

**GODS KINGDOM SOCIETY
(GKS) Church
(The Church of The Living God)**

Charity Registration Number 1056941

**Trustees Annual Report Including
Financial Statement**

**For the year ending
31ST DECEMBER 2022**

“Towards Gods Perfect Government”

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Report of The Trustees for Year Ended 31 December 2022

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Reference and Administrative Details

The God's Kingdom Society is a purely Christian Organisation founded by the Almighty God through the instrumentality of St. Gideon Meriodere Urhobo, of the blessed memory.

Gods Kingdom Society (GKS) Church is a UK charity registered with the Charity Commission of England & Wales. The organisation is managed by the administrative committee and a board of trustees. Trustees are selected on the basis of the contribution that they will make to the governance of the organisation and the skills they can contribute. Trustees are provided with copies of the charity commission's guidance to trustees as well as other relevant information.

Trustees

Mr I. Ogbighele

Mr G. Obafemi

Mr C. Duru

Financial Secretary

Mr N. Ojeh

Independent Examiner

Mrs S.O George-Obuenwe

Charity Registration Number

1056941

Bankers

Barclays Bank Plc

Report of Trustees

Aim and Purposes

- To declare God's Kingdom of righteousness and peace on earth and to express this doctrine in every conceivable way and form, within the bounds of law, order and human decency and to do so at any time or place, to the best of our knowledge and understanding of Bible interpretations and symbolism.
- To vindicate, admonish, preach and impart to mankind irrespective of colour, creed or race the wholesome idea of service, fear, adoration and reverence to God Almighty, the Maker of man, the Author of Life, and the Great Ruler and Architect of the Universe.
- To excite the interest of Africans and all people of the earth to study the Holy Bible, the Christian ethics and theology and to promote all means and measures conducive to the propagation of this knowledge for the eventual peace and realisation of harmony and tranquillity among all people of the human race in accordance with scriptural ideology.

Objectives and Activities

The principal activity of the charity is to propagate the saving gospel of Jesus Christ all over the world and to educate young people in accordance with Christian principles.

The trustees have given regard to the charities commission guidance on public benefit and in particular, the guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. The GKS is committed to enabling as many people as possible to join us for worship at our church and to become members and part of our Christian community. In doing so she provides a benefit to the public by:

- Providing a facility for public worship, pastoral care, spiritual, moral and intellectual development for members and anyone who wishes to benefit from what the church offers
- Promoting Christian values and service by members of the church, to one another as well as in and to their communities for the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

To enable members and well-wishers to put their faith into practice, the charity is involved in numerous day-to-day church activities and other activities, which are advertised and made available freely to members of the public and the community. Activities include but not limited to:

- Sunday Church Services
- Sunday school
- Weddings
- Bible Study
- Youth Work
- Various Workshops and Seminars
- Pastoral care for people in the community
- Providing outreach work.

Achievements and Performance

The year 2022 saw the Church experience the return to some degree of normality, following the previous two very difficult and challenging years of the covid-19 pandemic.

Post covid-19, the number of members and guests attending regular Sunday service has remained steady and constant, but not back to the same numbers as we had seen before the pandemic. Attendance at our special thanksgiving and service of songs, held on the last Sunday of every month, however, has experienced a significant increase.

In light of the challenges that we had passed through, these services are specifically designed to enable individuals, families, and the church as a whole to express gratitude to God Almighty for his help to us all and his goodness and providence in our individual and collective lives.

The digital and online aspect of our services and worship continues to grow and has become the most important way for a wide section of members, guests and well-wishers in different parts of the country to access various meetings and events allowing them to participate more fully via a balance of in-person and online worship suitable for their circumstances and situation.

Recognising the fact that having a good online presence is now essential in this post covid-19 era, the Church embarked on a program of modernising and upgrading our streaming and broadcasting abilities, thereby enabling us to be better prepared for the new normal.

During the year, we witnessed the promotion of a number of conscientious and dedicated members to prominent positions by the grace of God. Brother Dr Kenneth Obuenwe and Brother Benjamin Stephen Oluku were both appointed to be members of the administrative committee of the Church, whilst Sister Joy O'Fidel was appointed to the position of Vice Chairperson GKS women fellowship (UK).

The book of Psalms states that *'For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.'* (**Psalm 75:6-7**). We thank God Almighty for the promotion of these members and it is our earnest prayer that God Almighty help them in carrying out their roles and the effective discharge of their duties.

Youth Activities

The GKS youth fellowship in the UK, also underwent some changes in 2022. The year began with the dissolution of the previous leadership team. On behalf of the Church and the youths, we thank God Almighty, before thanking the previous leadership team of Brother Benjamin Stephen Oluku, Brother Efe Umurhohwo and Brother John Okuji, for their dedicated service and leadership that sustained the activities of the youths, allowing this to thrive both on Zoom and in real life physical gatherings when it was possible.

