

Luton Pentecostal Church Trustees Annual Report for 2020 AR

The following report is to the Charity Commissioners and seeks to inform the commission of the status and activities of Luton Pentecostal Church, Registered Charity number: 1054318

Luton Pentecostal Church has continued to abide by the Constitution/Management Document aligned for the purpose of the model deed of Assemblies of God Inc. There have been no serious incidents that need reporting during the year.

The church continued to serve its members, and the community, by upholding the Holy Scriptures through regular meetings and events which are open to members and the general public during the first part of the year but was curtailed in many of its usual roles due to the Lockdown measures imposed by government. The students in the school were supported throughout by staff either online/telephone or contactless delivery of work to the home. The pastor has been able to offer support to those suffering from Covid 19 and sought to promote testing and vaccination in the community.

Luton Pentecostal Church has accepted an offer for their building at 15 Church St and has agreed a two-year transition period until completion. The Church intends to find new premises which have more outdoor space for parking and for playground/activity space. We are pleased to have this time frame, as Coronavirus measures have hampered the search for suitable premises.

Luton Pentecostal Church welcomes all people who desire to find faith in God or to grow in their relationship with Him, within the church. We believe that a personal relationship with Jesus is the only way to heaven. There is much comfort to be brought to the community from the Scriptures, particularly at times of bereavement, unemployment or personal stress. The church sees its role as demonstrating the love of God to all people, regardless of age; gender, race, religion, disability, sexuality or other social status. We believe that we have a mandate to serve the multi-faceted problems that a diverse culture, like the one that Luton encounters. The church has various departments that address various aspects of community life.

The Church and Academy continue to maintain their goals and ensure that they are both compliant with all safeguarding legislation. All church staff recently completed a KCSIE review.

Our youth programme, Reach the Streetz, has been unable to meet during 2020, due to the pandemic restrictions as it has been unable to hire the usual venue in the local community where it operates to encourage children aged 5-14 years away from the prevailing gang culture in the Hart Lane area of Luton. While using this venue, we provided a safe environment for children to develop healthy friendships without negative peer pressure at the same time as learning social values through play and discussion. We hold discussions on many issues that these children face e.g. bullying, peer pressure; bereavement to name a few. We are looking to resume these activities as soon as restrictions are lifted. Social groups exist for adults to socialise in their respective gender groups or together and particularly engage in sports activities and discussions ranging from cars to politics and current affairs. The pastor offers marriage and relationship counselling or help with mediation in family disputes. All these activities are open to members or non-members and are accessible to the general public.

We uphold and promote British values through our education programme and general performance and are committed to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. The structure, governance & management remain unaltered, and the Church and departments look to build up reserves to benefit the public.

Signed by C A. Oakey on behalf of trustees, with the approval of this report from the trustees.

Reconciliation - Movement of funds on Barclay's Bank for 12 Months ended 31 December 2020

	2020	2019
Opening balance as at 01 January	4,197.69	4,162.09
Income		
Tithes & Offerings - Transfers	34,608.15	20,303.08
Tithes & Offerings - Cash	7,787.03	15,807.05
Gift Aid - AOG	12,681.79	1,718.53
Contribution from Trueman's (Building sale)	-	48,874.00
Contribution from school	-	2,500.00
Other	-	395.00
Total income	55,076.97	89,597.66
Expenditure		
AOG Head office	480.00	480.00
Computer expenses	97.20	171.17
Telephone and broadband	588.66	649.52
Office expenses	4,769.82	8,744.10
Motor expenses	674.94	269.55
Insurance	5,977.71	5,174.80
Salaries	42,885.17	34,462.98
Repairs and maintenance	-	521.59
Estate expenses (Building sale)	-	15,955.10
Repayment to LPCCA (Advance from school)	-	15,000.00
Repayment on C. Oakey (Loan to LPC)	-	7,000.00
Bank charges	-	635.07
Donations	-	23.18
Conferences	-	171.00
Sundry	615.76	304.00
Total expenditure	56,089.26	89,562.06
Net movement	- 1,012.29	35.60
Closing balance as at 31 December	3,185.40	4,197.69

Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2020.

Respective responsibilities of the trustee and examiner

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act") and consider that the audit requirement of section 144 (1) does not apply.

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act. The Trust does not meet to the requirements for an audit.

Basis of the Independent Examiner's Report

The report is in respect of the examination carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in accordance with the directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity Trustees and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes a review of the accounts and making such enquiries as are necessary for the purpose of this report. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required by an audit, and consequently, I do not express an opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statements

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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



Samantha Bovell, ACCA

Date: 30th September 2021