

**WICKFORD CHRISTIAN CENTRE
CROUCH DRIVE
WICKFORD
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Registered Charity: 1054350

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT
AND
INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023**

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ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND REPORTS
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08 July 2023

REPORT OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL (CHARITY TRUSTEES) AND HOLDING TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2023

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS AND HOLDING TRUSTEES

The members of the Church Council and Holding Trustees during the year were as follows: -

Church Council (Charity Trustees)

Alan Richard Bliss
Danisa Moyo
Malcolm William Read (Chair/Secretary)
Derek Sainsbury
Peter John Smith (Treasurer)
Jonathan Richard Ward

Holding Trustees

William Arthur Harbottle
Roger Victor Hudson
John Frank Longhurst
Malcolm William Read

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Wickford Christian Centre is registered with the Charity Commission (Registration number 1054350) and is constituted by a Constitution adopted on 30 May 2006.

A board of trustees (The Church Council) manage the charity and report to the full membership of the Church. Governance is by majority voting on all issues.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees, from amongst the membership of Wickford Christian Centre, is the responsibility of the Church Council and members are considered carefully to ensure that they are suitable for the position, prior to appointment.

New trustees are given training as considered appropriate. All serving trustees are encouraged to attend training courses as appropriate to their ongoing needs.

Wickford Christian Centre, in fellowship with Assemblies of God and a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The object of the charity is to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Faith of Assemblies of God. As such, the principal activity throughout the year under review was that of the advancement of the Christian faith.

When planning and carrying out our activities for the year, the trustees have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and have had due regard for such guidance.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Wickford Christian Centre seeks to be a church that is warm and welcoming to all. Sunday morning services are well attended by a diverse congregation. These services are live-streamed in part, for the benefit of those who are unable to attend the church in person and for anyone who wishes to hear the Christian message and join in Christian worship. This has included people in various parts of the UK and some from overseas.

The church meets at other times for prayer and Bible Study both in person at the church and remotely via "Zoom". On a monthly basis, a Lunch is provided after the Sunday Service, primarily for those who live on their own although all are welcome. Also, Care Groups are hosted in peoples' homes to provide encouragement, fellowship, and support.

Children's and Youth work continued during the year with a weekly children's programme during term time, in both Wickford and Craylands, Basildon. The Youth Club meets at the church fortnightly and a Sunday School is also provided during our Sunday Services. All these works report encouraging times with those attending.

During term time, a thriving Parents and Toddlers group is held in the church on Tuesday mornings. Other activities include a crafting group, schools visits (in conjunction with other churches in the town), and a weekly outreach in Wickford High Street, where members of the public have asked for prayer.

The church administers a Care in the Community Fund for those in need and we are also pleased to actively work with other churches in the town to operate a Foodbank to similarly provide help and support for those struggling. This truly has a positive impact in the community in challenging times. This has also given us the opportunity to invite people to "Re-Connect" - providing a meal, twice a month, on a Sunday afternoon and to share the good news of Jesus Christ in a relevant but less formal way.

Overseas, Christian missions have also been supported in India, Kenya and the Democratic Republic of the Congo – all donations are made via UK registered charities.

The trustees wish to record their thanks to all who contribute to the work of the charity in any way and to God himself for his enabling and continued blessings.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The financial results are set out in the enclosed accounts.

The trustees consider that the charity has sufficient funds to continue its activities and objectives and confirm that there are no outstanding liabilities. The trustees further consider that income and expenditure are at a level to keep the charity financially viable. The charity does not currently have a reserves policy.

STATEMENT

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 COUNCIL AND HOLDING TRUSTEES.



Malcolm W. Read
Chair of Church Council



Church Accounts for year ending 5th April 2023

We, the undersigned, being the Church Council (Charity Trustees) of Wickford Christian Centre, hereby approve the Church Accounts of the said Wickford Christian Centre for the year ending 5th April 2023, which have been submitted to Alex Peter Day of A P Day Accountants, Purfleet on Thames, Essex for Independent Examination.

Signed:  Date: 8th July 2023

A R Bliss (Minister/Member of Church Council)

Signed:  Date: 08 July 2023

D Moyo (Member of Church Council)

Signed:  Date: 08 July 2023

M W Read (Church Secretary/Chair of Church Council)

Signed:  Date: 08 July 2023.

