

# Authentic City Church (formerly Bethshan International Church)



**Authentic**  
**City Church**

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*Committed to "Making disciples of all nations" (Matt 28:19-20)*

## **Annual Report and Accounts For the 12 months ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

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## **OBJECTIVES, GOVERNANCE AND MEMBERSHIP**

The principle activities throughout the period under review were

- To advance the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the benefit of the public in accordance with the Statement of Fundamental Truths of the Assemblies of God in Great Britain and Ireland as approved by the General Council from time to time (the Statement);
- To advance the Christian faith in the United Kingdom for the benefit of the public through the holding of prayer meetings, lectures, broadcasting, public celebration of religious festivals, producing and/or distributing literature and any other activity on Christian faith to enlighten others about the grace of God in Jesus Christ.

Membership of the Church is open to all who have exhibited saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and desire to worship God in the context of the Statement. The Church's governing document is a trust deed dated 30<sup>th</sup> March 1994 as amended by a supplementary deed dated 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2001.

The correspondence address is Crowcroft Road, Longsight, Manchester M12 4QD and its bankers are Clydesdale Bank plc (Virgin Money), 34 Princess Street, Stockport, SK1 1RE.

## **CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS & TRUSTEES SERVING DURING THE PERIOD**

The Holding Trustees hold the land and buildings on behalf of the Church. The management of the church is vested in the church council members (Minister & Elders unlimited, Deacons 2 year term).

**Rev Dereck Chunda**, *Chair of Trustees/Council and Pastor* (appointed 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018)

**Pastor John Edward Partington**, *Trustee* (appointed 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 2015, resigned 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020)

**Philip Banda**, *Trustee* (appointed 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019)

**John Mccann**, *Trustee* (appointed 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019)

**Jeanette Adolcia Brown**, *Trustee* (appointed 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019)

**Langa Ndovie**, *Trustee* (appointed 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020)

**Frank Valantini**, *Trustee* (appointed 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020)

**Grace Mwanza**, *Trustee* (appointed 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020)

On 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022 **Grace Mwanza, Langa Ndovie and Rev Dereck Chunda** were appointed as holding trustees of the freehold property, and the former holding trustees resigned (**Mrs Norma Underhill, Mr Robert Wardlaw, Dr Kolawole Saka and Miss Josephine McLachlan**).

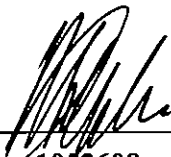
## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The financial results are set out in the enclosed accounts on pages 5 to 8. The Church invests in low risk savings accounts and cannot invest in stocks and shares. The Church aims to keep sufficient funds in hand to guarantee the continuation of its activities for the next 6 months.

## **STATEMENT REGARDING THE ACCOUNTS**

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

Signed on behalf of the Church Board and Trustees by Francis Maina



Dated: 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023

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## **Report of the Trustees and Activities Review**

The Covid 19 pandemic has continued to negatively affect the church. People are afraid to come out and mix with people in the places of worship. Rapid changes to the rules as the government sought to contain the spread of the virus caused by various Covid variants created uncertainty, thus, making long term planning difficult.

Online meetings through Facebook, YouTube and Zoom continued to offer an alternative however most member have grown tired with online alternatives. This has just resulted in overall decline in church patronage

We continued the multiple services in different languages were introduced on Sundays both in Longsight and Leeds locations to help maintain social distances due to Covid as a way of trying to minimise the downward trend.

We managed to hold the Grace Conference 2021, during Easter, a time when the whole world remembers the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus brought in a new experience as the whole event was online live streamed on Facebook and YouTube.

The planned merging of the two charities was still on hold. The trustees are continuing to monitor the trend and will decide at a later date. The same trustees are now responsible for both charities.

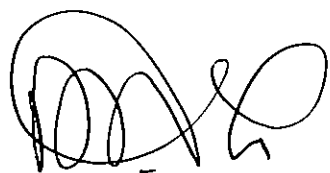
Due to proximity to Longsight and in order to raise some additional income for the church, it was decided to rent the Gorton building to another church. The Gorton building was sold in early 2023 to raise additional funds for the work now centred at Crowcroft Road.

A claim has been lodged with National Rail (which is currently ongoing) regarding a knotweed issue at Crowcroft Road which is preventing improvements to the premises.

