

LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH (WARWICKSHIRE)

England & Wales · Charity number 1052019

Details

Other names LEAMINGTON PENTECOSTAL CHURCH, LPC

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1996-01-16

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CHURCH ("THE OBJECTS") ARE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC:(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.

Activities: The charity's objects are set out by the trust deed as:1. the advancement of the Christian faith2. the relief of sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health bythe provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision ofcounselling and support3. the advancement of education

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN PRACTICE LEAMINGTON SPA
- Warwickshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£167,515	£159,105	-	-
2024-06-30	£159,225	£132,890	-	-
2023-06-30	£135,957	£130,414	-	-
2022-06-30	£121,138	£130,752	-	-
2021-06-30	£93,699	£91,531	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev DAVID MICHAEL BOLTON	Chair	2012-05-25
David Onyekwe		2013-12-09
Modupe Veronica Yusuf		2025-10-15

Accounts



Annual Accounting Statement
For the twelve months ending 30 June 2025

Registered charity number: 1052019
Charity Name: Life Community Church (Warwickshire)
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Legal and Administrative Information

Legal Charity Name:	Life Community Church (Warwickshire)
Known as:	"Life Community Church" or "LCC"
Charity Web Site:	www.life-cc.org
Registered charity number:	1052019
For financial year commencing:	1 July 2024
For financial year ending on:	30 June 2025
Charity's Principal Address:	Charlotte Street, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire. CV31 3EB
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Independent Examiner	Grace Accounting Coventry 

Trustees' Annual Report

Report to the trustees of Life Community Church

The Trustees present their Annual Report together with the externally examined financial statements of Life Community Church for the year ended 30th June 2025. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity, and the charity's governing document.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Governing Documents

The Church's governing document is the "Model Constitution with Trust Deed for Local Assemblies of God" dated 6th May 2012.

Life Community Church (Warwickshire) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission with registration number 1052019. The church is a member of the Assemblies of God in Great Britain, and the Evangelical Alliance.

Trustees

The Trustees of the Church are responsible for the day-to-day management of the Church's business in accordance with the Church's objects.

Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted, if not for whole year
David Bolton	Chairman, Trustee / Holding Trustee	
David Onyekwe	Treasurer / Trustee / Holding Trustee	
Peter Stephanis	Trustee	
Peter Gale	Holding Trustee	
Richard Norton	Holding Trustee	

The Trustees meet approximately 4-8 times per year, to discuss a full range of matters relating to the life of the church including activities, finance, fabric, general administration, the implementation of the church constitution, and church membership. Decision making happens either through a simple majority vote in a meeting (a quorum being the highest of 3 or a third of the Trustees present) or by a written resolution and signed by all the Trustees.

One of the Church's Trustees receives remuneration for their employed position in the ministry. In compliance with Charity Commission guidelines, a greater proportion of Trustees are voluntary and receive no benefits or remuneration in connection with their duties. Also, David and Leanne Bolton are related parties in that they are married and serve as Co-Pastors of the Church, whilst individually receiving remuneration. However, Leanne does not actively serve on the Trustee Board.

Appointment of Trustees

The Church Council and Trustees of the Church identify suitable candidates, who are then invited to serve as Trustees. Their suitability for this role would be based mainly on their commitment to the Church, demonstrated by membership (or partnership), regular attendance and a high degree of involvement. Potential candidates are not appointed as Trustees due to any particular professional competence that they may be able to bring, although the Trustees do seek to ensure that an appropriate mix of skills are represented to help the charity identify and manage risks that might be faced by the Church. The induction

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and training process for a newly appointed Trustee, will include them having mentoring conversations with the Senior Pastor, to review their role and to seek to understand any training needs. They will also receive copies of the following documents:

- The charity's Constitution with Trust Deed
- The most recent financial statements
- Recent minutes
- Suitable Charity Commission guidance, such as CC10 "Hallmarks of a well-run charity", CC3 "The Essential Trustee" and guidance noted on "The Advancement of Religion for Public Benefit".

Holding Trustees

Holding Trustees are individuals appointed to hold the property of the charity. They can only act on the lawful instructions of the charity Trustees and in accordance with any provisions contained in the governing document.

Church Elders

The church elders are:

Name	Role (if any)	Dates acted, if not for whole year
David Bolton	Chair with oversight of vision, teaching, pastoral care & administration	
Leanne Bolton	Oversight of worship, children's and youth ministry, and evangelism	
Friday Ehiguese	Minister in Training with AoG	
David Onyekwe	Oversight of Finance	

Church Members (Partners)

Church membership (or Partnership) is open to any individual who:

- By grace has exhibited saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and
- Desires to worship and serve God in the context of the statement of "What we Believe" as set out by the Assemblies of God in Great Britain, and
- Is committed to promoting the church's objects.

Church Members share in providing for the finances, administration, maintenance, and activities of the church.

Risk Management

The Church's primary concern and objective is the glory of God. Whilst it is the Church's policy to trust wholly in the Lord that He will work out His purpose to this end, the Church also acknowledges that it has a responsibility both as individual members and as a body of members, for the identification and proper management of risks faced by the church in achieving its primary aim.

The Trustees have therefore sought to assess the major risks to which the Church is exposed, particularly those relating to the specific operational areas of the Church, its investments, and its finances. The Trustees believe that, by monitoring reserve levels, by ensuring that controls exist over key financial systems, and by

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examining the operational risks faced by the Church, it has established effective systems and procedures to mitigate those risks.

Controls used by the charity include:

- Formal agendas for all Board activities
- Strategic planning, budgeting and management accounting
- Formal written policies
- Memorandums of Understanding with partner organisations
- Clear authorisation and appraisal levels

Accounts Preparation

The accounts are prepared on a Receipts and Payments Basis.

Objectives and Activities

Objectives

In accordance with the Constitution, the church's purposes (or objects) for the benefit of the public, are:

1. To advance the Christian Faith.
2. 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.
3. To advance education in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think fit.

The Trustees do not believe that it is possible to accurately report on the individual performance of the 3 parts of the objectives above, as they are intrinsically linked, and therefore impossible to account for independently. The Trustees believe that doing so, would portray an inaccurate representation of the charity's achievements.

We are confident that we have tried to equip ordinary people from a wide variety of diverse backgrounds, to grow in their faith within the local community through:

- Provision of Sunday Services where anyone in the community is welcome, and can have an opportunity to worship, pray and hear teaching that can positively equip them in their lives.
- Provision of courses such as "Discovery Course", "H.A.B.I.T.S. Course" and "Practicing the Way", where people can discover more about the Christian Faith, as well as to develop those beliefs even further.
- Provision of "Life Groups", which are small groups designed to help people build relationships of support and care, and to provide an opportunity for them to grow in their faith.
- Provision of "Messy Church" events, designed to engage with people of all ages from the local community, to build relationships, provide a free meal, whilst teaching some basics of the Christian faith.
- Pastoral Care for people living in the local community, who may need guidance, support or simply an encouraging "listening ear".
- Provision of a Community Café to provide a free warm and safe space for people from the wider community to connect with others and make new friends over coffee and cake. This provides an opportunity for people to explore initial conversations of faith.
- Missionary and outreach work to help promote the faith, and to educate around finances and hardship.
- Sign-posting other organisations and ministries with shared values, to help work in partnership with others.

The Trustees are confident that with the comprehensive provision of activities to people of all age ranges and diverse backgrounds, the charity does provide benefit to the public. The Trustees and Elders of Life Community Church are confident that the church has advanced the objectives.

Public Benefit Statement

The previous section of this report, entitled "Objectives", sets out the aims and priorities of the charity.

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When planning our activities for this year, the Trustees and Church Leaders have considered both the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, and the further specific guidance contained within "The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit". We have concluded that we have had due regard to the guidance in exercising our powers, and so:

1. The aims of the organisation continue to be charitable.
2. The aims and work done give identifiable benefits to the charitable sector, and both indirectly and directly to individuals in need.
3. The benefits are for the public, are not unreasonably restricted in any way, and certainly not by ability to pay.
4. There is no harm or detriment arising from the aims or activities.

Achievements and Performance

Life Community Church is an independent church and is affiliated to the Assemblies of God of Great Britain. The congregation is composed of a wide range of ethnicities and backgrounds from across Leamington Spa and the surrounding areas and caters for all age groups. The Church has maintained a presence in the town since 1937, and by God's grace, we continue to build on the work of previous generations. The Trustees are truly thankful to the great and growing number of volunteers who serve on teams to help Life Community Church outwork its objectives.

Performance Against Objectives

Life Community Church meets its objectives through the delivery of activities both on a Sunday, and during the rest of the week. During the main Sunday ministry, the congregation will gather for worship and teaching. The congregation will then outwork the benefit of that teaching, in both quantifiable and often non-quantifiable ways, in their everyday life within the local community, as well as through the various ministries in the life of the Church.

Sunday Ministry

Sundays play a key part in the life of the church, and our Sunday Morning Family Service plays a central role in helping us to meet our aims. Over the course of the year, the teaching team gave various series to positively equip people to live out the Christian faith every day. Messages over the year included:

- "Shine Like Stars" – A teaching series looking at key themes from the book of Philippians.
- "Follow Me" – A deep dive to look at what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.
- "The Cost of Christmas" – an advent teaching series
- "Ready to Run" – A series to kick start the new year with teaching on Prayer & Fasting
- "Stretch and Strengthen" – Our Vision Series for 2025.
- "Following and Fishing" – Learning from the life of St. Paul by exploring his Missionary Journeys.
- "Take a Step" – Exploring the key steps of following Jesus.
- "What Matters Most" – A teaching series to understand LCC's values, especially as we look to moving Sunday Gatherings to a larger venue.
- "Hello Holy Spirit" – A teaching series on the person and purpose of the Holy Spirit.

We were delighted to also receive ministry from the following guest speakers:

- Ps. Misheck Manhanha (in November, from !Audacious Church, Manchester and AoG's Church Planting Director)

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- Rev. Raj Kaul (in March, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association – God Loves You Tour Regional Coordinator)
- Ps. Stephen Gachengo (in May, Senior Pastor of Harvesters Christian Church in Nairobi, Kenya, and the Coordinator for CTMI, East Africa)
- Ps. Jon Froggett (in June, from Christian Life Centre, Rugby)

Sunday ministry also included:

- Kids' Take-over services in September and June. These services are when children and young people take over most of the roles during the service and on serving teams. They are really encouraging times, as we continue to see younger people step up, grow in confidence and gift, to serve us all so well.
- Family Services during our key times of the year such as Father's Day, Christmas and Mother's Day.
- Several messages from key Partners of LCC, namely Friday Ehiguese and Cathryn Myers. We also heard various interviews from Partners of LCC.

The church continues to livestream all our services onto Facebook and YouTube. This means that those from the church family who cannot attend in-person, can also join in live or on catch-up. We have heard from several people, how they can no longer attend due to age and ill health but watch regularly from home: a genuine lifeline for them. Also, others can watch when away or travelling and still feel connected. Our online presence has now become the new "shop window" for people to connect with the church, before visiting us for the first time. It has become a vital tool to help us reach new people.

We had two baptism services during the year. In October it was fantastic to see **4 people get baptised**, of different age groups. Then on Easter Sunday we saw **2 more people get baptised**, and going public in their faith, confessing Jesus Christ as Lord of their lives.

Making Space for Growth

The church continued to grow throughout this period, and so the Leadership Team started to explore other possible venues for our Sunday Gatherings. It was decided to take our Christmas Carol Service out of Charlotte Street into a new venue to trial a bigger space for the first time in years. We were allowed to rent the Jubilee Centre in Sydenham and had a great time with the local community. After much prayer and research we approached the leadership of the Jubilee Centre to explore a regular booking on a Sunday to hold our weekly services. This is a great win for both churches, and it gives us breathing space to grow, whilst still owning our offices and LCC centre at Charlotte Street as a home for ministry. We'd like to express our thanks to the leadership of Jubilee Church for allowing us to hire their venue. We'd also like to thank all the volunteers for their time and attention with training to help make the move a great success. Also, a big thank you to the wider church family for their willingness to embrace something new for the benefit of reaching the wider community.

Engagement, Service and Discipleship

The "Next Steps Journey" course is designed to help new guests (or the existing church congregation) meet some of the team, and to understand the church's mission, vision, and values. Over three sessions, they can "discover family and find their fit". This means that participants can learn more about LCC, explore their gifts and talents, and understand how to get more involved in the church through groups and teams. Attendees are encouraged to then pray and see if the Lord is leading them to make LCC their spiritual home. This has proven to be a highly successful method to engage new people and to also find out how

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we can serve them better. Throughout the course of the year, we have seen **11 people become Partners at LCC, choosing to make the church their spiritual home.**

We are so thankful to the many volunteers who serve on teams throughout the life of the church. Many serve on a Sunday, as well as on teams throughout the week. These are the heroes who always go above and beyond, to serve the needs of others. Our volunteers are the life blood of the church, and their selflessness really does make a difference to the lives of many people. Whether it has been teaching, playing in the worship team, leading a Life Group, calling and connecting with members of the church, pastoral visits and calls, serving on hospitality, hosting kid's work, the list goes on. **On behalf of the Leadership Team, I wish to thank you for all your commitment and hard work. You really are making an impact in the lives of the church family and wider community!**

Throughout this year, we have endeavoured to provide opportunities for people in the church to grow as disciples of Jesus. This has been outworked through the provision of 1:1 mentoring and pastoral sessions, our Life Groups, Leadership Development and courses such as "H.A.B.I.T.S." and "Practicing the Way".

Children, Youth and Families

We have 2 ministries in the life of the church that cater to children and young people – Sunday Stars (school years reception to year 5) and Elevate (school years 6+). We also aim to serve the children's respective families, as well as to reach out to other families within the local community.

Cathryn Myers, our Children's Ministry Leader, and her wider team have done a fantastic job in teaching and leading our children and young people. Here's a brief summary, **provided by Cathryn:**

Sunday Stars:

- Around 6 regular attendees
- The move to the Jubilee Centre in June 2025 meant that with a new space, items had to be purchased for the room set up, and the team were trained.
- We continued to learn about the Bible, with engaging and fun activities.
- The team met regularly to reflect on Sunday Stars, make improvements and to pray.
- Sunday Stars children, parents and team had a social to Jephson Gardens for a picnic and to use the pedaloes.
- The Sunday Stars performed their Christmas presentation at the Community Carol service

Elevate:

- With a team of 4, we currently have about 10 young people regularly attending on Friday Nights.
- During the period there were team meetings to help us reflect and improve on the ministry, a Summer Social at the Fun fair (with ice creams!) in the Summer, and a Bowling social. We also had a Neon Party in 2024 as an outreach where the young people invited friends, resulting in 30 people in attendance – our highest yet!
- We attended events outside of LCC, including: Limitless Youth Festival August 2024 with 6 young people and 2 leaders with thousands from UK; Thrive Base event evening (worship and teaching); Awaken AOG Youth conference day; and Pursuit of Worship youth event with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association
- The Youth performed a Christmas presentation at the Community Carol service.

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- The church paid for 2 young people and Cathryn to attend the Young Lions Leadership Development weekend away. This is a part of AoG's leadership development programme for young people, consisting of a weekend of input, worship, workshops, and team building.

General:

- We're seeing more involvement from the children and young people in our family services, Kids' Take-over services and the Christmas Carol Service for the community. There is a high participation from the Elevate ministry.
- We have an annual Prize giving opportunity on a Sunday, during which Christian books are given to under 18s to encourage them and to help them grow.

Hopes/prayer points for Young People:

Please pray for:

- Growth of young people
- Growth of the team
- More opportunities for events with other young people
- Young people to grow in faith and discipleship
- Young people to grow in leadership

Messy Church Impact of ministry:

- We held our second Messy Church outreach in July 2024 and in total, hosted 5 Messy Church events from July 2024 to June 2025 (taking place almost every other month)
- Around 48 families attended Messy Church events with around 26 returning families.
- The Gospel message is given at each event, and a tract or book is given at Christmas, Easter and October.
- The attendees are offered a free event with craft activities related to the Bible, with a story or theme shared in the message, along with songs, games and a meal provided at every event by church volunteers.
- Many conversations are had with people from the community who either practice the Christian faith, have no faith (currently) or maybe practicing another religion.
- The event runs with a team of 15 people who support.
- Cathryn met with the staff member at Kingsway Children's centre who now promotes all of our messy church events.

Hopes/prayer points for Messy Church:

Please pray for:

- Continuation of high attendance of community and team at Messy Church
- More people and children to respond to the Gospel message
- More conversations about faith
- The team to step out in spiritual gifts

Kingsway Primary School:

- We had our first visit from Kingsway Primary school and St. Patrick's to Life Community Church for a Christmas outreach event in 2024 - around 170 children plus around 46 staff members
- Kingsway returned for an Easter event in 2025, with around 100 children and 16 staff.
- Learning activities took place about Christmas and Easter with songs, and a Gospel message was shared.

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- Good conversations with teachers took place, and we had a great team!

Hopes/prayer points Schools Outreach:

Please pray for:

- More opportunities for Kingsway to come to LCC to learn about Easter and Christmas and at other points of the year
- Continued strong relationship with the school
- Possible school connections in the Sydenham area to be formed, as we reach out this year.

The Trustees would like to thank Cathryn and the whole children's and youth teams for the amazing work they have done by equipping our children and young people and reach out to families in the community. We stand amazed, encouraged and thrilled at what the Lord is doing, as we see young and old serving side-by-side together in ministry!

Life Groups

Life Groups have also been a vital way for people in the church to connect with others, care for each other and grow together. They ran termly, three times a year, with an official start and end date, so people could attend for a season (if life is busy), or swap groups if they would like. Life Groups were open to attendees of LCC as well as the wider community to sign-up to. On average, seven groups ran per term, catering for different ages, and with each group having a unique focus. We would like to say a huge thank you to all the Life Group leaders who have served to connect, care, and help disciple people in the Christian faith. **Life Groups changed to a new model, Life Communities, in the Autumn of 2025 for members of Life Community Church,** with a stronger emphasis on community and discipleship.

Corporate Prayer

Prayer continues to be a priority in the life of the church, as we seek to encourage people to gather in different settings to pray together. We still held our Monday morning prayer group (led by Peter and the late Anne Gale, who sadly passed away in May 2025) who meet to pray for requests both within the church family and now coming in from the community from the website and social media. Our Pre-Service Prayer meeting on a Sunday morning is gathering real momentum. At 9:45am on a weekly basis, everyone serving on team is asked to gather for a short time of prayer and encouragement to commit our morning to the Lord. People from the wider church family are also encouraged to come along. This continues to be an important and significant time together.

"Encounter Nights" continue to take place on the first Thursday of each month. This evening seeks to provide a time of extended worship and prayer. We are encouraged by the engagement of these evenings.

Seasons of Prayer and Fasting within the church, are significant and vital times for us to pause and to seek God in various settings. During this period, we held our annual "21 Days of Prayer and Fasting" towards the start of the year in January. We are thrilled by the engagement of people as they set aside time to pray individually as well as corporately on Zoom and in-person. It is no surprise that the impact of these seasons is always evident in the life of the church!

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Care Home Outreach

Sandra Middleton is our Care Home Outreach Team leader. Here is a brief summary on LCC's visits to Gainsborough Hall:

Sandra writes...

Since January 2023, Life Community Church has been involved in bringing the Gospel to the residents of Gainsborough Hall Retirement Home, through our monthly meetings, and annual Christmas Carol Services. Throughout most of the period between July 2024 to June 2025, Peter Gale and I taught on the Parables of Jesus and the Gospel of Matthew. Later we started to study the Psalms. Beverley Archer was a great asset by meeting the practical needs of our group, by distributing Bibles, finding the right page to read from, providing drinks etc.

We usually have between 8 to 10 residents at the meetings, and most are in various stages of dementia. The staff are very supportive and on occasions have joined us for the Bible Study. Our vision at Gainsborough Hall is to open the scriptures to people who may be hearing them for the first time, or have forgotten their Sunday school days. We would like to see these elderly people come to faith in Jesus and so we must be very clear and explain things in a basic way. One testimony is that a gentleman came back to faith before he died. Another lady who was with us from the start, put her hand up when we gave an appeal, but sadly she is not in the group at the moment and stays in her room – please pray for her. Another lovely man asked if he could take a Bible to read in his room, and he says he believes.

In the next season going forwards, we would like to see more positive interest as souls need saving. We are pleased that residents and staff support this ministry. They all need our prayers. We have performed 3 Carol services at the Home so far. At our December 2024 Carol Service, we had over 40 residents and families attend with 19 of us from LCC taking part. It is always a good opportunity to bring the gospel through songs, poetry, testimony, and Peter brings a 10 minute talk to sum it all up. We enjoy our visits to Gainsborough Hall and hope they continue in the future.

Community Café Outreach

Here is a report on LCC's Community Café by Sandra Middleton (Team Leader):

Sandra writes...

Ever since the cafe opened, our aim was to provide a safe, friendly and relaxing Christian atmosphere for everyone who attends. As volunteers, we mingle with the guests, offering prayer or a listening ear, if required. We have a variety of Christian literature on our display table, and anyone is welcome to take books away or read them at the table over cake and coffee. We also have a prayer box on display where people can write out any requests and put them into the box. On a Monday morning during the Prayer Meeting, we read out the items so we can include them in our prayers.