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Following the dissolution of the previous team, the election of new youth officers took place. A new leadership team of Brother Joshua Okandeji, Brother Promise Ahante and Brother Ayo Adetunji was successfully appointed. The new team immediately set to work organising the Youth Assembly.

The Gods Kingdom Society's Youth Assembly was held from Thursday 18th to Sunday 21st August 2022 at the University of Salford Manchester. The theme for the 2022 youth assembly was "Resisting The Pressure To Conform To This World". The conference aimed to transform, inspire and educate students and youths on becoming a good asset to the community through positive Christian attitude and behaviour. Youths from all over the country converged at the University of Salford for a wide-ranging programme of activities, including sporting activities, seminars, talks and panel discussions. Musical performances, drama and of course the extremely popular bible quiz competitions were also part of the programme.

The 2022 Youth Assembly was once again highly inspiring, informative and an overwhelming success to the glory of God and Jesus Christ.

Charitable Giving & Donations

The church continues to provide financial support and donations, nationally and internationally. The year of 2022 was no exception.

In 2022, Nigeria witnessed the most devastating flood in over a decade. More than 600 people died as a result of the flood and over 200,000 homes were destroyed resulting in the displacement of more than 1.3 million people.

As a church, we responded to this crisis by providing financial support and donations, in cash and goods such as clothing and medical supplies assisting various organisations and people to cope with the effects of the flood and crisis.

Financial support and contributions were also made to the following:

- For the development and maintenance of St Urhobo Square in Salem City Warri
- For the young indigent Widows appeal GKS Women fellowship (Nigeria & Abroad)

Members of the welfare committee, sisters committee and other volunteers continued to support members of the church as well as other vulnerable individuals in cash and goods.

This financial support and donations provided locally, nationally and internationally were of immense benefit to both individual recipients as well as receiving organizations.

Financial Review

Income:-

The principal funding source for the church is from members contributions in the form of tithes, free-will offerings, and other donations.

The church does not raise funds from the general public and neither does it engage any third parties to do this on behalf of the church.

Total receipts of unrestricted funds for the year were £188,409 (£144,802; 2021), representing an increase of 30% from the previous year.

The administrative committee and the trustees are very grateful to Jehovah, The Almighty God, and all those who have donated in one way or the other for such an abundant increase in what has been another extremely challenging year.

Resources Expended:-

Total expended for the year was £138,757 (£97,042; 2021), which represents an increase of 43% from the previous year. Of this, £103,876 was spent on charitable activities and £27,026 on general overhead expenses.

Charitable activities included £60,041 spent in ongoing support for Ministry, which included Home Office sponsorship and visa applications, facilitating the organisation of travel arrangements, health related expenses and insurance. Assistance was also provided for sound and studio equipment.

£16,964 was spent on evangelism and gospel propagation and £13,984 was spent on charitable donations. A total of £8,481 was spent on welfare related expenses and assistance to members. This included funds that were provided to support the elderly, bereaved, sick, mothers with new born babies and others that required assistance due to the impact of the cost of living crisis.

Miscellaneous expenses for the year were £7,855, of which £5,031 related to the purchase of streaming and broadcast equipment and £1,675 was related to choir expenses and purchase of music equipment.

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Balance Sheet:-

The balance sheet has increased during the year by £74,720. Key movement in the year include an increase in cash of £79,401 from (2021), a slight decrease in debtors of £717 from (2021) and an increase in creditors falling due within one year of £3,965 from (2021), to £4,129.

The net result for the year was a net surplus of £2,198 and an overall increase to the value of the balance sheet by £74,720.

Risk Management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the church is exposed to and are satisfied that sufficiently robust systems are in place to manage these risks.

The principal risk identified by the trustees which the church is exposed to, is her continued dependence on voluntary income. Our primary and most utilised mode of revenue collection had been collection of tithes, offerings at our weekly Sunday service and via special events popularly referred to as 'Launchings' where members and well-wishers would present their financial gifts. Since covid-19 our online giving has picked up significantly and has now remained the main avenue for tithes and offerings. The church finances are kept under review and trustees will continue to monitor the yearly budgets and to adjust them as necessary in light of prevailing situation and conditions.

Appropriate insurance cover and procedures are also in place to ensure compliance with the health and safety of members and visitors.

Future Developments

The trustees aim to continue with a regular programme of maintenance works and repairs, to preserve and enhance the church property and facilities. In addition to this, the trustees will also continue to explore different ways and options of furthering our charitable objectives in and out of the community effectively and to engage in creating positive change in the moral and spiritual climate which reflects our Christian ethos and beliefs.

Trustees Responsibility Statement

Under the Charities Act 2011, the trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the state of the church. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- Prepare financial statements on an ongoing basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the finances of the church at any time and to ensure that such accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011. They also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the church and to take reasonable steps to detect fraud or other irregularities.

Approval

I approve the financial statements and accounts and confirm that I have made available all records and relevant information for the preparation of these accounts. In my opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the activities of the church

Approved by the Trustees on 25 October 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Obafemi', written over a dotted line.

