

Abundant life Christian centre
ANNUAL REPORT
31 MARCH 2023.



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TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2023

Charity Name: Abundant life Christian centre

Trustees	Leslie Roe Elizabeth Roe John Parsons
Holding Trustees	Property Trust, Assemblies of God
Principal Address	Tibshelf Road Holmewood Chesterfield S42 5TA
Independent Examiner	Helen Pickering AATQB
Bankers	Lloyds Chesterfield
Charity Number	1052239
Body Entitled to appoint Trustees	Church Council
Governing Document	TRUST DEED DATED 30TH JULY 1993
Objects of the Charity:	<p>The advancement of the Christian Religion by the proclamation and furtherance of the Gospel of God concerning His Son Jesus Christ the Lord and the preaching and teaching of the Word of God by the Church in accordance with the Statement of Fundamental truths of the Assemblies of God in Great Britain and Ireland as approved by the General Council from time to time (the Statement).</p> <p>Such other charitable purposes as shall further the attainment of the above objects of the Church or any of them.</p> <p>Such other charitable purposes as shall further the attainment of the above objects of the Church.</p> <p>The furtherance of other charitable work of the Church which is consistent with the Statement.</p> <p>The furtherance of the work of Assemblies of God in Great Britain and Ireland and the promotion of religious observance that manifest in the statement.</p>

Following AOG guidelines the church is required to have at least three trustees at any one time, one of whom is the senior minister /Senior leader. When a vacancy occurs the senior minister /Leader shall nominate a potential new trustee deemed to have the relevant experience and commitment and the Church Council shall appoint this person. The charity is managed by a board of experienced trustees, who are responsible for ensuring financial stability and providing professional and strategic advice on policy and resource management. None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the church. We will be looking forward to nominating new trustees in 2024.

ALCC Family Church embraces social inclusion and aims to reflect the community it serves. We are a multigenerational, and multi-cultural Church and we welcome everyone. The Church works hard to create a culture where everyone can feel, valued, and accepted.

Thanks to all. The Trustees, church council, department leaders and volunteers who give their time freely to promote the work of God and the Gospel of Christ in our Fellowship and its ministries.
All the work at ALCC is conducted on a voluntary basis.

The Church leaders recognize that the volunteers and leaders of our many departments work extremely hard they care about our community and want to touch people lives with Gods love; they are so faithful and sacrifice their time and finances to do so. We appreciate them all and thank them for all their help without them the work would not be able go on. Alcc have no paid workers.

Public Benefit

When planning our activities for the year we refer to the guidance contained in the Charity Commissions general guidance on public benefit and complied with the Charities Act when reviewing the aims and objectives prior to planning and developing activities, and particularly the specific guidance for the advancement of religion.

ALCC Family Church's mandate is to outwork the Biblical principles of The Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20) and the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:37- 39) through a resolute leadership team. We are intentional about positively impacting our local community through the biblical principles of Fellowship, Worship, Discipleship, Pastoral Care and Outreach and Helps.

Governance and Management

The trustees and Church council are responsible for making the major decisions regarding the formulation and implementation of the charity's aims and objectives, and for monitoring and controlling all its financial resources. To fulfil their role, the trustees and council members held six meetings during the year.

Main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects this year were:

The needs of the community are great, many suffer with low self-worth, many have been in abusive relationships; many live-in poverties and we have many one parent families.

Counselling services are available at Alcc.

We have two qualified clinical and pastoral Counsellors available to the community at no costs.

This service has been very much in demand this year. Mental health issues have increased, substance abuse is on the rampage (including drug and alcohol abuse), and many need our ongoing support.

Because of this.

We investigated and set up AA group, who now meet weekly at the church on a Tuesday night. (twenty plus clients attend).

Girl, chat a group which meets bimonthly.

Where women can come along and share their problems and encourage one another over coffee and cake. Counselling is available if necessary.

