – 31st October 2023, so what we are reviewing this evening is ‘historic’ rather than ‘current’.

The bookkeeping and accountancy process once again worked very smoothly, thanks to **Peter Osei**, the Church treasurer, **Sheena Green** and the accountant **Chris Vaughan** preparing and finalising our financial figures from November 1st 2022 to 31st October 2023. The administrative side of our church continues to go unseen by the majority but is sought to be always conducted in a spirit of diligence and accountability as we are called to be wise stewards over the household of God.

As a church, we don’t speak a lot about money in our services, but as I said at last year, the AGM is the **one** meeting in the year when we highlight our church finances, being totally transparent in giving details of our Income and Expenditure for all to see and ask questions.

Copies of the audited Financial Statement are available if you wish a copy.

Looking Back

Our late Queen Elizabeth II observed, *“We all need to get the balance right between action and reflection. With so many distractions, it is easy to forget to pause and take stock”*.

Claude Monet, the 19th Century French impressionist painter, said this about reflection: *“It’s on the strength of observation and reflection that one finds a way. So we must dig and delve unceasingly”*.

I want to embark on a moment of reflection and acknowledge and thank those who assisted me with ministering The Word of God in our Church during the course of 2023.

I have always felt it important to expose the Body of Christ to the Christ ascended ministries which He has given to the Church as stated in Ephesians chapter 4.

1. Sunday 12th February: Brother Joel Gaddam ministered at our morning service.
2. Saturday 18th February: Brother Alan Franklin
3. Sunday 19th February: Brother Alan Franklin
4. Sunday 26th February: Brother Joel Gaddam ministered at our morning service.
5. Sunday 12th March: Brother David Padmarajan
6. Sunday 2nd April: Brother Umera Chuckwuchebe ministered at our morning service.
7. Sunday 16th April: Brother Joel Gaddam ministered at our morning service.
8. Sunday 23rd April: Pastor Rob Baldwin ministered at our morning service.

9. Sunday 11th June: Brother Joel Gaddam ministered at our morning service.
10. Sunday 25th June: Brother Youssouf Diakite ministered at our morning service.
11. Sunday 9th July: Brother Umera Chuckwuchebe ministered at our morning service.
12. Sunday 23rd July: Pastor Rob Baldwin ministered at our morning service.
13. Sunday 30th July: Brother Youssouf Diakite ministered at our morning service.
14. Sunday 6th August: Brother Umera Chuckwuchebe ministered at our morning service.
15. Sunday 27th August: Brother Umera Chuckwuchebe ministered at our morning service.
16. Sunday 10th September: Pastor David Fiddy ministered at our morning service.
17. Sunday 15th October: Brother Joel Gaddam ministered at our morning service.
18. Sunday 5th November: Brother Umera Chuckwuchebe ministered at our morning service.
19. Sunday 19th November: Pastor Rob Baldwin ministered at our morning service.
20. Sunday 26th November: Brother Youssouf Diakite ministered at our morning service.
21. Sunday 3rd December: Brother Joel Gaddam ministered at our morning service.
22. Sunday 10th December: Brother Umera Chuckwuchebe ministered at our morning service.

Remembering

I conducted the Memorial Service for Joanne Thomason-Hyde on Friday 13th January 2023 at Kingsdown Crematorium. Joanne had passed away on Friday 25th November 2022.

I would like to highlight some of the events that took place during the year.

1. 21 Days Fasting & Prayer: Monday 6th – Sunday 26th January 2023
2. Saturday-Sunday 18-19th February: Hosted Alan Franklin from PWMI who spoke on the subject “It’s Fast Forward to the Last Days” and on the Sunday, “The 3 Great Resets”
3. Easter Friday 7th April: Joint “March of Witness” into Swindon Town Centre with other churches joining us.
4. Saturday 21st April Spring Israel Meeting
5. Sunday 21st May: Church Barbecue at Lydiard Park
6. Saturday 10th June: All day Polish Outreach meeting
7. Saturday 24th June: Water Baptism Service for Svilen at his home
8. Sunday 16th July: Water Baptism Service for Ainura & Tomasz at The Church of The Firstborn.
9. Sunday 3rd September: 75th Birthday Celebration lunch for Pastor Malcolm
10. Sunday 22nd October: Dedication Service of Temisan Ahyohmedi Ezra Mofikoya.
11. Sunday 29th October: 70th Birthday Celebration for Brother Umera at Punjabi Hall
12. Sunday 5th November: Gideon’s Presentation
13. Sunday 3rd December: Retirement Lunch for Bro & Sister Chukwuchebe
14. Sunday 10th December: Ordination of Three Deacons and their wives
15. Sunday 17th December: International Carol Service

