

LIFE CHURCH DONCASTER

England & Wales · Charity number 1052567

Details

Other names	EDENTHORPE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
Status	Registered
Legal form	Trust
Registered	1996-02-03
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION BY THE PROCLAMATION AND FURTHERANCE OF THE GOSPEL OF GOD

Activities: The church aims to: A. Advance the Christian faith in such ways in the UK or the world as the church council thinks fit. B. Relieve sickness, financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind in the UK or the world as the church council thinks fit. C. Advance education in such ways in the UK or the world as the church council thinks

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN PRACTICE DONCASTER
- Barnsley
- Bradford City
- Calderdale
- City Of Wakefield
- Doncaster
- Kirklees
- Leeds City
- Rotherham
- Sheffield City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£75,010	£79,810	-	-
2023-12-31	£72,829	£68,124	-	-
2022-12-31	£110,001	£49,051	-	-
2021-12-31	£35,216	£38,952	-	-
2020-12-31	£38,024	£34,832	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Leslie Dale Budhi	Chair	2013-10-08
Alison Heaton		2013-10-01
DANIEL BUDHI		2013-09-01
Peter Gilliland		2026-01-01
Rachel Ann Ridler		2026-01-01
Robert David Ridler		2026-01-01

Accounts

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Annual Accounts and Reports

Year Ended 31 December 2024

Charity Number: 1052567

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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CHURCH COUNCIL – LIST OF TRUSTEES

Rev. Leslie Budhi – Chair of Trustees

Alison Heaton

Daniel Budhi

Susan Wallace (Resigned 11th April 2024)

William Jones

Yvonne Jones

Annual General Meeting Summary for Year End 2024

Once again, a big thank you to all congregation members who consistently give of their time and resources to ensure that both the Church and all its varied activities run smoothly and successfully. Thank you for every penny given, every minute made available to volunteer in our various ministries, opening your homes or serving individuals and the community without any fuss or fanfare. Without you, none of what we seek to do for God would be possible. Thank you to those who live out their daily relationship with the Lord Jesus at home, at work and wherever you find yourself in the week.

We continue to be a family orientated church with respect for all ages and backgrounds, acknowledging that no one is perfect, we are all on differing stages of the journey of faith and all learn in different ways.

Alison Heaton continues to oversee the Children's ministry and we are continually looking for suitable helpers to join the children's team as we seek to share the love of God with the younger generation. Treasure Kids is run weekly during school term times on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings in different venues. GiG (Growing in God) is our children's discipleship session which takes place during Sunday morning services.

Pastor Daniel continues to lead the youth work and bring the life changing message of the gospel in engaging ways to the youth of our community.

Sue Wallace continues to run Monday morning Coffee Club which remains very popular. We have continued our bi-monthly Lunch Club for those who are open to a unique presentation of the gospel. Again, this has proved popular and all available spaces are usually taken. We continue to seek the Lord as we minister to the elderly population in our community. We are grateful for the continued support of St Leger Homes (whose building we use for Coffee Club) and DMBC through the community support officers.

The garden at the communal hall was completed in the autumn and the project handed over to Cambeth Community Project C.I.C to continue the maintenance and ongoing use of the garden. Remaining funds were passed to Cambeth Community Project C.I.C following authorisation from the grant maker.

Sharon Budhi continues to run Life, Craft and Coffee, a club held at the Communal Hall. This club is enjoyed by those who attend and is self funded by donations. And continues to bring the church into contact with more local residents.

Pastors Les and Daniel continue to work with the local schools, offering their assistance in any way that would benefit the school. They continue to do school assemblies and lessons. In the Autumn term Long Toft Primary in Stainforth opened its doors to Pastor Les allowing him to take assemblies, something we have sought to do for many years. Les remains a Governor of Edenthorpe Hall, a local Primary School.

The food bank continues to operate on a cash basis, taking referrals from the community and local charities, including local schools. The church also takes a monthly donation of food which is supplied to the DN7 Food Bank based in St Mary's Stainforth.

In 2023 we were delighted that a parent of one of Treasure Kids Club attendees nominated the church as his charity of choice, raising money via Just Giving, to allow the church to put together quality hampers for families in Stainforth. He did this again this year not only raising funds for hampers but also to be used to assist families across Doncaster (not limited to Stainforth) who needed assistance in any way we deemed fit. With the help of the local Community Officers, Council members, local charities, schools, churches and the local DN7 Food Bank we were able to identify many families to whom we supplied hampers in the days just before Christmas and provided ongoing support into 2025. We were also able to donate a significant amount of food to the local Oncology Department of Doncaster Royal Infirmary as they were running short of food supplies they give to their patients. All food handed out was accompanied by a church leaflet highlighting our services. The remaining funds can be used for assistance to families outside of Stainforth and beyond Christmas. Thank you to the volunteers, who shopped, stored, put together and delivered hampers to local families. Our links with the local community continues to increase. Whilst there are no promises that this will be an annual event, should the church be able to do so we may repeat this exercise in 2025.

Pastor Les serves as the Chair of Renew Doncaster Limited, a local charity which provides assisted accommodation to families who are homeless or at risk thereof. This charity is in the process of being wound down and great strides were made towards this this year. Thank you to church members who volunteered their time to clear the house and clean it before being placed on the market for sale. The closure of this charity in 2025 will free up Pastor Les to devote more time to the church.

As leadership we felt a strong leading by The Holy Spirit to have a greater presence in Stainforth in the coming years. In 2024 we began holding family services on the 4th Sunday of the month at the Community Resource Centre at 3pm in the afternoon. This was advertised via our weekly Treasure Kids club, social media and 1,000's of leaflets delivered door to door. We have stuck to the theme of Jesus throughout the year and invited several guests to tell their story of faith. We have provided food on occasion with Pizza, Krispy Kreme doughnuts, Indian food supplied by a local takeaway and a full-blown Thanksgiving meal in November and a subsidized coach trip to Scarborough in July. Whilst the numbers attending started out well and increased, we began to hit a lull from April onwards. However, we are pleased that a number of local families attend each month. We continue to seek God's will for Stainforth, and the services will continue as a minimum in 2025 and we are seeking to grow our weekly presence in this community.

In terms of highlights for the year, these included our successful Mothers' Day Breakfast, Easter Eggstravaganza in Edenthorpe and Stainforth, Participation in Harry's Day a memorial event remembering the life of Harry Peace who passed away from cancer and was an attendee at one of Treasure Kids activities, Stainforth Gala, coach day trip to Scarborough for our Treasure Kids Families in Stainforth, Preparing for Christmas evening in Edenthorpe, and Nativities in Edenthorpe and Stainforth. We came together with our friends at The Church of The Good Shepherd to organise a Big Community Event in Edenthorpe in May which followed on from successful events in previous years that marked the Queens Jubilee and the Kings Coronation. We were able to give away free literature, promote both churches and what we do and hold a joint service on the Sunday morning.

Other events included a presentation by Good News for Everyone (formerly Gideons) who share Bibles in schools, hotels and hospitals and everywhere people will take them, we participated in the annual Shoe Box appeal with Samaritans Purse. Volunteer staff underwent First Aid training gaining certificates for 3 years. A 4 session teaching block was undertaken on Sunday evenings in the autumn on the Holy Spirit and was enjoyed by those who attended.

Turning to the finances. The income for the year was £75,010.63 compared with the previous year's figure of £72,828.54 i.e. an increase of approx. 3%. Thank you to all those who give faithfully to the church. Again, without your giving and sacrifice we would not be able to function as a church. It is notable that increased income towards the end of the year (Autumn onwards) continues in 2025 as new families have started attending the church. A small number of grants were applied for to cover a number of items in relation to our various community activities. Expenditure increased to £79,810.28 compared to £68,124 the previous year. Increases were seen in salaries (approx. 10%), room hire (approx. 15%) and general increase in the cost of overheads, as well as increased spending from grant support and outreach events. Giving to outside organisations amounted to £5,742.62 (£3,415.99) an increase of approx. 68%. And represent approx. 7.7% of our total income. This resulted in a loss of £4,799.65 (profit £4,704.18). We have met, and continue to meet, all our obligations as a church. The trustees continue to monitor the church finances carefully. The contribution you make is vital. Those of you who are taxpayers and have not yet signed a Gift Aid form please contact the church administrator.

Our annual gift day raised £8,320 (£14,040) for which we give thanks. The congregation continues to get behind the church's vision to reach out to its community and further increase our presence in Stainforth. A huge thank you to those who contributed towards the Gift Day. Given the size of the church here in Edenthorpe, this is a significant amount and shows your very generous spirit! If we play our part, God has promised to do His! (Malachi 3:10). We gave 50% of this gift offering to the following charities, nominated by the congregation and those charities operate within the remit of our own charitable objectives: Passion 4 Doncaster (P4D) £1,000 who are working to pull churches together in Doncaster to inspire Mission in the town, Christians Against Poverty (CAP) £350.00, World Share (local charity working with some of the most marginalized people groups in the world sharing the gospel) £750.00, Open Doors (supporting the persecuted church) £710.00, and in 2025 Tearfund (The Evangelical Alliance Relief Fund) £350, Urban Outreach (Bolton charity spreading the gospel and relieving poverty) £500.00. This leaves £500 to be distributed to a cause that God puts on our hearts.

We continue to serve the church members and the local community and will continue to be a family church holding out the truth of the Gospel offering a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. This is our mission and has not changed.

Here are the areas in which we still require breakthrough:

Breakthrough in prayer: Prayer needs to be at the center of all we do. I believe greater levels of prayer are demanded if we are to see all that God wants to accomplish in and through us.

Breakthrough in Evangelism. Ask God to remove the blinds off the unbelieving and empower us and give us the courage to share our story.

Breakthrough in miracles. Jesus and the early church's ministry were marked by miracles. As is so often quoted that Jesus is our example on how to live – then miracles must accompany us. The early church saw many breakthroughs in many communities with a miracle.

Breakthrough in discipleship. Pray that those who have come to Christ develop a deeper connection with Him. For those who have joined the church this year to be fully embodied into the life of the church.

Breakthrough in church community. Pray that God would help us to live authentic lives with each other and give us deep friendships.

Breakthrough in Mission. Pray for our local schools, local groups, counsellors, local Government. Pray that God will open new doors of opportunity and give us workers for our many and varied ministries.

Breakthrough in Worship. I pray you will love God deeper, walk more humbly and serve more passionately.

I do believe, along with Paul's challenge to the Galatians, that we will reap a harvest if we do not give up! Please partner with us in this harvest field. We need prayer and more workers to expand and grow. These are not the days to hold back, but rather to press in and press forward and take hold of that for which Christ took hold of us.

Pastor Les Budhi

Annual Report 2024 - Children's Department

2024 was a very busy year for the team at Life Church Doncaster who work in our regular clubs and special events for local children. Many thanks to all who have served at one of our midweek Treasure Kids clubs, G.I.G. and Tiddlywinks on a Sunday morning, Easter Eggstravaganza, community galas and Preparing for Christmas.

All our regular activities use a lively mix of games, songs, crafts and Bible stories to communicate the good news of Jesus to a new generation. We welcome children from all backgrounds and of all abilities and seek to model God's love for them. Children are valued as part of the church family that meets weekly at Edenthorpe and monthly in Stainforth, where afternoon Family Services began this year.

G.I.G. and Tiddlywinks

G.I.G., a group for children aged 5 - 13 years, is provided during the second half of the Sunday Morning Service. G.I.G. stands for "Growing In God" and reflects our aim to provide children with learning activities that help them to grow in their relationship with God, knowledge of the Bible and understanding of God's purpose for their lives. During 2024, the children covered the following topics: "The Story of Israel part 2 – Judges to Nehemiah", "Easter", "Lessons from Letters", "Jesus the Answer", "God's Big Plan", "Some 'I am' Sayings and "Christmas – What the angels told". 4 year olds also joined the group when required – thank you to the staff for rising to the challenge of adapting learning activities to include a wider range of ages. Tiddlywinks was provided for 1-3 year olds as and when required.

Treasure Kids

Our three evangelistic after-school clubs for children of primary school age continued to run weekly in term-time in Edenthorpe, Kirk Sandall and Stainforth. Our themes during 2024 were "Jesus the Early Years", "Peter's Story" - including Easter, "Nehemiah", "Daniel", "Elisha", "Cracking Colours" - a series about the gospel and God's plans for our lives, and "Christmas". Once again, we have had great help from a number of teenagers who themselves used to attend Treasure Kids.

Training

Members of the team were able to attend a Training Brunch at Legacy Church at the beginning of February and were encouraged by meeting other Christians from this part of the country who are committed to helping children get to know Jesus.

Some of our teenage Treasure Kids helpers attended our Young Leaders lunch in August.

Special Events

2024 was a busy year for special events that included local children and their families and built connections between the church fellowship and the local community. These included:

- a Mother's Day breakfast event
- an "Easter Eggstravaganza" on Easter Saturday
- Edenthorpe Community Gala in May in partnership with C.O.G.S.
- crafts for children at a 1940s Event in July at the Cricket ground at Kirk Sandall
- a trip to Scarborough for Church members and Stainforth families in July
- crafts at Stainforth Gala in August
- a Thanksgiving meal for families in Stainforth
- a "Preparing for Christmas" event and two Nativity Carol Services (at Stainforth and Edenthorpe) in December.

Alison Heaton – Children's Pastor

2024 AGM report - Youth

At the start of the year we had a group of approx. 8-10 young people aged 16-18. These were mainly of college age, or late secondary school. Most of these young people have been with us for many years. Not many of them made any sort of profession of faith, but are willing to engage with Christian topics.

Our aim has always been to provide an environment that is fun, that young people can explore faith, know they are loved and understand who God is. We watch video testimonies, discuss themes and take topics from the Bible each week.

Many of these young people were coming to the age where they would be heading off to university and therefore be leaving the youth group, which made us change our approach to outreach.

With my links with the USA, as part of my role with Youth for Christ, we partnered with the Ten2 Project bringing summer interns to the UK for the purpose of doing outreach. We made the decision that the best use of their time would be to engage in outreach to those transitioning up to secondary school from year 6. For 7 weeks in June and July we ran rap and sports camps in schools, giving a Christian perspective on the theme of transitioning to secondary school (fear, hope, dreams, friendship etc.), whilst inviting everyone to outreach events. We had over 100 different young people come to at least 1 of the 4 outreach events we held, averaging 50-60 young people each week. The team also hosted a small group for those older girls within the youth group.

