

The Pentecostal Church, Canterbury

Charity Number 1054365

Annual Trustees Report

September 1st 2022 to August 31st 2023

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statement of the charity for the year ending 31st August 2023 and is prepared to meet the requirements for the Trustees report and accounts for submission to the Charities Commission.

The objects of the Charity are: -

- 1) The advancement of the Christian religion by the proclamation and furtherance of the Gospel of God concerning His son Jesus Christ the Lord. The preaching and teaching of the Word of God by the Church in accordance with the Doctrines and Articles of Belief of the Assemblies of God in Great Britain and Ireland as approved by the General Council from time to time.
- 2) The furtherance of other charitable work of the Church consistent with the above Doctrines and Articles.
- 3) The furtherance of the work of the Assemblies of God in Great Britain and Ireland, the promotion of the spiritual teaching and maintenance of the Doctrines and Articles.
- 4) Such other charitable purposes as shall further the attainment of the above objects of the church or any of them.

The names of the trustees are as follows: -

Dr Aaron Berko Dr Anthony Onuchukwu

Shadreck Chikomba Joanna Addison

Activities

The church maintained its work of ministry during the year under review with its regular weekly public Sunday worship services taking place at the Woolf Lecture Theatre, University of Kent and at the Hub, Graham Bell House, Unit 16B-C, Roper Close in Canterbury, when university was not in session.

The Church's commitment to offer Christian Education and training continued with inhouse training programmes for ministry and connect leaders, lay workers, and volunteers. Other events which took place during the year include the following:

- the Firm foundation discipleship classes, aimed at grounding believers in the faith and key biblical doctrines,
- Praise and worship night, Easter, and Christmas productions,
- Summer Bible School and Water baptism classes,
- Real Talk series which focussed on practical life issues such as faith, marriage, relationships, managing finances and mental health.

- Church Family picnics aimed at building relationships among members and quiz nights.
- Induction classes for new church members.

The church continues to lease out units 16B-C Graham Bell House, Roper Road, Canterbury, and used this facility for its services when the university was not in session and for education and training programmes.

Our outreach programs during the year included visiting, donating, and serving at the homeless shelter. The church also supported the Foodbank in its community initiative of providing food parcels to individuals and families being severely impacted by the ongoing economic difficulties.

The property at Anne Green Walk, Canterbury is rented out to generate revenue income. The trustees consider that the risks to the Charity are covered sufficiently by the church insurance policy with Kingdom Bank Ltd, and the building's insurance policy on 9 Anne Green Walk.

Review of the Finances

The statement of financial activities for the year under review are set out from page 3.

The Charity's income for **22/23** was **£105.510k**, and expenditure for the year was **£126.865k**. The income in the main was raised through the generous voluntary donations from members and rental income from the Church property. The overall income improved by **£15.311k** compared to the previous year and can be attributed to increase in the number of voluntary contributors. The charity is reporting an excess of expenditure over income of (**£21.354k**) in the main due to an accrual relating to lease payment(**£33.818k**) for Unit 16B-C Graham House, Roper Close, Canterbury following on from an agreement reached with the landlords, and payments to reduce the arrears are already being made.

Our financial resources were used to meet the church's obligations and to support various local, international partners and missionaries.

Volunteers

Trustees are most grateful for the generous support received during the year from our volunteers and members. Their contribution and hard work made it possible for the church to fulfil its mission and goals of reaching out to be a blessing to the local community and through our support to missionaries abroad.

Looking Forward to 2023/24

The church intends to continue its work of ministry and will seek to work collaboratively with other ministries and churches in the city, to be a blessing and spreading the message of hope and the love Jesus Christ, and making positive contribution towards citizens of our city, especially those who are disadvantaged.

The church will continue to pursue the opportunity which has arisen to acquire a piece of land adjacent to the University of Kent subject to planning permission being granted by the council.