Church Website

Our website www.aogswindon.org.uk was set up 15 years ago for us in 2008 by our brother **Ben Sonoiki**.

The website is updated on a weekly basis and Inspirational Bible verses are uploaded from time to time. My thanks to those who have given input by putting Items of Interest and Inspirational Bible verses onto our Church Face Book and our Church Instagram pages. It is important that those of our Church members who are active on social media, click ‘like’ and forward items of interest to their friends to boost our on-line presence and in the

meantime encourage those who are putting time and effort into keeping our on-line presence up to date.

Ben continues to excel in updating the website and Church App and I once again want to thank him for his enthusiasm, initiative and time he's given over the past year.

Sound Desk

The new Digital Sound Desk which we purchased in 2020 has improved the quality of our audio recordings and all who are involved on the Sound Desk have learned new skills as they've used this new equipment.

My thanks to **Ben Sonoiki** for organising the Rota of **young people** who operate the Sound Desk every Sunday. My thanks to you all.

Sunday School

My thanks to **Marion** for leading the Sunday School and I want to express my gratitude to all the Sunday School teachers who continue to be committed in preparing to teach the children each Sunday, **BUBBLES, SPLASH & JUNIOR YOUTH** who continue to enjoy their lessons. activities. The fruit of their labours is seen when the different Sunday School Groups do their presentations at our Easter and Christmas meetings.

My thanks to **Joyce** for co-ordinating the weekly teacher's rota for each of the classes.

KING'S Youth

During school term, between 15-20 young people gathered on a Friday evening from 7:30-9:30pm to meet for a time of Faith, Fun and Fellowship.

I do want to thank **Ben, Dayo** and **Aneta** for their commitment in giving young people lifts to the Church and back home again and to **Sheena** for running the "Tuck-Shop" which the youth eagerly buy from.

Thank you all for working together to run the youth meeting and for arranging special outings to Synergy events at J.D. Church, Ten Pin Bowling, Kaspas, and Pizza evenings from time to time.

These Friday evening meetings fulfil a vital function for the young people who are facing so many challenges at school, from their peers and on social media.

Missions

We continue to donate **£100.00** a month to the **Holocaust Survivors Home** in Haifa, Israel which is run by ICEJ.

We donate **£100.00** a month to **Christian Institute**.

We donate **£70.00** a month to **Wiltshire Air Ambulance**

We donate **£70.00** a month to **Willows Counselling** for the use of their parking facility.

We donate **£770.00** (approx. **80,000 Indian Rupees**) per month toward supporting the feeding program in Mungod, Northern Karnataka, India, as well as supporting an AOG Pastor working in the same area.

Individuals within our Church contribute on a monthly basis by sponsoring individual children **£10.00** a month.

There has been an increase in the monthly donations by the Church members, as a result of the presentation which Our **Brother Zeegler Fernandes** gave to the Church following his visit to Pastor Samson in Mundgod in April 2023 to see first hand the situation with the Feeding Program. for the children.

Nevertheless the Church made an overall shortfall for the year of **£2,036.00**

This shortfall was covered by money taken from Church funds.

Willows Counselling Centre Car Parking

Eleven years have passed since we first started using this car park on a Sunday morning in October 2012. This facility continues to be a great asset to us all, especially with the parking problems in Old Town. We have continued to donate **£70.00 a month** to Willows throughout this past year as a good will gesture toward them to support their Charity.

Barnabas Food.Gives

During 2022/23, we responded to an appeal from Barnabus Aid to collect specific dried food to support their Food Gives Aid project in sending food to needy persecuted Christians in various parts of the world.