In September, we had 20-30 of those new year 7's join us for the youth group each week. Each week we hosted various themed nights from baking, junk yard crazy golf and a UV party. Each week we would have 1 of our team share their story and split into small groups for prayer and discussion.

In addition to the Friday night youth group, Louise (my wife) and I have hosted a small group of 5-6 young people/young adults, for further discipleship in our home.

Throughout 2024, each half-term we would take the youth group to various youth hub events run by the Diocese of Sheffield for Christian young people. These events consisted of an Olympic night, Hope Weekend, Christmas escape room and a summer party. These events are always a great opportunity for the young people to connect with others going to Christian youth groups across the city. We also took some of our small group to a New Wine worship evening.

Now that the youth group is slowly being established, in 2025 we intend to bring a mission team from Northern Ireland in January, and we will continue to have summer interns in June and July based at the church. In 2025 we will run the youth alpha course to further develop the young people we have in their faith journey. Our small group, will continue to run on Wednesday evenings.

Thank you for all your support in 2024 and we're believing that 2025 will be a great year.

Dan and Louise.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Life Church Doncaster

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 9 to 15.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity 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 in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Alex Peter Day

ACA/MAAT

A P Day Accountants

2 Stifford Road, Aveley , RM15 4AA

Date: 18th October 2025

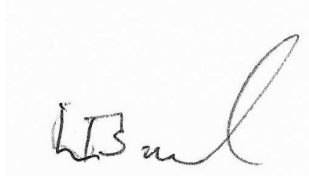
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Financial Statement for the year ended 31 December 2024
Receipts and Payments Account

INCOME	Note	2024	2024	2024	2024	2023
		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Designated £	Total £	Total £
Offerings Via Service Collections		11,150.42	-	-	11,150.42	11,390.61
Offerings Via BGC		30,558.33	-	-	30,558.33	22,123.96
Gift Aid		6,821.93	-	-	6,821.93	8,316.55
Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme		783.50	-	-	783.50	1,547.57
Interest Earned		1,962.85	-	-	1,962.85	1,568.80
Grants and Donations	1	5,181.76	8,894.14	-	14,075.90	13,841.05
Legacies		-	-	-	-	-
Other		1,337.70	-	8,320.00	9,657.70	14,040.00
TOTAL INCOME		57,796.49	8,894.14	8,320.00	75,010.63	72,828.54
EXPENDITURE						
L & S Enterprises		-	-	-	-	10,714.21
Salaries & Expenses		40,584.05	-	-	40,584.05	26,163.15
Room Hire	2	7,406.50	200.00	579.00	8,185.50	7,101.00
Visiting Ministry Expenses		440.00	-	-	440.00	750.00
Missionary Gifts	3	1,716.00	1,216.62	2,810.00	5,742.62	3,415.99
Outreach		-	5,714.85	2,766.95	8,481.80	5,821.61
Church Ministry Expenses	4	5,717.28	-	-	5,717.28	4,240.84
Grant Expenditure	5	-	3,893.33	-	3,893.33	3,417.30
Children's Work		86.90	-	-	86.90	1,250.00
Coffee Club Expenses		2,883.28	-	-	2,883.28	2,630.43
Life, Craft & Coffee Expenses		2,686.60	-	-	2,686.60	1,403.57
Youth Work		53.80	-	-	53.80	238.88
Capital Expenditure		-	-	231.05	231.05	90.84
Independent Examiners Fee		200.00	-	-	200.00	150.00
Administration Costs	6	624.07	-	-	624.07	736.54
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		62,398.48	11,024.80	6,387.00	79,810.28	68,124.36
(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE BEFORE TRANSFERS						
		(4,601.99)	(2,130.66)	1,933.00	(4,799.65)	4,704.18
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS						
		-	-	-	-	-
NET INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE AFTER TRANSFERS						
		(4,601.99)	(2,130.66)	1,933.00	(4,799.65)	4,704.18
CASH FUNDS AT LAST YEAR END						
		62,579.60	3,035.29	17,694.96	83,309.85	78,605.67
CASH FUNDS THIS YEAR END						
		57,977.61	904.63	19,627.96	78,510.20	83,309.85

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Statement of Assets for the year ended 31 December 2024

<u>Church Assets as at 31 December 2024</u>		2024	2023
		£	£
Cash at Bank:			
Lloyds Bank:			
Current Account		2,000.34	3,707.33
Savings Account		18,000.00	22,535.13
Kingdom Bank:			
Savings Bond		5,386.87	5,192.70
Gospel Partner Account		10,308.74	10,135.60
Reserve Account		42,464.74	41,104.92
		78,160.69	82,675.68
Cash in Hand:			
Cash Balances		349.51	634.17
		349.51	634.17
		78,510.20	83,309.85
Accumulated Funds			
Unrestricted Fund	9	57,977.61	62,579.60
Designated Fund	10	19,627.96	17,694.96
Restricted Fund	7/8	904.63	3,035.29
		78,510.20	83,309.85

These financial statements were approved by the Church Council on 28 September 2025



Les Budhi
Trustee

Life Church Doncaster
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

Notes to the Financial Statements

	2024	2023
	£	£
1. Grants and Donations		
<u>Unrestricted Donations</u>		
Coffee Club Donations	2,850.27	2,568.92
Life, Craft & Coffee	2,331.49	1,898.50
	<u>5,181.76</u>	<u>4,467.42</u>

Restricted:

Stainforth Children's and Youth Work

During the year the charity received the following grants with regards to the children's and youth work in Stainforth.

R Forsters Charity	200.00	200.00
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Youth Work

During the year the charity received a grant to run a youth event.

Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council	-	247.00
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Community Celebration

During the year the charity received the following grants and donations to organise and run a local celebration for the community.

Co-op Community Grant	-	-
Edenthorpe Parish Council	350.00	-
Ward Budget	780.00	-
	<u>1,130.00</u>	-

St Ledger Homes - Craft club

During the year the charity received the following grant in support of their Craft Club

St Ledger Homes	243.72	-
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Special Donations

During the year the charity received donations for the following special projects:

Ukraine Appeal - AoG Missions	-	-
Earthquake Appeal - Turkey Syria	-	1,082.40
JustGiving - Social fund	3,807.55	3,339.23
Donation for a homeless family	-	200.00
Donations towards work in Stainforth	2,296.25	305.00
Myanmar Church Generator Appeal	1,216.62	-
	<u>7,320.42</u>	<u>4,926.63</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements (*continued*)

	2024	2023
	£	£
1. Grants and Donations (<i>continued</i>)		
Community Investment Fund		
Last year the charity received a grant from Well Doncaster to support the work of the Church in the community covering activities such as: Craft Club, Treasure Kids, Coffee Club, Youth and elderly work.		
Well Doncaster	-	2,000.00
Earth Day Grant		
Last year the charity received a grant for Earth Day Grant for Church Balk Gardens.		
Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council	-	500.00
King's Coronation Celebration Grant:		
Last year the charity received the following grants and donations to organise and run a local coronation celebration for His Majesty King Charles Coronation.		
Co-op Community Grant	-	150.00
Edenthorpe Parish Council	-	350.00
St Ledger Homes	-	1,000.00
	-	1,500.00
2. Room Hire Analysis	2024	2023
	£	£
Room Hire - Edenthorpe	6,724.00	5,680.50
Room Hire - Kirk Sandall	817.50	892.50
Room Hire - Stainforth	644.00	528.00
	8,185.50	7,101.00
3. Missionary Gifts	2024	2023
	£	£
Assemblies of God GB -Turkey/Syria Earthquake Appeal	-	1,256.86
Christians Against Poverty	350.00	403.13
Doncaster School Workers Trust	240.00	240.00
Open Doors: One Church	336.00	376.00
ThirtyOne:Eight	240.00	240.00
Youth for Christ - Doncaster	900.00	900.00
Worldshare	750.00	-
Worldshare - Myanmar Church Generator Appeal	1,216.62	-
Passion for Doncaster	1,000.00	-
Open Doors UK and Ireland	710.00	-
	5,742.62	3,415.99

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Notes to the Financial Statements (*continued*)

4. Church Ministry Expenses	2024	2023
	£	£
AOG Annual Contribution	1,340.94	1,015.32
CCL Music Licence	344.72	274.60
Church Insurance	416.99	401.43
Church Presentation Software	149.50	92.00
Conference Expenses	1,224.97	841.49
CRB Checks	9.24	67.20
Other	1,582.37	1,083.70
Promotional Materials	24.31	94.35
Travel	375.80	180.10
Website Fees	248.44	190.65
	5,717.28	4,240.84
5. Grant Expenditure	2024	2023
	£	£
Community Investment Fund	380.31	1,619.69
Earth Day Grant	436.91	-
Environmental Pride - Communal Hall Gardens	1,702.39	297.61
Kings Coronation Celebrations		
Co-op Grant	-	150.00
Ward Budget	780.00	1,000.00
Parish Council	350.00	350.00
St Leger Homes - Craft Club Grant	243.72	-
	3,893.33	3,417.30
6. Administration Costs	2024	2023
	£	£
Accountancy fees	50.00	50.00
Payroll License	98.40	93.60
AoG Gift Aid -admin fees	475.67	592.94
	624.07	736.54

Notes to the Financial Statements (*continued*)

7. Restricted Fund Reconciliation	2024	2023
	£	£
Opening Balance as at 1 January	3,035.29	2,420.86
(Deficit) of Income over Expenditure	(2,130.66)	614.43
Transfer between funds	-	-
Closing Balance as at 31 December	904.63	3,035.29

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8. Restricted Fund Reconciliation (*continued*)

These are the balances on restricted fund:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Coffee Club Edenthorpe	-	-
Community Investment Fund	-	380.31
Earth Day Grant	63.09	500.00
Environmental Pride Grant	-	1,702.39
JustGiving Social Fund	688.46	86.68
Food Bank	-	-
Treasure Kids / Stainforth Youth	-	-
Stainforth	92.17	305.00
Youth Work Event	60.91	60.91
	904.63	3,035.29

9. Funds Reconciliation

	2024	2024	2024	2023
	Unrestricted	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Opening Balance as at 1 January	62,579.60	17,694.96	80,274.56	76,184.81
(Deficit)/ Surplus of Income over expenditure:	(4,601.99)	1,933.00	(2,668.99)	4,089.75
Transfer of funds	-	-	-	-
Closing Balance as at 31 December	57,977.61	19,627.96	77,605.57	80,274.56

10. Designated Fund

The Trustees have designated amounts that are raised at the annual Gift Day into a designated fund. The Designation of this fund was agreed by the Church Council. With some years 50% amount of the Gift day was given to outside organisations with the balance being designated for outreach and equipment.

The balance on the designated funds were as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Outreach and Equipment	19,173.64	17,211.03
Food Bank	454.32	483.93
	-	-
	19,627.96	17,694.96

11. Amounts outstanding at year end:

	2024	2023
	£	£
The following amounts are outstanding at the year:		
Amounts due to HMRC for payroll liabilities	1,441.48	1,570.72
Amounts due to Pension Provider	-	162.56
	1,441.48	1,733.28

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12. Related Party Transactions

During the year, L&S Enterprises a business owned by Les Budhi (a trustee of the Charity) received £nil (2023: £10,714.21) for pastoral services provided to the Charity.

During the year, Les Budhi (trustee of the charity) received a salary of £30,900.00 (2023: £21,643.84) and pension contributions of £1,972.80 (2023: £1,267.20). This is for his employment as Senior Pastor.

Also during the year, Sharon Budhi (wife of Les Budhi, trustee of the charity) received a salary of £7,332.00 (2023: £4,952.11) and pension contributions of £87.41 (2023: £33.28).

This is for her employment as Church administrator

Also during the year, the Charity donated £900.00 (2023: £900.00) to Doncaster Youth for Christ. The wife of Daniel Budhi (a trustee of the Charity) is a trustee of Doncaster Youth for Christ.

Section 10.3 of the Charity's constitution is the legal authority for the above transactions. No trustee received remuneration or payments from the Charity for their role as a trustee.

Accounts

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Year Ended 31 December 2023

Charity Number: 1052567

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Life Church Doncaster

Charity Number: 1052567

CHURCH COUNCIL – LIST OF TRUSTEES

Rev. Leslie Budhi – Chair of Trustees

Alison Heaton

Daniel Budhi

Susan Wallace

William Jones

Yvonne Jones

Annual General Meeting Summary for Year End 2023

A big thank you to all congregation members who consistently give of their time and resources to ensure that both the Church and all its varied activities run smoothly and successfully. Thank you for every penny given, every minute made available to volunteer in our various ministries or opening your homes. Without you, none of what we seek to do for God would be possible. Thank you to those who live out their daily relationship with the Lord Jesus at home, at work and wherever you find yourself in the week.

We continue to be a family orientated church with respect for all ages and backgrounds, acknowledging that no one is perfect, we are all on differing stages of the journey of faith and all learn in different ways.

Alison Heaton continues to oversee the Children's work and we are continually looking for suitable helpers to join the children's team as we seek to share the love of God with the younger generation. Treasure Kids is run weekly during school term times on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings in different venues. GiG (Growing in God) is our children's discipleship session which takes place during Sunday morning services.

Pastor Daniel continues to lead the youth work and bring the life changing message of the gospel in engaging ways to the youth of our community.

Sue Wallace continues to run Monday morning Coffee Club which remains very popular. We have continued our bi-monthly Lunch Club for those who are open to a unique presentation of the gospel. Again, this has proved popular and all available spaces usually taken. We continue to seek the Lord as we minister to the elderly population in our community and various ideas are being explored for 2024. We are grateful for the continued support of St Ledger Homes (whose building we use for Coffee Club) and DMBC through the community support officers. The garden at the communal hall remains to be completed as various organisations let us down during the year. The Environmental Pride grant remains which us, after seeking permission from the grant makers. We saw some real progress (free of Charge) on the garden just prior to Christmas by MWays, a construction company who give something back to community through their volunteer hours scheme and donating materials free of charge. We are hoping to oversee the completion of the garden in 2024 which will hopefully make it accessible for the use of all local residents for meeting and growing food and flowers.