Mr G. Obafemi - Chairman

**Independent Examiner's Report for the year ended 31st December 2021
to the Trustees Gods Kingdom Society (GKS) Church**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31/12/2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 under section 145 and regulations made under section 145(5)b of that Act. The work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charitable company's members those matters I am required to state to them as an independent examiner of the report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for the examination work.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that there are no material matters which have come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material aspect the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that
 - accounting records were kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act or
 - the accounts do not accord with the accounting requirements
2. I have no concerns on 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.

Signed:



Date:

27/10/2023

Mrs Shefiat O George-Obuenwe (FCCA, MSc. Professional Accounting)

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Receipts and Payments Account

	<i>Note</i>	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<u>Total 2022 £</u>	<u>Total 2021 £</u>
Income:					
Tithes & Offerings	3a	137,237	-	137,237	101,293
Donations & Appeals	3b	25,570	-	25,570	20,743
Other Voluntary Receipts	3c	9,196	-	9,196	7,380
Other Income	3d	16,407	-	16,407	15,386
		188,409	-	188,409	144,802
Total Income		188,409	-	188,409	144,802
Expenditure:					
Charitable Activities	4a	103,876	-	103,876	62,226
General Overhead Expenses	4b	27,026	-	27,026	34,547
Miscellaneous		7,855	-	7,855	269
Total Expenses		138,757	-	138,757	97,042
Net Surplus/(Loss)		49,652	-	49,652	47,760

Balance Sheet as of 31 December 2022

	<i>Note</i>	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Freehold Building		560,000		560,000	
Additions		-		-	
			560,000		560,000
Current Assets					
Debtors	5	15,400		16,117	
Cash at bank		248,716		169,315	
		<u>264,116</u>		<u>185,431</u>	
Creditors:					
Amounts falling due within one year		(4,129)		(164)	
Creditors:					
Amounts falling due after one year		-		-	
Net current assets/(liabilities)			259,987		185,267
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>819,987</u>		<u>745,267</u>
Represented by					
Unrestricted Fund			97,412		95,214
Restricted Fund			-		-
Reserve			722,575		650,053
			<u>819,987</u>		<u>745,267</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payment basis.
2. Fixed assets retained for church use is the building at 1B Park Avenue at cost
3. Unrestricted funds of total of £97,412 is made up of surplus from past and current year.

Receipts:

3a. Tithes & Offerings

	<u>Total</u> <u>2022</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>2021</u> £
<i>Kingdom Fund</i>	92,806	73,150
<i>General Offerings</i>	23,762	17,907
<i>Special Thanks Offerings</i>	20,669	10,236
	<u>137,237</u>	<u>101,293</u>

3b. Donations & Appeals

	<u>Total</u> <u>2022</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>2021</u> £
<i>Launchings</i>	15,930	9,291
<i>Feast Vote</i>	5,170	4,525
<i>Visits//Appeals//Donations</i>	4,470	6,927
	<u>25,570</u>	<u>20,743</u>

3c. Other Voluntary Receipts

	<u>Total</u> <u>2022</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>2021</u> £
<i>Ministry's Contribution</i>	0	0
<i>Local Fund</i>	2,756	4,860
<i>Church Hall Fund</i>	5,690	670
<i>Vows - (Lord's Ministry)</i>	600	350
<i>Vows - (Branch & Local Community)</i>	150	1,500
	<u>9,196</u>	<u>7,380</u>

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3e. Other Misc Income

	<u>Total</u> <u>2022</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>2021</u> £
<i>Charities Trust</i>	120	120
<i>Misc</i>	99	0
<i>Gift Aid Reclaimed</i>	<u>16,187</u>	<u>15,266</u>
	<u>16,406</u>	<u>15,386</u>

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Expenditure:

4a. Charitable Activities

	<u>Total</u> <u>2022</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>2021</u> £
4a. (1) Evangelism		
Evangelism - Gospel Advancement	1,008	205
Feast of Tabernacles	3,938	2,183
Freedom Day	4,200	2,175
Youth Activity & Youth Assembly	7,818	903
4a. (2) Support For Ministry		
Salem City Warri	41,974	38,440
Lord's Ministry Expenses	18,067	4,677
Other Ministry Expenses	2,295	0
Visiting Ministers Expenses	2,112	1,285
4a. (3) Members Welfare		
Welfare Expenses	4,031	459
Branch Visits	50	0
Financial Assistance to Members	4,400	500
4a. (4) Charitable Donations		
Donations	13,984	11,400
	<u>103,876</u>	<u>62,227</u>

4b. General Overhead Expenses

	<u>Total</u> <u>2022</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>2021</u> £
Building Insurance	1,536	1,415
Utilities	11,080	6,790
Repairs & Maintenance	14,410	26,342
	<u>27,026</u>	<u>34,547</u>

5. Debtors

	<u>Total</u> <u>2022</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>2021</u> £
Gift Aid Reclaimed	15,400	16,117
	<u>15,400</u>	<u>16,117</u>