80% of our visitors are Christ followers from LCC or other Churches, but everyone seems to enjoy the warm atmosphere that we provide. The food and drink continue to be home made/ provided by the volunteers and we are happy to do this as part of our Christian giving. Numbers vary, and we get between 7 to 17 visitors arriving at the cafe each time.

Our hope going forward is that we see people impacted spiritually by reading our Christian literature and by the service we offer through prayer, a listening ear and serving others in Love.

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Pastoral Care Team

Here is a report on LCC's Pastoral Care Team by Sandra Middleton (Team Leader):

Sandra writes...

Between July 2024 to June 2025, there were 5 of us on the Pastoral Care Team. We meet every 3 months to discuss any problems, share people's needs (if not confidential) and pray. Most people who ask for prayer just need reassurance and encouragement, whilst some need ongoing support. We do this through phone calls, prayer and house visits. We have a number of people connected to LCC, who find it difficult to attend Church due to health issues, lack of confidence since COVID, or just find it more comfortable viewing the Church service online. These Pastoral visits are a good opportunity to have fellowship together, and people enjoy our visits.

Since last year we have enjoyed new people coming and staying at LCC. I suggested to Pastor Dave that our Team should have photo Ids, or that we should wear lanyards in Church to identify the members of the Pastoral Care Team if they need to talk to us. Pastor Dave will also direct anyone to us if necessary. As we go forward and LCC grows, hopefully we can continue to support anyone who needs support, encouragement, reassurance and prayer.

Missions and Partnerships

The church seeks to partner and build relationships with other organisations who share an affinity with our charity's objectives and values. We realise that more can be achieved in partnership than in isolation, and so we seek to partner through signposting and offering support through prayer, finance and volunteers. To help us achieve this, the church tithes on its income to produce an annual missions' budget (10% of the previous year's income as a minimum), whose expenditure is allocated to other organisations or individuals (e.g. Missions Partners) or needs as they arise. The table below, is a breakdown of our annual mission's expenditure for the Financial Year 2024-25.

Table: Church Spending on Missions' Partnerships in 2024-25

Thrive Youth Ministry (exists to help local churches be more effective in reaching out to young people and discipling them in the Christian faith).	£300	Warwick University Christian Union (helping them with their annual outreach to reach more Students with the good news of Jesus Christ, on campus).	£500
Christians Against Poverty, Debt Centre (based at St. Mary's Church)	£3,000	LCC Hardship Fund (This fund is available to people in the church family facing crisis or hardship).	£2,000
Street Pastors (work with other organisations to practically help vulnerable people under the influence of drink or drugs, or homeless, or disorientated by mental illness, or the young, lost or lonely).	£200	Christmas Appeal (see below) Christmas Hampers Operation Christmas Child – shoebox appeal (Samaritan's Purse)	£614 £3,120
Warwick District Foodbank (exists to provide emergency food and support to people facing hardship, and campaign for change to end the need for food banks in the UK).	£700	Hope For Justice (exists to bring an end to modern slavery by preventing exploitation, rescuing victims, restoring lives, and reforming society).	£800
Jews for Jesus (exists to support Jews in exploring Jewish life with faith in Jesus).	£1,600	Children's Bible Camp in Poland (via Siloam Christian Ministries)	£700

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Heart Transformation Ministry (Seth Copeland's Ministry to Uganda & Zambia: £1,000; and £2,000 for Siloam Gospel clinic and church roof in Ghana –via Siloam Christian Ministries)	£3,000	Missions Trip to Ghana (Partnering with Seth & Heart Transformation Ministry to equip churches to make disciples in Ghana)	£1,321
Empart UK (Reaching the lost in South Asia)	£1,000	Other: Churches Together, Leamington Spa	£200
TOTAL			£19,055

At Christmas, we launched our annual Christmas appeal, seeking to give to those in need in the local community and overseas. This year, working in partnership with local schools, we were able to distribute **20** food hampers to families most in need. Also, participating in Operation Christmas Child, we were able to send off **104** shoeboxes to children around the world, containing toys, hygiene products and gospel literature. This was amazing, and we were so thankful to the generosity of the church, to be able to bless people in need at this time of year!

Venue Hire:

We continue to see a gradual increase in demand for the hire of the centre for small meetings and groups. We currently only offer the Life Lounge and Kitchen for hire, as this is helpful from a logistics perspective. During this year, we are pleased to report that LCC earned £3,723 from venue hire within the local community, compared with £1,608 (FY: 23-24), an increase of £2,115 (131.5%) YoY.

Financial Review

Financial Activity and Financial Position

Current Financial Review from 1st July 2024 to 30th June 2025

The main sources of funding for the Church are the free will offerings of Church members and income tax recovered under the Gift Aid scheme.

Due to the financial threshold in which the Church fell this year, the charity's accounts have been prepared on a "receipts and payments" basis. In the "Independent Examiners Report on the Annual Accounts" found on the subsequent pages of this document, you can read the Statement of Financial Activities for the Accounts as well as a Summary Statement of Assets. A comparison of the current and previous Financial Year now follows:

- **Total Church Income increased by £8,290** from £159,225 to **£167,515** (increase of 5.2%)
- **Gift Aid** continues to really benefit the church, with **£29,540 reclaimed from HMRC** through Gift Aid donations. This is an **increase of 6.1%** (£1,710) from last year's reclaim of £27,830. This year, our total donations have increased, and the percentage of gift aided donations has also increased. To illustrate, **our total donations (ex. GA) for this year were £132,406** (cf. £128,401 in FY:2023-24). However, of this **gift-aided donations this year rose to £110,210 or 83.2% of total donations** (cf. FY:2023-24 £105,213 or 81.9%).

Trustees' Annual Report

Report to the trustees of Life Community Church

- With people carrying less cash these days, electronic giving (i.e. card payments on a Sunday through our website, or standing orders) continues to be a popular method for donations. This past Financial Year, we saw giving continue to switch to electronic means. **Electronic giving was £127,570** (compared with FY:23-24 £119,148 excluding Gift Aid); **an increase of £8,423 or 7.1% Year on Year**. Also, this year the split of electronic giving to cash giving was 91.4% vs 8.6% (compared with FY 23-24: 89.1% vs 10.9%, excluding Gift Aid). This is helpful to the church, as it means that less cash is being physically handled by the offering counters for various reasons including security. Also, electronic giving methods reduce the time and administration of processing cash payments but also facilitate the ease and speed for people to donate. **Standing Orders remain the Church's preferred option of giving**, as there are no charges incurred with this method.
- **Vision Offering 2025**: On 23rd February 2025, we held our Vision Day, during which we asked people to seek God to see what they might pledge to give in faith throughout the year towards this offering. The purpose of the offering was to make progress in the areas of Property, People, Planting, and Present Ministries and Mission. Below is a summary of what happened:
 - Total amount pledged (incl. Gift Aid): £31,166
 - Total amount received (incl. Gift Aid): £21,930 (and £14,744 during financial year)
 - This compares with the previous Vision Offering 2024, where people pledged £44,556 in total, and gave £32,773 altogether.
- **Expenditure**: Total spending for the year increased significantly by 19.7% (£26,215) from £132,890 (FY:23-24) to £159,105 (FY:24-25). This included Vision Offering spend to aid with the move to a larger location at the Jubilee Centre, whilst providing equipment to run midweek activities at the LCC Centre in Charlotte Street. Investment included a new stage, sound and media equipment and portable lighting (A total of £20,673 was spent on equipment within the financial year). Our total spend this financial year means:
 - more people have the opportunity to explore the Christian Faith due to a larger space on a Sunday and with continued focus on Evangelism within the local community;
 - the £19,055 spent on missions both locally, nationally and internationally has helped to relieve sickness, financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health. By working with our Partner organisations countless people have been helped. Education and Training has also helped other churches to be better equipped to reach out and help those in their local communities overseas;
 - as we continue to focus on making disciples, who make disciples through courses such as "Practicing the Way", that not only does the Christian Faith advance, but people become better equipped in their overall spiritual life, mental health and overall well-being.
- **End of Year Surplus**: Overall, the charity made a **surplus of £8,410**, but this largely represents an amount of unspent Vision Offering for the financial year, ear-marked for future spend.

Trustees' Annual Report

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Financial Position:

Cash at Bank: 30/06/202 5	£	122,225
Less		
Previous Missions Fund balances	£	-
AoG 3% balance	£	-
Unspent Vision Offerings	£	40,492
Unspent Vision80 Fund	£	32,875
Other commitments	£	-
Sub-Total	£	73,367
Balance	£	48,858
Essential Operating Expenditure for 2024-25 is c. :	£	62,637
Reserves Policy of 5 months OPEX would be c.:	£	26,100
FREE CASH POSITION: 30/06/202 5	£	22,758

The Trustees are pleased to report that no funds are materially in deficit, and we are instead, in a strong and healthy financial position, with the end of year free cash position being **£22,758** (after accounting for Reserves and unspent balances.)

We are so thankful to every person who gives within the life of the church. From regular donations in our weekly offerings, to those who gave sacrificially into our Vision 2025 offering, **the church Leadership Team and Trustees wish to express our deepest gratitude. Your giving is truly making a difference!**

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have examined the requirements for free reserves, i.e., those unrestricted funds not invested in tangible fixed assets. The Trustees consider that, given the nature of the Church's work, free reserves should be equivalent to approximately 5 months' routine general fund expenditure, plus committed future expenditure on other projects, where funds permit. The Trustees are of the opinion that this provides sufficient flexibility to cover temporary shortfalls of incoming resources and will allow the church to cope and respond to unforeseen emergencies whilst action plans are implemented. However, as income increases, the Trustees will look to increase this amount to provide a greater safeguard for the charity.

As of the end of the current financial year, **free reserves requirement for 5 months budgeted routine expenditure is c.£26,100**. This money will be held in the current account, and through regular monitoring the account will not be allowed to slip below this amount without actions being put in place to mitigate against any decline in income.

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Grants Policy

The Church makes grants, equivalent to 10% of its donated income annually, to support missionary endeavours both in the UK and abroad. This amount is transferred into the "designated account", known as the Mission Fund. The policy of the Church is to give grants on the basis that they are subject to annual review and only renewed based on meeting set criteria. These grants will either be donated as a "lump sum" or will be given on a monthly or quarterly basis. In addition, the Church makes donations for hardship at the discretion of the Eldership, to those in need within the Church.

Future Plans

We are excited about the future of LCC. We continue to put in place a strategy where mission is kept at the forefront of the church in terms of Evangelism and future Church Planting, along with discipleship pathways to help people grow in a relationship with Jesus Christ. We continue to develop leaders through a leadership development pipeline, and finances are strong. In 2024-25, we took a step of faith to move into a larger space for our Sunday gatherings (as we had outgrown the LCC Centre at Charlotte Street). As attendance and engagement continue to increase, we will prayerfully see what the Lord wants us to do in terms of Property, exploring the possibility of owning a larger venue in the future.

Again, we are thankful for the all the volunteers who give of their time and their money to make a significant contribution to the Church, and as we expand our volunteer base in the future, Life Community Church will seek to continue to make an impact, both locally and beyond.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Trustee's Statement

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report was approved has confirmed that:

- So far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant information of which the charity's Independent Examiner is unaware, and
- They have taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee to be aware of any information needed by the Independent Examiner in connection with preparing their report, and to establish that the charity's Independent Examiner is aware of that information.

This report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



16th April, 2026

David Bolton, Senior Pastor
Trustee

Date

Independent Examiners Report on the Annual Accounts

Report to the trustees of Life Community Church

Registered Charity number: 1052019

For accounts covering twelve-month period ended: 30 June 2025 prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and Independent Examiner

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

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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

Name: Matthew Davis (FCCA) Grace Accounting

Date: 16 April 2026

Address: Grace Accounting, Ryton on Dunsmore, Warwickshire

 **Grace Accounting**

Statement of Financial Activities

For the 12 month period to 30 June 2025

Life Community Church - Charity Number 1052019

Section A		Unrestricted Funds			
Receipts		Breakdown Using Own Analysis			
		2025	2025	2024	2024
Gifts & Voluntary Receipts	Gifts Tithes & Offerings	132,406		128,401	
	Income Tax Recovery on Gift Aid	29,540		27,830	
	Ministry Income	1,087		765	
			163,033		156,996
Receipts earned from assets	Room Hire Income	3,723		1,608	
			3,723		1,608
Other Receipts	Sundry Income	0		0	
	Interest Received (2025 treated as Designated)	0		621	
			0		621
TOTAL RECEIPTS			166,756		159,225
Payments		Breakdown Using Own Analysis			
		2025	2025	2024	2024
Ministry & Mission Payments	Ministry Salaries & Pensions	70,346		74,125	
	Teaching & Training	6,198		5,053	
	Outreach	4,337		1,238	
	Missions	19,055		16,186	
	Children, Youth & Students	3,501		2,897	
	Men's, Women's & Seniors	95		0	
	Worship & Production	0		0	
	Ministry Gifts	1,160		1,165	
	Subs & Donations to UK Ministries	0		0	
			104,691		100,665
Administration, Property Energy & Other Support Costs	Telephone, Stationery, & Postage	1,794		1,721	
	Rent, Rates, Light & Heat	4,128		4,186	
	Church Insurance	3,236		3,198	
	Travelling	1,292		1,226	
	Publicity	975		101	
	Licences & Subscriptions	7,208		6,958	
	Bank Charges	713		749	
	Office Salaries & Pensions	0		0	
	Legal & Accounting Charges	1,076		3,896	
	Property Maintenance & Cleaning	6,916		4,907	
	Catering, Entertaining & Hospitality	1,781		1,306	
	Equipment & Venue Hire	270		264	
	Manse Costs	1,010		1,162	
	Miscellaneous Expenses	3,342		1,208	
			33,742		30,882
Other Payments (Not counting as expenditure)	Loan Principal Repaid	0		0	
	Equipment expenditure	20,673		1,344	
TOTAL PAYMENTS			20,673		1,344
			159,105		132,890
Net Surplus / (Deficit)			7,651		26,335
Transfer from/(to) Restricted Funds			(9,672)		(28,262)
Cash Funds last year end			50,879		52,806
Cash Funds this year end			48,858		50,879

The notes on page 23 form part of these financial statements

Statement of Financial Activities

For the 12 month period to 30 June 2025

Life Community Church - Charity Number 1052019

Section B

Designated Funds

Receipts

Breakdown Using Own Analysis

		2025	2025	2024	2024
Gifts & Voluntary Receipts	Gifts & Offerings	0		0	
	Income Tax Recovery on Gift Aid	0		0	
	Missions Income	0		0	
			0		0
Receipts earned from assets	Bank interest	759		0	
			759		0
Other Receipts	Grants Received	0		0	
			0		0
TOTAL RECEIPTS			759		0

Payments

Breakdown Using Own Analysis

		2025	2025	2024	2024
Ministry & Mission Payments	Costs of Ministry Support	0		0	
	Subs & Donations to UK Ministries	0		0	
	Mission trips / Overseas Donations	0		0	
			0		0
Other Expenditure	Equipment purchase - Grant funded	0		0	
	Miscellaneous Expenditure	0		0	
			0		0
TOTAL PAYMENTS			0		0
Net Surplus / (Deficit)			759		0
Transfer (to)/from General Funds			9,672		28,262
Cash Funds last year end			62,936		34,674
Cash Funds this year end			73,367		62,936

The notes on page 23 form part of these financial statements

Summary Statement of Assets

For the 12 month period to 30 June 2025

Life Community Church - Charity Number 1052019

Section C

Endowment Funds

The Charity does not have any Permanent or Expendable Endowment Funds

Section D

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at Year End

Monetary Assets	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds		Designated funds		Total	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
Church Current Account - General	48,858	50,879	-	-	-	-	48,858	50,879
Church Current Account - Missions	-	-	-	-	-	1,752	-	1,752
Life Vision Offering	-	-	-	-	40,492	28,701	40,492	28,701
Deposit Account (Vision80 Fund)	-	-	-	-	32,875	32,483	32,875	32,483
Cash in hand	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Cash Funds	48,858	50,879	0	0	73,367	62,936	122,225	113,815

Other Monetary Assets

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds		Designated funds	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
Income Tax Claim Due for Repayment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Recoverable Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Debtors & Prepayments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Other Monetary Assets	0	0	0	0	0	0

Investment Assets

	Fund to which it belongs		2025		2024	
	Cost	Current Value	Cost	Current Value	Cost	Current Value
Term Deposits	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Investments	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Investment Assets	0	0	0	0	0	0

Assets Retained for Charity's own use

	Fund to which it belongs		2025	
	Cost	Current Value	Cost	Current Value
Land and Buildings (Valuation undertaken in 2023)	General Fund	820,000	820,000	
Plant and Equipment	General Fund	15,747	12,597	
Fixtures and Fittings	General Fund	4,705	3,764	
Computer Equipment	General Fund	221	148	
Total Retained Assets		840,673	836,509	

Liabilities

Unpaid Income Tax & N.I. due	General Fund	0	0
Unpaid Salaries & Wages	General Fund	0	0
Suppliers Accounts Due	General Fund	0	0
Independent Examiners Account Due	General Fund	546	0
Contingent Liabilities	General Fund	0	0
Other Liabilities	General Fund	0	0
Total Liabilities	General Fund	546	0

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year.

a. Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis

b. Fund accounting

- Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.
- Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.
- Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.



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Accounts

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 2024

Trustees

David Bolton, Senior Pastor (**Chair**)

David Onyekwe (**Treasurer**)

Peter Stephanis

Church Elders

David Bolton, Senior Pastor (**Chair**) (*with oversight of vision, teaching, pastoral care & administration*)

Leanne Bolton, Senior Pastor (*with oversight of worship, children's and youth ministry, and evangelism*)

Friday Ehiguese, Elder (Minister in Training with AoG) – **appointed on Sunday 14th April 2024**

David Onyekwe, Elder (*with oversight of Finance*)

Holding Trustees

(*in order of appointment*)

Peter Gale

Richard Norton

David Onyekwe

David Bolton

Registered Charity Name and Number

Life Community Church (Warwickshire): 1052019

Principal Operating Office

Life Community Church, Charlotte Street, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire. CV31 3EB

Independent Examiner of Accounts

Luke Silver, Accountancy & Taxation Services, 25 Ellicombe Close, Minehead, Somerset. TA24 6DQ

Bankers

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Kingdom Bank, Media House, Padge Road, Beeston, Nottingham NG9 2RS

Solicitors

Field Overell, 42 Warwick Street, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire. CV32 5JS

TRUSTEE REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 2024

The Trustees present their Annual Report together with the externally examined financial statements of Life Community Church for the year ended **30th June 2024**. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity, and the charity's governing document.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Governing Documents

The Church's governing document is the "Model Constitution with Trust Deed for Local Assemblies of God" dated 6th May 2012.

Life Community Church (Warwickshire) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission with registration number 1052019. The church is a member of the Assemblies of God in Great Britain, and the Evangelical Alliance.

Trustees

The Trustees of the Church are responsible for the day-to-day management of the Church's business in accordance with the Church's objects.

The Trustees meet approximately 4-8 times per year, to discuss a full range of matters relating to the life of the church including activities, finance, fabric, general administration, the implementation of the church constitution, and church membership. Decision making happens either through a simple majority vote in a meeting (a quorum being the highest of 3 or a third of the Trustees present) or by a written resolution and signed by all the Trustees.

One of the Church's Trustees receives remuneration for their employed position in the ministry. In compliance with Charity Commission guidelines, a greater proportion of Trustees are voluntary and receive no benefits or remuneration in connection with their duties.

Appointment of Trustees

The Church Council and Trustees of the Church identify suitable candidates, who are then invited to serve as Trustees. Their suitability for this role would be based mainly on their commitment to the Church, demonstrated by membership (or partnership), regular attendance and a high degree of involvement. Potential candidates are not appointed as Trustees due to any particular professional competence that they may be able to bring, although the Trustees do seek to ensure that an appropriate mix of skills are represented to help the charity identify and manage risks that might be faced by the Church. The induction and training process for a newly appointed Trustee, will include them having mentoring conversations with the Senior Pastor, to review their role and to seek to understand any training needs. They will also receive copies of the following documents:

- The charity's Constitution with Trust Deed
- The most recent financial statements
- Recent minutes

- Suitable Charity Commission guidance, such as CC10 "Hallmarks of a well-run charity", CC3 "The Essential Trustee" and guidance noted on "The Advancement of Religion for Public Benefit".

Holding Trustees

Holding Trustees are individuals appointed to hold the property of the charity. They can only act on the lawful instructions of the charity Trustees and in accordance with any provisions contained in the governing document.

Church Members (Partners)

Church membership (or Partnership) is open to any individual who:

- By grace has exhibited saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and
- Desires to worship and serve God in the context of the statement of "What we Believe" as set out by the Assemblies of God in Great Britain, and
- Is committed to promoting the church's objects.

Church Members share in providing for the finances, administration, maintenance, and activities of the church.

Risk Management

The Church's primary concern and objective is the glory of God. Whilst it is the Church's policy to trust wholly in the Lord that He will work out His purpose to this end, the Church also acknowledges that it has a responsibility both as individual members and as a body of members, for the identification and proper management of risks faced by the church in achieving its primary aim.

The Trustees have therefore sought to assess the major risks to which the Church is exposed, particularly those relating to the specific operational areas of the Church, its investments, and its finances. The Trustees believe that, by monitoring reserve levels, by ensuring that controls exist over key financial systems, and by examining the operational risks faced by the Church, it has established effective systems and procedures to mitigate those risks.

