

Ruskington Community Church

England & Wales · Charity number 1052169

Details

Other names	RUSKINGTON CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, RUSKINGTON EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN CENTRE, SOUTH LINCS CHURCH
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1996-01-22
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CHURCH 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: Advancement of the Christian religion in accordance with the statement of faith of Assemblies of God.Other charitable work consistent with the statement..

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN PRACTICE RUSKINGTON
- Lincolnshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£49,489	£56,893	-	-
2023-12-31	£50,546	£47,211	-	-
2022-12-31	£60,870	£23,527	-	-
2021-12-31	£33,658	£28,662	-	-
2020-12-31	£30,216	£32,199	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Alison Gibbs	Chair	2024-07-16
John Barry Jacklin		2024-07-16
Steven Alan Courtney		2016-04-12

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Accounts

RUSKINGTON COMMUNITY CHURCH

**Formerly known as
SOUTH LINCS CHURCH**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
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Full Name

Ruskington Community Church formerly known as South Lines Church

Registered Charity Number

1052169

Registered Office

Ruskington Community Church
Formerly known as South Lincs Church
19 Westgate
Ruskington
Sleaford
NG34 9ES

Charity trustees

Steven Courtney – Chair from 16th July 2024
Alison Gibbs – appointed 16th July 2024
John Jacklin – appointed 16th July 2024
David Wade – Chair resigned 16th July 2024
Sarah Lane – resigned 16th July 2024

Governing Document

Constitution and Trust Deed adopted 27 April 2006 as amended on 29 November 2007.

Bankers

HSBC
26 Market Place
Sleaford
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Bankers

Co-operative Bank
Business Customer Services
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WN8 6WT

Independent Examiner

S V Miller
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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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Financial Review

The financial statements on pages 8 to 13 comply with statutory requirements.

The Income and Expenditure statement on page 8 shows net incoming resources for the year end 2024 minus £7,404 (2023: £3,335). The church has continued to fund a variety of projects and activities, which are in line with its stated objectives. The level of activity for the year was satisfactory and the trustees believe that this will continue for the foreseeable future. The cumulative balance on the unrestricted general fund at the year-end 2024 was £253,985 (2023: £261,389).

The church is dependent upon the continued receipt of donated income. At the year end the financial position of the church was satisfactory. The church receives a certain amount of voluntary help, it is not possible to quantify the value of the time given. We are extremely grateful to all our volunteers who help the church and its various activities to run smoothly.

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The Trustees' aim is to hold around £10,000 in reserves representing approximately three months' worth of expenses and redundancy costs. This should allow the Trustees time to take the necessary corrective action to gain funding should current income sources dry out.

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Trustees Report for year ended 2024

The year began with the Trustees and Leadership entering into the process of employing a part time Senior Leader. An appointment was not made, but a different and very positive next step emerged, to take the church into a new season ahead.

In June, we were pleased to welcome Alison Gibbs onto the leadership team, with all three leaders serving on a part time, voluntary basis. Each leader would be responsible for different ministry areas, and Alison, with her ministerial accreditation and experience, brought spiritual gifts that very much enhanced the team.

As intended, Pastor Dave stepped down from his role as Senior Leader in July, after just over 2 years of serving the church. We are thankful to Dave for leading the church during this time into a place of stability, and especially for his wisdom and support in the leadership and trustees. The new structure of leadership would take the church into the next season, seeking to develop and add to the team as and when God's timing provides, for the church to continue to fulfil its vision.

In the continuing partnership with Bridge Church and with NHS funding, the Meadow Wellbeing Community Hub Lead was appointed, and the Hub opened on the church premises in March, with sessions running for 4 hours both on Monday evenings and Thursday daytimes. The attendance at these sessions grew quickly, with both guests and support service staff regularly present at the Hub. The relaxed, café set-up with opportunities for participating in a range of activities, has already created a welcoming, nurturing and inclusive environment. It has been exciting to see the start of new groups and events as part of the church's ongoing mission to reach into and serve our community. 'Stay Strong' ladies chair aerobics group was started and is already growing in number. An August Holiday Club was run for KS2 children, as well as a Community BBQ in September. Both Easter and Christmas services were attended by new people.

In September the church celebrated 55 years of being a fellowship in Ruskington, plus 20 years of the new building, as well as celebrating the Assemblies of God Centenary. A special service was held in thanksgiving to God for His faithfulness and blessing.

In looking back over AOG and South Lincs Church's history, the past has been honoured and celebrated, and the church looks with eager anticipation to what God will do in the new year to come.