Marion has been doing voluntary work in the Barnabas Warehouse on a regular basis, once a week on a Tuesday helping with the Food.Gives Aid Project.

Thank you to everyone who donated to Barnabas in 2023.

Thanks to:

I would once again like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the following people who faithfully “minister” to us in so many different ways:

- To everyone who considers this church to be their spiritual home.
- To everyone who contributes to this fellowship, with tithes and offerings.
- Most importantly, those who pray for the church and its members.
- To those who assist in welcoming people at the door, in particular, **Bola and Matilda**
- To those who manage the sound desk and ministry recording.
- The worship leaders, **David & Charity Irven, Andrzej & Gosia Spila, Alain Tchoyo, Emma Bloor, and Chima Chukwuchebe & Delvin Osei** for playing the drums.
- To all the **Sunday School teachers**.
- Thanks to our treasurer, **Peter Osie** for looking after the counting and banking of the church monies and the other important duties relating to the church accounts.
- To **Sheena Green** who prepared the Church Accounts for **Chris Vaughan** to audit and prepare the Financial Statement that has been presented at tonight’s meeting.
- To **Niyi** for being the Church Council Secretary, for overseeing Church Policies and Safeguarding and for arranging the Sunday morning Rota of those participating in the meeting.
- To **Carol Cannegieter** for processing the DBS applications.
- To our church council members, **Niyi Olaniyan, Peter Osei, Clive Loveday and new council member Zeegler Fernandes** for their work relating to being council members and to **Joel Gaddam** who has joined as an observer and is considering becoming a church council member.
- To **Emma Bloor, Marion Macqueen and Sandra Ejike** who faithfully clean the hall each week. A special thanks.
- To all those who prepare eats and serve tea on Sunday.
- To **Aneta, Joyce and Niyi** who faithfully organise various rotas.
- To those involved in practical acts of Christianity.

Finances

The Financial statement which has been presented tonight was prepared by Christopher Vaughan, of Reeves & Co. Chartered Accountants in Swindon.

These figures are as 31.10.2023

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
General Account	£ 34,587.36	£ 22,335.41	33,675.59	25,836.55	13,190.38
Business Premium	£ 301,222.46	£ 1,214.46	1,137.84	1,198.69	678.89
Petty Cash	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	£ 335,809.82	£ 23,549.87	£ 34,813.43	£ 27,035.24	£ 13,869.27

Mortgage Details

On the 10th October 2023 our church received a large donation of **£420,000.00** from a source wishing to remain anonymous. This donation was received by Pastor Malcolm Macqueen with great thankfulness to the Lord and expressed his thanks to the donors for their abundant generosity. May the Lord abundantly bless them for their generosity and obedience.

As a result of this donation, we were in a position to pay off the outstanding amount owing on our Mortgage to Kingdom Bank of **£ 132,361.21** on 18-19th October 2023

A letter from Garry Chulan (Head of Account Management) was received on 20th October 2023 confirming final payment to redeem our mortgage.

This was truly a remarkable provision from the Lord and an answer to a longtime prayer that we as a Church could be debt free. The Lord certainly abundantly answered this prayer.

Can I bring to your attention some figures on the financial statement:

The Church Offerings (cash / cheques), Direct Banking, Stewardship, Bank Interest.

Total: In Tithes & Offerings:£ 104,115.00 £ 104,115.00
In Charitable Donation:£ 420,000.00
.....£ 524,115.00

This compares to the Total Income in 2022.....£ 63,210.00 £ 63,210.00
Income Increase of£ 460,905.00 £ 40,905.00

Total amount of monies spent through our accounts at the financial year end
Increased from **£64,216.00** in 2022, to **£ 69,517.00** in 2023 an increase of.£ 5,301.00

(See page 5 of Year-end Financial statement)

(For the record an amount of **£ 11,441.47** was received from HMRC for the Gift Aid, & GASDS, (Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme) Claim, on 1st September 2023 that had been submitted to them earlier in 2023.