The issue of the outstanding rental for the carpark is still outstanding. However, the council continues to invoice us at the increased rental to date. Attempts to engage with the Manchester City Council continue but there have been no formal conclusion on the matter. Fuller details are shown in note 11 to the accounts.

The church continued its life changers program, a community outreach initiative that offers food bank around Longsight area throughout the year. The church gives basic food parcels to anyone who is on income support and is desperate in the community.

We are thankful to God and to all our supporters during these difficult times.



Dated: 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Rev Dereck Chunda  
Chair of the Trustees

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## Independent Examiners Report on the Accounts

To the Trustees/Members of Authentic City Church, Registered Charity 1052608, on the accounts for the 12 months ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022, set out on pages 5 to 8.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (as per Act Accounts and Audit Order 2015 SI 2015 No.321) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Act);
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145 (5) (b) of the Act; and
- State whether any particular matters have come to my attention

### Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### Independent examiner's statement

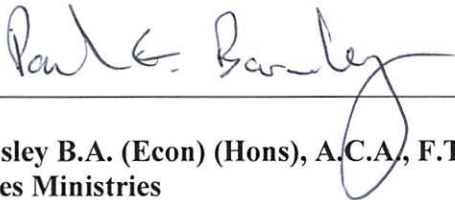
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act, and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act and the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by Charities Financial Reporting Standard FRS102

have not been met: or

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

Signed



Date: 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023

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	Notes	12 months Unrestricted Funds	12 months Restricted Funds	12 months Total 2022	12 months Total 2021
<b>Statement of Financial Activities</b>					
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	68,489.67	0.00	68,489.67	69,858.95
Investment Income	3	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.32
<b>Total</b>		<b>68,489.67</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>68,489.67</b>	<b>69,860.27</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
Cost of Raising Funds	4	0.00	0.00	0.00	(1,177.76)
Costs of Charitable Activities	5	(67,004.87)	0.00	(67,004.87)	(73,461.23)
<b>Total</b>		<b>(67,004.87)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(67,004.87)</b>	<b>(74,638.99)</b>
<b>NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME</b>		<b>1,484.80</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,484.80</b>	<b>(4,778.72)</b>
Total Funds brought forward		234,374.66	0.00	234,374.66	239,153.38
Transfers between funds		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>235,859.46</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>235,859.46</b>	<b>234,374.66</b>

## Balance Sheet

<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible Assets	8	232,853.16	0.00	232,853.16	224,857.41
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	9	1,637.68	0.00	1,637.68	704.10
Bank		3,720.89	0.00	3,720.89	12,261.74
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>5,358.57</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5,358.57</b>	<b>12,965.84</b>
<b>Creditors : Amounts falling due within 1 Year</b>	10	<b>(2,352.27)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(2,352.27)</b>	<b>(3,448.59)</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>3,006.30</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,006.30</b>	<b>9,517.25</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>235,859.46</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>235,859.46</b>	<b>234,374.66</b>
<b>REPRESENTED BY</b>					
Unrestricted Funds		235,859.46	0.00	235,859.46	234,374.66
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<b>235,859.46</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>235,859.46</b>	<b>234,374.66</b>

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Date : 7th May 2023

Francis Maina

Dereck Chunda

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## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### a. Accounting Basis and Standards

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the notes. They have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard FRS102 and with the Charities Act 2011.

### b. Voluntary Income

Voluntary Income is recorded in full when received.

### c. Gift Aid

Gift Aid reclaimable on donations received is recognised as due to the charity when the original donation is made.

### d. Resources expended

Resources expended are recognised in the accounts as soon as there is a legal obligation.

### e. Depreciation

Depreciation on Fixed Assets is provided on the straight line basis at a rate estimated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset over its expected useful life at the following rates per annum

Computer & PA equipment 20%

Fixtures, fittings and equipment 10%

No depreciation has been provided on the freehold land and buildings as the Trustees consider that the market value is substantially greater than cost.