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Trustees' responsibilities

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- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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

Internal control and risk management

The Trustees continue to monitor the major risks to which the charity is exposed and to keep under review the adequacy of the systems according to the size of the charity and the nature of its operations.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Signed.....**[ORIGINAL SIGNED]**..... Dated

Steven Courtney, Chair

RUSKINGTON COMMUNITY CHURCH
Formerly known as SOUTH LINCS CHURCH
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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 **[ORIGINAL SIGNED]** Dated
Sue Miller ACMA

RUSKINGTON COMMUNITY CHURCH
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u>
	£	£	£	£
Offerings including gift aid tax refunded	23,748	0	23,748	24,793
Donations	127	0	127	128
Grants	25,000	0	25,000	25,000
Bank interest	504	0	504	475
Miscellaneous	110	0	110	150
Total incoming resources	49,489	0	49,489	50,546
Staff Costs	15,250	0	15,250	17,156
Ministry	3,243	0	3,243	1,705
Equipment	1,651	0	1,651	2,235
Insurance	1,231	0	1,231	1,104
Utilities	8,149	0	8,149	6,633
Repairs and renewals	13,113	0	13,113	6,730
Office	2,072	0	2,072	1,402
Missionary	1,292	0	1,292	2,080
AOG	878	0	878	792
Events\Hospitality	1,860	0	1,860	873
Cleaning	1,091	0	1,091	180
Accountancy	478	0	478	385
Sundries	731	0	731	276
Depreciation	5,849	0	5,849	5,593
Bank charges	5	0	5	67
Total resources expended	56,893	0	56,893	47,211
Net incoming/outgoing resources for the year	(7,404)	0	(7,404)	3,335
Balances brought forward at 1 January 2024	261,389	0	261,389	258,054
Balances carried forward at 31 December 2024	<u>253,985</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>253,985</u>	<u>261,389</u>

RUSKINGTON COMMUNITY CHURCH
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	2	210,174	213,228
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	3	43,658	47,834
Prepayments	4	169	457
Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year	5	16	130
Net Current Assets		<u>43,811</u>	<u>48,161</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>253,985</u>	<u>261,389</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than 1 year		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<u>253,985</u>	<u>261,389</u>
Financed by:			
Unrestricted funds		253,985	261,389
Restricted funds			
Total Funds		<u>253,985</u>	<u>261,389</u>

RUSKINGTON COMMUNITY CHURCH
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP.

a) **Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

b) **Basis of preparation**

In addition, the trustees consider that donations and gifts will continue to be forthcoming. As a result, in the opinion of the trustees, adequate cash resources will be available to cover the church's requirements for working capital and capital expenditure for at least the next year and the financial statements have therefore been prepared on the going concern basis.

c) **Donations**

Donations received are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when received and any related tax credits are accounted for when claimed.

d) **Fixed assets and additions**

Items from capital expenditure are capitalised and shown at cost as fixed assets in the balance sheet. Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of fixed assets on a reducing balance basis over their estimated useful lives.

Freehold property	no depreciation on Land & 2% straight line on buildings
Furniture and equipment	25% reducing balance
Computers	3 years straight line

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e) **Voluntary help**

A certain amount of time is expended on the church activities which is donated free of charge. It is not possible to quantify the value of the time given, and accordingly it is neither recorded as donated income nor as an expense in the financial statements.

f) **Trustees' remuneration**

One Trustee, David Wade, received a salary of £4,602 for his role as church minister employed by the charity. He is not directly remunerated for the role as a Trustee of the charity.

2. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Property £	Furniture & Equipment £	Laptops £	Total £
Historical Cost				
As at January 2024	256,308	9,307	1,394	267,009
Additions	0	2,111	684	2,795
Disposals	0	0	0	0
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As at 31 December 2024	256,308	11,418	2,078	269,804
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DEPRECIATION				
As at January 2024	50,016	3,300	465	53,781
Provided in year	3,126	2,029	694	5,849
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As at 31 December 2024	53,142	5,329	1,159	59,630
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NBV at 31 December 2024	203,166	6,089	919	210,174
NBV at 31 December 2023	206,292	6,007	929	213,228
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3. Cash at bank and in hand

	2024	2023
HSBC current	0	(5)
Coop current	1,001	7,839
Coop savings	42,581	40,000
Cash	76	0
	<u>43,658</u>	<u>47,834</u>

4. Prepayment

	2024	2023
AoG Conference	169	135
CCLI annual subscription 2024	0	322
	169	457

5. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
PAYE	16	130
	<u>16</u>	<u>130</u>

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6. Employees

During the year there were two part time members of paid staff until July, from August there was one part time member of staff

	2024	2023
Staff costs	15,250	17,156

7. Other

Ministry includes membership to “thirtyone:eight” which provided disclosure and barring service (DBS), training and guidance in safeguarding.

Expenditure is higher than Income due to improvements to the property.

Windows and fire exit	£7,384
Security and Fire alarms	£528

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Full Name

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Registered Charity Number

1052169

Registered Office

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19 Westgate

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Charity trustees

David Wade – Chair

Mr Steven Courtney – Treasurer

Sarah Lane

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The Income and Expenditure statement on page 8 shows net incoming resources for the year end 2023 £3,335 (2022: £37,343). The church has continued to fund a variety of projects and activities, which are in line with its stated objectives. The level of activity for the year was satisfactory and the trustees believe that this will continue for the foreseeable future. The cumulative balance on the unrestricted general fund at the year-end was £261,389 (2022: £258,054).

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Trustees Report 2023

Over the course of this year, the church continued to be led by Pastor Dave. Many of the objectives set out at the start of his employment were met, namely bringing a sense of stability to the organisational structure, as well as getting clarity on the path forward. This resulted in steps being taken to employ a Senior Pastor who would be resident in the village and begin the process of outworking the vision on the ground. This process rolled into 2024.