Citizen's advice Many of our contacts have financial issues, debt problems, cost of living problems.

We contacted citizens advice. Made enquiries about having an inhouse advisor.

Our request was granted, and We now have an advisor who attends alongside the living Hope food bank on a Wednesday morning.

Dynamite Club 5-11 years old meet on Fridays at 6pm to 7.15pm school term only A special club just for Kids we realise that having a dynamic children's work plays an important part in creating a place where everyone belongs. Children have fun together crafts, games, singing, football etc. We teach Christian principle, to care and respect each another and the community, to work together as a team. Our aim is to create a happy friendly and exciting place where kids can come along and have fun in a safe environment. Parents are invited to join us for coffee while the children enjoy their meeting. We are well established in our community and local school and have been running now for over 20 years.

LIVING HOPE, we have a charity shop / food bank operating under the name of Living Hope. The Charity shop in Holmewood is open Monday to Friday and sell donated clothing and Bric-a Brac for the sole purpose of raising funds to buy ambient foods for the Food Bank, to redistribute to the needy in our Area the Food Banks is located at Abundant Life Christian Centre Holmewood.

Most service users are referred to us for various reasons by Job Centres, Social Services (All Departments) Schools, C.A.B. Mat Teams, Women's Aid, Social Housing and some are so desperate they just turn up, as they are not able to provide for their children due to difficult circumstances that have arisen in their lives. Covid brought an extra demand on our service, a fantastic team of volunteers distributed over 6000 thousand parcels this year. They all worked selflessly in extremely difficult circumstances.

MUNCHKINS meet on a Tuesday morning 9. 15 am to 11am school term only. the children can enjoy soft play, craft activities, stories, singing, music and movement and healthy snacks, whilst the mums catch up over coffee and cake. This is a beautiful place to meet other mums and to help, support and encourage each other. Very well attended We do not charge for this service.

Men Talk Breakfasts.

Met quarterly during the year. We are hoping to increase this next year.

They enjoy a full cooked breakfast, lots of laughter. After breakfast, there is an opportunity for a member of the church to share some of their journey with Christ, and a time of prayer and reflection. These meetings have been well attended with 25-30 consistently attending.

Intercessors/ soaking prayer Group

Meet three times a week Monday Friday morning and Sunday evenings.

During this time, we spend time with God and pray for the requests made via our private prayer line which is confidential, and matters are dealt with discreetly as they arise.

Requests are from both Church members and non -church folk. We are it such a privilege to pray. for them.

We have continued to support the work at the orphanage in India and Emmanuel has updated us by video calls and visits throughout the year, he brings encouraging updates about the work. it is a pleasure to be involved in such a magnificent work. Covid has hit the area extremely hard this year and it has been an exceedingly challenging time for all. Financially we have been able to help with provision of new doors windows and gates to be replaced at the orphanage.

We hold two services on a Sunday.

The Church's ministry has continued throughout the year with regular services of worship, preaching and teaching.

Alongside community-based efforts which have included messy church community barbeques, mothering Sunday, Family services, Sunday lunches, Pea Pie Supers firework display film nights jubilee picnics and parties and celebrations Christmas, Gifts for home alone people in the village. Carol services, Christmas parties and buffet .

The trustees are delighted at the attendance at all the community focused events, and we are encouraged that we are now attempting to reach every age group in our Local Community.

The trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities to undertake. Achievements

MEDIA USE AND COMMUNICATION The Church has embraced a change in culture and has developed a strategy for raising awareness of the Church and its purpose through modern media and technology.

We now record our services which go out on face book every Sunday.

we have between 250 to 300 watching our services on a regular basis which is very encouraging.

Church website,

The Church has also embraced the use of social media and the Church wants to make use of social networking sites.

Child Protection and safeguarding of vulnerable In line with its responsibility for the above , all appropriate DBS checks will be reviewed in 2023 /4.

ALCC Church continued in its compliance with food safety standards.