A six week Start Course, exploring the basics of the Christian faith, was held on Friday lunchtimes in October and November with food provided. This was well attended and we will consider if a further course should be run in 2024.

Sharon Budhi started a new Life, Craft and Coffee Club at the Communal Hall in March on Friday mornings. This has brought the church into contact with more local residents.

Pastors Les and Daniel continued to work with the local schools, offering their assistance in any way that would benefit the school. They continue to do school assemblies and lessons. Les remains a Governor of Edenthorpe Hall, a local Primary School.

The food bank continues to operate on a cash basis, taking referrals from the community and local charities, including local schools.

It was a delight that a parent of one of Treasure Kids Club attendees nominated the church as his charity of choice, raising money by doing the 3 Peaks Challenge via Just Giving, to allow the church to put together quality hampers for families in Stainforth. With the help of the local Community Officers, Council members, local charities, schools, churches and the local DN7 Food Bank we were able to identify 62 families to whom we supplied hampers in the days just before Christmas. Thank you to the volunteers, who shopped, stored, put together and delivered hampers to local families. Our links with the local community increased and a great camaraderie was achieved amongst the team. Whilst there are no promises that this will be an annual event, should the church be able to do so we may repeat this exercise in 2024.

Pastor Les serves as the Chair of Renew Doncaster Limited, a local charity which provides assisted accommodation to families who are homeless or at risk thereof. This charity is in the process of being wound down which will free up Pastor Les's time to devote more time to the church.

As a leadership we felt a strong leading by The Holy Spirit to have a greater presence in Stainforth in the coming years. It has been decided that at the start of 2024 we will hold a family church service once a month in Stainforth and much prayer and thought has gone into this.

In terms of highlights for the year, these included our successful Mothers' Day Breakfast, Easter Eggstravaganza in Edenthorpe, Stainforth Gala, coach day trip to Scarborough for our Treasure Kids Families, paid for from a legacy left to the church in the previous year, a Christingle Breakfast, and Nativities in Edenthorpe and Stainforth. Once again, we came together with our friends at The Church of The Good Shepherd to organise a Street Party to celebrate His Majesty King Charles III Coronation and host a community event on the fields of Canon Popham School. A great couple of days was had by all, despite the rain which forced the Street Party indoors. We were able to give away free literature, promote both churches and what we do and hold a joint service on the Sunday morning.

Other events included a presentation by WorldShare, a local Christian Charity working with some of the most marginalized communities in the world, Compassion, participate in the annual Shoe Box appeal with Samaritans Purse. Volunteer staff underwent basic level 2 Food Hygiene and Professional Boundaries training as well as participating in a safeguarding meeting.

Turning to the finances. The income for the year was £72,828 compared with the previous year's figure of £110,001. However, in the previous year, we benefitted greatly from a legacy left to the church of £61,646. Leaving the legacy aside, overall income has increased this year by over £24,473, an increase in percentage terms of just over 50%. This increase can be attributed to several factors: an overall increase in giving from the congregation, with attendant Gift Aid reclaimed of approx. 17%, interest earned on previous legacy, increase in grants of approx. £7,500 and a huge increase of just over £10,000 in our annual day offering, all of which we give thanks

to God and to the generosity of the congregation. Thank you to all those who give faithfully to the church. Again, without your giving and sacrifice we would not be able to function as a church. Grants were applied for to cover a number of items in relation to our various community activities including a community celebration to mark the Coronation of King Charles III. Expenditure increased to £68,124 (£49,051). Increases were seen in pastoral services, employment for admin support, room hire and general increase in the cost of overheads, as well as increased spending from grant support and outreach events. This resulted in a profit of £4,704. We have met, and continue to meet, all our obligations as a church. The trustees continue to monitor the church finances carefully. The contribution you make is vital. Those of you who are taxpayers and have not yet signed a Gift Aid form please contact the church administrator.

Our annual gift day raised £14,040 (£3,225) which is a significant increase. People got behind the church's vision to reach out to its community and further increase our presence in Stainforth. A huge thank you to those who contributed towards the Gift Day. Given the size of the church here in Edenthorpe, this is a significant amount and shows your very generous spirit! If we play our part, God has promised to do His! (Malachi 3:10).

We continue to serve the church members and the local community and will continue to be a family church holding out the truth of the Gospel offering a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. This is our mission and has not changed.

Here are the areas in which we still require breakthrough:

Breakthrough in prayer: Prayer needs to be at the center of all we do. I believe greater levels of prayer are demanded if we are to see all that God wants to accomplish in and through us.

Breakthrough in Evangelism. Ask God to remove the blinds off the unbelieving and empower us and give us the courage to share our story.

Breakthrough in miracles. Jesus and the early church's ministry were marked by miracles. As is so often quoted that Jesus is our example on how to live – then miracles must accompany us. The early church saw many breakthroughs in many communities with a miracle.

Breakthrough in discipleship. Pray that those who have come to Christ develop a deeper connection with Him.

Breakthrough in church community. Pray that God would help us to live authentic lives with each other and give us deep friendships.

Breakthrough in Mission. Pray for our local schools, local groups, counsellors, local Government. Pray that God will open new doors of opportunity and give us workers for our many and varied ministries.

Breakthrough in Worship. I pray you will love God deeper, walk more humbly and serve more passionately.

I do believe, along with Paul's challenge to the Galatians, that we will reap a harvest if we do not give up! Please partner with us in this harvest field. We need prayer and more workers to expand and grow. These are not the days to hold back, but rather to press in and press forward and take hold of that for which Christ took hold of us.

Pastor Les Budhi

Annual Report 2023 - Children's Department

Ministry to local children continued to be a priority of Life Church Doncaster during 2023. All our activities use a lively mix of games, songs, crafts and Bible stories to communicate the good news of Jesus to a new generation. We welcome children from all backgrounds and of all abilities and seek to model God's love for them. We are very grateful to those who have contributed to the activities mentioned below on a regular or relief basis and to those who joined the team this year.

G.I.G. and Tiddlywinks

G.I.G., a group for children aged 5 - 13 years, is provided during the second half of the Sunday Morning Service. This stands for "Growing In God" and reflects our aim to provide children with learning activities that help them to grow in their relationship with God, knowledge of the Bible and understanding of God's purpose for their lives. During 2023, the children covered the following topics: "People who met Jesus", "Easter", "Prayer", "God's Great Guidelines – the 10 Commandments", "The Story of Israel – Abram to Joshua" and "Christmas". 4 year olds also joined the group when required – thank you to the staff for rising to the challenge of adapting learning activities to include a wider range of ages.

Tiddlywinks was provided for 1-3 year olds during the last term of the year when required.

Treasure Kids

Our three evangelistic after-school clubs for children of primary school age continued to run weekly in term-time in Edenthorpe, Kirk Sandall and Stainforth. Themes during 2023 included "Life God's Way" - applying teaching from parables to life today, "God's Story" – an overview from Creation to Easter, "Joseph", "The Fruit of the Spirit", "The Bible", "Prayer", "Moses" and "Christmas".

We were encouraged by a core of children at each club who are very committed to Treasure Kids and growth in numbers at two of the clubs. Once again we have had great help from a number of teenagers who themselves used to attend Treasure Kids.

Training

Members of the team were able to attend a Training Brunch at Legacy Church at the beginning of February and were encouraged by meeting other Christians from this part of the country who are committed to helping children get to know Jesus.

Some of our teenage Treasure Kids helpers attended our Young Leaders lunch and training afternoon in August.

Adult team members met for a refresher about Safeguarding Children in August.

Special Events

2023 was a busy year for special events that included local children and their families and built connections between the church fellowship and the local community. These included:

- a Mother's Day breakfast event,
- an "Easter Eggstravaganza" on Easter Saturday,
- a family event to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III in May in partnership with C.O.G.S.,
- a trip to Scarborough in July to honour the memory and legacy of Eileen Kirk (a former member of the Children's Team and Church Council),
- crafts at Stainforth Gala in August,
- a Christingle Service and two Nativity Carol Services (at Stainforth and Edenthorpe) in December.

Alison Heaton – Children's Pastor

Youth Group AGM report 2023

2023 saw growth in a number of areas in our youth group. From deepening friendships, new young people attending and young people exploring faith on a deeper level.

A typical night

Our Friday Nights have a theme/event for the evening and then we have a discussion around topics of faith. These nights have included Nerf Wars; games; parties; minute to win it; world record breakers; water fights. Discussions around life and faith have included Fear; Jesus; Prayer, to name a few. These discussions usually last around 15-20 minutes. We have used Youth for Christ resources, which have discussions/games and activities built in around certain themes. Most of the young people who attend would describe themselves as non-Christian but with some sort of belief in God, but no personal relationship with Jesus. Our aim is to simply introduce them to Jesus and help them wrestle with their beliefs. We saw around 15 young people each week, with some others on the fringes who come on an ad-hoc basis.

Trips

During the year, we joined with other youth groups for different events, including a fear factor night that involved a number of animals; a summer party in Hatfield; UV party and a Christmas party. These nights have been great opportunities for the young people to meet other young people from other church-based youth groups. They heard the gospel presented in different ways by different people and developed new friendships. We also took part this year in Hope Weekend which was a Friday night event and then a day doing social action projects. Our youth group joined with Bentley Baptist church youth group to paint the fences of the communal hall in Edenthorne.

As part of our yearly outreach we hosted The Church at the Cross from Orlando Florida. They went into a number of local primary schools and then finished the week in Edenthorne running an outreach event, on the Friday evening, that 77 young people attended. I hope this will be a yearly outreach we can run with teams from the USA in Edenthorne.

Youth for Christ Interns

One of the great helps this year has been to have Isabel and Shanel with us on Friday evenings. Shanel was based here at Life Church Doncaster and Isabel was based at Bentley Baptist Church. Together, they would plan and lead sessions, building relationships with young people. This was a major help, having the extra staff meant we did not have to rely on already busy people in the church. These interns were great in their ability to mentor on a 1-1 basis.

The year ahead

In the coming year ahead I'm wanting to expand our work with teams from the USA and we are looking at Interns who will spend a longer period with us probably over the summer. My prayer is that young people would go on a real journey of faith, not just wanting to know more but fully give their lives to Jesus. We hope to work more closely with Hungerhill High School, which is a continued prayer request.

Thank you for all your support and continued prayer as we seek to see young people's lives changed by Jesus.

Pastor Daniel

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Life Church Doncaster

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 9 to 15.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity 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 in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Alex Peter Day

ACA/MAAT

A P Day Accountants

3 Hollow Cottage, Purfleet, RM19 1QP

Date: 22nd October 2024

Life Church Doncaster
Financial Statement for the year ended 31 December 2023
Receipts and Payments Account

INCOME		2023	2023	2023	2023	2022
	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	Total	Total
		£	£	£	£	£
Offerings Via Service Collections		11,390.61	-	-	11,390.61	10,316.46
Offerings Via BGC		22,123.96	-	-	22,123.96	18,427.37
Gift Aid		8,142.09	174.46	-	8,316.55	7,466.15
Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme		1,547.57	-	-	1,547.57	2,084.41
Interest Earned		1,568.80	-	-	1,568.80	47.28
Grants and Donations	1	4,467.42	9,373.63	-	13,841.05	6,295.76
Legacies		-	-	-	-	61,646.49
Other		-	-	14,040.00	14,040.00	3,717.40
TOTAL INCOME		49,240.45	9,548.09	14,040.00	72,828.54	110,001.32
EXPENDITURE						
L & S Enterprises		10,714.21	-	-	10,714.21	28,080.00
Salaries & Expenses		26,163.15	-	-	26,163.15	-
Room Hire	2	6,829.00	200.00	72.00	7,101.00	6,228.00
Visiting Ministry Expenses		750.00	-	-	750.00	300.00
Missionary Gifts	3	1,756.00	1,256.86	403.13	3,415.99	5,121.71
Outreach		-	3,817.79	2,003.82	5,821.61	1,586.82
Church Ministry Expenses	4	4,198.94	-	41.90	4,240.84	3,169.82
Grant Expenditure	5	-	3,417.30	-	3,417.30	1,222.40
Children's Work		1,250.00	-	-	1,250.00	-
Coffee Club Expenses		2,627.60	2.83	-	2,630.43	2,052.82
Life, Craft & Coffee Expenses		1,403.57	-	-	1,403.57	-
Youth Work		-	238.88	-	238.88	506.06
Capital Expenditure		-	-	90.84	90.84	-
Independent Examiners Fee		150.00	-	-	150.00	150.00
Administration Costs	6	736.54	-	-	736.54	633.72
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		56,579.01	8,933.66	2,611.69	68,124.36	49,051.35
(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE BEFORE TRANSFERS		(7,338.56)	614.43	11,428.31	4,704.18	60,949.97
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS		-	-	-	-	-
NET INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE AFTER TRANSFERS		(7,338.56)	614.43	11,428.31	4,704.18	60,949.97
CASH FUNDS AT LAST YEAR END		69,918.16	2,420.86	6,266.65	78,605.67	17,655.70
CASH FUNDS THIS YEAR END		62,579.60	3,035.29	17,694.96	83,309.85	78,605.67

Life Church Doncaster
Statement of Assets for the year ended 31 December 2023

Church Assets as at 31 December 2023		2023	2022
		£	£
Cash at Bank:			
Lloyds Bank:			
Current Account		3,707.33	898.02
Savings Account		22,535.13	72,530.45
Kingdom Bank:			
Savings Bond		5,192.70	5,108.83
Gospel Partner Account		10,135.60	-
Reserve Account		41,104.92	-
		82,675.68	78,537.30
Cash in Hand:			
Cash Balances		634.17	68.37
		634.17	68.37
		83,309.85	78,605.67
Accumulated Funds			
Unrestricted Fund	9	62,579.60	69,918.16
Designated Fund	10	17,694.96	6,266.65
Restricted Fund	7/8	3,035.29	2,420.86
		83,309.85	78,605.67

These financial statements were approved by the Church Council on 8 October 2024



Les Budhi
Trustee

Life Church Doncaster
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

Notes to the Financial Statements

	2023	2022
	£	£
1. Grants and Donations		
<u>Unrestricted Donations</u>		
Coffee Club Donations	2,568.92	1,839.44
Life, Craft & Coffee	1,898.50	-
	<u>4,467.42</u>	<u>1,839.44</u>

Restricted:

Stainforth Children's and Youth Work

During the year the charity received the following grants with regards to the children's and youth work in Stainforth.