From April 2023, SLC began a working partnership with Bridge Church which involved creating a wellbeing hub, based at the church and funded by the NHS - this is an initial 3-year contract and we are grateful to Bridge Church for trusting us to partner with them in this way. The funding during the first year enabled us to make some capital purchases for the building as well as begin the process of recruiting a part-time wellbeing lead.

Another highlight was our participation in the village-wide family fun day during the Summer. This was brilliantly attended and many people visited our stand and lots of positive conversations were had.

At Christmas, our Carol Service was really well attended and we have started to see a few new families engaging with the church on a regular basis.

We feel that we are well set up for 2024 and beyond.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER’S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
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Signed [ORIGINAL SIGNED] Dated
Sue Miller ACMA

**SOUTH LINCS CHURCH
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT**

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u>
	£	£	£	£
Offerings including gift aid tax refunded	24,618	175	24,793	27,384
Donations	128	0	128	15
Legacy	0	0	0	33,430
Grants	25,000	0	25,000	0
Bank interest	475	0	475	41
Miscellaneous	150	0	150	0
Total incoming resources	50,371	175	50,546	60,870
Staff Costs	17,156	0	17,156	5,976
Ministry	1,530	175	1,705	1,880
Equipment	1,730	505	2,235	625
Insurance	1,104	0	1,104	1,015
Utilities	6,633	0	6,633	3,123
Repairs and renewals	4,799	1,931	6,730	1,558
Office	1,402	0	1,402	1,194
Missionary	2,080	0	2,080	1,880
AOG	792	0	792	792
Events\Hospitality	873	0	873	204
Cleaning	180	0	180	0
Accountancy	385	0	385	370
Sundries	276	0	276	306
Depreciation	5,593	0	5,593	3,326
Mortgage interest & bank charges	67	0	67	1,278
Total resources expended	44,600	2,611	47,211	23,527
Net incoming/outgoing resources for the year	5,771	(2,436)	3,335	37,343
Balances brought forward at 1 January 2023	255,618	2,436	258,054	220,711
Balances carried forward at 31 December 2023	<u>261,389</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>261,389</u>	<u>258,054</u>

**SOUTH LINCS CHURCH
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	2	213,228	210,020
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	3	47,834	47,831
Prepayments	4	457	352
Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year	5	130	149
Net Current Assets		<u>48,161</u>	<u>48,034</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>261,389</u>	<u>258,054</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than 1 year		0	0
		<u>261,389</u>	<u>258,054</u>
Financed by:			
Unrestricted funds		261,389	255,618
Restricted funds			2,436
Total Funds		<u>261,389</u>	<u>258,054</u>

**SOUTH LINCS CHURCH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

1. Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP.

a) **Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

b) **Basis of preparation**

In addition, the trustees consider that donations and gifts will continue to be forthcoming. As a result, in the opinion of the trustees, adequate cash resources will be available to cover the church's requirements for working capital and capital expenditure for at least the next year and the financial statements have therefore been prepared on the going concern basis.

c) **Donations**

Donations received are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when received and any related tax credits are accounted for when claimed.

The Giving Machine £28.34

d) **Fixed assets and additions**

Items from capital expenditure are capitalised and shown at cost as fixed assets in the balance sheet. Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of fixed assets on a reducing balance basis over their estimated useful lives.

Freehold property	no depreciation on Land & 2% straight line on buildings
Furniture and equipment	25% reducing balance
Computers	3 years straight line

**SOUTH LINCS CHURCH
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e) **Voluntary help**

A certain amount of time is expended on the church activities which is donated free of charge. It is not possible to quantify the value of the time given, and accordingly it is neither recorded as donated income nor as an expense in the financial statements.

f) **Trustees' remuneration**

One Trustee, David Wade, received a salary of £7,800 for his role as church minister employed by the charity. He is not directly remunerated for the role as a Trustee of the charity.

2. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Property £	Furniture & Equipment £	Laptop £	Total £
Historical Cost				
As at January 2023	256,308	1,900	0	258,208
Additions	0	7,407	1,394	8,801
Disposals	0	0	0	0
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As at 31 December 2023	256,308	9,307	1,394	267,009
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DEPRECIATION				
As at January 2023	46,890	1,298	0	48,188
Provided in year	3,126	2,002	465	5,593
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As at 31 December 2022	50,016	3,300	465	53,781
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NBV at 31 December 2023	206,292	6,007	929	213,228
NBV at 31 December 2022	209,418	602	0	210,020
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**SOUTH LINCS CHURCH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

3. Cash at bank and in hand

	2023	2022
HSBC current	(5)	1,610
HSBC savings	0	46,221
Coop current	7,839	0
Coop savings	40,000	0
	<u>47,834</u>	<u>47,831</u>

4. Prepayment

	2023	2022
AoG Conference	135	352
CCLI annual subscription 2024	322	0
	457	352

5. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
PAYE	130	149
	<u>130</u>	<u>149</u>

6. Summary of Fund Movements - Restricted

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Received	Expenditure	Balance
Vision Offering	2,436	175	2,611	0

7. Employees

During the year there were two members of paid staff.