Objectives and Activities

Objectives

In accordance with the Constitution, the church's purposes (or objects) for the benefit of the public, are:

- 1. To advance the Christian Faith.***
- 2. 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.***
- 3. To advance education in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think fit.***

The Trustees do not believe that it is possible to accurately report on the individual performance of the 3 parts of the objectives above, as they are intrinsically linked, and therefore impossible to account for independently. The Trustees believe that doing so, would portray an inaccurate representation of the charity's achievements.

We are confident that we have tried to equip ordinary people from a wide variety of diverse backgrounds, to grow in their faith within the local community through:

- Provision of Sunday Services where anyone in the community is welcome, and can have an opportunity to worship, pray and hear teaching that can positively equip them in their lives.
- Provision of courses such as Alpha and "Exploring Christianity" open to the community, where people can discover more about the Christian Faith, as well as to develop those beliefs even further.
- Provision of "Life Groups", which are small groups designed to help people build relationships of support and care, and to provide an opportunity for them to grow in their faith.
- Provision of "Messy Church" events, designed to engage with people of all ages from the local community, to build relationships, provide a free meal, whilst teaching some basics of the Christian faith.
- Pastoral Care for people living in the local community, who may need guidance, support or simply an encouraging "listening ear".
- Provision of a Community Café to provide a free warm and safe space for people from the wider community to connect with others and make new friends over coffee and cake. This provides an opportunity for people to explore initial conversations of faith.
- Missionary and outreach work to help promote the faith, and to educate around finances and hardship.
- Sign-posting other organisations and ministries with shared values, to help work in partnership with others.

The Trustees are confident that with the comprehensive provision of activities to people of all age ranges and diverse backgrounds, the charity does provide benefit to the public. The Trustees and Elders of Life Community Church are confident that the church has advanced the Christian Faith.

Public Benefit Statement

The previous section of this report, entitled "Objectives", sets out the aims and priorities of the charity.

When planning our activities for this year, the Trustees and Church Leaders have considered both the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, and the further specific guidance contained within "The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit". We have concluded that we have had due regard to the guidance in exercising our powers, and so:

1. The aims of the organisation continue to be charitable.
2. The aims and work done give identifiable benefits to the charitable sector, and both indirectly and directly to individuals in need.
3. The benefits are for the public, are not unreasonably restricted in any way, and certainly not by ability to pay.
4. There is no harm or detriment arising from the aims or activities.

Achievements and Performance

Life Community Church is an independent church and is affiliated to the Assemblies of God of Great Britain. The congregation is composed of a wide range of ethnicities and backgrounds from across Leamington Spa and the surrounding areas and caters for all age groups. The Church has maintained a presence in the town since 1937, and by God's grace, we continue to build on the work of previous generations. The Trustees are truly thankful to the great and growing number of volunteers who serve on teams to help Life Community Church outwork its objectives.

Performance Against Objectives

Life Community Church meets its objectives through the delivery of activities both on a Sunday, and during the rest of the week. During the main Sunday ministry, the congregation will gather for worship and teaching. The congregation will then outwork the benefit of that teaching, in both quantifiable and often non-quantifiable ways, in their everyday life within the local community, as well as through the various ministries in the life of the Church.

Sunday Ministry

Sundays play a key part in the life of the church, and our Sunday Morning Family Service plays a central role in helping us to meet our aims. Over the course of the year, the teaching team gave various series to positively equip people to live out the Christian faith every day. Messages over the year included:

- When a Church ACTS (a series exploring the key disciplines of the early church)
- Encounters with Christ (a series exploring how Jesus changed the lives of individuals from the Gospel of John)
- EveryDAY! EveryWHERE! EveryONE! (a series to equip the church to share their faith)
- Breakthrough (a series of faith at the start of the New Year, which saw characters from Genesis experience God breakthrough in their lives)
- What God can do with a Few (Vision series – taken from the life of Gideon)
- The Call to Surrender (exploring the need to surrender as disciples of Jesus, as we looked at key events of the first Easter)
- Moving into Mission (a series exploring the Missional Strategy of LCC and equipping people to share their story and invite people to church)
- Be Rich (a series looking at financial stewardship and generosity)

We were delighted to also receive ministry from the following guest speakers:

- Ps. Jon Froggett (in July, from Christian Life Centre, Rugby)
- Ps. Misheck Manhanha (in December, from !Audacious Church, Manchester and AoG's Church Planting Director)
- Ps. Kirk McAtear (on Vision Sunday in February, from Trinity@Birmingham and AoG's 3D Missions Director)
- Ps. Jon Froggett (on Father's Day in June, from Christian Life Centre, Rugby)

Sunday ministry also included:

- Kids' Take-over services in August, October and June. These services are when children and young people take over most of the roles during the service and on serving teams. They are really encouraging times, as we continue to see younger people step up, grow in confidence and gift, to serve us all so well.
- Family Services during our key times of the year such as Father's Day, Christmas and Mother's Day.
- Several messages from key Partners of LCC, namely Friday Ehiguese, Michael Tucker and Cathryn Myers.

Towards the start of May 2023, Ps. Dave and Leanne were able to commence a special three-month Sabbatical. This was an opportunity for them to rest, recharge and study following 11 years of ministry at LCC (in total). During this time, many key people from the church served in vital roles to serve the church family. These roles varied from administration, speaking, pastoral care, prayer, to building maintenance and support and so much more. They wish to officially express thanks to everyone involved who carried the load to allow them to benefit from this very special time.

The church continues to livestream all our services onto Facebook and YouTube. This means that those from the church family who cannot attend in-person, can also join in live or on catch-up. We have heard from several people, how they can no longer attend due to age and ill health but watch regularly from home: a genuine lifeline for them. Also, others can watch when away or travelling and still feel connected. Our online presence has now become the new “shop window” for people to connect with the church, before visiting us for the first time. It has become a vital tool to help us reach new people.

Sundays also saw celebration services take place, designed to reach more people in the community on special occasions. These included our Mother’s Day Celebration (where we celebrated mothers and women), and Father’s Day Celebration (honouring fathers and men). At Christmas time, on 10th December, we ran our “Carols by Candlelight” Christmas services. Both services were very well attended, with 183 people present across two services.

We had two baptism services during the year. In October it was fantastic to see **3 people get baptised**, of different age groups. Then on Easter Sunday we saw **2 more people get baptised**, and going public in their faith, confessing Jesus Christ as Lord of their lives.

Engagement, Service and Discipleship

The “Next Steps Journey” course is designed to help new guests (or the existing church congregation) meet some of the team, and to understand the church’s mission, vision, and values. Over three sessions, they can “discover family and find their fit”. This means that participants can learn more about LCC, explore their gifts and talents, and understand how to get more involved in the church through groups and teams. Attendees are encouraged to then pray and see if the Lord is leading them to make LCC their spiritual home. This has proven to be a highly successful method to engage new people and to also find out how we can serve them better. Throughout the course of the year, we have seen **8 people become Partners at LCC, choosing to make the church their spiritual home**.

We are so thankful to the many volunteers who serve on teams throughout the life of the church. Many serve on a Sunday, as well as on teams throughout the week. These are the heroes who always go above and beyond, to serve the needs of others. Our volunteers are the life blood of the church, and their selflessness really does make a difference to the lives of many people. Whether it has been teaching, playing in the worship team, leading a Life Group, calling and connecting with members of the church, pastoral visits and calls, serving on hospitality, hosting kid’s work, the list goes on... **On behalf of the Leadership Team, I wish to thank you for all your commitment and hard work. You really are making an impact in the lives of the church family and wider community!**

Throughout this year, we have endeavoured to provide opportunities for people in the church to be discipled. This has been outworked through the provision of 1:1 mentoring and pastoral sessions, our Life Groups, and Leadership Development.

Children, Youth and Families

We have 2 ministries in the life of the church that cater to children and young people – Sunday Stars (school years reception to year 5) and Elevate (school years 6+). We also aim to serve the children’s respective families, as well as to reach out to other families within the local community.

Cathryn Myers, our Children’s Ministry Leader, and her wider team have done a fantastic job in teaching and leading our children and young people. Here’s a brief summary:

Sunday Stars:

- July 2023: A Sunday Stars social was held for parents, the team and the children.
- April 2024: Children from Sunday Stars attended a worship event in Leamington with other church groups, run by Thrive Juniors.

Elevate:

- August 2023: This was the first time we took 8 young people to the Limitless Youth Festival. Whilst camping in tents, the young people enjoyed a great time together, whilst worshipping Jesus with 100s of others, and listening to relevant teaching. They all took steps forwards in their faith!
- November 2023: We relaunched Elevate by moving the Friday programme from the Manse to the Main Church Centre, to make space for growth.
- March 2024: We attended an AoG inter-church Youth Event in Gloucester called "Awaken", as AoG relaunched their Youth Department called "Youth Alive".

General:

- We're seeing more involvement from the children and young people in our family services, Kids' Take-over services and the Christmas Carol Service for the community.
- In October 2023, a Light Party was held to engage with the community and to offer an alternative to Halloween. In December, a Kids' Christmas Party was also held. During both, during a fun time, a gospel presentation was given, and children were given gifts and gospel leaflets to take home with them.
- We saw the launch of the all-age Messy Church in April 2024. Messy Church provides a unique opportunity to reach the community by providing a free-of-charge programme of arts and crafts, singing, activities and the provision of a hot meal. A short Christian Message is shared that is appropriate for any not-yet-Christians who attend the event.
- Overall, there is a growth of children and young people joining the Sunday Serving Teams, serving alongside the adults.

The Trustees would like to thank Cathryn and the whole children's and youth teams for the amazing work they have done by equipping our children and young people. We stand amazed, encouraged and thrilled at what the Lord is doing, as we see young and old serving side-by-side together in ministry!

Life Groups

Life Groups have also been a vital way for people in the church to connect with others, care for each other and grow together. They run termly, three times a year, with an official start and end date, so people can attend for a season (if life is busy), or swap groups if they would like. Life Groups are currently open to attendees of LCC as well as the wider community to sign-up to. On average, seven groups ran per term, catering for different ages, and with each group having a unique focus. We would like to say a huge thank you to all the Life Group leaders who have served to connect, care, and help disciple people in the Christian faith.

Corporate Prayer

Prayer continues to be a significant priority in the life of the church, as we seek to encourage people to gather in different settings to pray together. We still have our Monday morning prayer group (led by Peter and Anne Gale) who meet to pray for requests both within the church family and now coming in from the community from the website and social media. Friday Ehiguese also faithfully led our Thursday evening prayer group, who met faithfully on a weekly basis to commit the activities of the church to the Lord. Our Pre-Service Prayer meeting on a Sunday morning is gathering real momentum. At 9:45am on a weekly basis, everyone serving on team is asked to gather for a short

time of prayer and encouragement to commit our morning to the Lord. People from the wider church family are also encouraged to come along. This continues to be an important and significant time together.

“Encounter Nights” continue to take place on the first Thursday of each month. This evening seeks to provide a time of extended worship and prayer. We are encouraged by the engagement of these evenings.

Seasons of Prayer and Fasting within the church, are significant and vital times for us to pause and to seek God in various settings. During this period, we held our annual “21 Days of Prayer and Fasting” towards the start of the year in January. We are thrilled by the engagement of people as they set aside time to pray individually as well as corporately on Zoom and in-person. It is no surprise that the impact of these seasons is always evident in the life of the church!

Care Home Outreach

Sandra Middleton is our Care Home Outreach Team leader. Here is a brief summary on LCC’s visits to Gainsborough Hall:

In January 2023, Life Community Church were invited to visit Gainsborough Hall retirement Home and set up regular meetings with some of the residents. We were specifically asked to teach on the parables of Jesus. I was very interested in doing this as the people were of a certain age group and needed to hear the gospel. I invited Peter and Bev to join me. We have now been visiting Gainsborough on the second Thursday of each month for over two years. Apart from sharing the Parables we have shared chapters in Matthew’s Gospel. We have 9 or 10 people each time and we are made to feel very welcome. It is wonderful to share the life of Jesus with these dear people most of them hearing this for the first time in their lives. We were asked to put on a Carol Service in December 2023. I was very pleased that everyone who was asked to participate said yes. There were 19 people from LCC altogether. We sang Carols, read the Christmas story and Peter brought the Christmas message. Everyone seemed to enjoy the service. On the last Friday of the month, Irene and I go to the coffee morning and chat with the residents. Also, when there is a special event taking place there, a few of us have been to support the Home. We are always made welcome and have got to know some of them.

Community Café Outreach

Here is a report on LCC’s Community Café by Sandra Middleton (Team Leader):

The café has been running since 6th July 2022 and was opened by the Leamington and Warwick Mayor. We have 7 volunteers who serve, and we enjoy what we do. We provide a relaxed, friendly atmosphere, showing God’s love to people who come through the door. Rather than staying in the kitchen or behind the refreshment table, we sit with our guests and chat, if they are happy with this. Sometimes we have prayer requests and if people wish to talk over a problem, we will talk and pray in the Church. We also have a prayer box and from time-to-time people will put their prayer request into the box.

At the cafe we display a variety of Christian literature which people are free to take home. We usually get between 8 to 18 people at our cafe morning. At the moment our average is about 12. Our volunteers provide all the refreshments apart from the milk, and we are very happy to do this. Our donations from July 23 to June 24 were £103. I normally give the Treasurer our cafe donations every 6 months. As volunteers we feel that we are catering for people who mostly live on their own and who need some encouragement. We always like to give them food to take home, as it's another way of sharing Gods love. We trust that the work continues.

Pastoral Care Team

Here is a report on LCC's Pastoral Care Team by Sandra Middleton (Team Leader):

There are 5 of us on the Pastoral Care Team: Bev, Vivian, Marion, Geoff and I. We try and meet up every 10 weeks or so. We discuss any problems and also share who needs prayer or a visit from us, including hospital visits which thankfully are rare. Most of the people we talk to and pray with don't need follow up although we are always available. Occasionally there may be someone who needs ongoing care, encouragement, prayer, and home visits, but we would always stress the importance of being with the body of Christ and getting spiritually built up.

There can be a number of reasons why some Church members need a visit from us. Since Covid some people have lost confidence in being in a close environment with others, or on-going medical issues prevent some people from joining us on a Sunday for worship. As a result, these people can miss fellowship with the body of Christ and look forward to a regular visit from some of us from the Pastoral Care Team.

We all have people connected with our Church community whom we visit and "look out for". I myself, visit 5 ladies regularly. Basically, as volunteers, when we hear or are made aware of someone who needs prayer and encouragement, we are there to listen and pray. As a team, we aim to be of spiritual help to others as and when needed.

Missions and Partnerships

Table: Church Spending on Missions' Partnerships in 2023-24

Children's Bible Camp in Poland (via Siloam Christian Ministries)	£1,200	LCC Hardship Fund (This fund is available to people in the church family facing crisis or hardship).	£500
Christians Against Poverty, Junior Debt Centre (based at St. Mary's Church)	£3,000	Jews for Jesus (exists to support Jews in exploring Jewish life with faith in Jesus).	£1,600
Christmas Appeal (see below)	£700	Street Pastors (work with other organisations to practically help vulnerable people under the influence of drink or drugs, or homeless, or disorientated by mental illness, or the young, lost or lonely).	£300
Empart UK (Reaching the lost in South Asia)	£1,500	Thrive Youth Ministry (exists to help local churches be more effective in reaching out to young people and discipling them in the Christian faith).	£400
Heart Transformation Ministry (Seth Copeland's trip to Uganda via Siloam Christian Ministries)	£1,550	Warwick University Christian Union (helping them with their annual outreach to reach more Students with the good news of Jesus Christ, on campus).	£500
Helping Hands (Local charity who extends compassionate and practical support to those struggling with the causes and effects of homelessness and trauma).	£700	Warwick District Foodbank (exists to provide emergency food and support to people facing hardship, and campaign for change to end the need for food banks in the UK).	£700
Hope For Justice (exists to bring an end to modern slavery by preventing exploitation, rescuing victims, restoring lives, and reforming society).	£1,000	Other: Gift to CFaN (Christ for all Nations) for Evangelism Training and resources	£550
TOTAL			£14,200

The church seeks to partner and build relationships with other organisations who share an affinity with our charity's objectives and values. We realise that more can be achieved in partnership than in isolation, and so we seek to partner through signposting and offering support through prayer,

finance and volunteers. To help us achieve this, the church tithes on its income to produce an annual missions' budget (10% of the previous year's income), whose expenditure is allocated to other organisations or individuals (e.g. Missions Partners) or needs as they arise. The table above, is a breakdown of our annual mission's expenditure for the Financial Year. In 2023-24, we were able to spend most of the amount allocated.

At Christmas, we launched our annual Christmas appeal, seeking to give to those in need in the local community. This year, working in partnership with Helping Hands, and Warwick District Foodbank, and local Primary Schools, we launched our Christmas Hamper Appeal. We invited people to contribute financially to our campaign with the goal to raise enough money for 110 hampers. We were able to give away 125 to the local community through our Missions Partners and through the church. This was amazing, and we were so thankful to the generosity of the church, to be able to bless people in need at this time of year!

Venue Hire

We continue to see a gradual increase in demand for the hire of the centre for small meetings and groups. We currently only offer the Life Lounge and Kitchen for hire, as this is helpful from a logistics perspective. During this year, we are pleased to report that LCC earned £1,608 from venue hire within the local community, compared with £1,612 last year.

Financial Review

Financial Activity and Financial Position

Current Financial Review from 1st July 2023 to 30th June 2024

The main sources of funding for the Church are the free will offerings of Church members and income tax recovered under the Gift Aid scheme.

Due to the financial threshold in which the Church fell this year, the charity's accounts have been prepared on a "receipts and payments" basis. In the "Statement of Account and Independent Examination Report" attached to this report, pages 5-7 show the Receipts and Payments Accounts, and page 8 shows the Church's Statement of Assets and Liabilities. A comparison of the current and previous Financial Year follows:

- **Total Church Income increased by a significant £23,268 from £135,957 to £159,225 (increase of 17.1%)**
 - Of the Total Income, **General Tithes and Offerings** (including Gift Aid) **increased by £17,600** from £108,728 to **£126,328 (increase of 16.2%)** for which we are truly thankful, as this is vital to the day-to-day operating expenditure of the church.
 - During this Financial Year, we received a total of **£32,521** (including Gift Aid) for **Vision Offerings**, broken down as follows: **£8,088 for Vision 2023** and **£24,433 for Vision 2024** (more details below).
- **Gift Aid** continues to really benefit the church, with **£27,830 reclaimed from HMRC** through Gift Aid donations. This is an **increase of 4.5% (£1,198)** from last year's reclaim of £26,632. This year, our total donations have increased, and the percentage of gift aided donations has also increased. To illustrate, our **total donations for this year were £128,401** (cf. £104,923 in 2022-23). However, **gift-aided donations this year rose to £103,782 or 80.8%** (cf. £81,631 or 77.8% in 2022-23).
- With people carrying less cash these days, electronic giving (i.e. card payments on a Sunday through our website, or standing orders) continues to be a popular method for donations. This past Financial Year, we saw giving continue to switch to electronic means. **Electronic giving was £119,148** (compared with £101,326 last year **excluding Gift Aid**); an **increase of £17,822 or 17.6%** Year on Year. Also, this year the split of electronic giving to cash giving was

89.1% vs 10.9% (compared with 88.0% vs 12.0% last year, excluding Gift Aid). **This is helpful to the church**, as it means that less cash is being physically handled by the offering counters for various reasons including security. Also, electronic giving methods reduce the time and administration of processing cash payments but also facilitate the ease and speed for people to donate. **Standing Orders remain the Church's preferred option of giving, as there are no charges incurred with this method.**

- Total spending for the year increased marginally by 1.9% (£2,476) from £130,414 (2022-23) to £132,890 (2023-24).
- Overall, the charity made a profit of c.£26,335, but this largely represents an amount of unspent Vision Offering for the financial year, ear-marked for future spend.
- **Vision Offering 2024:** On 25th February 2024, we held our Vision Day, during which we asked people to seek God to see what they might pledge to give in faith throughout the year towards this offering. The purpose of the offering was to make progress in the areas of Property, People, Planting, and Present Ministries and Mission. Below is a summary of what happened:
 - **Total amount pledged (incl. Gift Aid):** £44,556
 - **Total amount received (incl. Gift Aid):** £32,772 (and £24,433 during financial year)

This compares with the previous Vision Offering 2023, where people pledged £33,728 in total, and gave £23,778 in total. YoY, total Vision Income increased by £8,994 (37.8%)

Financial Position:

Cash at Bank: 30/06/2024	£	113,815
Less		
Previous Missions Fund balances	£	2,012
AoG 3% balance	£	-
Unspent Vision Balances*	£	35,633
Vision80 Building Fund Balance	£	32,483
Other commitments (children's account)	£	1,114
Sub-Total	£	71,242
Balance	£	42,573
Essential Operating Expenditure for 2023-24 is c. :	£	62,637
Reserves Policy of 5 months OPEX would be c.:	£	26,100
FREE CASH POSITION: 30/06/2024	£	16,473

* Vision Balances: £35,633

- Vision 2023: £11,200 unspent
- Vision 2024: £24,433 (of £32,772) received in 2023-24.

We are so thankful to every person who gives within the life of the church. From regular donations in our weekly offerings, to those who gave sacrificially into our Vision 2024 offering, the church Leadership Team and Trustees wish to express our deepest gratitude. Your giving is truly making a difference!