R Forsters Charity	200.00	200.00
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Youth Work

During the year the charity received a grant to run a youth event.

Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council	247.00	250.00
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King's Coronation Celebration Grant

During the year the charity received the following grants and donations to organise and run a local coronation celebration for His Majesty King Charles Coronation.

Co-op Community Grant	150.00	-
Edenthorpe Parish Council	350.00	-
Ward Budget	1,000.00	-
	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>-</u>

Earth Day Grant

During the year the charity received a grant for Earth Day Grant for Church Balk Gardens.

Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council	500.00	-
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Community Investment Fund

During the year the charity received a grant from Well Doncaster to support the work of the Church in the community covering activities such as: Craft Club, Treasure Kids, Coffee Club, Youth and elderly work.

Well Doncaster	2,000.00	-
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Special Donations

During the year the charity received donations for the following special projects:

Ukraine Appeal - AoG Missions	-	1,156.32
Earthquake Appeal - Turkey Syria	1,082.40	-
JustGiving	3,339.23	-
Donation for a homeless family	200.00	-
Donations towards work in Stainforth	305.00	
	<u>4,926.63</u>	<u>1,156.32</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements (*continued*)

	2023	2022
	£	£
1. Grants and Donations (<i>continued</i>)		
Jubilee Celebration		
Last year the charity received the following grants and donations to organise and run a local jubilee celebration for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee.		
Co-op Community Grant	-	150.00
Edenthorpe Parish Council	-	350.00
St Ledger Homes	-	350.00
	-	850.00
Environmental Pride - Church Balk Gardens		
Last year the charity received a grant to run a community led environmental project to revamp the garden area of Church Balk Gardens and install new flowerbeds to grow flowers and vegetables.		
Doncaster City Council & St Ledger Homes	-	2,000.00
	-	2,000.00
2. Room Hire Analysis		
	2023	2022
	£	£
Room Hire - Edenthorpe	5,680.50	5,013.00
Room Hire - Kirk Sandall	892.50	651.00
Room Hire - Stainforth	528.00	564.00
	7,101.00	6,228.00
3. Missionary Gifts		
	2023	2022
	£	£
Assemblies of God GB -Turkey/Syria Earthquake Appeal	1,256.86	-
Christians Against Poverty	403.13	
Doncaster School Workers Trust	240.00	240.00
Open Doors: One Church	376.00	-
ThirtyOne:Eight	240.00	240.00
Youth for Christ - Doncaster	900.00	1,940.00
Assemblies of God GB - Ukraine Appeal	-	1,156.32
Assemblies of God GB - Ukraine Appeal- Raditor Appeal	-	403.13
Love Mexborough	-	403.13
Life Church Europe - Jim & Marie Morris - Ukraine	-	403.13
Open Doors UK and Ireland	-	336.00
	3,415.99	5,121.71

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Notes to the Financial Statements (*continued*)

4. Church Ministry Expenses	2023	2022
	£	£
AOG Annual Contribution	1,015.32	1,015.32
CCL Music Licence	274.60	217.54
Church Insurance	401.43	385.95
Church Presentation Software	92.00	-
Conference Expenses	841.49	258.00
CRB Checks	67.20	92.40
Food Bank Expenses	-	269.85
Other	1,083.70	740.11
Promotional Materials	94.35	-
Travel	180.10	-
Website Fees	190.65	190.65
	4,240.84	3,169.82

This year, Food Bank Expenses have been reclassified as outreach expenses.

5. Grant Expenditure	2023	2022
	£	£
Community Investment Fund	1,619.69	-
Environmental Pride - Communal Hall Gardens	297.61	-
Kings Coronation Celebrations		
Co-op Grant	150.00	-
Ward Budget	1,000.00	-
Parish Council	350.00	-
Queen's Jubilee Celebrations	-	1,222.40
	3,417.30	1,222.40

6. Administration Costs	2023	2022
	£	£
Accountancy fees	50.00	60.00
Payroll License	93.60	-
AoG Gift Aid -admin fees	592.94	573.72
	736.54	633.72

Notes to the Financial Statements (*continued*)

7. Restricted Fund Reconciliation	2023	2022
	£	£
Opening Balance as at 1 January	2,420.86	1,001.80
Surplus of Income over Expenditure	614.43	1,419.06
Transfer between funds	-	-
Closing Balance as at 31 December	3,035.29	2,420.86

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8. Restricted Fund Reconciliation (continued)

These are the balances on restricted fund:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Coffee Club Edenthorpe	-	2.83
Community Investment Fund	380.31	
Earth Day Grant	500.00	-
Environmental Pride Grant	1,702.39	2,000.00
JustGiving	86.68	-
Food Bank	-	365.24
Treasure Kids / Stainforth Youth	-	-
Stainforth	305.00	-
Youth Work Event	60.91	52.79
	3,035.29	2,420.86

9. Funds Reconciliation

	2023	2023	2023	2022
	Unrestricted	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Opening Balance as at 1 January	69,918.16	6,266.65	76,184.81	16,653.90
(Deficit)/ Surplus of Income over expenditure:	(7,338.56)	11,428.31	4,089.75	59,530.91
Transfer of funds	-	-	-	-
Closing Balance as at 31 December	62,579.60	17,694.96	80,274.56	76,184.81

10. Designated Fund

The Trustees have designated amounts that are raised at the annual Gift Day into a designated fund. The Designation of this fund was agreed by the Church Council. With some years 50% amount of the Gift day was given to outside organisations with the balance being designated for outreach and equipment.

Last year the trustees redesignated £500 from the Gift Day funds to create a new designated fund for Food Bank Project that the Church operates.

The balance on the designated funds were as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Outreach and Equipment	17,211.03	5,766.65
Food Bank	483.93	500.00
	-	-
	17,694.96	6,266.65

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Amounts outstanding at year end:

	2023	2022
	£	£
The following amounts are outstanding at the year:		
Amounts due to HMRC for payroll liabilities	1,570.72	-
Amounts due to Pension Provider	162.56	-
	1,733.28	-

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Notes to the Financial Statements (*continued*)

12. Related Party Transactions

During the year, L&S Enterprises a business owned by Les Budhi (a trustee of the Charity) received £10,714.21 (2022: £28,080.00) for pastoral services provided to the Charity.

During the year, Les Budhi (trustee of the charity) received a salary of £21,643.84 (2022: £Nil) and pension contributions of £1,267.20 (2022: £Nil). This is for his employment as Senior Pastor.

Also during the year, Sharon Budhi (wife of Les Budhi, trustee of the charity) received a salary of £4,952.11 (2022: £Nil) and pension contributions of £33.28 (2022: £Nil).

This is for her employment as Church administrator

Also during the year, the Charity donated £900.00 (2022: £1,940.00) to Doncaster Youth for Christ. The wife of Daniel Budhi (a trustee of the Charity) is a trustee of Doncaster Youth for Christ.

Section 10.3 of the Charity's constitution is the legal authority for the above transactions.
No trustee received remuneration or payments from the Charity for their role as a trustee.

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Year Ended 31 December 2022

Charity Number: 1052567

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Life Church Doncaster

Charity Number: 1052567

CHURCH COUNCIL – LIST OF TRUSTEES

Rev. Leslie Budhi – Chair of Trustees

Alison Heaton

Daniel Budhi

Susan Wallace (*Appointed 21 June 2022*)

William Jones (*Appointed 21 June 2022*)

Yvonne Jones (*Appointed 21 June 2022*)

Annual General Meeting Summary for Year End 2022

A big thank you to all the congregation members who consistently give of their time and resources to ensure that both the Church and all its varied activities run smoothly and successfully. For every penny given, every minute made available to volunteer in our various ministries or opening your home, without you, none of what we seek to do for God would be possible. Thank you to those who live out their daily relationship with the Lord Jesus at home, at work and wherever you find yourself in the week.

It was a pleasure to go back to meeting without restrictions in 2022 and being able to build on all our various ministries. We continue to be a family orientated church with respect for all ages and backgrounds, acknowledging that no one is perfect, we are all on differing stages of the journey of faith and all learn in different ways.

Alison Heaton continues to oversee the Children's work and we are continually looking for suitable helpers to join the children's team as we seek to share the love of God to the younger generation.

Pastor Daniel continues to lead the youth work and bring the life changing message of the gospel in engaging ways to the youth of our community.

Sue Wallace continues to run Monday morning Coffee Club and generally takes care of our elderly members. This remains very popular and a Friday Lunch Club started for those who are open to a unique presentation of the gospel. This runs approx. every 8 weeks. We continue to seek the Lord as we minister to the elderly population in our community and various ideas are being explored for 2023. We are grateful for the continued support of St Ledger Homes (whose building we use for Coffee Club) and DMBC through the community support officers. An Environmental Pride Grant of £2,000 has been secured to sort the garden out at the Communal Hall on Church Balk Gardens, which will hopefully make it accessible for the use of all local residents for meeting and growing food and flowers.

Pastors Les and Daniel continued to work with the local schools, offering their assistance in any way that would benefit the school. They continue to do school assemblies and lessons in many schools. Les remains a Governor of Edenthorpe Hall, a local Primary School.

The food bank continued to operate, taking referrals from the local community and local charities, including local schools. Given the amount of food banks that sprang up during the pandemic the call on the church food bank was limited. The food bank continues to operate on a cash basis and remains open as we feel that as we move out of the pandemic and other food bank funding is reduced, we will see an increased demand on ours.

Pastor Les serves as the Chair of Renew Doncaster Limited, a local charity which provides assisted accommodation to families who are homeless or at risk thereof.

In terms of highlights for the year, these include the visit of Chip Kendall in February, our successful Easter Eggstravaganza, Stainforth Gala, Preparing for Christmas event and Nativity in December. In addition, our famous Mother's Day breakfast was another huge success with the community center full of church members and their families. The children from our various clubs served us well on the morning. We also

took a number of people to Sheffield Arena in May to hear the gospel as part of The Graham nationwide tour. Finally, we came together with our friends at The Church of The Good Shepherd to organise a Street Party on Church Balk Gardens to celebrate Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee and host a community event on the fields of Canon Popham School on Friday 3rd of June. The sun shone and crowds came in force to celebrate, and a great day was had by all. We were able to give away free literature, promote both churches and what we do and hold a joint service on the Sunday morning.

This year we said goodbye to our last remaining founder member who helped start this church in 1984. It was a great honor to take the funeral of Eileen and celebrate her life with so many friends and family. She will be sadly missed.

Turning to the finances. The income during the year benefitted greatly from a legacy left by Eileen's estate to the tune of £61,646, increasing overall income to £110,001. Aside from this legacy, income increased to £48,355 from the previous year of £35,216.04. The increase of just over £13,000 can be attributed to 2 main sources. Firstly, in the previous year we had issues with the way we claimed gift aid from HMRC, this was resolved and resulted in an increase of £7,871 and also an increase in grants we successfully applied for together with raising funds from congregation members in respect of aid to Ukrainian churches (£1,100) of the remaining £5,071. Grants were applied for to cover the rejuvenation of the garden at the Communal Hall on Church Bulk Gardens (used by Coffee Club), to assist with hosting The Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, and some assistance with youth events and Coffee Club. Overall congregational giving fell by approx. £575. Thank you to all those who give faithfully to the church. Again, without your giving and sacrifice we would not be able to function as a church. Expenditure increased to £49,051 (£38,952). Increases were seen in pastoral services, room hire and general increase in the cost of overheads, giving to other organisations and outreach events such as the Mother's Day breakfast. This resulted in a profit of £60,950 compared to the loss for the previous year of £3,735.80. We have met, and continue to meet, all our obligations as a church. The trustees continue to monitor the church finances carefully. The contribution you make is vital. Those of you who are taxpayers and have not yet signed a Gift Aid form please contact the church administrator.

Our annual gift day raised £3,225 (£2,880) of which 50% was designated to be used for any new equipment we may require and any new outreach events we put on to engage those in our community that normally do not come to church. The remaining 50% was given to charities of your choosing who have similar aims to Life Church, which is the spread of the gospel. These being, Christians Against Poverty, a church plant in Mexborough, Radiators for Ukraine and a ministry based in the UK supplying medical supplies to churches and pastors in Ukraine. A huge thank you to those who contributed towards the Gift Day. Given the size of the church here in Edenthorpe, this is a significant amount and shows your very generous spirit! If we play our part, God has promised to do His! (Malachi 3:10).

We continue to serve the church members and the local community and will continue to be a family church holding out the truth of the Gospel offering a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. This is our mission and has not changed.

Here are the areas in which we still require breakthrough:

Breakthrough in prayer: Prayer needs to be at the center of all we do. I believe greater levels of prayer are demanded if we are to see all that God wants to accomplish in and through us.

Breakthrough in Evangelism. Ask God to remove the blinds off the unbelieving and empower us and give us the courage to share our story.

Breakthrough in miracles. Jesus and the early church's ministry were marked by miracles. As is so often quoted that Jesus is our example on how to live – then miracles must accompany us. The early church saw many breakthroughs in many communities with a miracle.

Breakthrough in discipleship. Pray that those who have come to Christ develop a deeper connection with Him.

Breakthrough in church community. Pray that God would help us to live authentic lives with each other and give us deep friendships.

Breakthrough in Mission. Pray for our local schools, local groups, counsellors, local Government. Pray that God will open new doors of opportunity and give us workers for our many and varied ministries.

Breakthrough in families.

Breakthrough in generosity.

Breakthrough in Worship. I pray you will love God deeper, walk more humbly and serve more passionately.

I do believe, along with Paul's challenge to the Galatians, that we will reap a harvest if we do not give up! Please partner with us in this harvest field. We need prayer and more workers to expand and grow. These are not the days to hold back, but rather to press in and press forward and take hold of that for which Christ took hold of us.

Pastor Les Budhi

Annual Report 2022 - Children's Department

Ministry to children continued to be a priority of Life Church Doncaster during 2022 and it was great to be able to run a full year of in-person activities after the restrictions of the previous 2 years. All our regular activities use a lively mix of games, songs, crafts and Bible stories to communicate the good news of Jesus to a new generation. We welcome children from all backgrounds and of all abilities and seek to model God's love for them. We are very grateful to those who have contributed to the activities mentioned below on a regular or relief basis.