D Sainsbury (Member of Church Council)

Signed:  Date: 8th July 2023

P J Smith (Church Treasurer/Member of Church Council)

Signed:  Date: 8th July 2023

J R Ward (Member of Church Council)

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Wickford Christian Centre

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2023 which are set out on pages 6 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 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.

Signed:



Alex Peter Day ACA MAAT

A P Day Accountants

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Date: 9 July 2023

Wickford Christian Centre
Receipts and payments - combined funds
Selected period: 06 April 2022 to 05 April 2023

Note	From	06 April 2022	06 April 2021
	To	05 April 2023	05 April 2022
		£	£
Receipts			
Donations, Legacies and similar incoming resources			
Audio/Visual		750.00	—
CAM - Lighthouse Project		46.44	—
Gift Aid - General		54,845.35	50,765.99
Miscellaneous		236.00	250.00
Tax Refund - General		12,470.78	11,943.04
Tithes & Offerings		30,922.83	56,000.46
Transport gifts and offerings		2,500.00	—
	<i>Total: Donations, Legacies and similar incoming resources</i>	<i>101,771.40</i>	<i>118,959.49</i>
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects			
Busy Bees		79.00	77.00
Donations for Needy		10,200.00	5,350.00
Parents & Toddlers		902.02	81.50
Ruiru Feeding Programme		300.00	425.00
Sparks		594.35	119.00
Sunday Singles Lunch		1,755.00	80.00
Youth Group		255.00	28.50
	<i>Total: Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects</i>	<i>14,085.37</i>	<i>6,161.00</i>
Investment income			
Interest		261.03	10.89
	<i>Total: Investment income</i>	<i>261.03</i>	<i>10.89</i>
Other incoming resources			
Crisis Appeals		—	2,280.00
	<i>Total: Other incoming resources</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>2,280.00</i>
Total receipts		116,117.80	127,411.38
Payments			
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects			
AOG IMPACT		—	2,280.00
AlphaBeta		—	20.00
Busy Bees		2.00	8.35
C Seymour - Other		940.00	1,440.00
CAM - C Seymour		2,521.83	3,000.00
CAM - Lighthouse		46.44	—
CAM Personal Needs		500.00	1,200.00
CCPAS		153.40	226.65
Care in Community Exp - Donor		1,318.39	235.78
Childrens Resource		—	76.00
Christian Solidarity Worldwide		600.00	600.00
Church Functions		251.50	—
Craylands Dynamites		1,077.37	91.71
Craylands Expenditure		62.22	—
Evangelism - Other		125.61	136.85
India Support		288.00	144.00
Magazines & Books		—	120.00
Miscellaneous Expenses		127.50	15.00
Miscellaneous Gifts		425.80	245.00
New Life Homes		680.00	360.00
Parents & Toddlers		438.20	74.82
Pastoral Care Expenses		363.65	239.00
Reconnect		60.56	—
Ruiru Feeding Program		300.00	425.00
Sparks		387.23	368.44
Sunday School		130.32	74.59
Sunday Singles Lunch		539.63	91.23
Teen Challenge		300.00	—
Video/Live Streaming Equipment		3,275.97	2,000.26
Web-site		71.98	302.40
Young at Heart		50.00	101.54
Youth Activities		—	4.66
Youth Connections		6.50	20.45
Youth Group		281.09	12.50
	<i>Total: Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects</i>	<i>15,325.19</i>	<i>13,914.23</i>