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have examined the requirements for free reserves, i.e., those unrestricted funds not invested in tangible fixed assets. The Trustees consider that, given the nature of the Church's work, free reserves should be equivalent to approximately **5 months'** routine general fund expenditure, plus committed future expenditure on other projects, where funds permit. The Trustees are of the

opinion that this provides sufficient flexibility to cover temporary shortfalls of incoming resources and will allow the church to cope and respond to unforeseen emergencies whilst action plans are implemented. However, as income increases, the Trustees will look to increase this amount to provide a greater safeguard for the charity. As of the end of the current financial year, **free reserves requirement for 5 months budgeted routine expenditure is c.£26,100**. This money will be held in the current account, and through regular monitoring the account will not be allowed to slip below this amount without actions being put in place to mitigate against any decline in income.

Grants Policy

The Church makes grants, equivalent to 10% of its donated income annually, to support missionary endeavours both in the UK and abroad. This amount is transferred into the “designated account”, known as the Mission Fund. The policy of the Church is to give grants on the basis that they are subject to annual review and only renewed based on meeting set criteria. These grants will either be donated as a “lump sum” or will be given on a monthly or quarterly basis. In addition, the Church makes donations for hardship at the discretion of the Eldership, to those in need within the Church.

Future Plans

We are excited about the future of the Church. We continue to put in place a strategy where mission is kept at the forefront of the church, along with discipleship pathways to help people grow in a relationship with Jesus Christ. We continue to develop leaders through a leadership development pipeline, and finances are strong. As attendance and engagement continue to increase, we will need to take a step in the next financial year, to make space for growth.

Again, we are thankful for the all the volunteers who give of their time and their money to make a significant contribution to the Church, and as we expand our volunteer base in the future, Life Community Church will seek to continue to make an impact, both locally and beyond.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Trustee's Statement

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report was approved has confirmed that:

- So far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant information of which the charity's Independent Examiner is unaware, and
- They have taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee to be aware of any information needed by the Independent Examiner in connection with preparing their report, and to establish that the charity's Independent Examiner is aware of that information.

This report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



David Bolton, Senior Pastor
Trustee

10/04/2025

Date

**LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH
CHARLOTTE STREET
LEAMINGTON SPA
WARWICKSHIRE
CV31 3EB**

Registered Charity: 1052019

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT
AND
INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2024**

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Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Receipts and Payment Accounts

Report to the trustees of Life Community Church

Registered Charity Number 1052019

On the accounts for the year ended 30th June 2024

Set out on the following pages

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;
follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
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 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 to 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.

Signed *L A Silver*

Date: 11 February 2025

Luke Silver, HNC Business & Finance

Accountancy & Taxation Services
25 Ellicombe Close, Minehead, Somerset. TA24 6DQ

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees

Introduction

Thank you for submitting the accounts for independent examination. They have been well maintained and the treasurer and others responsible are to be commended for their hard work. Therefore I will keep my comments to a minimum.

Charity Law and Financial Regulations

The independent examination has been carried out in accordance with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995 (Statutory Instruments No 2724) and the Accounting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP).

Signing of Accounts

I shall be obliged if you will please forward a copy of the signature page for my records after the accounts have been signed by a representative appointed by the Trustees and Church Council. A spare copy is enclosed.

Conclusion

There are no other matters I feel need to be brought to your attention.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further clarification or for further assistance.

Luke Silver

Date: 11 February 2025

LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2024

ACTIVITIES REVIEW

The financial results are set out in the enclosed accounts.

The principal activity throughout the year under review was that of

- The advancement of the Christian Faith
- The relief of sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of counselling and support
- The advancement of education

TRUSTEES AND CHURCH COUNCIL

The trustees and church council during the year were as follows:

David Bolton

Leanne Bolton

Friday Ehiguese (Appointed as an Elder on 14 April 2024)

David Onyekwe

Peter Stephanis

STATEMENT

We certify that the books, vouchers and information produced to enable the independent examination of our accounts to be conducted contain a full and correct record of our financial transactions and activities to the best of our knowledge and belief.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES



Please print name: **David Bolton**

Date: **10th April, 2025**

Life Community Church

Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2024

Receipts and Payments Account

	2024			2023		
	Designated Fund £	General Fund £	Total £	Designated Fund £	General Fund £	Total £
Grants and Donations						
Donations - G/A (Standing Orders)	0	97,201	97,201	0	74,494	74,494
Donations - G/A (Cash)	0	5,272	5,272	0	5,851	5,851
Donations - G/A (Card / Online)	0	1,309	1,309	0	1,286	1,286
Donations - Non G/A (Cash)	0	8,925	8,925	0	7,894	7,894
Donations - Non G/A (S O)	0	14,401	14,401	0	13,448	13,448
Donations - Non G/A (Card / Online)	0	1,293	1,293	0	1,950	1,950
HMRC Gift Aid Tax Rebate	0	27,830	27,830	0	26,632	26,632
Children's Income	0	765	765	0	1,092	1,092
	0	156,996	156,996	0	132,647	132,647
Trading Activities						
Church Rent	0	1,608	1,608	0	1,612	1,612
General Sales	0	0	0	0	1,650	1,650
Manse Rent	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	1,608	1,608	0	3,262	3,262
Investment Income	0	621	621	0	48	48
TOTAL INCOME	0	159,225	159,225	0	135,957	135,957

Direct Charitable Expenditure

Teaching	0	195	195	0	51	51
Training	0	4,858	4,858	0	2,732	2,732
Outreach	0	1,238	1,238	0	483	483
Missions	0	16,186	16,186	0	13,639	13,639
Gifts	0	916	916	0	1,659	1,659
Ministry Gifts	0	1,165	1,165	0	1,045	1,045
Children	0	814	814	0	635	635
Youth Ministry	0	1,968	1,968	0	1,214	1,214
Student Ministry	0	116	116	0	36	36
Worship Team	0	0	0	0	108	108

0	27,456	27,456	0	21,602	21,602
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Equipment

IT Equipment	0	470	470	0	1,038	1,038
Furniture & Fittings	0	0	0	0	144	144
Worship Equipment	0	479	479	0	2,508	2,508
Office Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Equipment Hire	0	264	264	0	132	132
General	0	395	395	0	1,670	1,670

0	1,608	1,608	0	5,492	5,492
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Management & Admin

Net Salaries	0	58,730	58,730	0	58,470	58,470
PAYE & NIC's	0	10,339	10,339	0	10,852	10,852
Professional Fees	0	3,896	3,896	0	1,590	1,590
Pensions	0	5,057	5,057	0	4,881	4,881

0	78,022	78,022	0	75,793	75,793
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Support Costs

Property Insurance	0	3,198	3,198	0	1,566	1,566
Water Rates	0	85	85	0	57	57
Gas & Electricity	0	3,306	3,306	0	4,172	4,172
Travelling Expenses	0	117	117	0	141	141
Mileage	0	1,109	1,109	0	553	553
Printing & Stationery	0	1,116	1,116	0	873	873
Postage & Carriage	0	17	17	0	58	58
Maintenance	0	1,565	1,565	0	6,400	6,400
Subscriptions	0	4,327	4,327	0	3,611	3,611
Licences	0	2,632	2,632	0	2,389	2,389
Telephone Charges	0	588	588	0	510	510
General Expenses	0	253	253	0	429	429
Cleaning	0	3,341	3,341	0	3,450	3,450
Hospitality	0	1,306	1,306	0	1,338	1,338
Subsistence	0	39	39	0	50	50
P.R. (Leaflets & Brochures)	0	100	100	0	137	137
PSP (Card Payments)	0	749	749	0	513	513
Refuse Collection	0	794	794	0	736	736

0	24,642	24,642	0	26,983	26,983
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Property Insurance	0	0	0	0	0	0
Council Tax	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gas & Electricity	0	1,158	1,158	0	364	364
Water Rates	0	0	0	0	0	0
Furniture & Fittings	0	0	0	0	28	28
Equipment Hire	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maintenance	0	4	4	0	152	152

0	1,162	1,162	0	544	544
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TOTAL PAYMENTS

0	132,890	132,890	0	130,414	130,414
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Transfers	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Excess of Income over Payments For the Year	0	26,335	26,335	0	5,543	5,543
Funds as at 30 June Start of Year	34,674	52,806	87,480	34,674	47,263	81,937
Fund Balance Adjustment	28,262	(28,262)	0	0	0	0
Funds as at 30 June End of Year	<u>62,936</u>	<u>50,879</u>	<u>113,815</u>	<u>34,674</u>	<u>52,806</u>	<u>87,480</u>

Monetary Assets:

Bank Current Accounts	51,517	37,846
Kingdom Bank	32,483	33,120
Cash in Hand	0	0
Life Youth & Children's Account	1,114	1,114
Life Vision Offering	28,701	15,400
Creditors	0	0
	<u>113,815</u>	<u>87,480</u>

Life Community Church

Statement of Assets and Liabilities As At 30th June 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets		
Church Building & Manse <i>(Commercial Property Valuation undertaken in 2023)</i>	820,000	820,000
Current Assets		
<u>Bank Balances:</u>		
Current Account	49,765	35,325
Life Designated Account	1,752	2,521
Kingdom Bank	32,483	33,120
Life Youth & Children's Account	1,114	1,114
Life Vision Offerings	28,701	15,400
Cash In Hand	0	0
	113,815	87,480
Total Current Assets	113,815	87,480
Current Liabilities	0	0
Total Assets	933,815	907,480

Accounts

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2023

Trustees

David Bolton, Senior Pastor (**Chair**)

David Onyekwe

Peter Stephanis

Church Elders (Church Council)

David Bolton, Senior Pastor (**Chair**) *(with oversight of vision, teaching, pastoral care & administration)*

Leanne Bolton, Senior Pastor *(with oversight of worship, children's and youth ministry, and evangelism)*

David Onyekwe, Elder *(with oversight of Finance)*

Holding Trustees

(in order of appointment)

Peter Gale

Richard Norton

David Onyekwe

David Bolton

Registered Charity Name and Number

Life Community Church (Warwickshire): 1052019

Principal Operating Office

Life Community Church, Charlotte Street, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire. CV31 3EB

Independent Examiner of Accounts

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Bankers

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Solicitors

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TRUSTEE REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 2023

The Trustees present their Annual Report together with the externally examined financial statements of Life Community Church for the year ended **30th June, 2023**. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity, and the charity's governing document.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Governing Documents

The Church's governing document is the "Model Constitution with Trust Deed for Local Assemblies of God" dated 6th May, 2012.

Life Community Church (Warwickshire) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission with registration number 1052019. The church is a member of the Assemblies of God in Great Britain, and the Evangelical Alliance.

Trustees

The Trustees of the Church are responsible for the day-to-day management of the Church's business in accordance with the Church's objects.

The Trustees meet approximately 4-8 times per year, to discuss a full range of matters relating to the life of the church including activities, finance, fabric, general administration, the implementation of the church constitution, and church membership. Decision making happens either through a simple majority vote in a meeting (a quorum being the highest of 3 or a third of the members present) or by a written resolution and signed by all the members.

One of the Church's Trustees receives remuneration for their employed position in the ministry. In compliance with Charity Commission guidelines, a greater proportion of Trustees are voluntary and receive no benefits or remuneration in connection with their duties.

Appointment of Trustees

The Church Council and Trustees of the Church identify suitable candidates, who are then invited to serve as Trustees. Their suitability for this role would be based mainly on their commitment to the Church, demonstrated by membership (or partnership), regular attendance and a high degree of involvement. Potential candidates are not appointed as Trustees due to any particular professional competence that they may be able to bring, although the Trustees do seek to ensure that an appropriate mix of skills are represented to help the charity identify and manage risks that might be faced by the Church. The induction and training process for a newly appointed Trustee, will include them having mentoring conversations with the Senior Pastor, to review their role and to seek to understand any training needs. They will also receive copies of the following documents:

- The charity's Constitution with Trust Deed
- The most recent financial statements
- Recent minutes

- Suitable Charity Commission guidance, such as CC10 "Hallmarks of a well-run charity", CC3 "The Essential Trustee" and guidance noted on "The Advancement of Religion for Public Benefit"

Holding Trustees

Holding Trustees are individuals appointed to hold the property of the charity. They can only act on the lawful instructions of the charity Trustees and in accordance with any provisions contained in the governing document.

Church Members (Partners)

Church membership (or Partnership) is open to any individual who:

- By grace has exhibited saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and
- Desires to worship and serve God in the context of the statement of "What we Believe" as set out by the Assemblies of God in Great Britain, and
- Is committed to promoting the church's objects.

Church Members share in providing for the finances, administration, maintenance, and activities of the church.

Risk Management

The Church's primary concern and objective is the glory of God. Whilst it is the Church's policy to trust wholly in the Lord that He will work out His purpose to this end, the Church also acknowledges that it has a responsibility both as individual members and as a body of members, for the identification and proper management of risks faced by the church in achieving its primary aim.

The Trustees have therefore sought to assess the major risks to which the Church is exposed, particularly those relating to the specific operational areas of the Church, its investments, and its finances. The Trustees believe that, by monitoring reserve levels, by ensuring that controls exist over key financial systems, and by examining the operational risks faced by the Church, it has established effective systems and procedures to mitigate those risks.

Objectives and Activities

Objectives

In accordance with the Constitution, the church's purposes (or objects) for the benefit of the public, are:

- 1. To advance the Christian Faith***
- 2. 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***
- 3. To advance education in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think fit.***

The Trustees do not believe that it is possible to accurately report on the individual performance of the 3 parts of the objectives above, as they are intrinsically linked, and therefore impossible to account for independently. The Trustees believe that doing so, would portray an inaccurate representation of the charity's achievements.

We are confident that we have tried to equip ordinary people from a wide variety of diverse backgrounds, to grow in their faith within the local community through:

- Provision of Sunday Services where anyone in the community is welcome, and can have an opportunity to worship, pray and hear teaching that can positively equip them in their lives.
- Provision of courses such as Alpha and "Exploring Christianity" open to the community, where people can discover more about the Christian Faith, as well as to develop those beliefs even further.
- Provision of "Life Groups", which are small groups designed to help people build relationships of support and care, and to provide an opportunity for them to grow in their faith.
- Pastoral Care for people living in the local community, who may need guidance, support or simply an encouraging "listening ear".
- Missionary and outreach work to help promote the faith, and to educate around finances and hardship.
- Sign-posting other organisations and ministries with shared values, to help work in partnership with others.

The Trustees are confident that with the comprehensive provision of activities to people of all age ranges and diverse backgrounds, the charity does provide benefit to the public. The Trustees and Elders of Life Community Church are confident that the church has advanced the Christian Faith.

Public Benefit Statement

The previous section of this report, entitled "Objectives", sets out the aims and priorities of the charity.

When planning our activities for this year, the Trustees and Church Council have considered both the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, and the further specific guidance contained within "The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit". We have concluded that we have had due regard to the guidance in exercising our powers, and so:

1. The aims of the organisation continue to be charitable.
2. The aims and work done give identifiable benefits to the charitable sector, and both indirectly and directly to individuals in need.
3. The benefits are for the public, are not unreasonably restricted in any way, and certainly not by ability to pay.
4. There is no harm or detriment arising from the aims or activities.

Achievements and Performance

Life Community Church is an independent church and is affiliated to the Assemblies of God of Great Britain. The congregation is composed of a wide range of ethnicities and backgrounds from across Leamington Spa and the surrounding areas and caters for all age groups. The Church has maintained a presence in the town since 1937, and by God's grace, we continue to build on the work of previous generations. The Trustees are truly thankful to the great and growing number of volunteers who serve on teams to help Life Community Church outwork its objectives.

Performance Against Objectives

Life Community Church meets its objectives through the delivery of activities both on a Sunday, and during the rest of the week. During the main Sunday ministry, the congregation will gather for worship and teaching. The congregation will then outwork the benefit of that teaching, in both quantifiable and often non-quantifiable ways, in their everyday life within the local community, as well as through the various ministries in the life of the Church.

Sunday Ministry

Sundays play a key part in the life of the church, and our Sunday Morning Family Service plays a central role in helping us to meet our aims. Over the course of the year, the teaching team gave various series to positively equip people to live out the Christian faith every day. Messages over the year included:

- The Blessed Life (a series looking at financial stewardship and generosity)
- Summer in the Psalms (a series where speakers preached from a Psalm of their choice)
- Body Building: Gifts to help people grow (looking at the 9 gifts of the Holy Spirit found in 1 Corinthians)
- Runaway: Lessons from Jonah (learning from the life of the prophet Jonah)
- When People Pray (a series at the start of the new year, as we entered the season of 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting)
- Get Ready to Go! (Vision Series)
- What Matters Most (a series exploring LCC's updated Church values)
- Easter Changed Everything! (exploring the significant events leading up to and immediately following the first Easter)
- When a Church ACTS (a series exploring the key disciplines of the early church)
- Interviews with people from the Church (Richard & Teresinha on the work of Siloam, and Friday & Michael on Father's Day)

We were delighted to also receive ministry from the following guest speakers:

- Ps. Danny Murphy (in December, from Life Church, Bedworth and AoG's Central Area Leader)
- Ps. Martin Storey (in February, from CLM Church, Coventry)
- Ps. Tracee McAtear (in May from Trinity@Birmingham)
- Ps. Dave Jones (in June, from Bedworth Parish Church)

Sunday ministry also included:

- A Kids' Take-over service in August. This was the first time that children and young people took over most of the roles during the service. This was so encouraging to see as they stepped up and served us all so well.
- Family Services during our key times of the year such as Father's Day, Christmas and Mother's Day.
- A special 10-year anniversary service on 12th February, that celebrated the 10 years that Ps. Dave & Leanne have been officially pastors of the church. During this service many guests and friends of the house attended, including Ps. Mick and Sandra Bonner, and John and Andrene Partington.
- Several messages from key Partners of LCC, Friday, Michael and Cathryn.
- A dedication service.

Towards the start of May 2023, Ps. Dave and Leanne were able to commence a special three-month Sabbatical. This was an opportunity for them to rest, recharge and study following 11 years of ministry at LCC (in total). During this time, many key people from the church served in vital roles to serve the church family. These roles varied from administration, speaking, pastoral care, prayer, to building maintenance and support and so much more. They wish to officially express thanks to everyone involved who carried the load to allow them to benefit from this very special time.

The church continues to livestream all our services onto Facebook and YouTube. This means that those from the church family who cannot attend in-person, can also join in live or on catch-up. We have heard from several people, how they can no longer attend due to age and ill health but watch regularly from home: a genuine lifeline for them. Also, others can watch when away or travelling,

and still feel connected. Our online presence has now become the new “shop window” for people to connect with the church, before visiting us for the first time. It has become a vital tool to help us reach new people.

Sundays also saw celebration services take place, designed to reach more people in the community on special occasions. These included our Mother’s Day Celebration (where we celebrated mothers and women), and Father’s Day Celebration (honouring fathers and men). At Christmas time, on 11th December, we ran our “Carols by Candlelight” Christmas services. Both services were very well attended, with 175 people present across two services.

We had one baptism service during the year. On Easter Sunday it was fantastic to see **5 people get baptised**, both young and older, and going public in their faith, confessing Jesus Christ as Lord of their lives.

Engagement, Service and Discipleship

The “Next Steps Journey” course is designed to help new guests (or the existing church congregation) meet some of the team, and to understand the church’s mission, vision, and values. Over three sessions, they can “discover family, and find their fit”. This means that participants can learn more about LCC, explore their gifts and talents, and understand how to get more involved in the church through groups and teams. Attendees are encouraged to then pray and see if the Lord is leading them to make LCC their spiritual home. This has proven to be a highly successful method to engage new people and to also find out how we can serve them better. Throughout the course of the year, we have seen **12 people become Partners at LCC, choosing to make the church their spiritual home.**

We are so thankful to the many volunteers who serve on teams throughout the life of the church. Many serve on a Sunday, as well as on teams throughout the week. These are the heroes who always go above and beyond, to serve the needs of others. Our volunteers are the life blood of the church, and their selflessness really does make a difference to the lives of many people. Whether it has been teaching, playing in the worship team, leading a Life Group, calling and connecting with members of the church, pastoral visits and calls, serving on hospitality, hosting kid’s work, the list goes on... **On behalf of the Leadership Team, I wish to thank you for all your commitment and hard work. You really are making an impact in the lives of the church family and wider community!**

Throughout this year, we have endeavoured to provide opportunities for people in the church to be discipled. This has been outworked through the provision of 1:1 mentoring and pastoral sessions, our Life Groups, and the Wellbeing Journey.

Children

We have 2 ministries in the life of the church that cater to children and young people – Sunday Stars (school years reception to year 5) and Elevate (school years 6+). We also aim to serve the children’s respective families, as well as to reach out to other families within the local community.

Cathryn Myers, our Children’s Ministry Leader, and her wider team have done a fantastic job in teaching and leading our children and young people. Here’s a little summary:

- Sunday Stars was held on a Sunday morning four times a month. Elevate sessions were held on a Friday night each term, giving them valuable and age-related help and discipleship. Many in the group are Christ-followers and some are exploring! During Elevate, 8 girls followed a book about “identity” which was really relevant and helpful, and they also learnt about the life of Jesus through the TV series “The Chosen”.