G.I.G. ("Growing in God")

A group for children aged 5-13 is provided during the second half of the Sunday Morning Service. During 2022, the children covered the following topics: "Jesus the Storyteller" (a series based on 12 of the parables), "The Bible" (looking at why the Bible is such a special book), "The Holy Spirit", "The Church" (from the beginnings to the purpose of the Church), and "Christmas". During the year, the Tiddlywinks class for under 5s joined with G.I.G. as a temporary measure to help with staffing shortages.

Treasure Kids

Our three evangelistic after-school clubs for children of primary school age continued to run weekly in term-time in Edenthorpe, Kirk Sandall and Stainforth. Themes during 2022 included "God's Cool Stuff" (a series about the basics of Christian faith), "Easter", "Elijah", "Designer Living", "He Makes Sense" (learning about God through Bible passages that connect with each of our 5 senses), "In Touch with God", "The Adventures of Paul" and "Christmas". Numbers fluctuate, but we continued to be encouraged by a core of children at each club who are very committed to Treasure Kids. Once again we have had great help from a number of teenagers who themselves used to attend Treasure Kids. Some of them attended our Young Leaders lunch and training afternoon in August.

Special Events

2022 was a busy year for special events that included local children and their families and built connections between the church fellowship and the local community:

Orbitron – an energetic visit from Chip Kendall and his team in the February half-term holiday as we boarded the "Praise Ship Orbitron".

Easter Eggstravaganza on Easter Saturday. Many local families spent the afternoon with us enjoying Easter games and crafts and other activities which highlighted the real meaning of Easter.

Crafts at a family event to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II in June, organised in partnership with C.O.G.S., and also at Stainforth Gala in August.

Preparing for Christmas – an hour of free Christmas crafts activities followed by food and an Advent service in late November.

Nativity Carol Service – which included an enthusiastic performance from children from G.I.G., Tiddlywinks, and the Edenthorpe and Kirk Sandall Treasure Kids groups.

Alison Heaton – Children's Pastor

Coffee Club Annual Report for 2022

The Coffee Club was successfully started in 2021 following the aftermath of the pandemic which left many people isolated, lonely and grieving lost partners. The Church was challenged by a local Councillor to do something for the elderly in the community. We have seen during this period, many new friendships initiated, isolation and loneliness being tackled and a restoration of hope for many folks. Given our Christian beliefs, we have also been able to show the love God has for people, by our witness and service to this community. Some of the attendees have been introduced to our Father God, our Saviour Jesus, and our counsellor and teacher the Holy Spirit. We believe many such introductions were made in this year as we reached out as part of the Great Commission; Jesus said,

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit!.”

Putting on the coffee club every week involves a dedicated team of helpers from the church who turn up week after week to serve this community and make a positive difference in people's lives and pray for these precious folks. To everyone we are extremely grateful, and we say a big “thank you”.

Tea, toast and many times little extras are served with love in the Communal Hall every Monday morning. People from the local area stream in. Some are on motorised scooters; some have walking frames and sticks and some just hang onto a trusted friend. Warm welcomes are on the menu, and we saw people change from frosty to cool, cool to lukewarm and lukewarm to quite warm as the weeks rolled on. Post covid hugs were given and received and it seemed like neighbours were indeed becoming friends as people started to share about their families, lives and current situations.

Several friends started to meet outside the coffee club for meals and trips out and more social interaction was taking place between the staff and guests during the week as friendships grew. Pastors Les and Sharon were able to visit certain residents on occasions and at times utilise the foodbank resources for those going through hard times. Lifts to hospital appointments were often given by members of the Coffee Club staff to those having difficulty getting to them. I asked one lady who has been coming regularly since the beginning, what Coffee Club meant to her and she said something like “We didn't used to like the start of the week but now we think it's wonderful coming here on a Monday. There is such a joy here, I can't really explain it, but it's made such a difference to us.”

In March we tried something new. Friday lunch club was introduced. The intention of introducing another session as well as the usual Monday mornings was to share our faith in a different way. The aim would be to tell folks more about Jesus by using stories and themes from the Bible, showing what a difference God makes in a life by sharing testimonies. We managed to keep the cost to £5 for a two-course meal and a drink. After the first one was so well received, we scheduled in five more, holding them once every eight weeks. The team took it in turns to do the opening activities and the talks and enjoyed showing just what a talented bunch they are. Life Church

Doncaster players were hilarious in their rendition of the Prodigal Son and the Easter Story was unforgettable and were thoroughly enjoyed by those present.

Our very own Tudor gathered quite a following with his renditions of popular songs old and new, which people were happy to clap along to, some were even happy to sing along!

Staff underwent training to obtain Food Hygiene Certificate Level 2 which everyone successfully completed.

A highlight for the year was the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Street party which nearly all the regulars at the Coffee Club attended. This was made possible with the help of Doncaster MBC, the local Parish Council and members of Life Church Doncaster, and Church of The Good Shepherd. One woman recently told us she had the time of her life and a 100-year-old lady who had not left the home in a while came and it rejuvenated her!!

We have made many friends at coffee club and some have visited church for events, services and a birthday party. We continue to build strong friendships. This has all been made possible by the dedication of our volunteers and God working with us.

Sue Wallace - Leader

Youth Group AGM report 2022

The start of 2022 saw the beginning of the end of the pandemic which was great news. We began to run less socially distanced programs and returned to some form of normality. Whilst we haven't seen large amounts of new growth in terms of numbers, it has, however, been a real opportunity for young people to develop their faith and build relationships.

A typical night

Our Friday Nights have a theme/event for the evening and then we have a discussion around topics of faith. These nights have included Nerf Wars; games; parties; minute to win it; world record breakers; water fights. With discussions around life and faith, including topics such as fear; Jesus; prayer. These discussions usually last around 15-20 minutes. We used the Youth for Christ resources, which have discussions/games and activities around topics. Most of the young people would describe themselves as non-Christian but with some sort of belief in God, but no personal relationship with Jesus. Our aim is to simply introduce them to Jesus and help them wrestle with their beliefs.

We saw around 15 young people each week, with some on the fringes who come on an ad-hoc basis.

Trips

In March 22, we took 10 young people alongside St Paul's Church to the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association youth night. They were trained in evangelism and heard the gospel multiple times throughout the evening with a Guvna-B event at the end of the evening.

During the year, we joined with other youth groups for different events, including, Tree Trekking and laser tag; a summer party hosted by ourselves; UV party and a Christmas Task Master night. These nights have been great opportunities for the young people to meet other young people from other church-based youth groups. They heard the gospel in different ways and from different people and developed new friendships.

Youth for Christ Interns

One of the great helps this year has been to have an intern with us, from the USA until July. She was undertaking a year out with Youth for Christ and based at Life Church Doncaster. She, together with another intern would plan and lead sessions, building relationships with young people. This was a major help, having the extra staff meant we did not have to rely on already busy people in the church. In September we welcomed a further two interns, this time from the UK. They were able to continue the work and help to disciple the young people. These interns were great in their ability to mentor on a 1-1 basis.

The year ahead

We are looking forward this year to building upon the relationships we have established with these young people. The interns will continue to mentor some of our young people, and we will keep sowing and watering the seeds that have been planted.

My hope is that we can build a relationship with Hungerhill School and continue the relationships we have established with children from Primary schools. This will give us further outreach into the community.

Pastor Daniel

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Life Church Doncaster

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 8 to 14.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity 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 in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Alex Peter Day

ACA/MAAT

A P Day Accountants

3 Hollow Cottage, Purfleet, RM19 1QP

Date: 18th October 2023

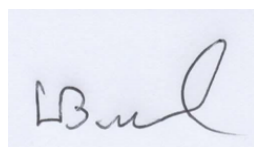
Life Church Doncaster
Financial Statement for the year ended 31 December 2022
Receipts and Payments Account

INCOME		2022	2022	2022	2022	2021
	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	Total	Total
		£	£	£	£	£
Offerings Via Service Collections		10,316.46	-	-	10,316.46	10,154.90
Offerings Via BGC		18,427.37	-	-	18,427.37	19,164.09
Gift Aid		7,466.15	-	-	7,466.15	1,461.90
Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme		2,084.41	-	-	2,084.41	217.58
Interest Earned from Investments		47.28	-	-	47.28	4.21
Grants and Donations	1	1,839.44	4,456.32	-	6,295.76	1,224.76
Legacies		61,646.49	-	-	61,646.49	-
Other		-	492.40	3,225.00	3,717.40	2,988.60
TOTAL INCOME		101,827.60	4,948.72	3,225.00	110,001.32	35,216.04
EXPENDITURE						
L & S Enterprises Pastoral Services		28,080.00	-	-	28,080.00	25,830.00
Salaries & Expenses		-	-	-	-	-
Room Hire	2	5,712.00	312.00	204.00	6,228.00	3,336.50
Visiting Ministry Expenses		300.00	-	-	300.00	300.00
Missionary Gifts	3	2,756.00	1,156.32	1,209.39	5,121.71	2,924.00
Outreach		-	-	1,586.82	1,586.82	236.50
Event Expenses		-	1,222.40	-	1,222.40	-
Children's Work		-	-	-	-	-
Coffee Club Expenses		1,826.28	226.54	-	2,052.82	479.90
Youth Work		163.51	342.55	-	506.06	626.60
Capital Expenditure		-	-	-	-	2,322.28
Church Ministry Expenses	4	2,899.97	269.85	-	3,169.82	2,746.06
Independent Examiners Fee		150.00	-	-	150.00	150.00
Administration Costs	5	633.72	-	-	633.72	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		42,521.48	3,529.66	3,000.21	49,051.35	38,951.84
(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE BEFORE TRANSFERS		59,306.12	1,419.06	224.79	60,949.97	(3,735.80)
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS		-	-	-	-	-
NET INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE AFTER TRANSFERS		59,306.12	1,419.06	224.79	60,949.97	(3,735.80)
CASH FUNDS AT LAST YEAR END		10,612.04	1,001.80	6,041.86	17,655.70	21,391.50
CASH FUNDS THIS YEAR END		69,918.16	2,420.86	6,266.65	78,605.67	17,655.70

Life Church Doncaster
Statement of Assets for the year ended 31 December 2022

<u>Church Assets as at 31 December 2022</u>		2022	2021
		£	£
Cash at Bank:			
Lloyds Current Account		898.02	12,496.93
Lloyds Savings Account:		72,530.45	-
Kingdom Bank		5,108.83	5,103.56
		78,537.30	17,600.49
Cash in Hand:			
Cash Balances		68.37	55.21
		68.37	55.21
		78,605.67	17,655.70
Accumulated Funds			
Unrestricted Fund	7	69,918.16	10,612.04
Designated Fund	7	6,266.65	6,041.86
Restricted Fund	6	2,420.86	1,001.80
		78,605.67	17,655.70

These financial statements were approved by the Church Council on 8 October 2023



Les Budhi
Trustee

Life Church Doncaster
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Grants and Donations	2022	2021
	£	£
<u>Unrestricted Donations</u>		
Coffee Club Donations	1,839.44	124.76

Restricted:

Stainforth Children's and Youth Work

During the year the charity received the following grants with regards to the children's and youth work in Stainforth.

R Forsters Charity	200.00	-
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Youth Work

During the year the charity received a grant to run a youth event.

Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council	250.00	500.00
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Jubilee Celebration

During the year the charity received the following grants and donations to organise and run a local jubilee celebration for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee.

Co-op Community Grant	150.00	-
Edenthorpe Parish Council	350.00	-
St Ledger Homes	350.00	-
	850.00	-

Coffee Club - Edenthorpe

During the year the charity received the grants to run a coffee club in Edenthorpe

5	Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council	-	350.00
	St Ledger Homes	-	250.00
		-	600.00

Environmental Pride - Church Balk Gardens

During the year the charity received a grant to run a community led environmental project to revamp the garden area of Church Balk Gardens and install new flowerbeds to grow flowers and vegetables.

Doncaster City Council & St Ledger Homes	2,000.00	-
	2,000.00	-

Special Donations

During the year the charity received donations for the following special projects:

Ukraine Appeal - AoG Missions	1,156.32	-
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Notes to the Financial Statements (*continued*)

2. Room Hire Analysis

	2022	2021
	£	£
Room Hire - Edenthorpe	5,013.00	2,940.50
Room Hire - Kirk Sandall	651.00	252.00
Room Hire - Stainforth	564.00	144.00
	6,228.00	3,336.50

3. Missionary Gifts

	2022	2021
	£	£
Assemblies of God GB - Ukraine Appeal	1,156.32	-
Assemblies of God GB - Ukraine Appeal - Raditor Appeal	403.13	-
Doncaster School Workers Trust	240.00	240.00
Love Mexborough	403.13	-
Life Church Europe - Jim & Marie Morris - Ukraine	403.13	-
Open Doors UK and Ireland	336.00	224.00
ThirtyOne:Eight	240.00	240.00
Youth for Christ - Doncaster	1,940.00	2,220.00
	5,121.71	2,924.00

4. Church Ministry Expenses

	2022	2021
	£	£
AOG Annual Contribution	1,015.32	1,018.57
CCL Music Licence	217.54	207.94
Church Insurance	385.95	378.43
Conference Expenses	258.00	-
CRB Checks	92.40	-
Food Bank Expenses	269.85	-
Other	740.11	857.97
Promotional Materials	-	92.55
Website Fees	190.65	190.60
	3,169.82	2,746.06

5. Administration Costs

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accountancy fees - Advice	60.00	-
AoG Gift Aid -admin fees	573.72	-
	633.72	-

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

6. Restricted Fund Reconciliation	2022	2021
	£	£
Opening Balance as at 1 January	1,001.80	891.09
Surplus of Income over Expenditure	1,419.06	110.71
Transfer between funds	-	-
Closing Balance as at 31 December	2,420.86	1,001.80

6. Restricted Fund Reconciliation (continued)

<u>These are the balances on restricted fund:</u>	2022	2021
	£	£
Coffee Club Edenthorpe	2.83	229.37
Environmental Pride Grant	2,000.00	-
Food Bank	365.24	635.09
Treasure Kids / Stainforth Youth	-	112.00
Youth Work Event	52.79	25.34
	2,420.86	1,001.80

7. Funds Reconciliation	2022	2022	2022	2021
	Unrestricted	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Opening Balance as at 1 January	10,612.04	6,041.86	16,653.90	20,500.41
(Deficit)/ Surplus of Income over expenditure:	59,306.12	224.79	59,530.91	(3,846.51)
Transfer of funds	-	-	-	-
Closing Balance as at 31 December	69,918.16	6,266.65	76,184.81	16,653.90

8. Designated Fund

The Trustees have designated amounts that are raised at the annual Gift Day into a designated fund. The Designation of this fund was agreed by the Church Council. From 2018 to 2022, 50% of the Gift day was given to outside organisations with the balance being designated for outreach and equipment.