Related Party Transactions No payments have been made to any trustee.

Membership

Membership has this year, overall, remained stable. We have seen an, increase in the numbers of people visiting the church with quite a few becoming regular attenders and some of those becoming actively involved in church.

Church Building This year we have had a new disabled ramp to the front door.

Future

We are looking to, when, re decorate some areas of the church to freshen them up. The car park needs resurfacing soon.

Reserves Policy

Income and Expenditure is monitored to ensure that reserves are at an acceptable level in accordance with the guidance of the Charity Commission.

The Trustees are committed to strategic development and succession planning to ensure the long-term future of the Church and Charity.

The Church Council is maintaining planning for the long-term future of the Church seeking to train, develop and introduce new leaders and volunteers drawn from the membership, whilst also committed to succession planning and the preparation for the recruitment of a full or part-time associate / leaders/ pastor at some future point.

This strategy is designed to provide natural succession and a contingency plan as the current leadership eventually retire.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

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

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently; making judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; prepare the financial statements on an ongoing 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 at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the governing document of the charity. They are also responsible for the safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature(s) E Roe Full name(s) Elizabeth Roe Position Chair, Date 10/8/23

Signature(s) L Roe Full name(s) Leslie Roe Position Senior Leader Date 10/8/2023

Abundant life Christian Centre 1052239



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the
accounts

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the ALCC for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basic of report

As the charity trustee you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts conducted under section 145 of the Act and in conducting my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiners statement

I have completed my examination.

I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Nane Helen Pickering AATQB	Date 8/6/2023
Signature <i>Helen Pickering</i>	
Address 6 Cemetery Road Chesterfield Derbyshire.	

ALCC
EXPENDITURE YEAR
END

31-Mar-23

ACCOMODATION HOMELESS	120.00
AOG REGIONAL	420.00
BUILDING + repairs	120.00
CATERING	1444.38
CLEANING MATERIALS	257.40
COMPUTER	669.98
COPYWRITE	363.95
ELECTRICITY	718.92
EQUIPMENT	145.91
FLOWERS	33.49
GARDEN	300.86
GAS	1871.31
LEASE COPIER	556.52
PHOTOCOPIES	700.50
MISSIONS	3500.00
CHURCH INSURANCE	1164.72
GAS SERVICE	260.00
MINISTRY GIFTS	2850.00
OUTREACH ITEMS	134.28
REFUSE	604.24
STATIONARY	194.93
TELEPHONE WIFI	691.86
THIRTY ONE DBS	145.00
WATER RATES	66.12
WEBSITE	350.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	17684.37

LIVING HOPE
EXPENDITURE YEAR
END

31-Mar-23

RENT	6500.04
SHOP INSURANCE	261.71
VAN	3934.19
TAX FOR CABIN	87.04
UTI. WAREHOUSE	1434.14
FOOD	5437.54
EQUIPMENT	935.26
POST OFFICE	4.58
FARE SHARE	2262.00
RATES	291.84
COACH HIRE	140.00
MUSIC LIC	130.82
INDIA	500.00
CHRISTMAS ITEMS	52.92
TOTAL	21972.08

ALCC

INCOME YEAR END

31-Mar-23

OFFERRINGS	14087.20
interest	2.86
	14090.06

LIVING HOPE
INCOME YEAR
END

31-Mar-23

SHOP	15848.61
Grants	2000.00
	17848.61

31/03/2022	BALANCES	EXPENDITURE	INCOME	AT THE BANK 1/4/2023
ALCC 27619160	14919.39	-17684.37	14087.20	11322.22
ALCC 3224960	1399.04		2.86	1401.90
interest				
ALCC TOTAL	16318.43	-17684.37	14090.06	12724.12
LIVING HOPE	22795.35	-21972.08	17848.60	18671.87
TOTAL	39113.78	-39656.45	31938.66	31395.99