- In October, a Light Party was held to engage with the community and to offer an alternative to Halloween. 34 children attended, who heard the message of Jesus, and had a tract to take home with them.
- At Christmastime, a Kids' Christmas Party was held that saw 36 from the community attend, hearing about the true meaning of Christmas.
- The children played active parts in the Christmas services, as well as Mother's Day and Father's Day services.
- At Easter, the "Easter Eggstravaganza" took place again by the children's team. Held on a Saturday for the wider community, families could get involved in an Easter Egg Hunt, face painting, activities, and outdoor games. 91 tickets were sold, and the church was packed out! A great time was had by all, and Cathryn wishes to express her thanks to the team and wider church family for their support in making this event a success.
- A weekly Kids' Club took place after school on a Tuesday. A few regulars attended, and great Bible discussions took place, as the kids asked curious questions. This ran up to the end of the Summer term.
- In Summer 2022, the children attended the Ultimate Youth Camp.
- The children got involved in 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting, and the teaching sessions followed the overall church theme from the Sunday.
- We had our first ever prize giving Sunday at the end of August. This was a chance to honour the kids and team.
- This year saw the first ever "Kids' Takeover" service during which children and young people took over most of the roles during the Sunday morning service. It went really well, and Cathryn would like to thank you for your encouragement and for encouraging the kids. These will happen more often to help develop the confidence and skill of all involved.
- Our children continue to develop their gifts and talents as they serve the wider church on a Sunday morning on different teams. Children serve us on the Media Team, in the Worship Team, Hospitality Team (serving refreshments), as well as being younger leaders and role models in the Sunday Stars programme! They also served in the Carol Services.
- A monthly prayer meeting now takes place on Zoom to encourage parents and anyone with a passion for the children and young people, to gather and pray together.

The Trustees would like to thank Cathryn and the whole children's and youth teams for the amazing work they have done by equipping our children and young people. We stand amazed, encouraged and thrilled at what the Lord is doing, as we see young and old serving side-by-side together in ministry!

Life Groups

Life Groups have also been a vital way for people in the church to connect with others, care for each other and grow together. They run termly, three times a year, with an official start and end date, so people can attend for a season (if life is busy), or swap groups if they would like. Life Groups are currently open to attendees of LCC as well as the wider community to sign-up to. On average, seven groups ran per term, catering for different ages, and with each group having a unique focus. We would like to say a huge thank you to all the Life Group leaders who have served to connect, care, and help disciple people in the Christian faith.

Corporate Prayer

Prayer continues to be a significant priority in the life of the church, as we seek to encourage people to gather in different settings to pray together. We still have our Monday morning prayer group (led by Peter and Anne Gale) who meet to pray for requests both within the church family and now coming in from the community from the website and social media. Friday Ehiguese also faithfully led our Thursday evening prayer group, who met faithfully on a weekly basis to commit the activities of the church to the Lord. Our Pre-Service Prayer meeting on a Sunday morning is gathering real

momentum. At 9:45am on a weekly basis, everyone serving on team is asked to gather for a short time of prayer and encouragement to commit our morning to the Lord. People from the wider church family are also encouraged to come along. This continues to be an important and significant time together.

“Encounter Nights” continue to take place on the first Thursday of each month. This evening seeks to provide a time of extended worship and prayer. We are encouraged by the engagement of these evenings.

Seasons of Prayer and Fasting within the church, are significant and vital times for us to pause and to seek God in various settings. During this period, we held “our annual “21 Days of Prayer and Fasting” towards the start of the year in January. We are thrilled by the engagement of people as they set aside time to pray individually as well as corporately on Zoom and in-person. It is no surprise that the impact of these seasons is always evident in the life of the church!

Care Home Outreach

Sandra Middleton is our Care Home Outreach Team leader. Here is a brief summary on LCC’s visits to Gainsborough Hall:

In January 2023, the former Activities Manager from Gainsborough Hall, Melanie contacted LCC after she had found the church from the website. She asked if we would be interested in meeting some of the residents regularly and share the parables of Jesus. Ps. Leanne and Sandra arranged a visit to the Home to discuss the possibility of getting involved with this project with the wonderful opportunity of sharing the good news of Jesus. Sandra was very enthusiastic about this, especially as the people we would meet are elderly and most of them would have gone to Sunday School many years ago. However, as often happens, life goes on and things get pushed to the side, and knowledge of the Bible fades.

The visits to Gainsborough Hall provide an outreach and a ministry to the elderly. Sandra, alongside Peter Gale and Beverly Archer, visit the Care Home every 4 weeks. They see between 3 to 5 people per visit and it's been encouraging to see how the residents have opened up at the meetings and asked questions. The staff are very welcoming and provide New Testament Bibles for those who attend, as well as drinks and cakes. The LCC team also support some of the events run by the Home, providing further opportunities to chat with the residents.

In addition to Gainsborough Hall, LCC were also invited to provide a Carol Service at Sebright House Care Home too, which was very well received.

Community Café Outreach

Here is a report on LCC’s Community Café by Sandra Middleton (Team Leader):

The cafe was officially opened on 6th July 2022 by the then Leamington Mayor, Nick Wilkins. The vision for the café was to offer a warm, friendly, non-judgemental place for lonely people to attend, or anyone just wanting to spend time in a safe space with staff who can show people the love of Jesus. We now have a team of seven volunteers, dedicated to listening, encouraging and if needed to pray with people. People have remarked how welcoming and friendly the cafe is, and our aim is that our guests leave feeling more uplifted than when they arrived.

Our team shows “love in action” by the way we serve. One of the things we do is go round and sit at the tables and chat rather than just being in the kitchen. This way, we have ample opportunity to get the inside story as to what people may be concerned with. We also show love by making our own homemade cakes and soup through the winter months, all provided free of charge.

The number of guests coming to the cafe has varied, between 10 and 20. Most of the visitors to the cafe are LCC worshipers, but a few people are from the local community. We have a regular lady who enjoys the colouring books provided, while others prefer to use the word search books.

Being a Christian-based café, we have a table displaying Christian literature, and our guests can take anything home with them. We also have a prayer box and occasionally someone will place a request in the box, which will be read out at the Monday prayer meeting. More often than not, the person will request one to one prayer, and so we go into the Church Hall to chat and pray together.

As a team, we enjoy being part of the Community Cafe. We pray together and work well together. We advertise on Nick Wilkins' website and other places, but more work needs to be done in this area to promote the work we do. The Café has been a success so far because people love the welcoming atmosphere. We look forward to continuing in the future.

Missions and Partnerships

The church is actively seeking to partner and build relationships with other organisations who share an affinity with our charity's objectives and values. We realise that more can be achieved in partnership than in isolation, and so we seek to partner through sign-posting and offering support through prayer, finance and volunteers. To help us achieve this, the church tithes on its income to produce an annual missions budget (10% of the previous year's income), whose expenditure is allocated to other organisations or individuals (e.g. Missions Partners) or needs as they arise. The following is a breakdown of our annual mission's expenditure for the Financial Year. In 2022-23, we were able to spend most of that which had been allocated from this fund as follows:

AoG, GB (Vision Offering and Missions)	£1,050
Children's Bible Camp in Poland (via Siloam Christian Ministries)	£1,000
Christians Against Poverty, Junior Debt Centre (based at St. Mary's Church)	£3,000
Empart UK (Reaching the lost in South Asia)	£950
Heart Transformation Ministry (Seth Copeland's trip to Uganda via Siloam Christian Ministries)	£1,050
Helping Hands (Local charity who extends compassionate and practical support to those struggling with the causes and effects of homelessness and trauma).	£700
Helping Hands – Christmas Appeal (see below)	£2,140
Hope For Justice (exists to bring an end to modern slavery by preventing exploitation, rescuing victims, restoring lives, and reforming society).	£700

LCC Hardship Fund (This fund is available to people in the church family facing crisis or hardship).	£0
Jews for Jesus (exists to support Jews in exploring Jewish life with faith in Jesus).	£1,000
Street Pastors (work with other organisations to practically help vulnerable people under the influence of drink or drugs, or homeless, or disorientated by mental illness, or the young, lost or lonely).	£300
Thrive Youth Ministry (exists to help local churches be more effective in reaching out to young people and discipling them in the Christian faith).	£400
Warwick University Christian Union (helping them with their annual outreach to reach more Students with the good news of Jesus Christ, on campus).	£500
Warwick District Foodbank (exists to provide emergency food and support to people facing hardship, and campaign for change to end the need for food banks in the UK).	£700
Other: (Daniel Kalcutt-Smith's missions trip to Romania)	£150
TOTAL	£13,640

At Christmas, we launched our annual Christmas appeal, seeking to give to those in need in the local community. This year, working in partnership with Helping Hands, and W.D. Foodbank, we launched our Christmas Hamper Appeal. We invited people to contribute financially to our campaign with the goal to raise enough money for 90 hampers. We were able to give away 100 to the local community through our Missions Partners and through the church. This was amazing, and we were so thankful to the generosity of the church, to be able to bless people in need at this time of year!

Venue Hire

We continue to see a gradual increase in demand for the hire of the centre for small meetings and groups. We currently only offer the Life Lounge and Kitchen for hire, as this is helpful from a logistics perspective. During this year, we are pleased to report that LCC earned £1,612 from venue hire within the local community, compared with £1,356 last year (an increase of 18.9% YoY)

Financial Review

Financial Activity and Financial Position

Current Financial Review from 1st July 2022 to 30th June 2023

The main sources of funding for the Church are the free will offerings of Church members and income tax recovered under the Gift Aid scheme.

Due to the financial threshold in which the Church fell this year, the charity's accounts have been prepared on a "receipts and payments" basis. In the "Statement of Account and Independent Examination Report" attached to this report, pages 5-6 show the Receipts and Payments Account and page 7 shows the Church's Statement of Assets and Liabilities. A comparison of the current and previous Financial Year follows:

- **Total Church Income increased by a significant £14,819 from £121,138 to £135,957 (increase of 12.2%)**
 - Of the Total Income, **General Tithes and Offerings increased by £6,633** from £102,095 to **£108,728 (increase of 6.5%)** for which we are truly thankful, as this is vital to the day-to-day operating expenditure of the church.
 - During this Financial Year, we received a total of **£19,855** (including Gift Aid) for Vision Offerings, broken down as follows: **£4,165 for Vision 21-22** and **£15,690 for Vision 2023** (more details below).
- **Gift Aid** continues to really benefit the church, with **£26,632 being reclaimed from HMRC** through Gift Aid donations. This is an **increase of 27.8% (£5,797)** from last year's reclaim of £20,835. This year, although our total donations have increased, the percentage of gift aided donations has decreased. To illustrate, our **total donations for this year were £104,923** (cf. £96,573 in 2021-22). However, **gift-aided donations this year were £81,631 or 77.8%** (cf. £80,006 or 82.8% in 2021-22).
- With people carrying less cash these days, electronic giving (i.e. card payments on a Sunday through our website, or standing orders) continues to be a popular method for donations. This past Financial Year, we saw giving continue to switch to electronic means. **Electronic giving was £101,326** (compared with £87,703 last year **excluding Gift Aid**); an **increase of £13,623 or 15.5%** Year on Year. Also, this year the split of electronic giving to cash giving was **88.0% vs 12.0%** (compared with 86.5% vs 13.5% last year, excluding Gift Aid). **This is helpful to the church**, as it means that less cash is being physically handled by the offering counters for various reasons including security. Also, electronic giving methods reduce the time and administration of processing cash payments, but also facilitate the ease and speed for people to donate. **Standing Orders remain the Church's preferred option of giving, as there are no charges incurred with this method.**
- Total spending for the year decreased very marginally by 0.3% (£338) from £130,752 to £130,414.

- Overall, the charity made a small profit of c.£5,543
- **Vision Offering 2023:** On 5th February, 2023, we held our Vision Day, during which we asked people to seek God to see what they might pledge to give in faith throughout the year towards this offering. The purpose of the offering was to make progress in the areas of Property, People, Planting, and Present Ministries and Mission. Below is a summary of what happened:
 - **Total amount pledged:** £31,735 (incl. Gift Aid)
 - **Total amount received:** £15,690 (during financial year, including Gift Aid)

Financial Position:

Cash at Bank: 30/06/2023	£	87,480
Less		
Previous Missions Fund balances	£	2,603.54
AoG 3% balance	£	-
Unspent V2013 Balance	£	10,000.00
Vision80 Building Fund Balance	£	32,041.45
Other commitments (children's account)	£	1,114.03
Sub-Total	£	45,759.02
Balance	£	41,720.98
Essential Operating Expenditure for 2022-23 is c. :	£	62,637.35
Reserves Policy of 5 months OPEX would be c.:	£	26,098.89
FREE CASH POSITION: 30/06/2022	£	15,622.09

We are so thankful to every person who gives within the life of the church. From regular donations in our weekly offerings, to those who gave sacrificially into our Vision 2021 offering, the church Leadership Team and Trustees wish to express our deepest gratitude. Your giving is truly making a difference!

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have examined the requirements for free reserves, i.e., those unrestricted funds not invested in tangible fixed assets. The Trustees consider that, given the nature of the Church's work, free reserves should be equivalent to approximately **5 months'** routine general fund expenditure, plus committed future expenditure on other projects, where funds permit. The Trustees are of the opinion that this provides sufficient flexibility to cover temporary shortfalls of incoming resources, and will allow the church to cope and respond to unforeseen emergencies whilst action plans are implemented. However, as income increases, the Trustees will look to increase this amount to provide a greater safeguard for the charity. As of the end of the current financial year, **free reserves requirement for 5 months budgeted routine expenditure is c.£26,100**. This money will be held in the current account, and through regular monitoring the account will not be allowed to slip below this amount without actions being put in place to mitigate against any decline in income.

Grants Policy

The Church makes grants, equivalent to 10% of its donated income annually, to support missionary endeavours both in the UK and abroad. This amount is transferred into the "designated account", known as the Mission Fund. The policy of the Church is to give grants on the basis that they are subject to annual review and only renewed based on meeting set criteria. These grants will either be

donated as a "lump sum" or will be given on a monthly or quarterly basis. In addition, the Church makes donations for hardship at the discretion of the Eldership, to those in need within the Church.

Future Plans

We are excited about the future. Things have changed as we are well into our season of rebuilding the church since the impact of the Pandemic. We continue to put in place a strategy where mission is kept at the forefront of the church, along with discipleship pathways to help people grow in a relationship with Jesus Christ. We are entering a season of much needed Leadership Development to strengthen and develop the existing leadership structures, but also to establish a leadership development pipeline. Please continue to pray for the church at this vital time.

Again, we are thankful for the all the volunteers who give of their time and their money to make a significant contribution to the Church, and as we expand our volunteer base in the future, Life Community Church will seek to continue to make an impact, both locally and beyond.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Trustee's Statement

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report was approved has confirmed that:

- So far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant information of which the charity's Independent Examiner is unaware, and
- They have taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee to be aware of any information needed by the Independent Examiner in connection with preparing their report, and to establish that the charity's Independent Examiner is aware of that information.

This report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



David Bolton, Senior Pastor
Trustee

27/04/2024

Date

**LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH
CHARLOTTE STREET
LEAMINGTON SPA
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Registered Charity: 1052019

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT
AND
INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2023**

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Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Receipts and Payment Accounts

Report to the trustees of Life Community Church

Registered Charity Number 1052019

On the accounts for the year ended 30th June 2023

Set out on the following pages

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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:
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follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
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 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:

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Signed *L A Silver*

Date: 20 October 2023

Luke Silver, HNC Business & Finance

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Signing of Accounts

I shall be obliged if you will please forward a copy of the signature page for my records after the accounts have been signed by a representative appointed by the Trustees and Church Council. A spare copy is enclosed.

Conclusion

There are no other matters I feel need to be brought to your attention.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further clarification or for further assistance.

Luke Silver

Date: 20 October 2023

LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2023

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The financial results are set out in the enclosed accounts.

The principal activity throughout the year under review was that of

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TRUSTEES AND CHURCH COUNCIL

The trustees and church council during the year were as follows:

David Bolton

Leanne Bolton

David Onyekwe

Peter Stephanis

STATEMENT

We certify that the books, vouchers and information produced to enable the independent examination of our accounts to be conducted contain a full and correct record of our financial transactions and activities to the best of our knowledge and belief.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES



Please print name: David Bolton

Date: 28/02/2024

Life Community Church

Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2023

Receipts and Payments Account

	2023				2022			
	Legacy Fund £	Designated Fund £	General Fund £	Total £	Legacy Fund £	Designated Fund £	General Fund £	Total £
Grants and Donations								
Donations - G/A (Standing Orders)	0	0	74,494	74,494	0	0	63,991	63,991
Donations - G/A (Cash)	0	0	5,851	5,851	0	0	7,680	7,680
Donations - G/A (Card / Online)	0	0	1,286	1,286	0	0	8,335	8,335
Donations - Non G/A (Cash)	0	0	7,894	7,894	0	0	6,109	6,109
Donations - Non G/A (S O)	0	0	13,448	13,448	0	0	9,176	9,176
Donations - Non G/A (Card / Online)	0	0	1,950	1,950	0	0	1,282	1,282
HMRC Gift Aid Tax Rebate	0	0	26,632	26,632	0	0	20,835	20,835
Children's Income	0	0	1,092	1,092	0	0	2,341	2,341
	0	0	132,647	132,647	0	0	119,749	119,749
Trading Activities								
Church Rent	0	0	1,612	1,612	0	0	1,356	1,356
General Sales	0	0	1,650	1,650				
Manse Rent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	3,262	3,262	0	0	1,356	1,356
Investment Income	0	0	48	48	32	0	0	32
TOTAL INCOME	0	0	135,957	135,957	32	0	121,105	121,137
Direct Charitable Expenditure								
Teaching	0	0	51	51	0	0	116	116
Training	0	0	2,732	2,732	0	0	2,930	2,930
Outreach	0	0	483	483	0	0	795	795
Missions	0	0	13,639	13,639	19,861	0	15,176	35,037
Gifts	0	0	1,659	1,659	0	0	710	710
Ministry Gifts	0	0	1,045	1,045	0	0	175	175
Children	0	0	635	635	0	0	6,128	6,128
Youth Ministry	0	0	1,214	1,214	0	0	183	183
Student Ministry	0	0	36	36	0	0	0	0
Little Treasures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Worship Team	0	0	108	108	0	0	6	6
Women's Ministry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Senior's Ministry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Men's Ministry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	21,602	21,602	19,861	0	26,219	46,080
Equipment								
IT Equipment	0	0	1,038	1,038	0	0	6,961	6,961
Furniture & Fittings	0	0	144	144	0	0	3	3
Worship Equipment	0	0	2,508	2,508	0	0	2,372	2,372
Office Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Equipment Hire	0	0	132	132	0	0	78	78
General	0	0	1,670	1,670	0	0	1,406	1,406
	0	0	5,492	5,492	0	0	10,820	10,820
Management & Admin								
Net Salaries	0	0	58,470	58,470	0	0	39,101	39,101
PAYE & NIC's	0	0	10,852	10,852	0	0	5,819	5,819
Professional Fees	0	0	1,590	1,590	0	0	457	457
Pensions	0	0	4,881	4,881	0	0	3,276	3,276
Internship	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	75,793	75,793	0	0	48,653	48,653

Support Costs

Property Insurance	0	0	1,566	1,566	0	0	1,436	1,436
Water Rates	0	0	57	57	0	0	42	42
Gas & Electricity	0	0	4,172	4,172	0	0	1,431	1,431
Travelling Expenses	0	0	141	141	0	0	20	20
Mileage	0	0	553	553	0	0	858	858
Printing & Stationery	0	0	873	873	0	0	784	784
Postage & Carriage	0	0	58	58	0	0	6	6
Maintenance	0	0	6,400	6,400	0	0	9,725	9,725
Subscriptions	0	0	3,611	3,611	0	0	1,608	1,608
Licences	0	0	2,389	2,389	0	0	2,513	2,513
Telephone Charges	0	0	510	510	0	0	644	644
General Expenses	0	0	429	429	0	0	246	246
Cleaning	0	0	3,450	3,450	0	0	3,110	3,110
Hospitality	0	0	1,338	1,338	0	0	538	538
Venue Hire Costs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Subsistence	0	0	50	50	0	0	0	0
P.R. (Leaflets & Brochures)	0	0	137	137	0	0	53	53
PSP (Card Payments)	0	0	513	513	0	0	582	582
Refuse Collection	0	0	736	736	0	0	620	620
	0	0	26,983	26,983	0	0	24,216	24,216

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Property Insurance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Council Tax	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gas & Electricity	0	0	364	364	0	0	840	840
Water Rates	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Furniture & Fittings	0	0	28	28	0	0	143	143
Equipment Hire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maintenance	0	0	152	152	0	0	0	0
	0	0	544	544	0	0	983	983

TOTAL PAYMENTS

	0	0	130,414	130,414	19,861	0	110,891	130,752
Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Excess of Income over Payments For the Year	0	0	5,543	5,543	(19,829)	0	10,214	(9,615)
Funds as at 30 June Start of Year	0	34,674	47,263	81,937	19,829	4,331	67,392	91,552
Fund Balance Adjustment	0	0	0	0	0	30,343	(30,343)	0
Funds as at 30 June End of Year	0	34,674	52,806	87,480	0	34,674	47,263	81,937

Monetary Assets:

Bank Current Accounts			37,846				48,642	
Kingdom Bank			33,120				32,070	
Cash in Hand			0				0	
Life Youth & Children's Account			1,114				1,225	
Life Vision Offering			15,400				0	
Creditors			0				0	
			87,480				81,937	

Life Community Church

Statement of Assets and Liabilities As At 30th June 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets		
Church Building & Manse <i>(Commercial Property Valuation undertaken in 2023)</i>	820,000	450,000
Current Assets		
<u>Bank Balances:</u>		
Current Account	35,325	46,038
Life Designated Account	2,521	2,604
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Life Community Church

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Life Community Church

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2022

Trustees

David Bolton, Senior Pastor **(Chair)**
David Onyekwe
Peter Stephanis (appointed on 19/07/2021)
Robert Page (resigned on 19/07/2021)
John Partington (resigned on 19/07/2021)

Church Elders (Church Council)

David Bolton, Senior Pastor **(Chair)** *(with oversight of vision, teaching, pastoral care & administration)*
Leanne Bolton, Senior Pastor *(with oversight of worship, children's ministry, and evangelism)*
David Onyekwe, Elder *(with oversight of Finance)*

Holding Trustees

(In order of appointment)
Peter Gale
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Registered Charity Name and Number

Life Community Church (Warwickshire): 1052019

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TRUSTEE REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 2022

The Trustees present their Annual Report together with the externally examined financial statements of Life Community Church for the year ended **30th June, 2022**. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity, and the charity's governing document.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Governing Documents

The Church's governing document is the "Model Constitution with Trust Deed for Local Assemblies of God" dated 6th May 2012.