	2023	2022
Staff costs	£17,156	£5,967

8. Other

Staff costs now shown separately, previously included within Ministry. For clarity have shown the actual Staff Costs for last years separated from Ministry.

Cleaning required as of this year, showing costs separately within the accounts for clarity.

Events have been set up to show more clearly the costs involved, this includes all Hospitality costs which had previously been shown within Sundries.

Ruskington Community Church

England & Wales - Charity number 1052169

Accounts

SOUTH LINCS CHURCH

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

**SOUTH LINCS CHURCH IS A REGISTERED CHARITY (NO. 1052169)
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**SOUTH LINCS CHURCH
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

Full Name

South Lincs Church

Registered Charity Number

1052169

Registered Office

South Lincs Church
19 Westgate
Ruskington
Sleaford
NG34 9ES

Charity trustees

David Wade – Chair, appointed May 2022
Mr Steven Courtney – Treasurer
Sarah Lane – appointed November 2022
Alexandra Samson – Chair resigned February 2022
Mr John Fee – resigned November 2022
Mr Mark Button – resigned November 2022

Governing Document

Constitution and Trust Deed adopted 27 April 2006 as amended on 29 November 2007

Bankers

HSBC
26 Market Place
Sleaford
NG34 7SB

Independent Examiner

S V Miller
66 Westcliffe Street
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LN1 3TZ

**SOUTH LINCS CHURCH
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

Objectives

The objects of the church 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.

Organisation

Membership is open to any individual who; by grace has exhibited saving faith in Lord Jesus Christ; desires to worship and serve God in the context of the Statement; and is committed to promoting the Objects. Management of the Church is by the Church Council which will include the Senior Minister of the Church, the minimum number of members of the Church Council shall be three.

Financial Review

The financial statements on pages 8 to 12 comply with statutory requirements.

The Income and Expenditure statement on page 8 shows net incoming resources for the year end 2022 £37,492 (2021: £4,996). The church has continued to fund a variety of projects and activities, which are in line with its stated objectives. The level of activity for the year was satisfactory and the trustees believe that this will continue for the foreseeable future. The cumulative balance on the unrestricted general fund at the year-end was £255,783 (2021: £218,275).

The church is dependent upon the continued receipt of donated income. At the year end the financial position of the church was satisfactory. The church receives a certain amount of voluntary help, it is not possible to quantify the value of the time given. We are extremely grateful to all our volunteers who help the church and its various activities to run smoothly.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees' aim is to hold around £10,000 in reserves representing approximately three months' worth of expenses and redundancy costs. This should allow the Trustees time to take the necessary corrective action to gain funding should current income sources dry out.

**SOUTH LINCS CHURCH
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
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This has been a year of transition as we continued to seek the new path forward following the resignation of our previous Senior Minister. After a time of consultation and conversations with various people, it was agreed that Pastor Dave Wade, from Bridge Church Lincoln would step in as Senior Pastor, with the specific mandate of bringing stability to the organisation as a whole and working with the existing leadership team to plot the best path forward. This was established as a part time role as Dave also continued to lead Bridge Church.

Pastor Dave started in April and the immediate focus was bringing some clarity and consistency to our Sunday gatherings, whilst looking to bring some consensus around the future vision of the church.

During the following months, the leadership structure of the church was clarified, as well as identifying which ministries needed to continue, what needed to stop and what was just on pause. The primary focus has been to concentrate on the building up of the people within the church so that the church is in a stronger place to start reaching out to the community again in 2023 and beyond.

The year ended with a wonderful Christmas Carol service on Sunday 18th December. There were a number of visitors, and the church was encouraged as to what the coming year could hold.

Stability has been the theme of the year and it is felt that the church is in a stronger and healthier position now to move forward with purpose and unity.

**SOUTH LINCS CHURCH
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

Trustees' responsibilities

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year (unless the charity is entitled to prepare accounts on the alternative receipts and payments basis). In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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

Internal control and risk management

The Trustees continue to monitor the major risks to which the charity is exposed and to keep under review the adequacy of the systems according to the size of the charity and the nature of its operations.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Signed..... [ORIGINAL SIGNED] Dated
Steven Courtney, Treasurer

**SOUTH LINCS CHURCH
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER’S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner’s statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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 [ORIGINAL SIGNED] Dated
Sue Miller ACMA