From September 2023, the church will run its morning Sunday celebration service at The Hub, Roper Close, and a targeted evening service for students at Woolf Lecture Theatre, University Kent.

Approved by the Trustees at a Church Council Meeting held on 31st August 2024

ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 AUGUST 2023

INCOME:

Offerings	89273.51	67404.45
Designated giving	0.00	10375.00
PayPal offerings	3074.61	1327.17
Rental income	11100.00	10900.00
Gross interest	12.80	0.38
Van hire	0.00	40.00
Hall hire	2050.00	150.00
Sundry receipt	0.00	2.35
	105510.92	90199.35

EXPENDITURE:

Administration and website	2757.17	917.96
Resources and outreach	1359.14	567.76
Ministries	4680.75	1920.32
Training	596.92	1058.00
Repairs and renewals	2220.06	54.92
Vehicle running and travel	3111.08	915.42
Premises rent	33818.80	4307.50
Premises light and heat	9054.69	4208.87
Premises repairs	0.00	3503.10
Outside premises hire	310.00	310.00
Hygiene and cleaning	1196.50	1549.88
Subscriptions	1244.00	2107.53
Sponsorship and giving	4440.21	3641.33
DBS checks	393.80	185.80
Wages and fees	51193.58	50646.65
Interns	0.00	500.00
Hub insurance	728.15	698.36
Examiner's fee	216.00	216.00
Payroll services	198.00	180.00
Speakers's costs	1400.00	487.40
Gifts and cards	250.00	650.00
Accountant's fees	0.00	1200.00
Expenses	128.90	2016.34
Returned cheques	0.00	9.33
Petty cash	0.00	650.00
Bank charges	323.06	212.09
Multimedia	1050.79	1884.00
Equipment purchases	0.00	2555.62
Equipment hire	0.00	762.60
Welcome and giving	1992.37	516.32
Sundry expenses	66.85	157.07
Equipment depreciation	2524.82	2020.00
Office equipment depreciation	64.00	80.00

Architect	1546.01	126865.65	90690.17
EXCESS OF <u>EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME:</u>		-£21,354.73	-490.82

I have prepared these accounts from the records presented and certify same to be in accordance therewith.

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Kite Accountants
Certified Practising Accountant Andrew Kite
Andrew Kite (Sep 2, 2024 08:05 GMT+1)

I agree that the above accounts are correct to the best of my knowledge and hereby sign on behalf of the trustees.

Signed Dr Aaron Berko
Dr Aaron Berko (Sep 2, 2024 09:26 GMT+1)

Name Dr Aaron Berko

Date 02/09/2024

NEW LIFE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023**

2022

	£	£	£	
ASSETS				
Equipment B/fd	8078.00			10098.00
Additions	4545.82			0.00
Depreciation	-2524.82		10099.00	-2020.00
Office equipment B/fd	322.00			402.00
Depreciation	-64.00		258.00	-80.00
Property			68045.00	68045.00
Balances at bank				
Current account		51866.19		43135.04
AGW account		5741.13		5796.13
Savings account		1842.77		1829.97
Designated giving account		745.84		800.84
Sunshine fund		4423.91		2495.79
Bible school fund		1723.31	66343.15	1778.31
LIABILITIES				
Rent Dunsthorpe			-33818.80	
NET ASSETS			£110,926.35	
ACCUMULATING FUND				
B/fd		132281.08		132771.90
Plus excess		-21354.73		-490.82
			£110,926.35	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

New Life Church Canterbury, Kent

On accounts for the year
ended

31 August 2023

Charity no
(if any)

Set out on pages

1 to 3

1 to 2 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2023. DD / MM / YYYY.

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 Trust'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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

In carrying out my examination, I noted a few immaterial operational issues which the Trustees have been made aware of.

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:

Shamiso Magaisa

Date:

30 August 2024

Name:

Shamiso Magaisa ACA

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Shamiso Magaisa ACA
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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

N/A