During the year the trustees redesignated £500 from the Gift Day funds to create a new designated fund for Food Bank Project that the Church operates.

The balance on the designated funds were as follows:	2022	2021
	£	£
Outreach and Equipment	5,766.65	6,041.86
Food Bank	500.00	-
	6,266.65	6,041.86

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Notes to the Financial Statements (*continued*)

9. Related Party Transactions

During the year, L&S Enterprises Pastoral Services a business owned by Les Budhi (a trustee of the Charity) received £28,080.00 (2021: £25,830.00) for Pastoral services provided to the Charity.

Also during the year, the Charity donated £1,940.00 (2021: £2,220.00) to Doncaster Youth for Christ. The wife of Daniel Budhi (a trustee of the Charity) is a trustee of Doncaster Youth for Christ.

Section 10.3 of the Charity's constitution is the legal authority for the above transactions.

Accounts

Life Church Doncaster

Annual Accounts and Reports

Year Ended 31 December 2021

Charity Number: 1052567

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Life Church Doncaster

Charity Number: 1052567

CHURCH COUNCIL – LIST OF TRUSTEES

Rev. Leslie Budhi – Chair of Trustees

Alison Heaton

Daniel Budhi

Susan Wallace (*Appointed 21 June 2022*)

William Jones (*Appointed 21 June 2022*)

Yvonne Jones (*Appointed 21 June 2022*)

Trustees during the year to 31 December 2021

William Jackson (*Resigned 21 June 2022*)

Julie Thorton (*Resigned 21 June 2022*)

Annual General Meeting Summary for Year End 2021

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Despite the lockdown restrictions, we continued to be a family orientated church with respect for all ages and backgrounds, acknowledging that no one is perfect, we are all on differing stages of the journey of faith and all learn in different ways.

This has been another year of stop-start services; with in-person meetings soon abandoned early in the New Year to online Zoom meetings due to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic.

Pastor Les and the leadership team kept in contact with congregation members either via phone, FaceTime calls or simply meeting on doorsteps. Weekly and sometimes daily devotionals were sent to congregation members and placed on the Church Facebook page. Thank you to all those who contributed to these devotionals and made an effort to contact members of the congregation and community.

RightNow Media, an online resource of Christian reading and study materials with 1,000s of videos covering 100s of topics from studies in a particular book of the Bible or a character study or subjects such as apologetics etc. was paid for by the church and continues to pay for this resource so that all members are allowed free access. The resource has been used in group studies by some home groups.

Our Treasure Kids program to young children aged Reception to year 6 moved online in the early part of 2021 due to another national lockdown. When allowed to do so these reopened in person.

When in person services resumed in April, we continued to work hard with the Community Centre Committee at Edenthorpe and other venues to ensure a Covid-safe environment. Social distancing and other measures were employed to keep everyone safe and within government guidelines.

Pastors Les and Daniel continued to keep in touch with the local schools, offering their assistance in any way that would benefit the school. Les remains a Governor of Edenthorpe Hall, a local Primary School. In person assemblies restarted in October.

The food bank continued to operate, taking referrals from the local community and local charities, including local schools. Given the amount of food banks that sprang up during the pandemic the call on the church food bank was limited. The food bank continues to operate on a cash basis and remains open as we feel that as we move out of the pandemic and other food bank funding is reduced, we will see an increased demand on ours.

In September we had the opportunity to start a Coffee Club in Edenthorpe, utilising the Communal Hall on Church Balk Gardens. Andrea Robinson a local Councillor highlighted a need amongst the elderly in the area who had suffered disproportionately during the pandemic in terms of isolation, losing valuable community services that no longer existed and many losing a loved partner from Covid. Under the leadership of Sue Wallace, the launch of the Coffee Club has been

nothing short of a huge success. We are often full and new people arrive every week. Many friendships are being established amongst the group and with the volunteers from Life Church. Some attendees have told us that Coffee Club has literally 'saved their lives'. Numerous stories are emerging of new friendships and people getting their life back. It is wonderful to see a number beginning to attend church services. We continue to seek the Lord as we seek to minister to the elderly population in our community and many ideas are being explored for 2022. We are grateful for the Support of St Ledger Homes (whose building we use for Coffee Club) and DMBC through the community support officers. A number of small grants has helped establish the club and buy much needed equipment.

Pastor Les serves as the Chair of Renew Doncaster Limited, a local charity which provides assisted accommodation to families who are homeless or at risk thereof.

I am very grateful to Daniel Budhi and Alison Heaton and their teams for all they have done this year in continuing to serve the youth and children of Life Church and the local community and in how they have kept in touch with the youth and children and their families in various ways. (See their separate reports for more details).

We are grateful that at the end of November we were able to hold our "Preparing for Christmas" event after an absence of 2 years. We held a scaled back family Carol Service in December on the last Sunday morning before Christmas.

Turning to the finances. The income during the year income fell to £35,216.04 (£38,024.37) a fall, of just over £2,800. However, all this loss can be accounted for by a significant dip during the year of our Gift Aid and GADDS (small donations scheme) claims. This was due to a change in the way HMRC wanted our agents (Assemblies of God)) to process Gifts Aid claims on our behalf. This meant the church had to register with HMRC for our own gift aid number and then to reregister AoG as our agents. This took longer than expected and no Gift Aid claims were made from March 2021 onwards. The saving grace was the fact that we had sufficient cash resources to meet all our obligations and we knew that despite the delay in reclaiming the gift aid this would be forthcoming. The claim was successfully made in 2022 and will be reflected in those years accounts. Overall giving from donations made in a Sunday offering and giving directly into the bank account was up from £27,049 to £29,318 an increase of just over £2,000. Thank you to all those who give faithfully to the church. Again, without your giving and sacrifice we would not be able to function as a church. Expenditure increased to £38,952 (£34,832). Increase was seen in pastoral services as this reduced in 2020, room hire also increased given that we met more in person this year and services to youth and the purchase of the new televisions to help with our Sunday services. This resulted in a loss for the year £3,735.80. We have met, and continue to meet, all our obligations as a church. The trustees continue to monitor the church finances carefully. The contribution you make is vital. Those of you who are taxpayers and have not yet signed a Gift Aid form please see me.

The gift day raised £2,880 (£3,390) which was designated to be used for any new equipment we may require and any new outreach events we put on to engage those in our community that normally do not come to church. A huge thank you to those

who contributed towards the Gift Day. Given the size of the church here in Edenthorpe, this is a significant amount and shows your very generous spirit! If we play our part, God has promised to do His! (Malachi 3:10).

This has been another year of great disruption and one that continues to show how fragile life can be and how our plans need to be flexible. The pandemic has afforded us the opportunity to reflect on what is and is not important in life and also shown us that community and personal relationships are the basic foundations of making life work. More importantly, a strong relationship with the Lord Jesus is vital at all times.

Our plans continue to be flexible as we serve the church members and the local community. As we stand on the edge of a New Year we are still unsure as to how life will pan out for us all, in the months and years that lie ahead. We will continue to be a family church holding out the truth of the Gospel offering a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. This is our mission and has not changed.

Here are the areas in which we still require breakthrough:

Breakthrough in prayer: Prayer needs to be at the center of all we do. I believe greater levels of prayer are demanded if we are to see all that God wants to accomplish in and through us.

Breakthrough in Evangelism. Ask God to remove the blinds off the unbelieving and empower us and give us the courage to share our story.

Breakthrough in miracles. Jesus and the early church's ministry was marked by miracles. As is so often quoted that Jesus is our example on how to live – then miracles must accompany us. The early church saw many breakthroughs in many communities with a miracle.

Breakthrough in discipleship. Pray that those who have come to Christ develop a deeper connection with Him.

Breakthrough in church community. Pray that God would help us to live authentic lives with each other and give us deep friendships.

Breakthrough in Mission. Pray for our local schools, local groups, counsellors, local Government. Pray that God will open new doors of opportunity and give us workers. Prayer for those who have begun to attend our Coffee Club.

Breakthrough in families.

Breakthrough in generosity.

Breakthrough in Worship. I pray you will love God deeper, walk more humbly and serve more passionately.

I do believe, along with Paul's challenge to the Galatians, that we will reap a harvest if we do not give up! Please partner with us in this harvest field. We need prayer and more workers to expand and grow. These are not the days to hold back, but rather to press in and press forward and take hold of that for which Christ took hold of us.

Pastor Les Budhi

Annual Report 2021 - Children's Department

Ministry to children continued to be a priority of Life Church Doncaster during 2021, despite the ongoing challenges of the global coronavirus pandemic. The year began with one in-person session of our Sunday morning children's groups, G.I.G. and Tiddlywinks, before another lockdown was announced. As a result, we began after-school Zoom meetings on Thursdays for children from G.I.G. and Treasure Kids. These had a limited take up, but were a good way of staying in touch with some children from all of our clubs.

After the Easter school holiday in April, we were able to re-open our meetings for children. The three evangelistic Treasure Kids clubs at Edenthorpe, Kirk Sandall and Stainforth ran with themes of "Parables", "Interesting Insects, Brilliant Bugs", "J. Team", "Gideon", "David" and "Christmas" in 2021. In G.I.G., the topics covered included "Easter", "Some things that churches do", "The Adventures of Paul", "Beginnings", "Living Jesus' Way - the Sermon on the Mount" and "Christmas".

Young Leaders

Our Treasure Kids groups have benefitted greatly from the involvement of young leaders over the years. In 2021, three girls in year 7/8, who had previously attended Stainforth Treasure Kids themselves, continued to attend to help with activities there. A teenage boy from the Youth Group supported at Edenthorpe and three year 7 girls joined the team at Kirk Sandall in September, alongside a year 11 girl from the Youth Group who had joined us in 2019. An introductory training session and lunch was held for the new young leaders during the Summer holiday.

Special Events

Indoor gatherings were still restricted at Easter, but a local councillor organised two egg hunts at local parks and invited us to staff the section that had clues about the events of the first Easter. In August, we provided Treasure Kids craft tables at Stainforth's "Party in the Park" event for local children.

At the end of November it was a joy to welcome local people, including many Treasure Kids families, to our "Preparing for Christmas" event after an absence of 2 years due to the pandemic. We held a scaled back family Carol Service in December on the last Sunday morning before Christmas.

We are very grateful to all those who have contributed to our regular activities for children, whether on a regular or relief basis, and to those who have been part of the team at our special events too.

Alison Heaton – Children's Pastor

Coffee Club Report – September 2021 to December 2021.

The first meeting to discuss a potential community coffee club was with local councillor Andrea Robinson on 6th September. She wanted to respond to an elderly gentleman's concerns, living nearby, that there was nothing happening in the area where people could gather during the week. This gentleman was lonely and rarely saw anyone from day to day having recently lost his wife.

Life Church agreed to hold a coffee morning each Monday in the Communal Hall on Church Balk Gardens. We didn't know many local elderly people at that stage. Flyers were distributed over a couple of weeks to nearby bungalows and doors knocked and many discussions showed a definite interest in this new venture.

Over the next few weeks, a steady trickle of local neighbours came for a look to see what was going on. We discovered very shortly, that we had many attendees who were grieving husbands and wives having lost partners during the pandemic. Soon the attendees began to open up and were able to tell us all about what they had been through while they were tucking into their tea and toast; a few tears were shed and bonds were forming.

Our team of workers grew, God was indeed sending workers. Everybody loved the sense of camaraderie and sharing the love of God with these people. The workers have been able to use their own skill sets and personality and it was a joy to see such dynamic team working.

As Christmas approached, we invited the regulars to come to various events that Life Church were hosting and were pleased to see a number come along and enjoy the services.

We decorated the Communal Hall for Christmas, put up a lovely tree and had a table with the nativity scene on. We sang Christmas carols which many joined in with and we had a taste of some Christian poetry which told the Christmas story. We gave everyone who came a goody bag to take home which had a large print New Testament Bible, a pen with Jesus' name on and a fridge magnet inside. It was a chance for us to talk more about Jesus and share His love.

None of us knew all the reasons why God wanted us to start this work at this time, in this place. We only know that there was a big unmet need in the community and many lonely elderly people who suffered disproportionately during the pandemic. God responded and called us to these precious people.

We are grateful for the support of the local councillors Andrea and David, Stacey Lynn, Customer Involvement Officer for St Ledger Homes and Geoff and Sindy, Stronger Communities Officers for DMBC. All have been instrumental in resolving issues with the building, raising initial funds for the launch of the Coffee Club and sourcing small grants that assisted with publicity, initial purchase of refreshments and equipment and also to enable us to put on a Christmas party for the attendees in December. In the main the ongoing costs of the Club is sustained by voluntary

donations from those who attend and some funds from Life Church who provided the Bibles and presents for Christmas. New chairs and tables were ordered and the building was starting to look a bit more presentable!

To finish, I'd like to thank the volunteer helpers, they have served with stunning dedication, and we are all learning things which help us to grow in our giftings and to be more Christlike and reach the lost with the gospel. One couple had Pastor Les officiate at the renewing of their wedding vows service and a few of us joined the wedding party and disco afterwards!!

The Lord told us to love our neighbour as we love ourselves. (Matt 22 39-40). A pretty tall order but with Jesus' help this has started to happen. OK we meet and greet, make drinks, make toast, listen, share, and love, but it is Him in us that is making this club what it is. Thank you Jesus.

Sue Wallace

Youth Group AGM report 2021

We started 2021 in the middle of a global coronavirus pandemic. Despite the challenges, we were still running in person programs, socially distanced, where we could do so and switching to virtual meetings when lockdowns were announced. We also kept the group together with an active WhatsApp.

However, despite the challenges, we have seen new people added, new growth and we have had numerous opportunities to explore faith in the youth group.