Incoming Resources for 2022/2023 Donations & Gifts	£ 524,115.00	(2022	£ 63,210.00)
Expended Resources	£ 69,517.00	(2022	£ 64,216.00)
Income/ Expenditure	£ 454,598.00		£ 1,006.00

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Charity Donations	£ 10,192.11	£ 14,130.00	£ 12,640.00	£ 12,580.00	£ 13,898.00
Ministry Gifts	£ 1,210.00	£ 606.56	£ 1,590.00	£ 1,689.50	£ 1,463.00
Ministry Expenses	£ 791.89	£ 93.44	£ 0.00	£ 70.00	£ 716.00
Missions	<u>£ 2,360.00</u>	<u>£ 2,480.00</u>	<u>£ 2,700.00</u>	<u>£ 2,480.00</u>	<u>£ 2,700.00</u>
Total	£ 14,554.00	£ 17,310.00	£ 16,930.00	£ 16,819.50	£ 18,777.00

A list of specific Charities who received donations:

Charity Donations:

1. Willows Counselling: (12 x £70 per Month)	£ 840.00
2. Wiltshire Air Ambulance (12 x £70 per month)	£ 840.00
3. Indian Children	£ 10,680.00
4. Sundry	<u>£ 1,538.00</u>
Total	£ 13,898.00

Missions:

1. Christian Institute:	£ 100.00 x 12	£ 1,200.00
2. ICEJ Holocaust Home:	£ 100.00 x 12	£ 1,200.00
3. Evangelical Alliance	£ 20.00 x 12	<u>£ 240.00</u>
Total		£ 2,700.00

Out of our total income of **£ 104,179.68**, a total of **(£13,898.00 + £2,700.00) = £16,598.00** was donated to Charities and Missions. This represents **15.93%** of our total income.

We do desire to be a “Mission Minded” and we have over the years proved the promise in Proverbs 19:17 to be true, *“He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again”*.

If you require any clarification regarding any of these figures now or at any time concerning any aspect of the church finances, please feel free to speak to myself or to Peter Osei.

I would like to again take this opportunity to thank **everyone** in the church who faithfully tithe and give addition offerings.

Church Membership

In order to satisfy Charities Commission requirements, it is necessary for us to declare how many “members” we have with an” up to date” list of their names in order to prove that the number of people we claim to have in membership can be substantiated by furnishing their names.

I appreciate that not everyone is willing to have their names printed on a church membership list that is then forwarded to a governmental department.

Below is an updated list of the church members in alphabetical order:

7 new members, have been added to the Church Membership list since our last AGM in 2023. They are: **Dayo Mofikoya, Deborah Tuoyo, Kelvin Ejike, Sandra Ejike, Svilen Georgiev Mihov, Ainura Ryspaeva, Tomasz Szczurowski**

We look forward to welcoming new members in 2024 who have been coming to the Church regularly during 2023-24.

1. Aldridge: Maggie
2. Bloor: Emma
3. Bryniak: Piotr.

4. **Bryniak:** Aneta
5. **Burns:** Biruta.
6. **Cannegieter:** Carol
7. **Chukwuchebe:** Umera
8. **Chukwuchebe:** Uzo
9. **Chukwuchebe:** Chima
10. **Clarke:** Stephen.
11. **Diakite:** Youssouf
12. **Doubleday:** Rosalind.
13. **Downes:** Abigail
14. **Ejike:** Kelvin.
15. **Ejike:** Sandra.
16. **Fernandes:** John Anthony.
17. **Fernandes:** Zeegler
18. **Gaddam:** Esther
19. **Gaddam:** Joel
20. **Green:** Sheena.
21. **Irlen:** David.
22. **Irlen:** Charity.
23. **Latka:** Tomasz
24. **Lobo:** Benedicta
25. **Loveday:** Clive.
26. **Macqueen:** Malcolm.
27. **Macqueen:** Marion.
28. **Meesala:** Jogeswara
29. **Meesala:** Sheetal
30. **Mhlope:** Mehluli
31. **Mhlope:** Resistance
32. **Mihov:** Svilen Georgiev.
33. **Mofikoya:** Dayo
34. **Monteiro:** Daisy.
35. **Mwakatuma:** Matilda
36. **Nosarzewska:** Renata
37. **Olaniyan:** Niyi.
38. **Olaniyan:** Bola.
39. **Osei:** Peter.
40. **Osei:** Joyce.
41. **Pandian:** (Thomas): Joshua
42. **Pani:** Mirelle.
43. **Phin:** Priscilla.
44. **Rodrigues:** Elroy.
45. **Russell:** Rosie.
46. **Ryspaeva:** Ainura.
47. **Smith:** Elizabeth.
48. **Stanislawski:** Andrzej Adam
49. **Sonoiki:** Ben.
50. **Sonoiki:** Bisola.
51. **Soundararajan:** Allwin
52. **Soundararajan:** Rathi Matilda
53. **Sovi:** Constance.

