

**The Annual Report and Financial Statements  
of the Trustees of  
The Gate Church Prudhoe, Northumberland  
For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

**Pastors**

**Egbert and Margaret Boonstra**

**Bankers**

**Barclays Bank plc  
Hexham, Northumberland**

**Solicitors**

**Geldards LLP  
Derby**

**Independent Examiner**

**Mike Willis  
ACMA**

**Web Site: [www.thegatechurch.org.uk](http://www.thegatechurch.org.uk)**

**The Gate Church is a Registered Charity No. 1052138**

## Aim & Purpose

The Gate Church, Prudhoe, is registered with the Charity Commission and affiliated with the Assemblies of God Churches in the U.K. The Assemblies of God is a Fellowship of Christian leaders and over 600 churches of various sizes operating autonomously, but sharing fellowship, training opportunities and resources.

The Gate Church continues to seek wholeheartedly to work alongside other local churches and community service providers to enhance the quality of life for as many people as possible. The charity recognises the generous financial support and giving of its members in reaching its objectives to:

- Advance Christian faith
- Relieve sickness and financial hardship
- Advance education in the UK and around the world.

## Objectives and Activities

The Gate Church is multicultural and multigenerational, committed to see sustainable ministries emerging to serve current and future generations, where all are given opportunity to thrive and learn to relate responsibly with others; to explore avenues of gifting and be released to their God-given assignment. The church is made up of many people, each doing their share to bring life, love, laughter and hard work to get the many jobs that need doing done. We are grateful for the commitment shown during the past year and going forward, it is our continued aim to bring hope and purpose for living to the communities of the Tyne Valley and beyond.

## Achievements & Performance

This year we continued to meet in the building every Sunday for family worship and Bible teaching for both adults and children. We have enjoyed fellowship meals together from time to time, both indoors and outdoors.

- AOG Regional and National Training/Conference Days attended by members
- Newsletters sent out monthly by email
- Quinquennial inspection of the property actions progressed
- Periodic Bible training in various localities
- Monthly Outreach to local school
- After school youth club up and running weekly in term time
- Renew Wellbeing Café style outreach progressing in conjunction with other churches in the town
- Foodbank contributions have continued
- Continued financial and prayer support for our missionaries in Spain, Mozambique, Pakistan, as well as National Appeals.
- Regular trustees' meeting to enable business continuity

## Looking Ahead

- Funds permitting continue with after school club with the help of NE Youth for Christ
- Continue work in local schools
- Establishing new discipleship groups, including Creative Arts Team
- Promote FindGod.learnn.com
- Encouraging musicians within the church to lead worship.

**Financial Review**

Financially, the church has a great deal to be thankful to God for during the past financial year. There has been a considerable increase in the donations, as well as a grant awarded for Youth Work from the Prudhoe Town Council. It was also a year when we were able to upgrade furniture and equipment and have increased our sponsorship to our missionaries.

Accounts have been produced on a cash basis, and so there is no need for a balance sheet, or accruals and prepayments. This means the accounts reflect simply the financial transactions that were paid and received through the bank.

- Total receipts were £68,940 compared to £59,297 in 2022/23.
- Total Expenditure was £67,230 in comparison to last year £64,173
- The accounts are produced on the accounting software as advised by our accountant.

**Trustees**

Trustees who served during the period are as follows:

Egbert Boonstra (Chair)  
Margaret Boonstra (Deputy Chair)  
Ruth Bowler  
Simon Hobson  
David Foster

**Trainee Trustees**  
Gemma Davison  
Judith Gray

**Structure, Governance and Management**

The church is governed overall by a Board of Trustees, chosen from the membership and agreed by the serving Trustees. In addition, a Management Team deal with day-to-day issues.

**Administrative Information**

The following are the Church Officers and their areas of responsibility

Joint Pastors  
Bookkeeper  
Church Treasurer  
Acting Church Secretary  
Financial Administration  
Gift Aid Financial Officer  
Safeguarding Coordinator  
Deputy Safeguarding Coordinator  
Health & Safety/Risk Management  
Media/Data Protection Lead  
First Aiders  
Egbert & Margaret Boonstra  
Shirley Hill  
David Foster  
Ruth Bowler  
Egbert Boonstra, Shirley Hill, Ruth Bowler, David Foster  
David Foster/Margaret Boonstra  
Margaret Boonstra  
Angela Foster  
Simon Hobson  
Ruth Bowler  
Judith Gray, Angela Foster/Gemma Davison

**Training**

Trustees and church officers receive appropriate training periodically throughout the year.