Notes	12 months Unrestricted Funds	12 months Restricted Funds	12 months Total 2022	12 months Total 2021
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## 2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

### Voluntary Income

Freewill offerings	0.00	0.00	0.00	182.00
Funds from former Grace City church	68,489.67	0.00	68,489.67	66,151.78
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,010.17
	68,489.67	0.00	68,489.67	69,343.95

### Other Income

Bookshop sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	515.00
<b>Total Donations and legacies</b>	<b>68,489.67</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>68,489.67</b>	<b>69,858.95</b>

## 3. INVESTMENT INCOME

Bank Interest receivable	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.32
<b>Total Investment Income</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1.32</b>

## 4. COST OF RAISING FUNDS

Bookshop Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	804.88
Kitchen expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	372.88
<b>Total Cost of Raising Funds</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,177.76</b>

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<b>5. COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>					
Staff costs and emoluments	6	37,435.40	0.00	37,435.40	42,078.26
General expenses		523.40	0.00	523.40	920.04
Gas, water and electricity		9,246.13	0.00	9,246.13	13,464.31
Maintenance, cleaning repairs and renewals		2,017.99	0.00	2,017.99	2,643.78
Car park rental		6,750.00	0.00	6,750.00	3,600.00
Insurance		3,635.65	0.00	3,635.65	3,557.18
Telephone		258.68	0.00	258.68	1,144.45
Donations		0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
AOG Subscriptions		1,980.00	0.00	1,980.00	1,980.00
Criminal record checks		276.20	0.00	276.20	171.00
Accountancy		675.00	0.00	675.00	843.41
Depreciation - fixtures		400.23	0.00	400.23	161.53
Depreciation - computers		3,806.19	0.00	3,806.19	2,397.27
<b>Total Costs of Charitable Activities</b>		<b>67,004.87</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>67,004.87</b>	<b>73,461.23</b>

## 6. STAFF COSTS AND EMOLUMENTS

Stipends, salaries, pensions and NIC	37,435.40	0.00	37,435.40	39,878.26
Visiting ministry fees and accomodation	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,200.00
<b>Total Staff costs and emoluments</b>	<b>37,435.40</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>37,435.40</b>	<b>42,078.26</b>

## 7. TRUSTEES RENUMERATION AND EXPENSES

Remuneration (including Employer pension/NHI) and expenses were paid as shown below to trustees for services as m

Pastor J Partington	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,200.00
Pastor D Chunda	23,963.16	0.00	23,963.16	26,819.76
<b>Total Trustees Remuneration and expenses</b>	<b>23,963.16</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>23,963.16</b>	<b>29,019.76</b>

## 8. TANGIBLE ASSETS

	Freehold Land and Buildings	Furniture Fixtures & Equipment	Electronic Equipment	Total
Opening Cost	218,133.00	130,217.58	19,704.83	368,055.41
Additions	2,662.00	2,604.17	6,936.00	12,202.17
Closing Cost	<b>220,795.00</b>	<b>132,821.75</b>	<b>26,640.83</b>	<b>380,257.58</b>
Opening Depreciation	3,495.00	129,486.38	10,216.62	143,198.00
Charge for the period	0.00	400.23	3,806.19	4,206.42
Closing Cost	<b>3,495.00</b>	<b>129,886.61</b>	<b>14,022.81</b>	<b>147,404.42</b>
<b>Net Book Value</b>				
As at 31st March 2021	214,638.00	731.20	9,488.21	224,857.41
As at 31st March 2022	<b>217,300.00</b>	<b>2,935.14</b>	<b>12,618.02</b>	<b>232,853.16</b>



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<b>9. DEBTORS</b>					
Prepayments		1,637.68	0.00	1,637.68	704.10
<b>Total Debtors</b>		<u>1,637.68</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,637.68</u>	<u>704.10</u>
<b>10. CREDITORS : AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN 1 YEAR</b>					
Accruals		2,165.29	0.00	2,165.29	2,971.27
Pension Fund deductions		0.00	0.00	0.00	140.00
Taxation and Social Security		186.98	0.00	186.98	337.32
<b>Total Creditors : Amounts falling due within 1 Year</b>		<u>2,352.27</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,352.27</u>	<u>3,448.59</u>

## 11. Contingent Liability

In June 2021 the church received an invoice from Manchester City Council for rental on the car park adjacent to the Crowcroft Road premises claiming additional monies from April 2016 of over twenty one thousand pounds, but despite attempts to engage with them we have currently been unable to come to an agreement on the amount due/repayment schedule. During this period all rental invoices from the City Council were paid and from June 2021 the church has paid the increased rental when it was notified. Pending resolution of this situation, no reserve for these extra charges has been made in the accounts.