- 54. **Szczurowski:** Tomasz.
- 55. **Tchoya:** Alain.
- 56. **Thomas:** Vidhya
- 57. **Tuoyo:** Deborah.
- 58. **Whyte:** David.

Church Membership at the end of **October 2023 = 58** from 54 in October 2022.

We welcomed **7** new people into membership during the course of 2023

Sadly during the course of 2023, one member passed away and two left the Church.

On our Current Address list, of those coming regularly, we have:

65 Adults, 19 Young People, 12 Children.

Total = 96

Church Council

It is important to remind the church members that the administrative and financial aspect of the church is run by the church council, comprising of myself as chairman, **Peter Osei** Church Treasurer, **Niyi Olaniyan**, as Council Secretary, **Zeegler Fernandes** joined during the year as a Council Member and **Clive Loveday** stepped down from Council Membership in May 2023.

Joel Gaddam was invited by **Malcolm Macqueen** to attend a Council meeting for him to consider whether he would like to become a Council member. I await Joel's decision.

I want to thank **Clive** for his input and contribution which he made while he was a Council member.

I express my appreciation to each of the council members for their willingness to participate in the work of the council.

I want to particularly appreciate our treasurer, **Peter Osei** and our Secretary **Niyi Olaniyan** for their diligence and commitment as the roles requires they fulfil.

Council membership mustn't be seen as being for an indefinite period of time but is flexible depending on the changing pressures and responsibilities people face today.

We have an "in-person" meeting approximately every two months at the manse, usually on a Monday evening.

Ordination of Deacons

On Sunday 10th December, after the morning service, an Ordination Service took place when Pastor Malcolm Macqueen read from I Timothy 3:8-13 outlining the Biblical qualifications and responsibilities required in order to become a Deacon in the Church.

Ben Sonoiki, together with his wife Bisola, Joshua Thomas, together with his wife Vidhya and Piotr Bryniak, together with his wife Aneta, were ordained, and hands were laid on them and prayed over, that the Lord would strengthen them and give them wisdom to fulfil their God given responsibilities.

Meetings and attendance

Zoom Prayer Meetings & Thursday Bible Study.

We continue to have our three mid-week meetings on Zoom. This platform affords people the opportunity to join from the comfort of their own homes without having to physically come to the Church building.

These meetings have proved vital in keeping us connected and have allowed some people to be able to join us, who weren't able to attend in person when we met at the Church for our weekly Bible studies or our fortnightly home Prayer meetings.

Sunday Morning Meeting.

Our Sunday morning meetings continue to be well attended and we experience the “good problem” of the Church being filled to capacity on a regular basis. Our thoughts are therefore drawn to what we must do to address this situation.

Church growth ‘experts’, say that once a church reaches 85% capacity of its seating capacity, it’s time to consider moving to larger facilities. It’s the Lord Jesus who is building His Church and we need to actively trust Him to lead and guide us in the coming year for a larger venue in which to meet.

On a Personal Front

In May 2023, we celebrated our 20th anniversary of being in the church here in Swindon. The Lord has been extremely faithful to Marion and myself, and He has done great things for us personally and as a church in this period of time. There has been a steady numerical growth over these years and the church has become truly international, as the flags on the walls of the church indicate.