Support costs		
Administration Costs	33.00	—
Advertising	58.61	—
Audio & Video Media	5.99	—
Building Insurance	2,519.22	2,413.23
Bungalow - Running Costs	2,341.22	1,668.15
COVID 19 Costs	—	41.63
Gardening	631.00	756.00
Hospitality	331.07	17.80
Internet Costs	317.37	311.78
Kitchen Items	802.04	608.58
Minibus Expenses	296.70	209.20
Music/PA Equipment	3,033.22	270.00
Postage	24.75	14.13
Stationery	753.05	224.05
Subscriptions	3,578.32	2,150.82
Telephone	281.52	297.39
Visiting Ministry	1,398.89	150.00
Worship Group	727.55	636.38
Total: Support costs	17,133.52	9,769.14
Expenditure on managing-administering the charity		
AOG Regional Day Expenses	45.00	—
Administrator	4,575.00	4,425.00
Building Maintenance	3,137.97	9,531.71
Bungalow - Maintenance Costs	—	3,475.21
Cleaning Hours	1,314.30	1,100.50
Cleaning/Toilet Materials	77.37	32.81
Conference Expenses	1,212.85	129.00
Electricity	917.72	697.15
Equipment Repairs	14.95	—
Gas Bill	2,026.10	1,343.68
Log Cabin & Shed Expenses	433.19	743.00
Mileage Claim	41.40	—
Ministerial - Childrens Pastor	3,000.00	—
Ministerial - Pastoral Assistant	14,220.00	13,740.00
Ministerial - Senior Minister	30,000.00	30,000.00
New Equipment	2,256.13	649.00
Pension Contribution - Pastoral Assistan	(319.20)	(300.00)
Pension Contribution - WCC	659.55	517.65
Professional Fees	559.95	563.94
Stewardship Costs	677.70	695.40
Training Expenses - MIT	1,840.00	1,467.45
Water Rates	76.84	72.30
Total: Expenditure on managing-administering the charity	66,766.82	68,883.80
Total payments	99,225.53	92,567.17
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Reconciliation of opening and closing bank balances	£	£
Opening Bank Balance - 6 April	118,721.00	83,876.79
Total Receipts	116,117.80	127,411.38
Total Payments	99,225.53	92,567.17
Closing Bank Balance - 5 April	135,613.27	118,721.00

Wickford Christian Centre
Analysis of receipts and payments
Selected period: 06 April 2022 to 05 April 2023

	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Endowment £	This year £	Total Last year £
Incoming resources						
<i>Donations, Legacies and similar incoming resources</i>						
1101 - Tithes & Offerings	30,922.83	—	—	—	30,922.83	56,000.46
1102 - Gift Aid - General	54,845.35	—	—	—	54,845.35	50,765.99
1121 - Tax Refund - General	12,470.78	—	—	—	12,470.78	11,943.04
1141 - Audio/Visual	250.00	—	500.00	—	750.00	—
1281 - Transport gifts and offerings	—	2,500.00	—	—	2,500.00	—
1601 - CAM - Lighthouse Project	46.44	—	—	—	46.44	—
1801 - Miscellaneous	—	—	236.00	—	236.00	250.00
<i>Donations, Legacies and similar</i>	98,535.40	2,500.00	736.00	—	101,771.40	118,959.49
<i>Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects</i>						
1131 - Donations for Needy	—	—	10,200.00	—	10,200.00	5,350.00
1202 - Parents & Toddlers	902.02	—	—	—	902.02	81.50
1203 - Sparks	594.35	—	—	—	594.35	119.00
1207 - Busy Bees	79.00	—	—	—	79.00	77.00
1216 - Youth Group	255.00	—	—	—	255.00	28.50
1218 - Sunday Singles Lunch	155.00	—	1,600.00	—	1,755.00	80.00
1611 - Ruiru Feeding Programme	300.00	—	—	—	300.00	425.00
<i>Activities in furtherance of the</i>	2,285.37	—	11,800.00	—	14,085.37	6,161.00
<i>Investment income</i>						
1111 - Interest	261.03	—	—	—	261.03	10.89
<i>Investment income Totals</i>	261.03	—	—	—	261.03	10.89
<i>Other incoming resources</i>						
1621 - Crisis Appeals	—	—	—	—	—	2,280.00
<i>Other incoming resources Totals</i>	—	—	—	—	—	2,280.00
Incoming resources Grand	101,081.80	2,500.00	12,536.00	—	116,117.80	127,411.38