**SOUTH LINCS CHURCH
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT**

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>2021</u> <u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u>
	£	£	£	£
Offerings including gift aid tax refunded	27,064	320	27,384	30,429
Little Acorns	0	0	0	60
Donations	15	0	15	15
Vision Offering	0	0	0	2,635
Legacy	33,430	0	33,430	0
Bank interest	41	0	41	2
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	517
Total incoming resources	60,550	320	60,870	33,658
Ministry	7,681	176	7,856	16,603
Equipment	625	0	625	0
Insurance	1,015	0	1,015	1,011
Utilities	3,123	0	3,123	1,801
Repairs and renewals	1,558	0	1,558	150
Office	1,194	0	1,194	964
Missionary	1,720	160	1,880	450
AOG	792	0	792	1,537
Accountancy	370	0	370	350
Sundries	510	0	510	399
Depreciation	3,326	0	3,326	3,699
Mortgage interest	1,278	0	1,278	1,698
Total resources expended	23,191	336	23,527	28,662
Net incoming/outgoing resources for the year	37,359	(16)	37,343	4,996
Balances brought forward at 1 January 2022	218,275	2,436	220,711	215,715
Balances carried forward at 31 December 2022	<u>255,634</u>	<u>2,420</u>	<u>258,054</u>	<u>215,715</u>

**SOUTH LINCS CHURCH
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	2	210,020	213,346
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	3	47,831	26,014
Prepayments	4	352	0
Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year	5	149	9,179
Net Current Assets		<u>48,034</u>	<u>16,835</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>258,203</u>	<u>230,181</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than 1 year	6	0	9,470
		<u>258,054</u>	<u>220,711</u>
Financed by:			
Unrestricted funds		255,634	218,275
Restricted funds		2,420	2,436
Total Funds		<u>258,054</u>	<u>220,711</u>

**SOUTH LINCS CHURCH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

1. Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP.

a) **Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

b) **Basis of preparation**

In addition, the trustees consider that donations and gifts will continue to be forthcoming. As a result, in the opinion of the trustees, adequate cash resources will be available to cover the church's requirements for working capital and capital expenditure for at least the next year and the financial statements have therefore been prepared on the going concern basis.

c) **Donations**

Donations received are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when received and any related tax credits are accounted for when claimed.

The Giving Machine £15.24

d) **Fixed assets and additions**

Items from capital expenditure are capitalised and shown at cost as fixed assets in the balance sheet. Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of fixed assets on a reducing balance basis over their estimated useful lives.

Freehold property	no depreciation on Land & 2% straight line on buildings
Furniture and equipment	25% reducing balance
Computers	3 years straight line

**SOUTH LINCS CHURCH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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e) **Voluntary help**

A certain amount of time is expended on the church activities which is donated free of charge. It is not possible to quantify the value of the time given, and accordingly it is neither recorded as donated income nor as an expense in the financial statements.

f) **Trustees' remuneration**

One Trustee, David Wade, received a salary of £5,976 for his role as church minister employed by the charity, he started in May 2022. He is not directly remunerated for the role as a Trustee of the charity.

2. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Property £	Furniture & Equipment £	Laptop £	Total £
Historical Cost				
As at January 2022	256,308	1,900	0	258,208
Additions	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0
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As at 31 December 2022	256,308	1,900	0	258,208
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DEPRECIATION				
As at January 2022	43,764	1,098	0	44,862
Provided in year	3,126	200	0	3,326
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As at 31 December 2022	46,890	1,298	0	48,188
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NBV at 31 December 2022	209,418	602	0	210,020
NBV at 31 December 2021	215,544	802	0	213,346
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**SOUTH LINCS CHURCH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

3. Cash at bank and in hand

	2022	2021
HSBC account 31079549	1,610	7,804
HSBC account 51271091 Little Acorns	0	97
HSBC account 51487523	46,221	18,113
	<u>47,831</u>	<u>26,014</u>

4. Prepayment

	2022	2021
D Wade to attend AoG Conference 2023	352	0

5. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
Mortgage payments	0	9,179
PAYE	149	0
	<u>149</u>	<u>9,179</u>

6. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

The sum due to AOG Property Trust was paid during the year due to a legacy being given to the church. The church no longer has a mortgage.

**SOUTH LINCS CHURCH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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7. Summary of Fund Movements - Restricted

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Received	Expenditure	Balance
Vision Offering	2,436	0	16	2,420
Sleaford Foodbank	0	160	160	0
Warm Spaces	0	50	50	0
Chestnuts Home	0	110	110	0
Totals	2,436	320	336	2,420

Ruskington Community Church

England & Wales - Charity number 1052169

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SOUTH LINCS CHURCH

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**SOUTH LINCS CHURCH
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

Full Name

South Lincs Church

Registered Charity Number

1052169

Registered Office

South Lincs Church
19 Westgate
Ruskington
Sleaford
NG34 9ES

Charity trustees

Alexandra Samson - Chair
Mr Steven Courtney - Treasurer
Mr John Fee
Mr Mark Button

Governing Document

Constitution and Trust Deed adopted 27 April 2006 as amended on 29 November 2007

Bankers

HSBC
26 Market Place
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**SOUTH LINCS CHURCH
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

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Objectives

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Membership is open to any individual who; by grace has exhibited saving faith in Lord Jesus Christ; desires to worship and serve God in the context of the Statement; and is committed to promoting the Objects. Management of the Church is by the Church Council which will include the Senior Minister of the Church, the minimum number of members of the Church Council shall be three.

Financial Review

The financial statements on pages 8 to 12 comply with statutory requirements.