I celebrated my 75th birthday in September this year and do thank the Lord for His grace, strength and good health He has given to me.

Marion and I continue to enjoy fulfilling our role in serving our church community. Being involved in ministry affords us a unique platform of seeing new physical and spiritual life being born, and having the privilege of being involved in the lives of people in their spiritual and physical journeys through life and the challenges each one of us face.

As I mentioned in my last year’s Chairman’s Report, Marion and I are considering our future and the prospect of retirement. The baton of leadership and responsibility will have to be handed over at some stage and we are prayerfully looking to the Lord. Getting the transition right is so important.

Our family here, and in South Africa are a source of joy to us. Seeing our sons established and serving the Lord together with their wives is comforting to us. Our five grandchildren are all growing up, each with his and her own personalities and abilities.

Thank you for your love and support which you have all shown to Marion and myself throughout this year.

In Conclusion

As we reflected on the year that has passed, we look ahead into a world at war with itself. The cliché that “Jesus is coming soon” has moved from cliché to reality as we see the signs of the times before our eyes. As children of God, we hear ourselves exclaiming the words of Revelation 22:20 “Even so come Lord Jesus”.

May the things happening around us, not dampen or dull the fire within us. Let us look forward with expectation and excitement in our hearts to the great things the Lord has in store and allow Him to continue to **renovate**, **renew**, **reprogram**, and **reinvigorate** our minds to bring about the spiritual growth and development that is so needed.

Philippians 1:3 *I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,*
6 *Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:*

Malcolm Macqueen

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25.04.2024

**THE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
KING'S CHRISTIAN CENTRE
KING WILLIAM STREET
SWINDON
WILTSHIRE**

**REGISTERED NUMBER
1050649**

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2023**

THE ASSEMBLY OF GOD

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED TO 31ST OCTOBER 2023

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31st October 2023.

The charity's principal activities comprise Church activities and the advancement of the Christian faith. Its charity registered number is 1050649.

Review of Results

The charity benefits from generous offerings from various individuals and these funds have been applied to furthering the Church's objects.

Risk Assessment

Risk assessment is an ongoing management process within the Church although no significant areas of risk have so far been identified which may prove detrimental to the principles and values of the charity.

Trustees

The following served as trustees of the charity during the year:

Peter Osei

Zeegler Fernandes

Clive Loveday (Resigned)

Ewen William Malcolm Macqueen

Dr. Olaniyi Benjamin Olaniyan

Public Benefit

The Charity's aims as stated to the Charity Commission are the advancement of the Christian faith. These objects are pursued without reference to gender, social class or any other criteria.

We have referred to the guidance in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular our achievements demonstrate how planned activities have benefited the public.

Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Follow applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On Behalf of the Trustees

Dated 7th February 2024

THE ASSEMBLY OF GOD

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

To the trustees of The Assembly of God.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Trustees' responsibilities for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities.

You 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 state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Sect:

- Examine the financial statements 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 Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and the seeking of 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 financial statements 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 financial statements which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
- (2) to which., in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Chris Vaughan
Accountants
195 Ermin Street
Stratton St Margaret
Swindon
SN3 4NA

7th February 2024

THE ASSEMBLY OF GOD

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2023**

	<u>Note</u>	2023 <u>12 months</u>	2022 <u>12 months</u>
		Unrestricted Funds <u>General</u>	Unrestricted Funds <u>General</u>
<u>Incoming Resources</u>			
Donations and Gifts	2	524115	63210
Investment Income		69	27
		_____	_____
Total Incoming Resources		£ <u>524184</u>	£ <u>63237</u>
<u>Resources Expended</u>	2		
Gospel Ministry		£ <u>69517</u>	£ <u>64216</u>
Net Income/Expenditure for the Year		454667	(979)
Fund Balance Brought Forward		571056	572035
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Fund Balance Carried Forward		£ <u>1025723</u>	£ <u>571056</u>