Resources used**Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects**

5104 - Parents & Toddlers	438.20	—	—	—	438.20	74.82
5107 - Busy Bees	2.00	—	—	—	2.00	8.35
5111 - Youth Activities	—	—	—	—	—	4.66
5114 - Craylands Dynamites	1,077.37	—	—	—	1,077.37	91.71
5116 - Youth Group	281.09	—	—	—	281.09	12.50
5117 - Youth Connections	6.50	—	—	—	6.50	20.45
5118 - Sparks	387.23	—	—	—	387.23	368.44
5121 - Sunday School	130.32	—	—	—	130.32	74.59
5122 - Childrens Resource	—	—	—	—	—	76.00
5132 - Young at Heart	50.00	—	—	—	50.00	101.54
5141 - AlphaBeta	—	—	—	—	—	20.00
5145 - Reconnect	60.56	—	—	—	60.56	—
5146 - Evangelism - Other	125.61	—	—	—	125.61	136.85
5152 - Sunday Singles Lunch	282.69	—	256.94	—	539.63	91.23
5161 - Craylands Expenditure	62.22	—	—	—	62.22	—
5201 - CAM - C Seymour	2,521.83	—	—	—	2,521.83	3,000.00
5204 - C Seymour - Other	940.00	—	—	—	940.00	1,440.00
5205 - CAM - Lighthouse	46.44	—	—	—	46.44	—
5208 - Ruiru Feeding Program	300.00	—	—	—	300.00	425.00
5209 - New Life Homes	680.00	—	—	—	680.00	360.00
5211 - India Support	288.00	—	—	—	288.00	144.00
5213 - AOG IMPACT	—	—	—	—	—	2,280.00
5214 - Teen Challenge	300.00	—	—	—	300.00	—
5217 - Christian Solidarity Worldwide	600.00	—	—	—	600.00	600.00
5218 - CAM Personal Needs	500.00	—	—	—	500.00	1,200.00
5221 - CCPAS	153.40	—	—	—	153.40	226.65
5231 - Care in Community Exp - Donor	—	—	1,318.39	—	1,318.39	235.78
5251 - Miscellaneous Expenses	127.50	—	—	—	127.50	15.00
5261 - Church Functions	251.50	—	—	—	251.50	—
5271 - Magazines & Books	—	—	—	—	—	120.00
5286 - Web-site	71.98	—	—	—	71.98	302.40
5294 - Video/Live Streaming Equipmen	3,275.97	—	—	—	3,275.97	2,000.26
5394 - Miscellaneous Gifts	198.65	—	227.15	—	425.80	245.00
5399 - Pastoral Care Expenses	363.65	—	—	—	363.65	239.00

Activities in furtherance of the**Support costs**

5281 - Postage	24.75	—	—	—	24.75	14.13
5282 - Telephone	281.52	—	—	—	281.52	297.39
5283 - Internet Costs	317.37	—	—	—	317.37	311.78
5291 - Music/PA Equipment	3,033.22	—	—	—	3,033.22	270.00
5292 - Audio & Video Media	5.99	—	—	—	5.99	—
5293 - Worship Group	727.55	—	—	—	727.55	636.38
5354 - Gardening	631.00	—	—	—	631.00	756.00
5371 - Stationery	753.05	—	—	—	753.05	224.05
5372 - Advertising	58.61	—	—	—	58.61	—
5391 - Kitchen Items	802.04	—	—	—	802.04	608.58
5395 - Hospitality	331.07	—	—	—	331.07	17.80
5402 - Minibus Expenses	209.20	—	87.50	—	296.70	209.20
5509 - Visiting Ministry	1,398.89	—	—	—	1,398.89	150.00
5518 - Administration Costs	33.00	—	—	—	33.00	—
5551 - COVID 19 Costs	—	—	—	—	—	41.63
5603 - Bungalow - Running Costs	2,341.22	—	—	—	2,341.22	1,668.15
5701 - Building Insurance	2,519.22	—	—	—	2,519.22	2,413.23
5802 - Subscriptions	3,578.32	—	—	—	3,578.32	2,150.82

Support costs Totals**Expenditure on managing-administering the charity**

5301 - Electricity	917.72	—	—	—	917.72	697.15
5302 - Water Rates	76.84	—	—	—	76.84	72.30
5303 - Gas Bill	2,026.10	—	—	—	2,026.10	1,343.68
5341 - Communion Cups	—	—	—	—	—	—
5351 - Cleaning Hours	1,314.30	—	—	—	1,314.30	1,100.50
5352 - Cleaning/Toilet Materials	77.37	—	—	—	77.37	32.81
5356 - Equipment Repairs	14.95	—	—	—	14.95	—
5361 - New Equipment	2,256.13	—	—	—	2,256.13	649.00
5362 - Building Maintenance	3,137.97	—	—	—	3,137.97	9,531.71
5501 - Ministerial - Senior Minister	30,000.00	—	—	—	30,000.00	30,000.00
5502 - Ministerial - Pastoral Assistant	14,220.00	—	—	—	14,220.00	13,740.00
5503 - Ministerial - Childrens Pastor	3,000.00	—	—	—	3,000.00	—
5506 - Pension Contribution - WCC	659.55	—	—	—	659.55	517.65
5508 - Stewardship Costs	677.70	—	—	—	677.70	695.40
5511 - Administrator	4,575.00	—	—	—	4,575.00	4,425.00

