

Senior Leaders Report June 2023 - Pastor Ceri Griffiths

Deuteronomy 11.31

For you are about to cross the Jordan to go in and possess the land which the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall possess it and live in it.

Joshua 1.11

You are to cross this Jordan and possess the land.

What great promises as we go forward as a church.

Last year I wrote that we felt the church was in transition. We were continuing to be a diverse church, without walls and with a desire to influence areas rather than be caught up too much with buildings.

I also wrote that we could not ignore the fact that Covid had brought with it many changes and challenges.

After the last AGM, we felt that as a senior leadership we had to seriously consider whether or not Acts2 had a future and whether or not we could breakthrough the negatives that appeared to be stacked against us.

We conveyed this to the church on a Sunday morning in July.

During the remainder of last year, those who wished Acts 2 to continue as a church committed, pulled together and attended regularly and there were noticeable, positive changes, both physically and atmospherically.

Towards the end of last year, there were two issues that I was privately praying about. Firstly for a permanent building for a Sunday morning, that would be well positioned for work in the community. Secondly for someone who felt called to invest in the church and work towards taking over from me as Senior Pastor.

Within a month we were offered the Pavilion at Stone as a place to meet on a Sunday. I was then approached by Ricky Walker, who asked if I would consider him as a potential next Senior Leader.

Both proposals were approved by the senior leadership team. It has been so good to welcome back Ricky, Karen and family and also to move into our new building, all in the month of January!

Pastor Rick (with Karen alongside) are transitioning positions, at a speed that is comfortable and manageable for us all. We are grateful for the opportunity to transition in this unique and healthy way. What can often be quite a traumatic experience for both church and leadership, has become a blessed and 'easy' process.

Our thanks to Acts2 Church for your positive support.

Two of our loved members have gone home to the Lord this year.

Pamela Locke and Sheila Austin. Although loved and missed, we are comforted by the knowledge that they are now whole and at peace.

All departments continue to strengthen and our sincere gratitude to all who serve. You bring support and encouragement to the house.

The Youth continues to be led very ably by Tara Rogers and Molly Irlam. Thank God for more of them committing to Jesus and being baptised this year. It is lovely to see them growing into their gifts and also serving on a Sunday. Pray for them as they continue to face the challenges of their everyday life. A thank you also to Molly and Bali for their Sunday sessions.

Our Kid zone continues to thrive, with Mel Irlam overseeing and Madox Dumbaya and Lois Ball leading sessions. We are grateful for their time and the way they inspire and teach our children. Thank you also to all who help on these teams.

Fiona Griffiths continues to plan and lead our corporate prayer faithfully and tirelessly. Thank you Fi for keeping this essential wheel turning.

Our thanks also to James Steene for continuing with the prayer chain.

It's thrilling to hear of the constant answers to prayer in testimony and in our good news spots.

As a Senior leadership we continue to urge you to join our prayer times on a Wednesday and Thursday.

Madox and Mel have supported you with pastoral care and activities.

Thank you for the encouraging posts and the arranged breakfasts, meals and football - you serve us well!

Patience Taiwo continues to oversee the Active friends group, arranging get togethers and activities and meals out . Thank you - and we appreciate you all.

Acts2 Citc company has again supported many in need this year, with food and other essentials. Alongside this we have organised community events. Support has also been given in other ways - Thankyou to all who have come on board.

Particular thanks to Bali Rodgers who has secured us yet another grant and works so hard behind the scenes to secure funding and keep us operating.

During this year Mel Irlam decided to step back from PA and admin duties. Lois Ball has taken over this role. I would like to express my personal gratitude to Mel for all the years she has selflessly fulfilled this role and supported me at all times. Also to Lois for continuing the sterling work.

We are growing a tech team ! Thank you to Ivan for overseeing this, to Brian who has supported so well this last year and all of you who serve on it faithfully - not forgetting our youngest recruit Elijah ! Also to Mel who ran things so well post Covid.