Life Community Church (Warwickshire) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission with registration number 1052019. The church is a member of the Assemblies of God in Great Britain, and the Evangelical Alliance.

Trustees

The Trustees of the Church are responsible for the day-to-day management of the Church's business in accordance with the Church's objects.

The Trustees meet approximately 4-8 times per year, to discuss a full range of matters relating to the life of the church including activities, finance, fabric, general administration, the implementation of the church constitution, and church membership. Decision making happens either through a simple majority vote in a meeting (a quorum being the highest of 3 or a third of the members present) or by a written resolution and signed by all the members.

One of the Church's Trustees receives remuneration for their employed position in the ministry. In compliance with Charity Commission guidelines, a greater proportion of Trustees are voluntary and receive no benefits or remuneration in connection with their duties.

Appointment of Trustees

The Church Council and Trustees of the Church identify suitable candidates, who are then invited to serve as Trustees. Their suitability for this role would be based mainly on their commitment to the Church, demonstrated by membership (or partnership), regular attendance and a high degree of involvement. Potential candidates are not appointed as Trustees due to any particular professional competence that they may be able to bring, although the Trustees do seek to ensure that an appropriate mix of skills are represented to help the charity identify and manage risks that might be faced by the Church. The induction and training process for a newly appointed Trustee, will include them having mentoring conversations with the Senior Pastor, to review their role and to seek to understand any training needs. They will also receive copies of the following documents:

- The charity's Constitution with Trust Deed
- The most recent financial statements
- Recent minutes

- Suitable Charity Commission guidance, such as CC10 "Hallmarks of a well-run charity", CC3 "The Essential Trustee" and guidance noted on "The Advancement of Religion for Public Benefit"

Holding Trustees

Holding Trustees are individuals appointed to hold the property of the charity. They can only act on the lawful instructions of the charity Trustees and in accordance with any provisions contained in the governing document.

Church Members (Partners)

Church membership (or Partnership) is open to any individual who:

- By grace has exhibited saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and
- Desires to worship and serve God in the context of the statement of "What we Believe" as set out by the Assemblies of God in Great Britain, and
- Is committed to promoting the church's objects.

Church Members share in providing for the finances, administration, maintenance and activities of the church.

Risk Management

The Church's primary concern and objective is the glory of God. Whilst it is the Church's policy to trust wholly in the Lord that He will work out His purpose to this end, the Church also acknowledges that it has a responsibility both as individual members and as a body of members, for the identification and proper management of risks faced by the church in achieving its primary aim.

The Trustees have therefore sought to assess the major risks to which the Church is exposed, particularly those relating to the specific operational areas of the Church, its investments, and its finances. The Trustees believe that, by monitoring reserve levels, by ensuring that controls exist over key financial systems, and by examining the operational risks faced by the Church, it has established effective systems and procedures to mitigate those risks.

Objectives and Activities

Objectives

In accordance with the Constitution, the church's purposes (or objects) for the benefit of the public, are:

- 1. To advance the Christian Faith***
- 2. 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***
- 3. To advance education in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think fit.***

The Trustees do not believe that it is possible to accurately report on the individual performance of the 3 parts of the objectives above, as they are intrinsically linked, and therefore impossible to account for independently. The Trustees believe that doing so, would portray an inaccurate representation of the charity's achievements.

We are confident that we have tried to equip ordinary people from a wide variety of different backgrounds, to grow in their faith within the local community through:

- Provision of Sunday Services where anyone in the community is welcome, and can have an opportunity to worship, pray and hear teaching that can positively equip them in their lives.
- Provision of courses such as Alpha and "Exploring Christianity" open to the community, where people can discover more about the Christian Faith, as well as to develop those beliefs even further.
- Provision of "Life Groups", which are small groups designed to help people build relationships of support and care, and to provide an opportunity for them to grow in their faith.
- Pastoral Care for people living in the local community, who may need guidance, support or simply an encouraging "listening ear".
- Missionary and outreach work to help promote the faith, and to educate in the area of finances and hardship.
- Sign-posting other organisations and ministries with shared values, to help work in partnership with others.

The Trustees are confident that with the comprehensive provision of activities to people of all age ranges and diverse backgrounds, the charity does provide benefit to the public. The Trustees and Elders of Life Community Church are confident that the church has advanced the Christian Faith.

Public Benefit Statement

The previous section of this report, entitled "Objectives", sets out the aims and priorities of the charity.

When planning our activities for this year, the Trustees and Church Council have considered both the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, and the further specific guidance contained within "The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit". We have concluded that we have had due regard to the guidance in exercising our powers, and so:

1. The aims of the organisation continue to be charitable.
2. The aims and work done give identifiable benefits to the charitable sector, and both indirectly and directly to individuals in need.
3. The benefits are for the public, are not unreasonably restricted in any way, and certainly not by ability to pay.
4. There is no harm or detriment arising from the aims or activities.

Achievements and Performance

Life Community Church is an independent church and is affiliated to the Assemblies of God of Great Britain. The congregation is drawn from a wide range of cultures from across Leamington Spa and the surrounding areas and caters for all age groups. The Church has maintained a presence in the town since 1937, and by God's grace, we continue to build on the work of previous generations. The Trustees are truly thankful to the great and growing number of volunteers who serve on many teams to help Life Community Church outwork its objectives.

Performance Against Objectives

Life Community Church meets its objectives through the delivery of activities both on a Sunday, and during the rest of the week. During the main Sunday ministry, the congregation will gather for worship and teaching. The congregation will then outwork the benefit of that teaching, in both quantifiable and often non-quantifiable ways, in their everyday life within the local community, as well as through the various ministries in the life of the Church.

Sunday Ministry

Sundays play a key part in the life of the church, and our Sunday Morning Family Service plays a central role in helping us to meet our aims. Over the course of the year, various teaching series were given to positively equip people to live out the Christian faith every day. Messages over the year included:

- Dressed to win (looking at the armour of God found in Ephesians 6)
- Summer of Miracles (series looking at different miracles performed by Jesus)
- Let's start Rebuilding (character series looking at the life of Nehemiah as he started to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem)
- Immanuel (advent teaching series)
- H.A.B.I.T. (New Year series, looking at key habits that we can develop as Christ-followers)
- When you pray (series on the topic of prayer)
- We ARE the Church! (a mini-series looking at what it means to BE the church of Jesus Christ)
- Sacrifice to Significance (Easter teaching series)
- After Easter (looking at some of the events in the life of Jesus and His disciples following the resurrection)
- The Blessed Life (a series looking at financial stewardship and generosity)
- A few interviews with people in the church (Peter & Marinda S, and Paddy K & Gary T)

Following the main disruption of the pandemic, we entered a season of livestreaming all our services onto Facebook and YouTube. This meant that those from the church family who couldn't attend in-person, could also join in live or on catch-up. We've heard from several people, how they can no longer attend due to age and ill health, but watch almost every week; a genuine lifeline for them. Also, others can watch when away or travelling, and still feel connected. Our online presence has now become the new "shop window" for people to connect with the church, before visiting us for the first time. It has become a vital tool to help us reach new people.

Sundays also saw some special services, designed to reach more people in the community on special occasions. These included our Mother's Day Celebration (where we celebrated mothers and women), and Father's Day Celebration (honouring fathers and men). At Christmas time, on 12th December, we ran our "Carols by Candlelight" Christmas services; the first in-person carol service in 2 years. The services were quite well attended, but due to the rise of the COVID variant at the time, numbers were affected. However, a great time was had by those who attended, and Ps. Dave Jones was our guest worship leader on the night, and did a great job in leading us through some of our favourite carols.

We had 3 baptism services during the year. These were held in July, October and on Easter Sunday. It was fantastic to see **8 people getting baptised throughout the year**, both young and older, and going public in their faith, confessing Jesus Christ as Lord of their lives.

Engagement, Service and Discipleship

The "Next Steps Journey" course is designed to help new guests (or the existing church congregation) meet some of the team, and to understand the church's mission, vision, and values. Over 3 sessions, they can "discover family, and find their fit". In essence this means that participants can learn more about LCC, explore their gifts and talents, and understand how to get more involved in the church through groups and teams. This has proven to be a very successful method to engage new people and to also find out how we can serve them better. Throughout the course of the year, we have seen **12 people become Partners at LCC, choosing to make the church their spiritual home**.

We are so thankful to the many volunteers who serve on teams throughout the life of the church. Many serve on a Sunday, as well as on teams throughout the week. These are the heroes who always go above and beyond, to serve the needs of others. Our volunteers are the life blood of the church, and their selflessness really does make a difference to the lives of many people. Whether it has been teaching, playing in the worship team, leading a Life Group, calling and connecting with members of the church, pastoral visits and calls, serving on hospitality, hosting kid's work, the list goes on... **On behalf of the Leadership Team, I wish to thank you for all your commitment and hard work. You really are making an impact in the lives of the church family and wider community!**

Throughout this year, we have endeavoured to provide opportunities for people in the church to be disciplined. This has been outworked through the provision of 1:1 mentoring and pastoral sessions, our Life Groups, and the Alpha course.

Children

We have 2 children's ministries in the life of the church – Sunday Stars (school years reception to year 5) and Elevate (school years 6+). We also aim to serve the children's respective families, as well as to reach out to other families within the local community.

Cathryn Myers, our Children's Ministry Leader, and her wider team have done a fantastic job in teaching and leading our children and young people. Here's a little summary:

- Sunday Stars was held on a Sunday morning three times a month. Elevate sessions were held on a Friday night each term, giving them valuable and age-related help and discipleship. Many in the group are Christ-followers and some are exploring!
- As part of the Elevate sessions, in the Autumn the group participated in Youth Alpha, and had an Alpha Day one Saturday where they looked at the subject of the Holy Spirit. This was a significant time for all, and a big thank you to the wider team to help to make it possible.
- In October, a Light Trail was held to engage with the community and to offer an alternative to Halloween. People could sign-up online and then attend the event in-person to follow the clues to discover the message and win a prize. A huge thank you to those who helped at this event.
- At Christmastime, a Kids' Christmas Party was held that saw about 30 from the community attend. Even though numbers were lower than normal due to a resurgence of COVID, a really meaningful time was had as the children made Christingles and learned about the true meaning of Christmas – Jesus: His birth, death, and resurrection.
- The children played active parts in the Christmas services, as well as Mother's Day and Father's Day services.
- At Easter, a fantastic Easter community event was run by the children's team called the "Easter Eggstravaganza". Held on a sunny Saturday morning, the community could get involved in an Easter Egg Hunt, face painting, activities, and outdoor games. A great time was had by all including the amazing (and large) team who served!
- Our children continue to develop their gifts and talents as they serve the wider church on a Sunday morning on different teams. Children serve us on the Media Team, in the Worship Team, Hospitality Team (serving refreshments), as well as being younger leaders and role models in the Sunday Stars programme!

The Trustees would like to thank Cathryn and the whole children's teams for the amazing work they have done by equipping our children and young people. We stand amazed, encouraged, and thrilled at what the Lord is doing, as we see young and old serving side-by-side together in ministry!

Life Groups

Life Groups have also been a way to connect with others, care for each other and grow together. Since the pandemic, we have now launched a new model for these vital groups. 3 times a year, we run termly Life Groups with an official start and end date. These groups are open to attendees of LCC as well as the wider community to sign-up to. On average, about 7-9 groups ran per term, catering for different ages, and with each group having a unique focus. We would like to say a huge thank you to all the Life Group leaders who have served to connect, care, and help disciple people in the Christian faith.

Corporate Prayer

Prayer continues to be a significant priority in the life of the church, as we seek to encourage people to gather in different settings to pray together. We still have our Monday morning prayer group (led by Peter and Anne Gale) who meet to pray for requests both within the church family and now coming in from the community from the website and social media. Friday Ehiguese also faithfully led our Sunday morning prayer team, as well as a Thursday evening prayer group, who met faithfully on a weekly basis to commit the activities of the church to the Lord. From March 2022, we changed the focus of prayer on a Sunday Morning. At 9:45am on a weekly basis, everyone serving on team were asked to gather for a short time of prayer and encouragement to commit our morning to the Lord. People from the wider church family were also encouraged to come along. This continues to be an important and significant time together.

Following the disruption of the pandemic, we moved our monthly online "Encounter Nights" back to being in-person, on the first Thursday of each month. This continues to be the preferred setting for this evening that seeks to provide a time of extended worship and prayer. We are encouraged by the growing engagement of these evenings.

Seasons of Prayer and Fasting within the church, are significant and vital times for us to pause and to seek God in various settings. During this period, we held "5 Days of Prayer and Fasting" in September, and then our annual "21 Days of Prayer and Fasting" towards the start of the year in January. We are thrilled by the engagement of people as they set aside time to pray individually as well as corporately on Zoom and in-person. It is no surprise that the impact of these seasons is always evident in the life of the church!

Missions and Partnerships

The church is actively seeking to partner and build relationships with other organisations who share an affinity with our charity's objectives and values. We realise that more can be achieved in partnership than in isolation, and so we seek to partner through signposting and offering support through prayer, finance, and volunteers. To help us achieve this, the church tithes on its income to produce an annual missions' budget, whose expenditure is allocated to other organisations or individuals (e.g. Missions Partners) or needs as they arise. The following is a breakdown of our annual mission's expenditure for the financial year. In 2021-22, we were able to spend most of that which had been allocated from this fund as follows:

AoG, GB	£1,817.47
AoG Ukraine Appeal	£1,057.50
Christians Against Poverty	£720.00

Jews for Jesus (£1,200 allocated from 2020-21 budget, and £700 from 2021-22 budget)	£1,900.00
Street Pastors (£1,200 allocated from 2020-21 budget, and £500 from 2021-22 budget)	£1,700.00
Thrive Youth Ministry (£600 allocated from 2020-21 budget, and £400 from 2021-22 budget)	£1,000.00

Empart UK	£733.00	Warwick University Christian Union (£1,800 allocated from 2020-21 budget, and £500 from 2021-22 budget)	£2,300.00
Helping Hands	£700.00	Warwick District Foodbank	£700.00
Helping Hands – Christmas Appeal	£1,555.00	Other:	£153.89
Hope For Justice	£700.00	TOTAL	£15,036.86

At Christmas, we carried out our annual Christmas appeal, seeking to give to those in need in the local community. This year, working in partnership with Helping Hands for their annual Christmas Shoebox appeal, we invited people to contribute financially or to physically fill and wrap shoe boxes filled with goodies to be distributed to individuals and families in need at this time. This is a way to show the love of Jesus in a practical way. The target was 65 shoeboxes, and we were able to give away 87, which was amazing!

Legacy Fund

An action from a previous AGM was to resolve the outstanding Legacy Fund. For all details, please refer to the minutes of last year's AGM as circulated to Partners. It was our pleasure as a church to give the balance of this fund (£20,000) to 4 different Care Homes in the local community as carefully selected by Partners who were members of the church when the original donation was given. The Care Homes were invited to a special service at the church, during which they could share a little about their organisations, after which we thanked them for their hard work (especially considering the difficulty experienced during the Pandemic) and prayed for the great work that they do. All the Care Homes expressed their gratitude to the church, with some of the representatives being deeply touched by the way in which the church selected them and how we presented the donations. The Legacy Fund balance was distributed as follows:

- Eversleigh Nursing Home: £5,000
- Homewood Care Home: £5,000
- Gainsborough Hall Care Home £5,000
- Sebright Care Home £5,000

Venue Hire

Since the reopening of the church from the Pandemic, we have seen a gradual increase in demand for the hire of the centre for small meetings and groups. During this year, we are pleased to report that £1,356 was earned from venue hire within the local community.

Financial Review

Financial Activity and Financial Position

a) 3 Year Financial Review from 1st July 2019 to 30th June 2022

The past few years have been unprecedented for the world, due to the pandemic and consequently for Life Community Church. COVID-19 starting to surface towards the end of 2019, and then our nation was plunged into a national lockdown in March 2020. Towards the end of 2021 there was another resurgence of the virus. As a result of this, we thought it prudent to provide a summary of the church finances across this 3-year period, before commenting on the most recent set of accounts.

Table 1 below shows the **actual** total income and expenditure of the church in the 3-year period. You will notice that in the last financial year 2021-22, there was an overall deficit of c.£9,614. This was because £20,000 was paid to the Care Homes (see above) from the Legacy Fund. Across the 3 years, there was a deficit of c.£8,148, which is very good considering the amount of costs that were reduced during COVID balanced out by the investment in equipment to help the Church to pivot to the new word of Online Church. However, these figures don't tell the full story until they are compared in **Table 2**:

TABLE 1: A comparison of total income and expenditure across the 3-year period

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	3-year view: 2019-22
Total Income	£ 104,114.34	£ 93,697.68	£ 121,138.27	£ 318,950.29
Total Expenditure	£ 103,613.57	£ 92,732.34	£ 130,752.35 (Including Legacy Fund expenditure)	£ 327,098.26
Balance	£ 500.77	£ 965.34	-£ 9,614.08	-£ 8,147.97

Table 2 below shows the true operational view of the accounts. In 2021-22, payments totalling £20,000 were made to the 4 Care Homes from an existing Legacy Fund. During this year, we also received a special Vision Offering (see below for further details). Therefore, excluding the Legacy Fund payments from the total expenditure, the church made a surplus of c.£10,386 in year 2021-22. **This is excellent news indeed and we are truly grateful for the generosity of everyone who gives to the church.** Across this 3-year time span, the total surplus was c.£11,852. **However, much of this surplus is already earmarked for expenditure that would happen in 2022-23.**

TABLE 2: A comparison of total income and expenditure across the 3-year period (excluding the £20,000 Legacy Fund payments)

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Balance	£ 500.77	£ 965.34	£ 10,385.92	£ 11,852.03

b) Current Financial Review from 1st July 2021 to 30th June 2022

The main sources of funding for the Church are the free will offerings of Church members and income tax recovered under the Gift Aid scheme.

Due to the financial threshold in which the Church fell this year, the charity's accounts have been prepared on a "receipts and payments" basis. In the "Statement of Account and Independent Examination Report" attached to this report, page 5 shows the Receipts and Payments Account, and page 6 shows the Church's Statement of Assets and Liabilities. A comparison of the current and previous financial year follows:

- **Total Church Income increased by a significant £26,086 from £93,669 to £119,750 (increase of 27.8%)**
 - Of the Total Income, **General Tithes and Offerings increased by £10,767** from £91,328 to **£102,095 (increase of 11.8%)** for which we are truly thankful, as this vital to the day-to-day operating expenditure of the church.
 - This year we received a Vision Offering (Vision 2021 - more details below). Of the Total Church Income, we received an amazing **£14,481 towards Vision 2021** during this financial year.
- **Gift Aid** continues to really benefit the church, with **£20,835 being reclaimed from HMRC** through Gift Aid donations. This is an **increase of 27.0% (£4,431)** from last year's reclaim of £16,404. This year, 82.8% of donations were gift aided, compared to 83.4% last year, marking a **marginal decrease of 0.6%**. The Gift Aid scheme remains vital to the church, as it represents an additional 25% of income to the church for each donation made using it.