A typical night

Our Friday nights have a theme/event for the evening and then we have a discussion around topics of faith. Nights have included Nerf Wars; games nights; parties; minute to win it nights; world record breakers nights and many more activities.

We have had discussions around life and faith, talked about fear; Jesus; prayer; and many other topics. These usually last around 15-20 minutes. We use Youth for Christ resources, which facilitate discussions/games and activities around particular topics. The majority of the youth group members would describe themselves as non-Christian, with some sort of belief in God, but no personal relationship with Jesus. Our aim is to simply introduce them to Jesus.

It has been great to see, that even during the pandemic, most of the young people came back and more. We did however lose a few solid core group members but we have continued to grow seeing around 20 young people each week.

Trips

Throughout 2021 we were unable to undertake many trips away with the youth group. We like to do this every half term but due to covid and last-minute cancellations, we only got to take 1. We took the youth group to Go Bounce, where they met with 100 other young people from youth groups in Doncaster.

In 2022 we are expecting that we will be able to do more with the group in terms of trips planned such as Tree Trekking in Bawtry.

Youth for Christ Interns

Reagan, a Youth for Christ intern from USA was with us from September and was a great help. She was based at Life Church Doncaster and together with Amy would help plan and lead sessions, building relationships with young people. This has been a major help having the extra staff.

The year ahead

We're looking forward in 2022 to building on what we have restarted this year. In a lot of ways we have had chance to rethink and reimagine how we do things. 2022 will see us regain the momentum we had before the pandemic so we have a solid foundation to build upon. Our main goal amongst all the fun, is for young people to discover Jesus in a real way that has real impact in their lives.

Pastor Daniel

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Life Church Doncaster

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 11 to 15.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity 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 in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Alex Peter Day

ACA/MAAT

A P Day Accountants

3 Hollow Cottage, Purfleet, RM19 1QP

Date: 23rd October 2022

Life Church Doncaster
Financial Statement for the year ended 31 December 2021
Receipts and Payments Account

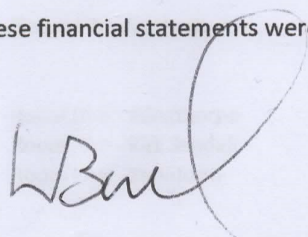
INCOME	Note	2021	2021	2021	2021	2020
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	Total	Total
		£	£	£	£	£
Offerings Via Service Collections		10,154.90	-	-	10,154.90	7,952.70
Offerings Via BGC		19,164.09	-	-	19,164.09	19,096.02
Gift Aid		1,461.90	-	-	1,461.90	5,317.87
Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme		217.58	-	-	217.58	1,203.32
Interest Earned from Investments		4.21	-	-	4.21	12.56
Grants and Donations	1	124.76	1,100.00	-	1,224.76	781.07
Other		108.60	-	2,880.00	2,988.60	3,660.83
TOTAL INCOME		31,236.04	1,100.00	2,880.00	35,216.04	38,024.37
EXPENDITURE						
L & S Enterprises Pastoral Services		25,830.00	-	-	25,830.00	24,133.00
Salaries & Expenses		-	-	-	-	-
Room Hire	2	3,147.50	144.00	45.00	3,336.50	2,659.50
Visiting Ministry Expenses		300.00	-	-	300.00	150.00
Missionary Gifts	3	2,924.00	-	-	2,924.00	3,930.00
Outreach		-	-	236.50	236.50	1,066.62
Children's Work		-	-	-	-	45.00
Coffee Club Expenses		109.27	370.63	-	479.90	-
Youth Work		151.94	474.66	-	626.60	60.43
Capital Expenditure		35.72	-	2,286.56	2,322.28	163.99
Church Ministry Expenses	4	2,653.51	-	92.55	2,746.06	2,473.16
Independent Examiners Fee		150.00	-	-	150.00	150.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		35,301.94	989.29	2,660.61	38,951.84	34,831.70
(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE BEFORE TRANSFERS						
		(4,065.90)	110.71	219.39	(3,735.80)	3,192.67
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS						
		-	-	-	-	-
NET INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE AFTER TRANSFERS						
		(4,065.90)	110.71	219.39	(3,735.80)	3,192.67
CASH FUNDS AT LAST YEAR END		14,677.94	891.09	5,822.47	21,391.50	18,198.83
CASH FUNDS THIS YEAR END		10,612.04	1,001.80	6,041.86	17,655.70	21,391.50

Life Church Doncaster
Statement of Assets for the year ended 31 December 2021

<u>Church Assets as at 31 December 2021</u>		<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Cash at Bank:			
Lloyds Current Account:			
General Fund		12,496.93	19,252.43
Kingdom Bank		5,103.56	2,099.35
		<u>17,600.49</u>	<u>21,351.78</u>
Cash in Hand:			
Cash Balances		55.21	39.72
		<u>55.21</u>	<u>39.72</u>
		<u>17,655.70</u>	<u>21,391.50</u>
Accumulated Funds			
Unrestricted Fund	6	10,612.04	14,677.94
Designated Fund	6	6,041.86	5,822.47
Restricted Fund	5	1,001.80	891.09
		<u>17,655.70</u>	<u>21,391.50</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Church Council on

14 October 2022



Les Budhi
Trustee

Life Church Doncaster
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021

Notes to the Financial Statements

	2021	2020
	£	£
1. Grants and Donations		
<u>Unrestricted Donations</u>		
Coffee Club Donations	124.76	-

Restricted:

Stainforth Children's and Youth Work

During the year the charity received the following grants with regards to the children's and youth work in Stainforth.

Stainforth Town Council	-	200.00
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Youth Work

During the year the charity received a grant to run a youth event.

Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council	500.00	-
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Food Bank

During the year the charity received the following grants and donations to run the Church's Food Bank Project:

Heatherwood School Harvest Donation	-	146.07
Neighbourly Foundation	-	400.00
Other donations	-	35.00
	-	581.07

Coffee Club - Edenthorpe

During the year the charity received the grants to run a coffee club in Edenthorpe

Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council	350.00	-
St Ledger Homes	250.00	-
	600.00	-

2. Room Hire Analysis	2021	2020
	£	£
Room Hire - Edenthorpe	2,940.50	2,371.50
Room Hire - Kirk Sandall	252.00	204.00
Room Hire - Stainforth	144.00	84.00
	3,336.50	2,659.50

3. Missionary Gifts	2021	2020
	£	£
AOG UK Covid Appeal	-	250.00
Doncaster School Workers Trust	240.00	240.00
Noor Ministries UK	-	660.00
Open Doors UK and Ireland	224.00	660.00
Renew Doncaster Limited	-	-
ThirtyOne:Eight	240.00	240.00
Yan Hadley	-	500.00
Youth for Christ - Doncaster	2,220.00	1,380.00
	2,924.00	3,930.00

Life Church Doncaster
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

4. Church Ministry Expenses

	2021	2020
	£	£
AOG Annual Contribution	1,018.57	1,054.32
CCL Music Licence	207.94	201.58
Church Insurance	378.43	391.90
Conference Expenses	-	79.50
CRB Checks	-	25.20
Other	857.97	492.27
Promotional Materials	92.55	81.57
Website Fees	190.60	146.82
	2,746.06	2,473.16

5. Restricted Fund Reconciliation

	2021	2020
	£	£
Opening Balance as at 1 January	891.09	345.12
Surplus of Income over Expenditure	110.71	545.97
Transfer between funds	-	-
Closing Balance as at 31 December	1,001.80	891.09

These are the balances on restricted fund:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Coffee Club Edenthorpe	229.37	-
Food Bank	635.09	635.09
Treasure Kids / Stainforth Youth	112.00	256.00
Youth Work Event	25.34	-
	1,001.80	891.09

6. Funds Reconciliation

	2021	2021	2021	2020
	Unrestricted	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Opening Balance as at 1 January	14,677.94	5,822.47	20,500.41	17,853.71
(Deficit)/ Surplus of Income over expenditure:	(4,065.90)	219.39	(3,846.51)	2,646.70
Transfer of funds	-	-	-	-
Closing Balance as at 31 December	10,612.04	6,041.86	16,653.90	20,500.41

Life Church Doncaster
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021

Notes to the Financial Statements (*continued*)

7. Designated Fund

The Trustees have designated amounts that are raised at the annual Gift Day into a designated fund. The Designation of this fund was agreed by the Church Council. From 2018 to 2021, 50% of the Gift day was given to outside organisations with the balance being designated for outreach and equipment.

8. Related Party Transactions

During the year, L&S Enterprises Pastoral Services a business owned by Les Budhi (a trustee of the Charity) received £25,830.00 (2020: £24,133.00) for Pastoral services provided to the Charity.

Also during the year, the Charity donated £2,220.00 (2020: £1,380.00) to Doncaster Youth for Christ. The wife of Daniel Budhi (a trustee of the Charity) is a trustee of Doncaster Youth for Christ.

During the prior year (2020), the Charity donated £660.00 (2021: £Nil) to Noor Ministries UK. The husband of Alison Heaton (a trustee of the Charity) is a trustee and Chair of Noor Ministries UK.

Section 10.3 of the Charity's constitution is the legal authority for the above transactions.

Accounts

Life Church Doncaster

Annual Accounts and Reports

Year Ended 31 December 2020

Charity Number: 1052567

Annual General Meeting Summary for Year End 2020

A big thank you to all the volunteers who consistently give of their time and resources to ensure that both the Church and all of its varied activities run smoothly and successfully. Without you, none of what we seek to do for God would be possible. More importantly, thank you to those who live out their daily relationship with the Lord Jesus, at home, at work and wherever you find yourself in the week.

2020 has been one of the most unprecedented in our life time. Whilst we had made firm plans at the start of the year to reach out to people in our community, this was cut short and all plans called off with the coronavirus pandemic.

We started the New Year with a cooked breakfast and had a fully booked venue with children and parents from the local community attached to our various children's and youth works. It was good to see so many families attend who do not normally attend our church meetings. Our guest speaker on that day was Rev Adam Priestly who shared the story of his life and how God helped him overcome addiction and change his life. The next big breakfast meeting was scheduled for Mother's Day which was canceled upon the announcement of a national lockdown. In fact all of our various meetings were cancelled.

We began to hold adhoc meetings on Zoom, with the congregation initially encouraged to attend online services offered by other churches and a number of links were supplied to those churches that would provide a good teaching and worship.

Pastor Les, along with others, contributed to a daily devotional that was sent to church members on text and FaceBook, with the odd video and meeting on Zoom, mainly to pray together. Also Pastor Les made it a point to contact the congregation weekly either via text or phone call and occasionally a doorstep visit in a safe way to encourage and look out for the church members.

The church also signed up to RightNow Media, an online resource of Christian reading and study materials with 1,000s of videos covering 100s of topics from studies in a particular book of the Bible or a character study or subjects such as apologetics etc. The church paid for and continues to pay for this resource with all members allowed free access. Pastor Les worked hard at getting everyone signed up, including parents of the various clubs we run, with a good offering for children and youth. Take up continues to be slow but the resource is available to all members and has been used in group studies by some home groups. RightNow Media is a great resource and will continue to be made available to church members free of charge.

We worked hard with the Community Centre Committee at Edenthorpe to ensure a Covid-safe environment and our in-person services went live at the end of July 2020, on Sunday mornings for 1 hour. Social distancing and other measures were employed to keep everyone safe and within the government guidelines.

Following the 2nd national lockdown, the church met on line each week on Zoom for our Sunday morning services. At every opportunity the church reopened its doors when it was legal to do so. Whilst in-person services changed in terms of time and worship, the benefit of meeting in person was enormous and there was a real sense of God's presence in our meetings. The church continues to operate all its various

clubs either online or in person within government guidelines, and will adopt as guidelines change.

The church signed up to various community groups including Neighbourly, to offer assistance to local members of the public and the wider Christian community in Doncaster. The food bank continued to operate, taking referrals from the local community and local charities, including local schools. Given the amount of food banks that sprang up during the pandemic the call on the church food bank, was limited. The food bank continues to operate on a cash basis.

Pastors Les and Daniel continued to keep in touch with the local schools, offering their assistance in any way that would benefit the school. During the year, we produced various videos which we sent to schools for them to use as we were unable to physically enter the schools during most of 2020. The videos and our offer of help was greatly appreciated by most schools, with 1 school requesting a Christingle assembly – they then donated the unused oranges for us to use as a church as some of their classes had closed due to positive cases.

We continued to be a family orientated church, despite the lockdown restrictions which has respect for all ages, all backgrounds and acknowledges that no one is perfect, we are all on differing stages of the journey of faith and all learn in different ways.

A number of church members also serve on the board of Renew Doncaster Limited, a local charity which provides assisted accommodation to homeless single men.

We are still seeking at some stage to relaunch our ministry to the elderly members of the church. Pastoral care for the elderly is presently being undertaken by individuals on a one to one basis.

I am very grateful to Daniel Budhi and Alison Heaton and their teams for all they have done this year in continuing to serve the youth and children of Life Church and the local community and in how they have kept in touch with the youth and children and their families in various ways. (See their separate reports for more details). The Edenthorpe Star Trail in December was well received and huge success.

Turning to the finances. I am pleased to report that despite the pandemic and the disruption it brought to our in-person meetings, the Income only fell by just over £1,000 this year to £38,024.37 (£39,104.12). Expenditure was curtailed with savings made in the areas of room hire and consumables to £34,831.7 (£36,703.61), resulting in a small surplus of £3,192.67 (profit £2,400.51) for which we thank God. We have met, and continue to meet, all our obligations as a church. The trustees continue to monitor the church finances carefully. The contribution you make is vital. Those of you who are tax payers and have not yet signed a Gift Aid form please see me.

The gift day raised £3,390 (£3,381) which were designated to be used for any new equipment we may require and any new outreach events we put on to engage those in our community that normally do not come to church. 50% was also given to 3 deserving causes namely, Noor Ministries UK a charity running a Christian school in Pakistan, Open Doors UK a charity that supports persecuted Christians around the world and Yan Hadley, a preacher who was a regular visitor who has fallen on hard times. A huge thank you to those who contributed towards the Gift Day. Given the

size of the church here in Edenthorpe, this is a significant amount and shows your very generous spirit! This year our gift day will be held in the first week of November. If we play our part, God has promised to do His! (Malachi 3:10).

