

**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 2023**

“Towards Gods Perfect Government”

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Report of The Trustees for Year Ended 31 December 2023

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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

Mr T. Agbanoma

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

Despite the challenges of the past couple of years, 2023 turned out to be an exciting year for the Church. Back in July 2021, following the government removal of the Covid-19 restrictions, physical gathering and worship resumed at the church premises and a noticeable effect of the pandemic was the reduction in the number of people physically attending for worship.

The following year 2022, the Church returned to some degree of normality, the Post covid numbers of members and guests attending regular Sunday service increased, but not back to the same numbers as we had seen prior to the pandemic.

In 2023, all this was to change and the year brought some much-needed relief, with Covid, high inflation and the cost-of-living crisis receding further into the background. We experienced significant progress and growth in the physical and spiritual life of the church. During the year, we experienced good growth in attendance at worship, both physical and online services

March 2023 witnessed the promotion of a conscientious and dedicated Sister, in the person of Sister Adaze Arubi. By the grace of God, she was elevated to become a member of GKS women fellowship Committee (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 her promotion and it is our earnest prayer that God Almighty help her in the effective discharge of her duties and performance in her new role.

GKS Regional Units

With the digital and online aspect of our services and worship well and truly established, 2023 also witnessed the re-establishment of GKS regional units, principally the units in Nottingham and Manchester, affording members and guests, the opportunity to participate via a balance of in-person and online worship depending on their individual circumstances and situation.

In May, GKS Manchester unit, organised and hosted the 1st Annual Northwest and Midland UK Mass Meeting and Symposium. The event was held in Fallowfield, Manchester and the theme was "Coping with the challenges of Christian Youth in our times". The event proved to be an overwhelming success to the glory of God, attracting participants from wide ranging places, as far as London to Newcastle and numerous towns and cities in between.

Youth Activities

The Gods Kingdom Society's Youth Assembly was held in the UK, from Thursday 17th to Sunday 20th August 2023 at the University of Brighton's Eastbourne campus. As usual, the aim of the conference is to transform, inspire and educate students and youths on becoming a good asset to the community through positive Christian attitude and behaviour as well as to showcase the praises of God Almighty.

The 2023 youth assembly turned out to be the largest and grandest youth conference held in the UK to date. This year we were extremely honoured and privileged to be joined for the duration by two members of the Lord's Ministry, the Vice President of the Church, Brother T.M Ekisowei and a Senior Minister of the Church, Brother T. Ugoji.

Youths from all over the country were joined by their fellow youths from various parts of the world and converged at the University of Brighton's Eastbourne campus for a wide-ranging programme of activities, featuring a host of different spiritual exercises, including the extremely popular bible quiz competitions.

The youths were addressed by the Minister on the subject "What it means to be a True Christian". They also participated in sporting activities, musical performances and drama. In addition to the seminars, talks and panel discussions on offer, there was also the opportunity for 1-2-1 counselling sessions for delegates right from junior school level, through to post graduate level. These sessions covered areas in personal and academic counselling, as well as CV & Cover letter preparation, LinkedIn, Job search and entrance assessment guidance.

For the keynote address, we were joined online by the President of the Church Brother F.E Adedokun, who delivered his address entitled: "The Danger in Being Spiritually Careless" via zoom. The 2023 Youth Assembly was once again a highly inspiring, informative event and an overwhelming success to the glory of God and Jesus Christ.

Freedom Day Celebration

The Gods Kingdom Society's Freedom Day celebration in the UK was held on the 22nd October 2023. This event would also turn out to be another milestone event for the UK Church.

Due to the numbers of members, guests and invitees that expressed an interest to attend, the decision was made to hire an external venue for the event, rather than use the church premises. A venue in Croydon was selected and hired for the event.

This year, we were extremely honoured and privileged to welcome the President of the Church Brother F.E Adedokun, who led and presided over the Freedom Day celebrations in the UK. In his opening address, the President laid emphasis on the Freedom and Redemption that Jesus Christ brought to mankind through his birth and death.

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The President's main message for the Freedom Day celebrations was entitled: "Cleansing ourselves of all Filthiness of the Flesh and Spirit".