- With people carrying less cash these days, electronic giving (i.e., card payments on a Sunday, or through the website, or standing orders) continues to be a popular method for donations. This past financial year, we saw giving continue to switch to electronic means. **Electronic giving was £87,703** (compared with £70,891 last year **excluding Gift Aid**); an **increase of £16,812 or 23.7%** Year on Year. Also, this year the split of electronic giving to cash giving was **86.5% vs 13.5%** (compared with 90.3% vs 9.7% last year, excluding Gift Aid). **This is helpful to the church**, as it means that less cash is being physically handled by the offering counters (especially during the Pandemic). Also, electronic giving methods reduce the time and administration of processing cash payments, and also facilitate the ease and speed for people to donate. **Standing Orders remain the Church's preferred option of giving, as there are no charges incurred with this method.**
- Total spending for the year increased by 41.0% (£38,019) from £92,733 to £130,752. Key expenditure items were:
 - Missions: £35,037: £20,000 (legacy fund) and £15,037 (Missions giving)
 - Children: £6,128: incl. £2,000 given to subsidize the Kid's camp
 - New screen & projector: £5,644
 - Maintenance: £9,725: incl. £4,201 (new heaters), £3,739 (windows & door)
- Overall, the charity made a deficit of c.£9,614 (due to the Legacy Fund payments made), but made a surplus in "real terms" of c.£10,386 (please see **tables 1 and 2** on page 9)
- **Vision Offering 2021:** On 7th November, 2021, we held our Vision Day, during which we asked people to seek God to see what they might pledge to give in faith throughout the year towards this offering. The purpose of the offering was to raise at least £12,000 towards essential maintenance and some refurbishment within the building. Here's a summary of what happened:
 - **Total amount pledged:** £21,143 (incl. Gift Aid)
 - **Total amount received:** £14,481 (during financial year) and £18,446 (at time of writing)
 - This is a redemption rate of **87.2%**
 - **Expenditure of the Vision Offering 2021:**
 - £4,201 New gas heaters in Main Hall
 - £3,739 New windows and door in Life Lounge
 - £5,644 New large screen and data projector in Main Hall
 - £209 Video feed into Family Room
 - **£13,793 TOTAL (in financial year)**

Financial Position:

Cash at Bank: 30/06/2022	£ 81,937.20
Less	
Previous Missions Fund balances	£ 2,603.54
AoG 3% balance	£ -
Unspent V2122 Balance	£ 4,653.33
Vision80 Building Fund Balance	£ 32,041.45
Legacy Fund	£ -
Other commitments (children's account)	£ 1,225.58
Sub-Total	£ 40,523.90
Balance	£ 41,413.30
Essential Operating Expenditure for 2021-22 is c.:	£ 62,637.35
Reserves Policy of 5 months OPEX would be c.:	£ 26,098.89
FREE CASH POSITION: 30/06/2022	£ 15,314.41

Total cash at the bank at the end of the financial year was c.£81,937. Total earmarked commitments were c.£40,524. The 5-month reserves policy for the period was c.£26,099. This leaves a cash free position of £15,314.

We are so thankful to every person who gives within the life of the church. From regular donations in our weekly offerings, to those who gave sacrificially into our Vision 2021 offering, the church Leadership Team and Trustees wish to express our deepest gratitude. Your giving is truly making a difference!

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have examined the requirements for free reserves, i.e., those unrestricted funds not invested in tangible fixed assets. The Trustees consider that, given the nature of the Church's work, free reserves should be equivalent to approximately **5 months'** routine general fund expenditure, plus committed future expenditure on other projects, where funds permit. The Trustees are of the opinion that this provides sufficient flexibility to cover temporary shortfalls of incoming resources and will allow the church to cope and respond to unforeseen emergencies whilst action plans are implemented. However, as income increases, the Trustees will look to increase this amount to provide a greater safeguard for the charity. As of the end of the current financial year, **free reserves requirement for 5 months budgeted routine expenditure is c.£26,100**. This money will be held in the current account, and through regular monitoring the account will not be allowed to slip below this amount without actions being put in place to mitigate against any decline in income.

Grants Policy

The Church makes grants, equivalent to 10% of its donated income annually, to support missionary endeavours both in the UK and abroad. This amount is transferred into the "designated account", known as the Mission Fund. The policy of the Church is to give grants on the basis that they are subject to annual review and only renewed based on meeting set criteria. These grants will either be donated as a "lump sum" or will be given on a monthly or quarterly basis. In addition, the Church makes donations for hardship at the discretion of the Eldership, to those in need within the Church.

Future Plans

We are excited about the future. Things have changed as we are well into our season of rebuilding the church since the impact of the Pandemic. We continue to put in place a strategy where mission is kept at the forefront of the church, along with discipleship pathways to help people grow in a relationship with Jesus Christ. We are entering a season of much needed Leadership Development to strengthen and develop the existing leadership structures, but also to establish a leadership development pipeline. Please continue to pray for the church at this vital time.

Again, we are thankful for all the volunteers who give of their time and their money to make a significant contribution to the Church, and as we expand our volunteer base in the future, Life Community Church will seek to continue to make an impact, both locally and beyond.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Trustee's Statement

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- So far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant information of which the charity's Independent Examiner is unaware, and
- They have taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee to be aware of any information needed by the Independent Examiner in connection with preparing their report, and to establish that the charity's Independent Examiner is aware of that information.

This report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



David Bolton, Senior Pastor
Trustee

15/11/2022

Date

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**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT
AND
INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2022**

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Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Receipts and Payment Accounts

Report to the trustees of Life Community Church

Registered Charity Number 1052019

On the accounts for the year ended 30th June 2022

Set out on the following pages

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;
follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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Signed *L A Silver*

Date: 11 November 2022

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Conclusion

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Date: 11 November 2022

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STATEMENT

We certify that the books, vouchers and information produced to enable the independent examination of our accounts to be conducted contain a full and correct record of our financial transactions and activities to the best of our knowledge and belief.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES



Please print name: **David Bolton**

Date: **20/11/2022**

Life Community Church

Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2022

Receipts and Payments Account

	2022				2021			
	Legacy Fund £	Designated Fund £	General Fund £	Total £	Legacy Fund £	Designated Fund £	General Fund £	Total £
Grants and Donations								
Donations - G/A (Standing Orders)	0	0	63,991	63,991	0	0	49,724	49,724
Donations - G/A (Cash)	0	0	7,680	7,680	0	0	5,570	5,570
Donations - G/A (Card / Online)	0	0	8,335	8,335	0	0	9,156	9,156
Donations - Non G/A (Cash)	0	0	6,109	6,109	0	0	3,392	3,392
Donations - Non G/A (S O)	0	0	9,176	9,176	0	0	7,835	7,835
Donations - Non G/A (Card / Online)	0	0	1,282	1,282	0	0	1,583	1,583
HMRC Gift Aid Tax Rebate	0	0	20,835	20,835	0	0	16,404	16,404
Children's Income	0	0	2,341	2,341	0	0	0	0
	0	0	119,749	119,749	0	0	93,664	93,664
Trading Activities								
Church Rent	0	0	1,356	1,356	0	0	0	0
Manse Rent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	1,356	1,356	0	0	0	0
Investment Income	32	0	0	32	35	0	0	35
TOTAL INCOME	32	0	121,105	121,137	35	0	93,664	93,699
Direct Charitable Expenditure								
Teaching	0	0	116	116	0	0	26	26
Training	0	0	2,930	2,930	0	0	1,510	1,510
Outreach	0	0	795	795	0	0	461	461
Missions	19,861	0	15,176	35,037	710	0	17,789	17,789
Gifts	0	0	710	710	0	0	508	508
Ministry Gifts	0	0	175	175	0	0	300	300
Children	0	0	6,128	6,128	0	0	272	272
Youth Ministry	0	0	183	183	0	0	4	4
Student Ministry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little Treasures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Worship Team	0	0	6	6	0	0	0	0
Women's Ministry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Senior's Ministry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Men's Ministry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	19,861	0	26,219	46,080	0	0	20,870	20,870
Equipment								
IT Equipment	0	0	6,961	6,961	0	0	3,597	3,597
Furniture & Fittings	0	0	3	3	0	0	70	70
Worship Equipment	0	0	2,372	2,372	0	0	721	721
Office Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Equipment Hire	0	0	78	78	0	0	354	354
General	0	0	1,406	1,406	0	0	660	660
	0	0	10,820	10,820	0	0	5,402	5,402
Management & Admin								
Net Salaries	0	0	39,101	39,101	0	0	38,821	38,821
PAYE & NIC's	0	0	5,819	5,819	0	0	6,100	6,100
Professional Fees	0	0	457	457	0	0	657	657
Pensions	0	0	3,276	3,276	0	0	3,276	3,276
Internship	0	0	0	0	0	0	380	380
	0	0	48,653	48,653	0	0	49,234	49,234

Support Costs

Property Insurance	0	0	1,436	1,436	0	0	1,397	1,397
Water Rates	0	0	42	42	0	0	40	40
Gas & Electricity	0	0	1,431	1,431	0	0	1,158	1,158
Travelling Expenses	0	0	20	20	0	0	6	6
Mileage	0	0	858	858	0	0	645	645
Printing & Stationery	0	0	784	784	0	0	804	804
Postage & Carriage	0	0	6	6	0	0	21	21
Maintenance	0	0	9,725	9,725	0	0	967	967
Subscriptions	0	0	1,608	1,608	0	0	3,129	3,129
Licences	0	0	2,513	2,513	0	0	3,164	3,164
Telephone Charges	0	0	644	644	0	0	558	558
General Expenses	0	0	246	246	0	0	174	174
Cleaning	0	0	3,110	3,110	0	0	2,703	2,703
Hospitality	0	0	538	538	0	0	191	191
Venue Hire Costs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Subsistence	0	0	0	0	0	0	860	860
P.R. (Leaflets & Brochures)	0	0	53	53	0	0	16	16
PSP (Card Payments)	0	0	582	582	0	0	235	235
Refuse Collection	0	0	620	620	0	0	439	439
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>24,216</u>	<u>24,216</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>16,507</u>	<u>16,507</u>

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Property Insurance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Council Tax	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gas & Electricity	0	0	840	840	0	0	720	720
Water Rates	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Furniture & Fittings	0	0	143	143	0	0	0	0
Equipment Hire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maintenance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>983</u>	<u>983</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>720</u>	<u>720</u>

TOTAL PAYMENTS

	<u>19,861</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>110,891</u>	<u>130,752</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>92,733</u>	<u>92,733</u>
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Transfers

	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
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Excess of Income over Payments
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	(19,829)	0	10,214	(9,615)	35	0	931	966
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Funds as at 30 June Start of Year

	19,829	4,331	67,392	91,552	19,794	4,331	66,440	90,565
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Fund Balance Adjustment

	0	30,343	(30,343)	0	0	0	21	21
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Funds as at 30 June End of Year

	<u>0</u>	<u>34,674</u>	<u>47,263</u>	<u>81,937</u>	<u>19,829</u>	<u>4,331</u>	<u>67,392</u>	<u>91,552</u>
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Life Community Church

Statement of Assets and Liabilities As At 30th June 2022

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Total Current Assets	81,937	91,552
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**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2022**

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Somerset
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Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Receipts and Payment Accounts

Report to the trustees of Life Community Church

Registered Charity Number 1052019

On the accounts for the year ended 30th June 2022

Set out on the following pages

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;
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Transfers

	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
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Current Liabilities	0	0
Total Assets	531,937	541,552

Accounts

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2021

Trustees

David Bolton, Senior Pastor (**Chair**)

David Onyekwe

Robert Page

John Partington

Church Elders (Church Council)

David Bolton, Senior Pastor (**Chair**) *(with oversight of vision, teaching, pastoral care & administration)*

Leanne Bolton, Senior Pastor *(with oversight of worship, children's ministry and evangelism)*

David Onyekwe, Elder *(with oversight of Finance)*

Holding Trustees

(in order of appointment)

Peter Gale

Richard Norton

David Onyekwe

David Bolton

Registered Charity Name and Number

Life Community Church (Warwickshire): 1052019

Principal Operating Office

Life Community Church, Charlotte Street, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire. CV31 3EB

Independent Examiner of Accounts

Luke Silver, Accountancy & Taxation Services, 51 Southall Avenue, Worcester. WR3 7LX

Bankers

Lloyds Bank, 73 Parade, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire. CV32 4BB

Solicitors

Field Overell, 42 Warwick Street, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire. CV32 5JS

TRUSTEE REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 2021

The Trustees present their Annual Report together with the externally examined financial statements of Life Community Church for the year ended **30th June, 2021**. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity, and the charity's governing document.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Governing Documents

The Church's governing document is the "Model Constitution with Trust Deed for Local Assemblies of God" dated 6th May, 2012.

Life Community Church (Warwickshire) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission with registration number 1052019. The church is a member of the Assemblies of God in Great Britain, and the Evangelical Alliance.

Trustees

The Trustees of the Church are responsible for the day to day management of the Church's business in accordance with the Church's objects.

The Trustees meet approximately 4-8 times per year, to discuss a full range of matters relating to the life of the church including activities, finance, fabric, general administration, the implementation of the church constitution, and church membership. Decision making happens either through a simple majority vote in a meeting (a quorum being the highest of 3 or a third of the members present) or by a written resolution and signed by all the members.

One of the Church's Trustees receives remuneration for their employed position in the ministry. In compliance with Charity Commission guidelines, a greater proportion of Trustees are voluntary and receive no benefits or remuneration in connection with their duties.

Appointment of Trustees

The Church Council and Trustees of the Church identify suitable candidates, who are then invited to serve as Trustees. Their suitability for this role would be based mainly on their commitment to the Church, demonstrated by membership (or partnership), regular attendance and a high degree of involvement. Potential candidates are not appointed as Trustees due to any particular professional competence that they may be able to bring, although the Trustees do seek to ensure that an appropriate mix of skills are represented to help the charity identify and manage risks that might be faced by the Church. The induction and training process for a newly appointed Trustee, will include them having mentoring conversations with the Senior Pastor, to review their role and to seek to understand any training needs. They will also receive copies of the following documents:

- The charity's Constitution with Trust Deed
- The most recent financial statements
- Recent minutes

- Suitable Charity Commission guidance, such as CC10 “Hallmarks of a well run charity”, CC3 “The Essential Trustee” and guidance noted on “The Advancement of Religion for Public Benefit”

Holding Trustees

Holding Trustees are individuals appointed to hold the property of the charity. They can only act on the lawful instructions of the charity Trustees and in accordance with any provisions contained in the governing document.

Church Members (Partners)

Church membership (or Partnership) is open to any individual who:

- By grace has exhibited saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and
- Desires to worship and serve God in the context of the statement of “What we Believe” as set out by the Assemblies of God in Great Britain, and
- Is committed to promoting the church’s objects.

Church Members share in providing for the finances, administration, maintenance and activities of the church.

Risk Management

The Church’s primary concern and objective is the glory of God. Whilst it is the Church’s policy to trust wholly in the Lord that He will work out His purpose to this end, the Church also acknowledges that it has a responsibility both as individual members and as a body of members, for the identification and proper management of risks faced by the church in achieving its primary aim.

The Trustees have therefore sought to assess the major risks to which the Church is exposed, in particular those relating to the specific operational areas of the Church, its investments and its finances. The Trustees believe that, by monitoring reserve levels, by ensuring that controls exist over key financial systems, and by examining the operational risks faced by the Church, it has established effective systems and procedures to mitigate those risks.

Objectives and Activities

Objectives

In accordance with the Constitution, the church’s purposes (or objects) for the benefit of the public, are:

- 1. To advance the Christian Faith***
- 2. 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***
- 3. To advance education in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think fit.***

The Trustees do not believe that it is possible to accurately report on the individual performance of the 3 parts of the objectives above, as they are intrinsically linked, and therefore impossible to account for independently. The Trustees believe that doing so, would portray an inaccurate representation of the charity’s achievements.

We are confident that we have tried to equip ordinary people from a wide variety of different backgrounds, to grow in their faith within the local community through:

- Provision of Sunday Services where anyone in the community is welcome, and can have an opportunity to worship, pray and hear teaching that can positively equip them in their lives.
- Provision of courses such as Alpha and "Freedom in Christ" open to the community, where people can discover more about the Christian Faith, as well as to develop those beliefs even further.
- Provision of "Life Groups", which are small groups designed to help people build relationships of support and care, and to provide an opportunity for them to grow in their faith.
- Pastoral Care for people living in the local community, who may need guidance, support or simply an encouraging "listening ear".
- Missionary and outreach work to help promote the faith, and to educate in the area of finances and hardship.
- As resources and team allows, the provision of community groups that can cater to the needs of parents and toddlers, as well as to build friendships among people of the wider community through the provision of creative classes. These help to integrate people from diverse backgrounds, as well as to help alleviate the problem of isolation.
- Sign-posting other organisations and ministries, to help work in partnership with others.

The Trustees are confident that with the comprehensive provision of activities to people of all age ranges and diverse backgrounds, the charity does provide benefit to the public. The Trustees and Elders of Life Community Church, are confident that the church has advanced the Christian Faith.

Public Benefit Statement

The previous section of this report, entitled "Objectives", sets out the aims and priorities of the charity.

When planning our activities for this year, the Trustees and Church Council have considered both the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, and the further specific guidance contained within "The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit". We have concluded that we have had due regard to the guidance in exercising our powers, and so:

1. The aims of the organisation continue to be charitable;
2. The aims and work done give identifiable benefits to the charitable sector, and both indirectly and directly to individuals in need;
3. The benefits are for the public, are not unreasonably restricted in any way, and certainly not by ability to pay;
4. There is no harm or detriment arising from the aims or activities.

Achievements and Performance

Life Community Church is an independent church and is affiliated to the Assemblies of God of Great Britain. The congregation is drawn from a wide range of cultures from across Leamington Spa and the surrounding areas, and caters for all age groups. The Church has maintained a presence in the town since 1937, and by God's grace, we continue to build on the work of previous generations. The Trustees are truly thankful to the great and growing number of volunteers who serve on many teams to help Life Community Church outwork its objectives.

Performance Against Objectives

Life Community Church meets its objectives through the delivery of activities both on a Sunday, and during the rest of the week. During the main Sunday ministry, the congregation will gather for worship and teaching. The congregation will then outwork the benefit of that teaching, often in

non-quantifiable ways, in their everyday life within the local community, as well as through the various ministries in the life of the Church.

Sunday Ministry

Sundays play a key part in the life of the church, and our Sunday Morning Family Service plays a central role in helping us to meet our aims. Over the course of the year, various teaching series were given to positively equip people to live out the Christian faith every day. Messages over the time period included:

- The Daniel Dilemma (Looking at the life of Daniel, and how he was able to stand firm but love well)
- Forward by Faith (Character series looking at faith exhibited by people from the Bible)
- One Thing: Priorities for living (Looking at some priorities to focus on in our lives)
- Days of Disruption (advent teaching series)
- Further Forward (New year series, looking at key principles for the year ahead)
- When you pause (Series on the topic of prayer)
- Epilogue (Easter teaching series)
- James: Faith in Action (Looking at the book of James, unpacking practical application)
- Hezekiah: Leaving Lockdown (Applying principle from Hezekiah's life as we leave lockdown as a nation)

Pre pandemic, messages were recorded and placed on the website, for the benefit of people in the community at large to listen to, as well as church members. However, the pandemic forced us to livestream online onto Facebook (and eventually YouTube as well). New skills were learned, new equipment bought, and a whole new era was entered for the church. We had people watching out Sunday services from various parts of the country as well as the world. Social Media is now also playing a vital role in the life of the church to communicate existing church "attenders" as well as to reach new guests.

Sundays also saw some special services, designed to reach more people in the community on special occasions. These included our online Mother's Day Special (where we celebrated mothers and women), Father's Day Special (honouring fathers and men online), as well as our "Carols at Christmas". It certainly wasn't the same being online, but we thank God for the technology to be able to engage new people and the existing church family. Our Carol Service was one of the most widely watched services in the year, as many people shared and promoted the service. Such positive comments were received from not yet Christians, which were really encouraging. On **Easter Sunday**, we held an in-person service for **6 people who got baptised**. What a celebration of lives changed by God, even during the pandemic.

Engagement, Service and Discipleship

At the start of 2021, we were able to launch our brand new "Next Steps Journey". This is a replacement for the old DNA Partnership Course, which gives new guests (or the existing church congregation) a chance to meet some of the team, and to understand the church's mission, vision and values. Over 3 sessions, they can know more about LCC, explore their gifts and talents, and understand how to get more connected to the church through groups and teams. This has proven to be a very successful method to engage new people and to also find out how we can serve them better.

We are so thankful to the many volunteers who serve on teams throughout the life of the church. Many serve on a Sunday, as well as on teams throughout the week. These are the heroes who always go above and beyond, to serve the needs of others. Our volunteers are the life blood of the

church, and their selflessness really does make a difference to the lives of many people. Whether it has been teaching, leading small groups, calling and connecting with members of the church, pastoral visits and calls, serving on hospitality, hosting kid's work, the list goes on... **On behalf of the Leadership Team, I wish to thank you for all your commitment and hard work. You really are the dream team!**

Throughout this year, we have endeavoured to provide opportunities for people in the church to be disciplined. This has been outworked through the provision of our Small Groups, and the following online courses:

- Alpha online (a tried and tested opportunity for people – Christians or not yet Christians-to understand the basics of the Christian Faith)
- The Grow Course (Helping people take steps to grow in their relationship with God)
- Empowered – life in the Holy Spirit (teaching and discipling on the Holy Spirit)
- Soul Winner (equipping God's people to be missionaries and win people in their world for Jesus)

Children

We have 2 children's ministries in the life of the church – Sunday Stars (reception to year 5) and Elevate (year 6+). We also aim to serve the children's respective families, as well as to reach out to other families within the local community.

Cathryn Myers, our Children's Ministry Leader, has reported much activity that has benefitted the children (and wider community families) summarised below:

- From July, Sunday Stars and Elevate Sunday sessions were held on Zoom, three times a month
- When Church re-opened up for a few weeks in November, we ran one socially distanced session in the Life Lounge for Elevate, thanks to Jensi, and some kids joined in on zoom. So a hybrid approach was used to maximise engagement.
- In October, an online Light Party was held as an outreach to the local community and a resource for our church children to engage in something more positive than Halloween. Cathryn, Katherine and Ebun contributed to a 40 minute online light party on the LCC Kids' YouTube channel. The video has 127 views and has 25 subscribers. Around 6 parents came to the manse to collect party bags for the event.
- At Christmas 2020, Elevate and Sunday Stars children contributed to the live streamed carol service and family service with a modern nativity play and the making of a Christingle.
- January onwards continued with Zoom sessions on Sundays, as we went into another lockdown. (The children went back to school in March 2021)
- Sunday Stars children contributed to the Easter service and Mother's and Father's day services with various videos.
- The Elevate children started serving more during the Church services on media and camera teams.
- In June, Elevate returned to in-person sessions whilst the church started meeting back in-person. There was lower attendance due to the pandemic and Elevate children serving in the church service.