5512 - Pension Contribution - Pastoral -	319.20	—	—	— -	319.20 -	300.00
5516 - Mileage Claim	41.40	—	—	—	41.40	—
5604 - Bungalow - Maintenance Costs	—	—	—	—	—	3,475.21
5611 - Log Cabin & Shed Expenses	433.19	—	—	—	433.19	743.00
5801 - Conference Expenses	1,212.85	—	—	—	1,212.85	129.00
5803 - Professional Fees	559.95	—	—	—	559.95	563.94
5804 - Training Expenses - MIT	1,840.00	—	—	—	1,840.00	1,467.45
5806 - AOG Regional Day Expenses	45.00	—	—	—	45.00	—
<i>Expenditure on managing-</i>	66,766.82	—	—	—	66,766.82	68,883.80
Resources used Grand totals	97,335.55	—	1,889.98	—	99,225.53	92,567.17

Wickford Christian Centre
Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund)
As at: 05 April 2023

		Balance £	Previous Balance £
Tangible assets			
1301: Minibus - Fixed Asset - Asset			
Minibus Fund	Restricted	—	1,500.00
		—	1,500.00
1302: Church Building - Fixed Asset - Asset			
General fund	Unrestricted	500,000.00	500,000.00
		500,000.00	500,000.00
1303: Church Contents - Fixed Asset - Asset			
General fund	Unrestricted	49,000.00	49,000.00
		49,000.00	49,000.00
1351: Bungalow - Fixed Asset - Asset			
General fund	Unrestricted	325,000.00	325,000.00
		325,000.00	325,000.00
1352: Bungalow Contents - Fixed asset - Asset			
General fund	Unrestricted	5,500.00	5,500.00
		5,500.00	5,500.00
Tangible assets		879,500.00	881,000.00
Cash at bank and in hand			
1501: Barclays Current Account - Asset			
Audio/Visual Fund	Restricted	500.00	—
Sunday Lunch Club	Restricted	1,343.06	—
Alpha	Restricted	117.50	117.50
Building Fund	Restricted	93.76	93.76
Care in Community	Restricted	414.06	1,255.49
Care in Community -	Restricted	774.27	2,142.38
General fund	Unrestricted	2,049.67	1,434.45
Minibus Fund	Restricted	38.24	125.74
		5,330.56	5,169.32
1502: Kingdom Bank Deposit Account - Asset			
General fund	Unrestricted	22,318.29	22,293.24
		22,318.29	22,293.24
1510: Barclays Deposit Account - Asset			
Building Fund	Restricted	2,700.00	2,700.00
Care in Community	Restricted	9,285.46	8,885.46
Care in Community -	Designated	13,342.38	—
Care in Community -	Restricted	8,557.62	2,800.00
General fund	Unrestricted	59,372.94	64,666.96
Minibus Fund	Designated	2,500.00	—
Minibus Fund	Restricted	11,900.50	11,900.50
New Beginings	Designated	305.52	—
New Beginings	Restricted	—	305.52
Support		—	—
		107,964.42	91,258.44
Cash at bank and in hand		135,613.27	118,721.00
Grand Total		1,015,113.27	999,721.00

Fund Balances As at 5th April 2023

Fund Name	Unrestricted Balance £	Designated Balance £	Restricted Balance £	Total £
Alpha	-	-	117.50	117.50
Audio/Visual Fund	-	-	500.00	500.00
Building	-	-	2,793.76	2,793.76
Care in Community (Donor)	-	-	9,699.52	9,699.52
General Fund	83,740.90	-	-	83,740.90
Minibus	-	2,500.00	11,938.74	14,438.74
New Beginning Support	-	305.52	-	305.52
Sunday Lunch Club	-	-	1,343.06	1,343.06
WCC Care in Community	-	13,342.38	9,331.89	22,674.27
	83,740.90	16,147.90	35,724.47	135,613.27