## Volunteers

In addition to the named officers, there is a dedicated team of church members who assist behind the scenes to ensure that the building is clean, well maintained and hospitable to all who use its facilities. All volunteers who work with children or young people are DBS checked and undertake Safeguarding training as required.

Signed by Chair of Trustees:



Date: 1/8/2024

## Financial Statements & Independent Examiners Report

What follows are the Financial Statements and Independent Examiners report.

The Gate Church Financial Statement for the year ending 31st March 2024

Unrestricted Restricted Total				Prior Year
Receipts				
Donations & Legacies	56,789.36	0.00	56,789.36	45,407.25
Donations	7,820.87	0.00	7,820.87	10,676.44
Gift Aid	2000.00	0.00	2000.00	0.00
Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Charitable Activities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Event Income	35.00	25.05	60.05	0.00
Investments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Trading Activities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rental Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Asset & Investment Sales	2029.80	240.00	2269.80	3,211.85
Total receipts	68675.03	265.05	68940.08	59,297.12
Payments				
Charitable Activities	392.36	3,151.00	3,543.36	1,494.55
Activities	2,889.13	0.00	2,889.13	955.39
Admin	1,144.21	0.00	1,144.21	1,009.35
Advertising	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Event Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gifts Given	11,374.63	0.00	11,374.63	8,893.38
Other Expenditure	6,388.43	0.00	6,388.43	710.52
Premises	6,018.15	1,951.71	7,969.86	9,953.89
Staff Costs	33,749.34	0.00	33,749.34	29,881.02
Governance Costs	171.04	0.00	171.04	0.00
Governance Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Asset & Investment Purchases	62,127.29	5,102.71	67,230.00	64,173.49
Total payments	62,127.29	5,102.71	67,230.00	64,173.49

Net Receipts / Payments (before transfers)	6547.74	-4837.66	1710.08	-4,876.37
Fund Transfers In	0.00	4837.66	4837.66	4,000.00
Fund Transfers Out	-4837.66	0.00	-4837.66	4,000.00
Net Movement of Cash Funds	1710.08	0.00	1,710.08	-4,876.37
Total Cash Funds Brought Forward	7001.86	0.00	7,001.86	11,878.23
Total Cash Funds Carried Forward	8711.94	-6,863.37	8,711.94	7,001.86
Represented By				
Community Account (Unrestricted)	6301.64	0.00	6301.64	6062.56
Business Account	2410.30	0.00	2410.30	939.30



**Independent Examiner's Report  
To the Trustees of The Gate Church, Prudhoe, Northumberland**  
I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

**Responsibilities of the Trustees**

The Charities Act 2011 establishes clearly that the trustees and are the 'persons having the general control and management of the (church) charity' (Charities Act 2011, s177).

The Trustees are responsible for all church finance, its management and control, including the appointment of a treasurer. While it may delegate some of its duties, this does not remove its legal responsibilities.

**Responsibilities of the External Independent Examiner**

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts, under section 145 of the 2011 Charities Act and to ensure that the (church) charity has in place sufficiently robust financial procedures as is required by the Assemblies of God fellowship of churches of which the (church) charity is a member.
- state whether particular matters have become evident and to which the attention of the PCC should be drawn.

**Independent examiner's statement**

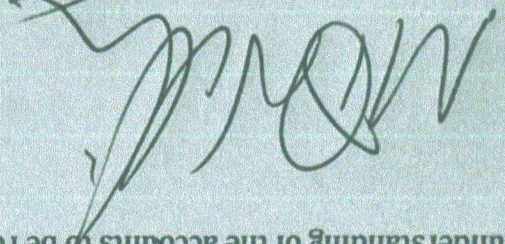
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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

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

have not been met; or

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



Mike Willis  
MKW Associates CIMA

1/8/2024