The Trustees would like to thank Cathryn and the whole children's teams for the amazing work they have done by equipping our children. In a season that has been difficult, they have helped to bring consistency and support in an engaging and enjoyable way (despite being on Zoom for so long).

Life Groups

Life Groups have also been a way to connect with others, care for each other and grow together. However, the pandemic forced us to multiply our groups from 3 originally to 10. Everyone in the

church was allocated to a group, and those who wanted to attend could, with those who chose to, benefiting through a very difficult season. We would like to say a huge thank you to all the Life Group leaders who have been meeting almost every week to connect and care for the church family. With countless phone calls and zoom meetings, it really has had an impact on those who connected!

Pastoral Support

The Pastoral Care Team, led by Keith Hancock, was established in March 2020. However, throughout the pandemic, Keith and Rosa and several other volunteers have been calling members of the church family who have been unable to access the church services online, to connect and care for them, as well as to provide a "listening ear". Thank you so much for your labour of love during this time!

Corporate Prayer

Prayer has expanded during this season. We still have our Monday morning prayer team (led by Peter Gale) who meets for the best part of an hour to pray for requests both within the church family and now coming in from the community from the website and social media. We also met weekly to pray on a Wednesday night, sensing in God that this was a strategic move for people to be praying and connecting with God through challenging times. Friday Ehiguese also faithfully led our Sunday morning prayer team, as well as a Thursday evening prayer group. We moved our monthly "Encounter Nights" online to Zoom as well.

Missions and Partnerships

The church is actively seeking to partner and build relationships with other organisations who share an affinity with our charity's objectives and values. We realise that more can be achieved in partnership than in isolation, and so we seek to partner through sign-posting and offering support through prayer, finance and volunteers. To help us achieve this, the church tithes on its income to produce an annual missions budget, whose expenditure is allocated to other organisations or individuals (e.g. Missions Partners) or needs as they arise. The following is a breakdown of our annual mission's expenditure for the financial year. The amount this year is significantly more than previous years because in the past 3 years the money had been allocated for spending but remained unspent. In 2020-21, we were able to spend most of that which had been allocated from this fund as follows:

Christians Against Poverty	£720.00
Empart UK	£5,200.00
Helping Hands	£2,600.00
Helping Hands – Christmas Appeal	£1,345.00
Hope For Justice	£2,000.00

Jews for Jesus	£1,800.00
Warwick District Foodbank	£2,700
Wyclife Bible Translators Appeal	£922.34
Other: e.g. Churches Together, LCC Hardship Fund	£501.89
TOTAL	£17,789.23

At Christmas, we carried out our annual Christmas appeal, seeking to give to those in need in the local community. This year, working in partnership with Helping Hands for their annual Christmas Shoebox appeal, we invited people to fill and wrap shoe boxes filled with goodies to be distributed to individuals and families in need at this time. This is a way to show the love of Jesus in a practical way. The target was 50 shoeboxes, and we were able to give away 77, which was amazing!

Venue Hire

The church building was not hired out during this time, due to lockdown restrictions. We hope to restart this avenue of income in the next financial year.

Financial Review

Financial Activity and Financial Position

The main sources of funding for the Church are the free will offerings of Church members and income tax recovered under the Gift Aid scheme.

Due to the financial threshold in which the Church fell this year, the charity's accounts have been prepared on a "receipts and payments" basis. In the "Statement of Account and Independent Examination Report" attached to this report, page 5 shows the Receipts and Payments Account and page 6 shows the Church's Statement of Assets and Liabilities. A summary follows:

- **Total church income dropped by £10,445 from £104,114 to £93,669 (decrease of a 10.0%)**
- However, in this year, we did not receive a Vision Offering, and so this figure comprises mostly general Tithes and Offerings.
- **General tithes and offerings increased by £4,819 from £86,878 to £91,697 (increase of 5.5%)** for which we are truly thankful, as this vital to the day to day operating expenditure of the church.
- **Gift Aid** continues to really benefit the church, with £16,404 being reclaimed from HMRC through Gift Aid donations. This is a decrease of 11.0% (£2,037) from last year's reclaim of £18,441. This year, 83.4% of donations were gift aided, compared to 78.3% last year, marking **an increase of 5.1%**. This is so useful to the church, as it represents an additional 25% of income to the church for each gift aided donation.
- With people carrying less cash these days, electronic giving (i.e. card payments on a Sunday or through the website or standing orders) continues to be a popular method for donations. During this past year, a mixture of online only services, and a gradual return to in-person gatherings, we saw giving continue to switch to electronic means. This financial year, **electronic giving was £68,298** (compared with £62,581 last year excluding Gift Aid); an **increase of £5,717 or 9.1%** Year on Year. Also, this year the split of electronic giving to cash giving was 88.4% vs 11.6% (compared with 73.2% vs 26.8% last year). **This is really helpful to the church**, as it means that less cash is being handled by the offering counters during this pandemic. Also, it means that less money is physically carried to the bank, which does have risk associated with that.
- Total spending for the year dropped significantly by 10.5% (£10,880) from £103,613 to £92,733. Expenditure has been carefully monitored in this unpredictable season. We have continued to invest in IT infrastructure to provide for church online and some property maintenance, but other spending has been cautious. The Missions spend for this year was £17,789 compared with £2,611 last year. The reason for this higher spend was that we have now caught up with our donations to our missions partners from previous years.
- Overall, the charity made a very small surplus of £966.
- When the church turned 80 years old, we took up a special "Vision80" Offering with the express purposes of 1. starting a pot of money that could be used to **facilitate future growth** and 2. **positioning ourselves** so that in the (near) future, we can acquire/ use a larger building, as the Lord leads. We raised a total of £32,041.45. This remains entirely unspent in the churches accounts, as we prayerfully navigate how best to use it in the future for expansion plans.

We are so thankful to every person who gives within the life of the church. From regular donations in our weekly offerings, to those who gave sacrificially into our Vision80 offering, the church leadership team wishes to express our deepest gratitude. Your giving is truly making a difference!

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have examined the requirements for free reserves, i.e. those unrestricted funds not invested in tangible fixed assets. The Trustees consider that, given the nature of the Church's work, free reserves should be equivalent to approximately **5 months'** routine general fund expenditure, plus committed future expenditure on other projects, where funds permit. The Trustees are of the opinion that this provides sufficient flexibility to cover temporary shortfalls in incoming resources, and will allow the church to cope and respond to unforeseen emergencies whilst actions plans are implemented. However, as income increases, the Trustees will look to increase this amount to provide a greater safeguard for the charity. Free reserves requirement for 5 months budgeted routine expenditure is c.£21,000. This money will be held in the current account, and through regular monitoring the account will not be allowed to slip below £25,000 without actions being put in place to mitigate against any decline in income.

Grants Policy

The Church makes grants, equivalent to 10% of its donated income annually, to support missionary endeavours both in the UK and abroad. This amount is transferred into the "designated account", known as the Mission Fund. The policy of the Church is to give grants on the basis that they are subject to annual review and only renewed on the basis of meeting set criteria. These grants will either be donated as a "lump sum", or will be given on a monthly or quarterly basis. In addition, the Church makes donations for hardship at the discretion of the Eldership, to those in need within the Church.

Future Plans

Everything has changed for Life Community Church as we negotiate the new era of becoming a hybrid church; ministering to people both in person and online. People's habits are changing in terms of frequency of attending church services in person. However, we have also seen new opportunities of engaging with new people so quickly and from different parts of the country and the world. As the country unlocks, and restrictions are eased, we seek to put in place a strategy where mission is kept at the forefront of the church, along with discipleship pathways to help people grow in a relationship with Jesus Christ. Please continue to pray for the church at this time.

Again, we are thankful for the all the volunteers who give of their time and their money to make a significant contribution to the Church, and as we expand both our volunteer base and staff in the future, Life Community Church will seek to continue to make an impact, both locally and beyond.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Trustee's Statement

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- So far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant information of which the charity's Independent Examiner is unaware, and
- They have taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any information needed by the Independent Examiner in connection with preparing their report, and to establish that the charity's Independent Examiner is aware of that information.

This report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



David Bolton, Senior Pastor
Trustee

22/11/2021

Date

**LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH
CHARLOTTE STREET
LEAMINGTON SPA
WARWICKSHIRE
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Registered Charity: 1052019

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT
AND
INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2021**

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Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Receipts and Payment Accounts

Report to the trustees of Life Community Church

Registered Charity Number 1052019

On the accounts for the year ended 30th June 2021

Set out on the following pages

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;
follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
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 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 to 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.

Signed *L A Silver*

Date: 19 October 2021

Luke Silver, HNC Business & Finance

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Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees

Introduction

Thank you for submitting the accounts for independent examination. They have been well maintained and the treasurer and others responsible are to be commended for their hard work. Therefore I will keep my comments to a minimum.

Charity Law and Financial Regulations

The independent examination has been carried out in accordance with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995 (Statutory Instruments No 2724) and the Accounting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP).

Signing of Accounts

I shall be obliged if you will please forward a copy of the signature page for my records after the accounts have been signed by a representative appointed by the Trustees and Church Council. A spare copy is enclosed.

Conclusion

There are no other matters I feel need to be brought to your attention.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further clarification or for further assistance.

Luke Silver

Date: 19 October 2021

LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2021

ACTIVITIES REVIEW

The financial results are set out in the enclosed accounts.

The principal activity throughout the year under review was that of

- The advancement of the Christian Faith
- The relief of sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of counselling and support
- The advancement of education

TRUSTEES AND CHURCH COUNCIL

The trustees and church council during the year were as follows:

David Bolton

Leanne Bolton

Robert Page

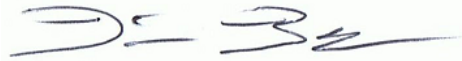
David Onyekwe

John Partington

STATEMENT

We certify that the books, vouchers and information produced to enable the independent examination of our accounts to be conducted contain a full and correct record of our financial transactions and activities to the best of our knowledge and belief.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES



Please print name: David Bolton

Date: 31st October, 2021

Life Community Church

Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2021

Receipts and Payments Account

	2021				2020			
	Legacy Fund £	Designated Fund £	General Fund £	Total £	Legacy Fund £	Designated Fund £	General Fund £	Total £
Grants and Donations								
Donations - G/A (Standing Orders)	0	0	49,724	49,724	0	0	43,330	43,330
Donations - G/A (Cash)	0	0	5,570	5,570	0	0	11,718	11,718
Donations - G/A (Card / Online)	0	0	9,156	9,156	0	0	11,932	11,932
Donations - Non G/A (Cash)	0	0	3,392	3,392	0	0	11,239	11,239
Donations - Non G/A (S O)	0	0	7,835	7,835	0	0	5,599	5,599
Donations - Non G/A (Card / Online)	0	0	1,583	1,583	0	0	1,720	1,720
HMRC Gift Aid Tax Rebate	0	0	16,404	16,404	0	0	18,441	18,441
Admission Fees - Little Treasures	0	0	0	0	0	0	95	95
	0	0	93,664	93,664	0	0	104,074	104,074
Trading Activities								
Church Rent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manse Rent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Investment Income	35	0	0	35	40	0	0	40
TOTAL INCOME	35	0	93,664	93,699	40	0	104,074	104,114
Direct Charitable Expenditure								
Teaching	0	0	26	26	0	0	78	78
Training	0	0	1,510	1,510	0	0	3,902	3,902
Outreach	0	0	461	461	0	0	2,325	2,325
Missions	0	0	17,789	17,789	0	0	2,611	2,611
Gifts	0	0	508	508	0	0	1,294	1,294
Ministry Gifts	0	0	300	300	0	0	1,050	1,050
Children	0	0	272	272	0	0	3,663	3,663
Youth Ministry	0	0	4	4	0	0	16	16
Student Ministry	0	0	0	0	0	0	127	127
Little Treasures	0	0	0	0	0	0	98	98
Worship Team	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	27
Women's Ministry	0	0	0	0	0	0	236	236
Senior's Ministry	0	0	0	0	0	0	384	384
Men's Ministry	0	0	0	0	0	0	321	321
	0	0	20,870	20,870	0	0	16,132	16,132
Equipment								
IT Equipment	0	0	3,597	3,597	0	0	1,550	1,550
Furniture & Fittings	0	0	70	70	0	0	1,264	1,264
Worship Equipment	0	0	721	721	0	0	5,318	5,318
Office Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	27
Equipment Hire	0	0	354	354	0	0	252	252
General	0	0	660	660	0	0	1,383	1,383
	0	0	5,402	5,402	0	0	9,794	9,794
Management & Admin								
Net Salaries	0	0	38,821	38,821	0	0	39,031	39,031
PAYE & NIC's	0	0	6,100	6,100	0	0	6,452	6,452
Professional Fees	0	0	657	657	0	0	207	207
Pensions	0	0	3,276	3,276	0	0	3,341	3,341
Internship	0	0	380	380	0	0	1,784	1,784
	0	0	49,234	49,234	0	0	50,815	50,815

Support Costs

Property Insurance	0	0	1,397	1,397	0	0	1,356	1,356
Water Rates	0	0	40	40	0	0	30	30
Gas & Electricity	0	0	1,158	1,158	0	0	2,664	2,664
Travelling Expenses	0	0	6	6	0	0	108	108
Mileage	0	0	645	645	0	0	1,083	1,083
Printing & Stationery	0	0	804	804	0	0	1,422	1,422
Postage & Carriage	0	0	21	21	0	0	33	33
Maintenance	0	0	967	967	0	0	8,213	8,213
Subscriptions	0	0	3,129	3,129	0	0	3,167	3,167
Licences	0	0	3,164	3,164	0	0	1,889	1,889
Telephone Charges	0	0	558	558	0	0	587	587
General Expenses	0	0	174	174	0	0	22	22
Cleaning	0	0	2,703	2,703	0	0	2,430	2,430
Hospitality	0	0	191	191	0	0	2,068	2,068
Venue Hire Costs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Subsistence	0	0	860	860	0	0	250	250
P.R. (Leaflets & Brochures)	0	0	16	16	0	0	42	42
PSP (Card Payments)	0	0	235	235	0	0	265	265
Refuse Collection	0	0	439	439	0	0	451	451
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Council Tax	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gas & Electricity	0	0	720	720	0	0	658	658
Water Rates	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Furniture & Fittings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Equipment Hire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maintenance	0	0	0	0	0	0	134	134
	0	0	720	720	0	0	792	792

TOTAL PAYMENTS

	0	0	92,733	92,733	0	0	103,613	103,613
Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Excess of Income over Payments

For the Year	35	0	931	966	40	0	461	501
Funds as at 30 June 2020	19,794	4,331	66,440	90,565	19,754	4,331	65,979	90,064
Fund Balance Adjustment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Funds as at 30 June 2021	19,829	4,331	67,371	91,531	19,794	4,331	66,440	90,565

Monetary Assets:

Bank Current Accounts			71,023				70,064	
Kingdom Bank			19,796				19,766	
Cash in Hand			0				0	
Life Youth & Children's Account			733				756	
Creditors			0				0	
			<u>91,552</u>				<u>90,586</u>	

Life Community Church

Statement of Assets and Liabilities As At 30th June 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed Assets		
Church Building & Manse	450,000	450,000
Current Assets		
<u>Bank Balances:</u>		
Current Account	31,180	49,384
Life Designated Account	39,350	20,187
Life Little Treasures	493	493
Kingdom Bank	18,796	18,766
Kingdom Bank Deposit	1,000	1,000
Life Youth & Children's Account	733	756
Cash In Hand	0	0
	91,552	90,586
Total Current Assets	91,552	90,586
Current Liabilities	0	0
Total Assets	541,552	540,586

**LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH
CHARLOTTE STREET
LEAMINGTON SPA
WARWICKSHIRE
CV31 3EB**

Registered Charity: 1052019

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT
AND
INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2021**

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Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Receipts and Payment Accounts

Report to the trustees of Life Community Church

Registered Charity Number 1052019

On the accounts for the year ended 30th June 2021

Set out on the following pages

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;
follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
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 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 to 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.

Signed *L A Silver*

Date: 19 October 2021

Luke Silver, HNC Business & Finance

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Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees

Introduction

Thank you for submitting the accounts for independent examination. They have been well maintained and the treasurer and others responsible are to be commended for their hard work. Therefore I will keep my comments to a minimum.

Charity Law and Financial Regulations

The independent examination has been carried out in accordance with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995 (Statutory Instruments No 2724) and the Accounting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP).

Signing of Accounts

I shall be obliged if you will please forward a copy of the signature page for my records after the accounts have been signed by a representative appointed by the Trustees and Church Council. A spare copy is enclosed.

Conclusion

There are no other matters I feel need to be brought to your attention.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further clarification or for further assistance.

Luke Silver

Date: 19 October 2021

LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2021

ACTIVITIES REVIEW

The financial results are set out in the enclosed accounts.

The principal activity throughout the year under review was that of

- The advancement of the Christian Faith
- The relief of sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of counselling and support
- The advancement of education

TRUSTEES AND CHURCH COUNCIL

The trustees and church council during the year were as follows:

David Bolton

Leanne Bolton

Robert Page

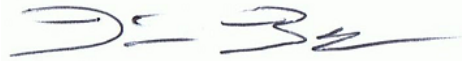
David Onyekwe

John Partington

STATEMENT

We certify that the books, vouchers and information produced to enable the independent examination of our accounts to be conducted contain a full and correct record of our financial transactions and activities to the best of our knowledge and belief.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES



Please print name: David Bolton

Date: 31st October, 2021

Life Community Church

Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2021

Receipts and Payments Account

	2021				2020			
	Legacy Fund £	Designated Fund £	General Fund £	Total £	Legacy Fund £	Designated Fund £	General Fund £	Total £
Grants and Donations								
Donations - G/A (Standing Orders)	0	0	49,724	49,724	0	0	43,330	43,330
Donations - G/A (Cash)	0	0	5,570	5,570	0	0	11,718	11,718
Donations - G/A (Card / Online)	0	0	9,156	9,156	0	0	11,932	11,932
Donations - Non G/A (Cash)	0	0	3,392	3,392	0	0	11,239	11,239
Donations - Non G/A (S O)	0	0	7,835	7,835	0	0	5,599	5,599
Donations - Non G/A (Card / Online)	0	0	1,583	1,583	0	0	1,720	1,720
HMRC Gift Aid Tax Rebate	0	0	16,404	16,404	0	0	18,441	18,441
Admission Fees - Little Treasures	0	0	0	0	0	0	95	95
	0	0	93,664	93,664	0	0	104,074	104,074
Trading Activities								
Church Rent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manse Rent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Investment Income	35	0	0	35	40	0	0	40
TOTAL INCOME	35	0	93,664	93,699	40	0	104,074	104,114
Direct Charitable Expenditure								
Teaching	0	0	26	26	0	0	78	78
Training	0	0	1,510	1,510	0	0	3,902	3,902
Outreach	0	0	461	461	0	0	2,325	2,325
Missions	0	0	17,789	17,789	0	0	2,611	2,611
Gifts	0	0	508	508	0	0	1,294	1,294
Ministry Gifts	0	0	300	300	0	0	1,050	1,050
Children	0	0	272	272	0	0	3,663	3,663
Youth Ministry	0	0	4	4	0	0	16	16
Student Ministry	0	0	0	0	0	0	127	127
Little Treasures	0	0	0	0	0	0	98	98
Worship Team	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	27
Women's Ministry	0	0	0	0	0	0	236	236
Senior's Ministry	0	0	0	0	0	0	384	384
Men's Ministry	0	0	0	0	0	0	321	321
	0	0	20,870	20,870	0	0	16,132	16,132
Equipment								
IT Equipment	0	0	3,597	3,597	0	0	1,550	1,550
Furniture & Fittings	0	0	70	70	0	0	1,264	1,264
Worship Equipment	0	0	721	721	0	0	5,318	5,318
Office Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	27
Equipment Hire	0	0	354	354	0	0	252	252
General	0	0	660	660	0	0	1,383	1,383
	0	0	5,402	5,402	0	0	9,794	9,794
Management & Admin								
Net Salaries	0	0	38,821	38,821	0	0	39,031	39,031
PAYE & NIC's	0	0	6,100	6,100	0	0	6,452	6,452
Professional Fees	0	0	657	657	0	0	207	207
Pensions	0	0	3,276	3,276	0	0	3,341	3,341
Internship	0	0	380	380	0	0	1,784	1,784
	0	0	49,234	49,234	0	0	50,815	50,815

Support Costs

Property Insurance	0	0	1,397	1,397	0	0	1,356	1,356
Water Rates	0	0	40	40	0	0	30	30
Gas & Electricity	0	0	1,158	1,158	0	0	2,664	2,664
Travelling Expenses	0	0	6	6	0	0	108	108
Mileage	0	0	645	645	0	0	1,083	1,083
Printing & Stationery	0	0	804	804	0	0	1,422	1,422
Postage & Carriage	0	0	21	21	0	0	33	33
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