The Income and Expenditure statement on page 8 shows net incoming resources for the year of £4,996 (2020: minus £1,983). The church has continued to fund a variety of projects and activities, which are in line with its stated objectives. The level of activity for the year was satisfactory and the trustees believe that this will continue for the foreseeable future. The cumulative balance on the unrestricted general fund at the year-end was £218,275 (2020: £215,715).

The church is dependent upon the continued receipt of donated income. At the year end the financial position of the church was satisfactory. The church receives a certain amount of voluntary help, it is not possible to quantify the value of the time given. We are extremely grateful to all our volunteers who help the church and its various activities to run smoothly.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees' aim is to hold around £10,000 in reserves representing approximately three months' worth of expenses and redundancy costs. This should allow the Trustees time to take the necessary corrective action to gain funding should current income sources dry out.

**SOUTH LINCS CHURCH
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

This year has been one full of change in the life of the church, but one full of blessing too. From January until June we continued to broadcast online Sunday worship video services in line with government guidelines surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. We also continued to make use of other online platforms to keep our members connected through the week and before the Sunday services. We have been very grateful for the partnerships with other AoG churches including Bridge Church, Lincoln, and New Life Church, Scunthorpe, to make use of their recorded messages as well as ‘visiting’ speakers in our online services.

Sunday 27th June saw the reopening of the church for Sunday services. With many government restrictions still in operation we ensured this would be a safe, but welcoming space to gather in person. Measures put in place included an online booking-in system, a rigorous cleaning schedule, socially distanced seating, a one-way system of movement through the building, with no singing or creche/kids church facilities open. Although very different, members responded extremely positively to these services with 10 to 12 attending on average, and a powerful sense of fellowship and worship. Some members did not return to in person church, most of whom were in one of the vulnerable groups. A weekly connect group of six people, in line with government guidelines, was able to meet in the church for fellowship and prayer.

We endeavoured to keep connected with those not attending in person and to continue supporting members and the community including shopping and collecting prescriptions. Over Christmas the church donated gifts and made cards for the residents of Chestnuts Retirement Home and delivered gifts to local residents at the Pinfold Centre (Sheltered Accommodation). The church has continued to support the work of the New Life Community Larder (foodbank), Sleaford. Our members have supported the Larder with both financial and material donations. When restrictions permitted, we were also able to use our church car park as an outdoor collection point for residents in the village.

A Gift Day for funds to develop our community vision, including plans for being a local branch of the Larder, enabled us initially to refit the Family Lounge. Other plans were then paused at that time. The church continues to support New Life Children’s Centre, Gambia as part of our overseas missions. We continue to have members actively supporting local families through the Safe Families organisation. Kids Church and Little Acorns Toddler group have not yet resumed.

In September our Senior Leader made the very difficult decision to step down from her role in leading the church. She had led the church through the unprecedented and incredibly difficult time of the pandemic with grace, strength and wisdom and we are hugely grateful to her for her commitment and dedication during her time as Senior Leader in the season to which God called her to lead. From September to December the leadership team continued to maintain the running of the church and the wellbeing of members. The leadership team sought guidance and support from within AoG for moving forward as a church into the next season ahead.

**SOUTH LINCS CHURCH
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

Trustees' responsibilities

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year (unless the charity is entitled to prepare accounts on the alternative receipts and payments basis). In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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

Internal control and risk management

The Trustees continue to monitor the major risks to which the charity is exposed and to keep under review the adequacy of the systems according to the size of the charity and the nature of its operations.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Signed..... [ORIGINAL SIGNED] Dated
Steven Courtney, Treasurer

**SOUTH LINCS CHURCH
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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 [ORIGINAL SIGNED] Dated
Sue Miller ACMA

**SOUTH LINCS CHURCH
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT**

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>2021</u> <u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>2020</u> <u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u>
	£	£	£	£
Offerings including gift aid tax refunded	30,429	0	30,429	29,510
Little Acorns	60	0	60	199
Donations	15	0	15	380
Vision Offering	0	2,635	2,635	0
Bank interest	2	0	2	27
Miscellaneous	517	0	517	100
Total incoming resources	31,023	2,635	33,658	30,216
Ministry	16,603	0	16,603	18,343
Equipment	0	0	0	47
Insurance	1,011	0	1,011	931
Utilities	1,801	0	1,801	1,796
Repairs and renewals	150	0	150	1,293
Office	964	0	964	1,060
Missionary	450	0	450	910
AOG	1,537	0	1,537	792
Accountancy	350	0	350	350
Sundries	200	199	399	181
Depreciation	3,699	0	3,699	3,787
Little Acorns	0	0	0	469
Fusion Kids & Youth	0	0	0	85
Mortgage interest	1,698	0	1,698	2,155
Total resources expended	28,463	199	28,662	32,199
Net incoming/outgoing resources for the year	2,560	2,436	4,996	(1,983)
Balances brought forward at 1 January 2021	215,715	0	215,715	217,698
Balances carried forward at 31 December 2021	<u>218,275</u>	<u>2,436</u>	<u>220,711</u>	<u>215,715</u>

**SOUTH LINCS CHURCH
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	2	213,346	217,045
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	3	26,014	25,097
Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year	4	9,179	9,476
Net Current Assets		<u>16,835</u>	<u>15,621</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>230,181</u>	<u>232,666</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than 1 year	5	9,470	16,951
		<u>220,711</u>	<u>215,715</u>
Financed by:			
Unrestricted funds		218,275	215,715
Restricted funds		2,436	0
Total Funds		<u>220,711</u>	<u>215,715</u>

**SOUTH LINCS CHURCH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

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The Giving Machine £15.45

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Freehold property	no depreciation on Land & 2% straight line on buildings
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Computers	3 years straight line

**SOUTH LINCS CHURCH
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One Trustee, Alexandra Samson, received a salary of £8,976 for her role as church minister employed by the charity, she left in October 2021. She is not directly remunerated for the role as a Trustee of the charity.

2. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Property £	Furniture & Equipment £	Laptop £	Total £
Historical Cost				
As at January 2021	256,308	1,900	916	259,124
Additions	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0
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As at 31 December 2021	256,308	1,900	916	259,124
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DEPRECIATION				
As at January 2021	40,638	831	610	42,079
Provided in year	3,126	267	306	3,699
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As at 31 December 2021	43,764	1,098	916	45,778
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NBV at 31 December 2021	212,544	802	0	213,346
NBV at 31 December 2020	215,670	1,069	306	217,045
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**SOUTH LINCS CHURCH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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3. Cash at bank and in hand

	2021	2020
HSBC account 31079549	7,804	555
HSBC account 51271091 Little Acorns	97	127
HSBC account 51487523	18,113	24,411
Womens Ministry cash	0	4
	<u>26,014</u>	<u>25,097</u>

4. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
Mortgage payments	9,179	9,179
PAYE	0	297
	<u>9,179</u>	<u>9,476</u>

5. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

The sum due to AOG Property Trust amounts to £9,470 (2020: £16,951) and is secured by a first charge on all the freehold property of the church.

6. Summary of Fund Movements - Restricted

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Received	Expenditure	Balance
Vision Offering	0	2,635	199	2,436

7. Miscellaneous Income

Income from items sold which were no longer required.

Ruskington Community Church

England & Wales - Charity number 1052169

Accounts

SOUTH LINCS CHURCH

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**SOUTH LINCS CHURCH IS A REGISTERED CHARITY (NO. 1052169)
AND IS AFFILIATED TO ASSEMBLIES OF GOD INC.**

**SOUTH LINCS CHURCH
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**SOUTH LINCS CHURCH
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

Full Name

South Lincs Church

Registered Charity Number

1052169

Registered Office

South Lincs Church
19 Westgate
Ruskington
Sleaford
NG34 9ES

Charity trustees

Alexandra Samson - Chair
Mr Steven Courtney - Treasurer
Mr John Fee
Mr Mark Button – from 7th August 2020

Governing Document

Constitution and Trust Deed adopted 27 April 2006 as amended on 29 November 2007

Bankers

HSBC
26 Market Place
Sleaford
NG34 7SB

Solicitors

Robinsons
Market Place
Ilkeston
DE7 5RQ

Independent Examiner

S V Miller
66 Westcliffe Street
Lincoln
LN1 3TZ

**SOUTH LINCS CHURCH
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Objectives

The objects of the church 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.

Organisation

Membership is open to any individual who; by grace has exhibited saving faith in Lord Jesus Christ; desires to worship and serve God in the context of the Statement; and is committed to promoting the Objects. Management of the Church is by the Church Council which will include the Senior Minister of the Church, the minimum number of members of the Church Council shall be three.

Financial Review

The financial statements on pages 8 to 12 comply with statutory requirements.

The Income and Expenditure statement on page 8 shows a total of minus £1,983 (2019: £9,130) this is directly related to covid-19 preventing normal activities from taking place. The church has continued to fund a variety of projects and activities, which are in line with its stated objectives. The level of activity for the year was satisfactory and the trustees believe that this will continue for the foreseeable future. The cumulative balance on the unrestricted general fund at the year-end was £215,715 (2019: £217,698).

The church is dependent upon the continued receipt of donated income. At the year end the financial position of the church was satisfactory. The church receives a certain amount of voluntary help, it is not possible to quantify the value of the time given. We are extremely grateful to all our volunteers who help the church and its various activities to run smoothly.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees' aim is to hold around £10,000 in reserves representing approximately three months' worth of expenses and redundancy costs. This should allow the Trustees time to take the necessary corrective action to gain funding should current income sources dry out.

**SOUTH LINCS CHURCH
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

In common with churches across the country, due to the impact of COVID-19, this year has presented unique challenges in the life of the church and has required a creative and flexible response to how we meet both the needs of our members and our wider community, in line with our objectives, as set out in this report.

At the start of the year, our toddler group continued to run for one morning session a week and was well attended by members of our local community and surrounding villages. However, in line with government guidelines, this was temporarily closed in March.

As a consequence of the National ‘lockdown’, our church building closed, and our Sunday services moved to an online provision from March 22nd; we have continued to broadcast Sunday worship video services throughout the year. In addition, we have made use of other online platforms to create spaces and groups to keep our members connected during the week and before the Sunday services. We have maintained links with Bridge Church, Lincoln and forged new partnerships with other churches in the AoG network and made use of ‘visiting’ speakers in our online services.