A big shout out to the Band. We were challenged in worship, post Covid and they have persevered faithfully each week. Over the last few months the temperature has risen and the church has once again 'found its voice' - we are worshipping in spirit and in truth. Thank you Mel and Clive for leading, and all who play and sing.

To my senior leadership team and wider leadership, my love and appreciation as always. Thank you for your hard work and for being the encouragement that you are.

Finally, this is the last report I shall write as your Senior Pastor.

I am excited for you and I am excited for myself, as we find new paths.

Stay committed, stay true to the great things God has in store for you and stay blessed.

Pastor Ceri



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
ACTS 2CHURCH

On accounts for the year
ended

31 DECEMBER 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1054385

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed. ~~The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [named body]].~~
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It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below *~~) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 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.

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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

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29-10-2023

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Section B

Disclosure

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<i>Incoming resources</i>					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	77,819	—	—	77,819	79,295
Activities for generating funds	—	—	—	—	—
Investment income	147	—	—	147	35
Incoming resources from charitable activities	—	—	—	—	—
Other incoming resources	13,377	—	—	13,377	14,691
Total income	91,345	—	—	91,345	94,022
<i>Resources used</i>					
Cost of generating funds					
Fundraising trading cost of goods sold and other	96	—	—	96	96
Charitable activities	79,461	185	—	79,646	67,141
Governance costs	—	—	—	—	—
Other resources used	10,081	—	—	10,081	12,239
Total expenditure	89,638	185	—	89,824	79,477
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	1,706	(185)	—	1,520	14,544
<i>Transfers</i>					
Gross transfers between funds - in	4,470	—	—	4,470	4,920
Gross transfers between funds - out	(4,470)	—	—	(4,470)	(4,920)
<i>Other recognised gains / losses</i>					
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	1,706	(185)	—	1,520	14,544
<i>Reconciliation of funds</i>					
Total funds brought forward	57,476	522	—	57,999	43,454
Total funds carried forward	59,183	337	—	59,520	57,999

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Selected period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

Note	From To	01 January 2022 31 December 2022	01 January 2021 31 December 2021
Receipts			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
<i>Voluntary income</i>			
Gift Aid		37,511	46,981
Hampers		470	—
Offerings		39,837	32,314
	<i>Total: Voluntary income</i>	77,819	79,295
<i>Investment income</i>			
Interest		147	35
	<i>Total: Investment income</i>	147	35
Other incoming resources			
Tax Claims		13,377	14,691
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Total receipts		91,345	94,022
Payments			
Cost of generating funds			
<i>Fundraising trading cost of goods sold and other costs</i>			
Fundraising		96	96
	<i>Total: Fundraising trading cost of goods sold and other costs</i>	96	96
Charitable activities			
Annual Contributions - AOG		1,959	1,884
Carol service		100	—
Child Protection		194	145
Church Building Running Costs - Rent		5,765	2,301
Church Building Running Costs-Storage		—	160
Church Building Running costs- Insurance		358	353
Churches Together In Crayford		—	100
Communion Expenses		392	53
Copyright License		—	150
Flowers		—	100
Gifts		1,968	2,362
Hampers		702	—
Hospitality		90	—
Minister's services		51,200	46,800
Miscellaneous		333	1,566
Missions Fund		4,470	4,920
Motor Expenses and Travel		332	20
NHS Care in the Community		7,936	2,243
Non-Funded Youth Work		1,952	1,040
Oversight Conference		600	600
Postage, Printing and Other media		28	—
Refreshments and Meals		512	601
Visiting ministry		750	1,100
Youth Fund		—	640
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Current assets		
Debtors	7,185	5,044
Cash at bank and in hand	52,334	52,955
	<u>59,520</u>	<u>57,999</u>
Net current assets less current liabilities	<u>59,520</u>	<u>57,999</u>
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Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General fund	48,986	33,577
Designated		
Designated - Building Fund	9,887	15,652
Designated - Missions Fund	—	—
Designated - NHS Care in the Community COVID response	309	8,246
Restricted		
Restricted - Children's Fund	332	518
Restricted - Youth Fund	4	4
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