THE ASSEMBLY OF GOD

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST OCTOBER 2023

	<u>Note</u>		<u>2022</u>
<u>TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS</u>	3	689724	689765
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
Cash at Bank and in Hand		336242	23898
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<u>CREDITORS: Amounts falling due</u>			
<u>within one year</u>	5	<u>£490</u>	<u>£9479</u>
<u>NET CURRENT ASSETS</u>		335999	14652
<u>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		<u>1025723</u>	<u>704417</u>
<u>CREDITORS: Amounts falling due</u>			
<u>after more than one year</u>	6	-	(133361)
<u>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		<u>£1025723</u>	<u>£571056</u>
<u>RESERVES</u>			
Unrestricted Funds		1075723	571056
		<u>£1075723</u>	<u>£571056</u>

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Incoming Resources

Donations and Gifts	£524115	£63210
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Resources Expended

Gospel Ministry:

Salaries	24557	23672
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Repairs and Renewals	6099	4777
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Headquarters	2337	2337
Youth Programme	330	978
Bank Charges and Interest	8729	7154
Miscellaneous Expenses	2325	2504
Depreciation	41	68
	<u>£69517</u>	<u>£64216</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Freehold Property</u>	<u>Furniture And Fixtures</u>
Cost			
At 1st November 2022	<u>£697393</u>	<u>£689561</u>	<u>£7832</u>
Depreciation			
Cumulative to 1st November 2022	7628		7628
Charge for Year	<u>41</u>	-	<u>41</u>
	<u>£7669</u>	<u>£-</u>	<u>£7669</u>
Net Book Amount			
At 31st October 2023	<u>£689724</u>	<u>£689561</u>	<u>£163</u>
At 31st October 2022	<u>£689765</u>	<u>£689561</u>	<u>£204</u>

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4. DEBTORS

Prepayments	<u>£247</u>	<u>£233</u>
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5. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

Bank Loan	-	9000
Taxation and Social Security Costs	<u>490</u>	<u>479</u>
	<u>£490</u>	<u>£9479</u>

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**THE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
KING'S CHRISTIAN CENTRE
KING WILLIAM STREET
SWINDON
WILTSHIRE**

**REGISTERED NUMBER
1050649**

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2023**

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED TO 31ST OCTOBER 2023

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31st October 2023.

The charity's principal activities comprise Church activities and the advancement of the Christian faith. Its charity registered number is 1050649.

Review of Results

The charity benefits from generous offerings from various individuals and these funds have been applied to furthering the Church's objects.

Risk Assessment

Risk assessment is an ongoing management process within the Church although no significant areas of risk have so far been identified which may prove detrimental to the principles and values of the charity.

Trustees

The following served as trustees of the charity during the year:

Peter Osei

Zeegler Fernandes

Clive Loveday (Resigned)

Ewen William Malcolm Macqueen

Dr. Olaniyi Benjamin Olaniyan

Public Benefit

The Charity's aims as stated to the Charity Commission are the advancement of the Christian faith. These objects are pursued without reference to gender, social class or any other criteria.

We have referred to the guidance in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular our achievements demonstrate how planned activities have benefited the public.

Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Follow applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On Behalf of the Trustees

Dated 7th February 2024

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

To the trustees of The Assembly of God.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Trustees' responsibilities for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities.

You 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 state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Sect:

- Examine the financial statements 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 Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and the seeking of 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 financial statements 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 financial statements which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
- (2) to which., in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Chris Vaughan
Accountants
195 Ermin Street
Stratton St Margaret
Swindon
SN3 4NA

7th February 2024

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2023**

	<u>Note</u>	2023 <u>12 months</u>	2022 <u>12 months</u>
		Unrestricted Funds <u>General</u>	Unrestricted Funds <u>General</u>
<u>Incoming Resources</u>			
Donations and Gifts	2	524115	63210
Investment Income		69	27
		_____	_____
Total Incoming Resources		£ <u>524184</u>	£ <u>63237</u>
<u>Resources Expended</u>	2		
Gospel Ministry		£ <u>69517</u>	£ <u>64216</u>
Net Income/Expenditure for the Year		454667	(979)
Fund Balance Brought Forward		571056	572035
		_____	_____
Fund Balance Carried Forward		£ <u>1025723</u>	£ <u>571056</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST OCTOBER 2023

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