We have endeavoured to support and encourage our members throughout the COVID crisis. This has included shopping and collecting prescriptions for those who were clinically vulnerable or isolating. We offered support to the wider community by registering with the Lincolnshire Resilience forum and providing the similar support, as requested. Over Christmas, we delivered gifts to local residents at the Pinfold Centre.

The church has continued to support the work of New Life Community Larder (foodbank), Sleaford. During the national lockdown, we partnered with them to deliver food packages for school aged children and other members of the community, and at Christmas time we delivered Christmas hampers to families in the village. Our members have supported the larder with both financial and material donations. When restrictions permitted, we were also able to use our church car park to function as central outdoor collection point for residents in the village.

The church continues to support New Life Children’s Centre, Gambia as part of our overseas missions. Both the church and Little Acorns toddler group sponsor children there. We responded to their COVID appeal by inviting donations from members, which we then sent to allow them to purchase bags of rice to support sponsor families.

We have developed a new partnership with Safe Families, a Christian organisation which seeks to offer support, hope and belonging to improve the lives of those in our communities by linking children, young people and families with local volunteers who can offer them help and support. An online information event was held and we look forward to supporting members of our congregation who wish to train as volunteers.

**SOUTH LINCS CHURCH
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

Trustees' responsibilities

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year (unless the charity is entitled to prepare accounts on the alternative receipts and payments basis). In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ascertain the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable law and regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Internal control and risk management

The Trustees continue to monitor the major risks to which the charity is exposed and to keep under review the adequacy of the systems which they believe are adequate and appropriate to the size of the charity and the nature of its operations.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Signed.....[ORIGINAL SIGNED]..... Dated
Steven Courtney, Treasurer

**SOUTH LINCS CHURCH
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER’S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner’s statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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 [ORIGINAL SIGNED] Dated
Sue Miller ACMA

**SOUTH LINCS CHURCH
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT**

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>2020</u> <u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>2019</u> <u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u>
	£	£	£	£
Offerings including gift aid tax refunded	29,510	0	29,510	28,624
Little Acorns	199	0	199	1,482
Fusion Kids & Youth	0	0	0	0
Women's Ministry	0	0	0	243
Donations	25	355	380	37
Vision Offering	0	0	0	0
Bank interest	27	0	27	52
Miscellaneous	0	100	100	806
Total incoming resources	29,761	455	30,216	31,244
Ministry	17,988	355	18,343	6,569
Equipment	47	0	47	612
Insurance	931	0	931	562
Utilities	1,796	0	1,796	2,116
Repairs and renewals	1,293	0	1,293	137
Office	1,060	0	1,060	1,253
Missionary	810	100	910	720
AOG	792	0	792	742
Accountancy	350	0	350	270
Sundries	181	0	181	1,270
Depreciation	3,787	0	3,787	3,906
Little Acorns	469	0	469	1,044
Fusion Kids & Youth	85	0	85	73
Women's Ministry	0	0	0	247
Mortgage interest	2,155	0	2,155	2,593
Total resources expended	31,744	455	32,199	22,114
Net incoming/outgoing resources for the year	(1,983)	0	(1,983)	9,130
Balances brought forward at 1 January 2019	217,698	0	217,698	208,568
Balances carried forward at 31 December 2019	<u>215,715</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>215,715</u>	<u>217,698</u>

**SOUTH LINCS CHURCH
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020
BALANCE SHEET**

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
Tangible fixed assets	2	217,045	220,832
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	3	25,097	30,430
Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year	4	9,476	9,589
Current assets		<u>15,621</u>	<u>20,841</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>232,666</u>	<u>241,673</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than 1 year	5	16,951	23,975
		<u>215,715</u>	<u>217,698</u>
Financed by:			
Unrestricted funds		215,715	217,698
Restricted funds		0	0
Total Funds		<u>215,715</u>	<u>217,698</u>

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2. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Property £	Furniture & Equipment £	Laptop £	Total £
Historical Cost				
As at January 2020	256,308	1,900	916	259,124
Additions	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0
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As at 31 December 2020	256,308	1,900	916	259,124
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DEPRECIATION				
As at January 2020	37,512	475	305	38,292
Provided in year	3,126	356	305	3,787
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As at 31 December 2020	40,638	831	610	42,079
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NBV at 31 December 2020	215,670	1,069	306	217,045
NBV at 31 December 2019	218,796	1,425	611	220,832
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**SOUTH LINCS CHURCH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

3. Cash at bank and in hand

	2020	2019
HSBC account 31079549	555	1,094
HSBC account 51271091 Little Acorns	127	497
HSBC account 11451774 SLC Youth	0	82
HSBC account 11452053 Fusion	0	68
HSBC account 51487523	24,411	28,594
Cash	0	91
Womens Ministry cash	4	4
	<u>25,097</u>	<u>30,430</u>

4. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
Mortgage payments	9,179	9,179
PAYE	297	410
	<u>9,476</u>	<u>9,589</u>

5. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

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