

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024



Ark Church Nottingham

Registered Charity Number 1052625

88 Strelley Road, Nottingham, NG8 3AQ

SECTION A: REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity:

Mark Wheatley

Ellen Daft

Sarah Wheatley

Kate Simpson

Names of the holding trustees who hold the deeds for the building:

The Charity Commission has been appointed as Official Custodian to hold the deeds of the property. We are in the process of updating the Land Registry to reflect this. Land Registry still shows the following as holding trustees:

Mark Smedley

Eunice Blyth

Ellen Daft

Salary Committee Members:

Kate Simpson

Joan Arogbo

Paul Blyth

Joan Rix

Ellen Daft

Designated Safeguarding Officer: Paul Blyth

Assistant Safeguarding Officer: Mark Wheatley

SECTION B: STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Type of governing document: Model Trust Deed

How the charity is constituted: Assemblies of God Model Trust adopted in Oct 2006

Trustee selection methods: Appointed by minister, approved by church council

SECTION C: OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of the charity as set out in its governing document are:

1. To advance the Christian Faith
2. To relieve sickness and financial hardship
3. To advance education

Summary of the main activities of the church in relation to these objects:

1. The church holds Christian worship services providing teaching and spiritual encouragement.
2. The church supports a number of missionaries, projects and other worthy causes both in this country and overseas as well as looking for opportunities

to express Christian love through practical support in our immediate community and beyond.

3. A team of children workers provide activities and opportunities for spiritual encouragement and education and growth for young people throughout the year.
4. The church runs regular table top sales to raise funds and reach out to the community. Reasonably priced food is provided at these events.
5. Monthly drop-in sessions are run for those who feel isolated and would like some friendship.

SECTION D: ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

We have a warm and welcoming church family that many local people access. Although numbers on Sunday can be variable we have seen some new people attending & returning in the past months.

We feel that in an era of larger churches attracting people away from local areas, those churches in poorer deprived communities and on outer urban satellite estates are vital in to the local community.

The Church Table Top Sales have attracted increasing numbers and have proved to be an excellent way to connect with the local community and provide support and friendship to those who need it.

The Afternoon In sessions that we started last year have proved popular and we arranged an outing to Trowell Garden Centre with a cream tea in addition to the monthly sessions. We are trying to reach the wider community through these sessions and hope that numbers will increase through 2025.

Our children's club xPlore! continues to reach out to children in the community – providing fun and educational sessions, providing youngsters with faith based and educational activities as well organising trips and fund-raisers.

In 2024, following a detailed report and quotes from a building firm, we reviewed our building project. Due to huge costs to extend, and a reduction in the need for additional space now that we don't have a nursery, we made the decision to focus on refurbishing and updating the current facilities. Our plan is to make the building more modern and update the facilities. We had the flat roofs replaced in Dec 2024 and in 2025 hope to get the toilets and kitchen refurbished as well as replace some windows. We continue to fundraise for this project as we don't yet have all the funding we need to do the work we would like to do.

Our people continue to give, but streams of grant funding have been harder to find recently.

The Church WhatsApp group has again continued to be a useful means for many to keep in touch and share news and information with new people joining the group.

Our minister Mark has also continued to be the local police chaplain and is involved with the local police station on a regular basis and he is also a part of the wider chaplaincy team for Nottinghamshire police.

Mark is also involved in helping many families with bereavement including helping families with funerals. We held a Memorial Sunday in September for bereaved families which was really well attended & new people & families came along for the first time.

SECTION E: FINANCIAL REVIEW

Our church members have continued to be very faithful in their giving, and we are thinking about ideas of new projects & opportunities for the coming year for income for possible projects and income streams. Offerings do not currently cover the running costs of the church.

The church has a Reserves Policy in line with advice from the Charity Commission. Wherever possible the church will aspire to maintain reserves of at least 3 months' running costs based on the previous year's expenditure. This is currently set at £20k for in reserves in total. All of the reserves are met by the church's funds.

DECLARATION:

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

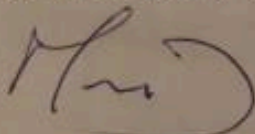
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Full name:

Mark Wheatley

Position:

Minister



28th Jan 25

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TOTAL EXPENDITURE

NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS

BASE BALANCE FWD 1 JAN 2024

BASE BALANCE FWD 31 DEC 2024

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

			2024	2023
RECEIPTS	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
Offerings	6,202	689	6,891	6,024
Gift Aid	14,008	1,556	15,565	16,935
Tax Refunds	3,877	431	4,308	4,840
Bank Interest	1,367	152	1,519	30
Room Hire	828	92	920	300
Sundry Income	2,427	270	2,696	525
Miscellaneous Set aside and Restricted		241	241	5,982
xPlore income		1,535	1,535	301
Building Project (Restricted)		6,988	6,988	5,229
Ark Angels Nursery				17,968
TOTAL RECEIPTS	28,709	11,954	40,663	58,134