This has been a year of great disruption that many have not seen in their lifetimes. It shows how fragile life can be and how our plans need to be flexible. The pandemic has afforded us the opportunity to reflect on what is and is not important in life and also shown us that community and personal relationships are the basic foundations of making life work. More importantly, a strong relationship with the Lord Jesus is vital at all times.

Our plans continue to be flexible as we serve the church members and the local community. As we stand in the edge of a New Year we are still unsure as to how life will pan out for us all, in the months and years that lie ahead. We will continue to be a family church holding out the truth of the Gospel offering a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. This is our mission and has not changed.

Here are the areas in which we still require breakthrough:

Breakthrough in prayer: Prayer needs to be at the center of all we do. I believe greater levels of prayer are demanded if we are to see all that God wants to accomplish in and through us.

Breakthrough in Evangelism. Ask God to remove the blinds off the unbelieving and empower us and give us the courage to share our story.

Breakthrough in miracles. Jesus and the early church's ministry was marked by miracles. As is so often quoted that Jesus is our example on how to live – then miracles must accompany us. The early church saw many breakthroughs in many communities with a miracle.

Breakthrough in discipleship. Pray that those who have come to Christ develop a deeper connection with Him.

Breakthrough in church community. Pray that God would help us to live authentic lives with each other and give us deep friendships.

Breakthrough in Mission. Pray for our local schools, local groups, counsellors, local Government. Pray that God will open new doors of opportunity and give us workers.

Breakthrough in families.

Breakthrough in generosity.

Breakthrough in Worship. I pray you will love God deeper, walk more humbly and serve more passionately.

I do believe, along with Paul's challenge to the Galatians, that we will reap a harvest if we do not give up! Please partner with us in this harvest field. We need prayer and more workers to expand and grow. These are not the days to hold back, but rather to press in and press forward and take hold of that for which Christ took hold of us.

Pastor Les Budhi

Annual Report 2020 - Children's Department

Ministry to children continued to be a priority of Life Church Doncaster during 2020, but faced the challenges of the global coronavirus pandemic. In mid March, when the first UK lockdown was announced, our 3 weekday Treasure Kids clubs and G.I.G. on Sunday mornings had to close at short notice. For most children schools were also closed and we endeavoured to keep in touch and provide positive activities over the next 19 weeks with a weekly Treasure Kids newsletter and activity pack sent by email.

It was a great relief in September to be able to re-open Treasure Kids and G.I.G., although we had to comply with new rules limiting the number of children at each session and ensuring social distancing etc. Some families were unwilling for their children to rejoin group activities and some had lost interest during the long break, so numbers attending were further reduced. At Stainforth we had a natural drop because the majority of youngsters attending at the start of 2020 had been in Year 6 at school and so were now too old for the club. Some did come as helpers in September with varying degrees of success and eventually we had 3 willing Year 7 girls assisting us.

After a half-term of relatively normal activities, the 2nd national lockdown closed our activities for a further 4 weeks. However, we were unable to re-open before the end of the year due to a variety of temporary restrictions at each Treasure Kids venue. G.I.G. was able to run again when in person Church services resumed.

Special Events

Our annual "Easter Eggstravaganza", "Preparing for Christmas" event and the Nativity Carol Service all fell victim to the national restrictions on large gatherings this year. We were able to have a one off Treasure Kids Summer Special in August for a limited number of children from the Edenthorpe and Kirk Sandall clubs.

As the year drew to a close, we attempted to communicate the real message of Christmas in new ways. We took socially distanced photographs of the Kirk Sandall Treasure Kids in Nativity costumes in October and so were able to create a Nativity story presentation. This was shared at a Zoom meeting with them in December and sent on to their families. 36 Advent activity packs were presented to the families of the Treasure Kids children who had come to one of our clubs at some point during the year and were still of primary school age (52 children). These contained a number of craft activities, a Christmas lotto game, Christmas booklets for children and adults and a VeggieTales DVD to open on Christmas Eve. These packs were paid for with money generously given by Church members on the 2019 Gift Day.

The Sunday afternoon before Christmas saw the launch of the Edenthorpe Star Trail. This ran for the 5 days to Christmas Eve and was publicised through the 2 Edenthorpe primary schools. 22 A4 signs, each with a star and a letter, were displayed by local householders and businesses along a 1.5 mile route through the village. The trail started from the Church of the Good Shepherd and ended at the Community Centre. The letters spelt out a Christmas carol and children completing the trail on the launch afternoon were given a small festive goodie bag including a Christmas booklet. The activity was well received and 46 children from at least 29 families took part on that first afternoon.

We are very grateful to those who have contributed to the work of the Children's Department during this unusual year.

Alison Heaton – Children's Pastor

Youth report - Daniel Budhi

In a pandemic struck year, we would have thought that all was lost and we would need to rebuild again in the future. However, we are thankful this year for the things God has done and what we have been able to do despite the challenges.

At the beginning of March, Doncaster Youth for Christ hosted a team from Texas, USA, to work in some of the primary and secondary schools in the area. Life Church Doncaster hosted the team on the Sunday and our young people went to an event organised by them, joining with St Paul's, Wheatley. Our young people were able to enjoy an evening where there was lots of fun, and testimonies. It was a great experience for schools and our young people and also the team. Unfortunately, as the pandemic began to get noticeably worse, the trip was cut short. They should be joining us again at some time in the future. Thank you to all those in the church who continue to pray for these teams, picked up minibuses and helped provide food etc. These trips are always stressful with lots of components to make them run smoothly, but with the help we have from church members they are always a success.

Due to the pandemic, we were obviously no longer allowed to meet in person from the end of March. Switching to online meeting via Zoom, each Friday night, we were surprised at the core group of people who continued to turn up each week. At the start of the pandemic we would have around 15 each week, however this slowly started to drop as the pandemic went on. We thought it would end up fizzling into nothing, however there remained a core of around 10 young people that were consistent throughout.

Each week we would gather for an hour to an hour and 15 minutes. We would play games/quizzes, discuss how things were and what they were up to that week and then run some activities around a theme. Themes included 'The gospel according to Disney' (taking gospel messages and themes from various Disney films); racism; testimonies; social justice and various world issues. Youth for Christ brought out some resources to use via zoom each week, so it made planning sessions much easier.

From September when we were officially allowed to meet back in person, socially distanced and mask wearing, we wondered what the turn out would be. From the regular 20-25 we would get each week before the pandemic, every single person except for 2 have been back. It has been difficult coming up with activities and games, however the young people have enjoyed it. We have continued discussing topics that they face in the news and at school each day whilst helping them to discover Jesus in their mental health and everyday lives. We haven't been able to take them to any events, however we have been a presence with them consistently throughout the pandemic continuing to share the gospel and help them explore life from a Kingdom perspective.

This consistency each week has opened up new relationships with parents. Parents who would normally just drop off their young people and that we never saw or spoke to previously we have now had great conversations with in the car park. Stories of how their young people have faced the year and how we've really helped. The youth group has actually grown during this pandemic season as young people have invited their friends and neighbours.

This year we were able to pay Amy a few hours per week to work on various things in the church. Her extra help this year planning programmes and working with young people in the area has been invaluable.

As we look to the future, our hope is that activities can come back to some sort of normality. Whilst our programme continues to change, the gospel message hasn't. Jesus has been and always will be the answer to the difficulties that young people face. We will continue to explore Jesus with young people, pray with them, go on walks with them, and whatever is necessary to journey young people through life.

Thank you for all your prayers and continued encouragement during this season. Whilst our activities have changed, it has allowed us to gain fresh revelation and fresh perspective on the work that we do.

Pastor Daniel

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Life Church Doncaster

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are set out on pages 8 to 12.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity 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 in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Alex Peter Day

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Date: 8th October 2021

Life Church Doncaster
Financial Statement for the year ended 31 December 2020

INCOME	Note	2020	2020	2020	2020	2019
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	Total	Total
		£	£	£	£	£
Offerings Via Service Collections		7,952.70	-	-	7,952.70	11,178.18
Offerings Via BGC		19,096.02	-	-	19,096.02	16,267.24
Gift Aid		5,317.87	-	-	5,317.87	5,346.96
Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme		1,203.32	-	-	1,203.32	1,507.96
Interest Earned from Investments		12.56	-	-	12.56	12.48
Grants and Donations	1	-	781.07	-	781.07	1,200.30
Other		270.83	-	3,390.00	3,660.83	3,591.00
TOTAL INCOME		33,853.30	781.07	3,390.00	38,024.37	39,104.12
EXPENDITURE						
L & S Enterprises Pastoral Services		24,133.00	-	-	24,133.00	24,732.95
Salaries & Expenses		-	-	-	-	-
Room Hire	2	2,346.50	84.00	229.00	2,659.50	5,786.25
Visiting Ministry Expenses		150.00	-	-	150.00	-
Missionary Gifts	3	2,110.00	-	1,820.00	3,930.00	2,190.30
Outreach		-	151.10	915.52	1,066.62	1,058.67
Children's Work		45.00	-	-	45.00	97.35
Youth Work		60.43	-	-	60.43	369.94
Capital Expenditure		-	-	163.99	163.99	30.59
Church Ministry Expenses	4	2,391.59	-	81.57	2,473.16	2,437.56
Independent Examiners Fee		150.00	-	-	150.00	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		31,386.52	235.10	3,210.08	34,831.70	36,703.61
SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE BEFORE TRANSFERS		2,466.78	545.97	179.92	3,192.67	2,400.51
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS		-	-	-	-	-
SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE AFTER TRANSFERS		2,466.78	545.97	179.92	3,192.67	2,400.51

Life Church Doncaster
Statement of Assets for the year ended 31 December 2020

<u>Church Assets as at 31 December 2020</u>		2020	2019
		£	£
Cash at Bank:			
Lloyds Current Account:			
General Fund		19,252.43	16,072.32
Kingdom Bank		2,099.35	2,086.79
		21,351.78	18,159.11
Cash in Hand:			
Petty Cash		39.72	39.72
		39.72	39.72
		21,391.50	18,198.83
Accumulated Funds			
Unrestricted Fund	6	14,677.94	12,211.16
Designated Fund	6	5,822.47	5,642.55
Restricted Fund	5	891.09	345.12
		21,391.50	18,198.83

These financial statements were approved by the Church Council on 21 September 2021.



Les Budhi
Trustee

Life Church Doncaster
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020

Notes to the Financial Statements

	2020	2019
	£	£

1. Grants and Donations

Restricted:

Stainforth Children's and Youth Work

During the year the charity received the following grants with regards to the children's and youth work in Stainforth.

Robert Forster's Charity	-	200.00
Stainforth Town Council	200.00	-
	200.00	200.00

Youth Work

During the year the charity received a grant to run a youth event.

Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council	-	250.00
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Food Bank

During the year the charity received the following grants and donations to run the Church's Food Bank Project:

Heatherwood School Harvest Donation	146.07	-
Neighbourly Foundation	400.00	-
Other donations	35.00	255.00
	581.07	255.00

Other Donations Collected for specific purposes

Doncaster Youth for Christ	-	247.65
Renew Doncaster Ltd	-	247.65
	-	495.30
	781.07	1,200.30

2. Room Hire Analysis

	2020	2019
	£	£
Room Hire - Edenthorpe	2,371.50	4,894.25
Room Hire - Kirk Sandall	204.00	456.00
Room Hire - Stainforth	84.00	436.00
	2,659.50	5,786.25

3. Missionary Gifts

	2020	2019
	£	£
AOG UK Covid Appeal	250.00	-
Doncaster School Workers Trust	240.00	240.00
Noor Ministries UK	660.00	-
Open Doors UK and Ireland	660.00	-
Renew Doncaster Limited	-	247.65
ThirtyOne:Eight	240.00	180.00
Yan Hadley	500.00	-
Youth for Christ - Doncaster	1,380.00	1,522.65
	3,930.00	2,190.30

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

4. Church Ministry Expenses

	2020	2019
	£	£
AOG Annual Contribution	1,054.32	1,040.20
CCL Music Licence	201.58	196.14
Church Insurance	391.90	386.12
Conference Expenses	79.50	214.00
CRB Checks	25.20	93.60
Other	492.27	207.73
Promotional Materials	81.57	152.95
Website Fees	146.82	146.82
	2,473.16	2,437.56

5. Restricted Fund Reconciliation

	2020	2019
	£	£
Opening Balance as at 1 January	345.12	2,091.16
(Deficit)/Surplus of Income over Expenditure	545.97	(1,746.04)
Transfer between funds	-	-
Closing Balance as at 31 December	891.09	345.12

The restricted funds is being held for youth and children's work in Stainforth and across Doncaster with a value of £256.00 (2019: £140.00) and for Food Bank of £635.09 (2019: £205.12).

6. Funds Reconciliation

	2020	2020	2020	2019
	Unrestricted	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Opening Balance as at 1 January	12,211.16	5,642.55	17,853.71	13,707.16
Surplus of Income over expenditure:	2,466.78	179.92	2,646.70	4,146.55
Transfer of funds	-	-	-	-
Closing Balance as at 31 December	14,677.94	5,822.47	20,500.41	17,853.71

Life Church Doncaster
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Notes to the Financial Statements (*continued*)

7. Designated Fund

The Trustees have designated amounts that are raised at the annual Gift Day into a designated fund. The Designation of this fund was agreed by the Church Council. In 2020, 2019 and 2018, 50% of the Gift day was given to outside organisations with the balance being designated for outreach and equipment.

8. Related Party Transactions

During the year, L&S Enterprises Pastoral Services a business owned by Les Budhi (a trustee of the Charity) received £24,133.00 (2019: £24,732.95) for Pastoral services provided to the Charity.

Also during the year, the Charity donated £1,380.00 (2019: £1,522.65) to Doncaster Youth for Christ. The wife of Daniel Budhi (a trustee of the Charity) is a trustee of Doncaster Youth for Christ.

Also during the year, the Charity donated £660.00 (2019: £Nil) to Noor Ministries UK. The husband of Alison Heaton (a trustee of the Charity) is a trustee and Chair of Noor Ministries UK.

In the previous year (2019), the Charity donated £247.65 to Renew Doncaster Limited a charitable company. Les Budhi (a trustee of the Charity) was appointed a director/trustee of Renew Doncaster Limited in Nov 2019.

Section 10.3 of the Charity's constitution is the legal authority for the above transactions.