			2024	2023
PAYMENTS	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
Ministry Costs and Pension	-25794	0	-25794	-24813
Missionary Benevolent Fund		-2920	-2920	-3291
NI and Tax	-3575	0	-3575	-4437
Utilities	-1769	0	-1769	-5138
Repairs and Replacements	0	0	0	-294
Insurance and Business Costs	-3769	0	-3769	-3646
Other restricted - xPlore!, Grants, xmas meal		-4370	-4370	-4238
Misc and Kitchen Supplies	-77	0	-77	-636
Building Project Costs		-12266	-12266	0
Ark Angels Nursery				-19934
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	-34984	-19556	-54540	-66427

NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS	-6,275	-7,602	-13,878	-8,293
BANK BALS B/FWD 1 JAN 2024	84,877	83,901	168,778	177,071
BANK BALS C/FWD 31 DEC 2024	78,601	76,299	154,900	168,778

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2024	2023
PROPERTY TRUST	2,806	0	2,806	2,773
CURRENT ACCOUNT 50849901	12,609	0	12,609	165,995
CURRENT ACCOUNT 50458031	0	0	0	10
SAVINGS ACCOUNT 80449687	63,186	76,299	139,485	0
DEBTORS	0	0		
TOTAL ASSETS	78,601	76,299	154,900	168,778
DEBTORS				
TOTAL LIABILITIES				
NET ASSETS	78,601	76,299	154,900	168,778

The Ark Church Nottingham own the freehold of the land and the building from which they operate.

Signed as a true record and approved:

Treasurer:

Chair:

Date:

S. Wheatley
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 28/2/25

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Note 1

Grant funding breakdown	Original Grant	Amount Spent	Grant Held
All ChurchesTrust grant towards extension	2,000	0	2,000
All ChurchesTrust grant towards extension	25,000	0	25,000
Asda Community Grant	12,000	12,000	0
WM Lymns	1,000	0	1,000
Community Lottery Fund - Afternoon In	2,547	2,299	248
	42,547	14,299	28,248

Note 2

Funds Analysis	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfer between Funds	Closing Balance
Unrestricted Funds - Church	64,877	28,709	-34,984		58,601
Designated Funds - Reserves	20,000				20,000
	84,877	28,709	-34,984	0	78,601
Restricted Funds:					
Mission Benevolent	5,913	3,190	-2,920		6,183
xPlore!	600	1,535	-2,135		0
Building Fund	75,146	6,988	-12,266		69,868
Christmas Meal	0	226	-226		0
Grant - Afternoon In	2,242	15	-2,009		248
	83,901	11,954	-19,556	0	76,299
Total Funds	168,778	40,663	-54,540	0	154,900

Note 3

Breakdown of end of year unrestricted funds 31 December 2024

Total Cash Assets	78,601
Set aside for Church Reserves	20,000 Six month's running costs
Unrestricted Assets	58,601

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Breakdown of costs

Utilities	
Gas	£644.21
Electricity	£790.05
Water	£334.42
TOTAL	£1,768.68

Insurance and Business	
DCAS Annual Accounts	£430.00
Fire extinguishers service	£51.84
Alan Silver tax adviser	£325.00
Aston Lark Insurance	£1,260.50
Ministers Aog subs - paid to mw	£50.00
Trust Electrics	£216.00
Easy Worship	£143.95
CCLI Copyright Licence	£395.72
31:8 Child Protection	£202.24
Boiler Service	£130.00
Train ticket for Conference MW	£28.89
Payroll Software	£103.20
Wifi and Phone	£432.00
TOTAL	£3,769.34

Misc and Kitchen supplies	
Carpet shampoo	-£18.55
Hot Cross Buns	-£5.94
Light bulbs	-£4.00
Mic headset	-£6.83
Banquet roll	-£22.99
Wc roll and wipes	-£18.67
TOTAL	-£76.98

Other restricted costs	
Xmas Meal	£225.82
Afternoon In	£2,009.20
xPlore! Payments/ Transfers	£2,135.20
TOTAL	£4,370.22

Mission Benevolent Expenditure	
AOG	£966.00
Evangelical Alliance	£100.00
St Martha's Food bank xmas Parcels	£200.00
Rachel Wilson	£1,100.00
Stefan Pap	£500.00
Mothers and Fathers Day	£53.99
Mince pies and xmas prizes	£29.83
TOTAL	£2,949.82

Breakdown of Income

Sundry Income	
Gas & Electric Refunds	£1,956.49
Insurance - repayment of overpayment	£69.91
Gift from funeral director	£70.00
Afternoon In - transfer for Minister's time	£600.00
TOTAL	£2,696.40

Building Fund	
Individual Gifts	£4,480.00
Table Top Sales	£2,507.66
TOTAL	£6,987.66

Restricted Income	
Christmas Meal Payments	£225.97
TOTAL	£225.97

Room Hire	
Afternoon In - transfer for room hire	£720.00
Funeral Hire	£200.00
TOTAL	£920.00

xPlore! Income	
Subs and tuck paid into Just Giving	£535.20
Gift from Haslams	£1,000.00
TOTAL	£1,535.20

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