Following the President's message, there were performances from various choral groups, before a Senior Minister of the Church, Brother T. Ugoji was called on to take the sermon entitled: "Was Christ born on Christmas Day".

In his sermon, the minister traced the birth of Jesus Christ, through the pages of the bible, from the Old Testament to the New Testament and was able to successfully prove from the bible chronology that Jesus Christ could not have been born in December, but rather the evidence from the bible establishes his birth in October.

Approximately 450 people attended the 2023 Freedom Day celebration in the UK, making it the largest celebration in the UK to date and all ended well to the glory of God and his beloved son Jesus Christ.

Charitable Giving & Donations

The church continues to provide financial support and donations, nationally and internationally as helping those in need is a practical demonstration of our faith

Support and donated funds are used for, but not limited to: Building and repair of places of worship, provision of Bible-based literature, study material and sermons and other means to facilitate the worship of God. Assistance is also provided for humanitarian aid and disaster relief and capacity building.

Financial support and contributions were made to the following:

- For the development and maintenance of St Urhobo Square in Salem City Warri
- For assistance towards various Branches, including Canada & Abuja Branches
- For the young indigent Widows appeal GKS Women fellowship (Nigeria & Abroad)
- A clinic and charity school in Warri Nigeria

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.

The trustees and the administrative committee give our thanks, gratitude and sincere appreciation to God Almighty and his beloved son Jesus Christ, for their continuing goodness and abundant provision, which has enabled the church to experience unprecedented level of growth in so many areas of operations during 2023.

We are also extremely grateful to all members, friends and well-wishers for the level of support we have received from them throughout the year.

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 funds for the year were £231,639 (£188,409; 2022), representing an increase of 22.94% from the previous year.

The administrative committee and the trustees are once again very grateful to Jehovah, The Almighty God, and all those who have donated in one way or the other for such an abundant increase.

Resources Expended:-

Total expended for the year was £219,530 (£138,757; 2022), which represents an increase of 58.21% from the previous year. Of this, £188,319 was spent on charitable activities and £24,502 on general overhead expenses.

Charitable activities included £98,425 spent in ongoing support for the Ministry, of which £17,000 related to the purchase and upgrading of streaming and broadcast equipment. Assistance was also provided for repairs and maintenance of church buildings and service halls. As well as funds spent on Home Office sponsorship and visa applications, facilitating the organisation of travel arrangements and the upkeep of visiting ministers.

£11,888 was spent on health-related expenses and insurance and £5,921 was spent on support and assistance to international branches of the church.

£38,153 was spent on evangelism and gospel propagation and £13,461 was spent on charitable donations. A total of £13,751 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.

Miscellaneous expenses for the year were £6,709, of which £5,031 related to the purchase of streaming and broadcast equipment and £3,243 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 £17,301. Key movement in the year include an increase in cash of £9,629 from (2022), a slight increase in debtors of £3,110 from (2022)

The net result for the year was a net surplus of £12,109 and an overall increase to the value of the balance sheet by £17,301.

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. 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:

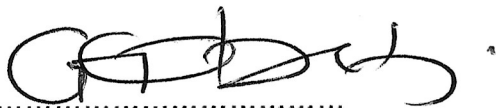
- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- Prepare financial statements on an ongoing basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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 24 October 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



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Mr G. Obafemi - Chairman

**Independent Examiner's Report for the year ended 31st December 2023
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 31/12/2023.

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:

28/10/24

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 2023 £</u>	<u>Total 2022 £</u>
Income:					
Tithes & Offerings	3a	-	162,852	162,852	137,237
Donations & Appeals	3b	37,834	-	37,834	25,570
Other Voluntary Receipts	3c	12,083	675	12,758	9,196
Other Income	3d	17,985	210	18,195	16,407
		67,902	163,737	231,639	188,409
Total Income		<u>67,902</u>	<u>163,737</u>	<u>231,639</u>	<u>188,409</u>
Expenditure:					
Charitable Activities	4a	65,366	122,953	188,319	103,876
General Overhead Expenses	4b	-	24,502	24,502	27,026
Miscellaneous		4,637	2,072	6,709	7,855
Total Expenses		<u>70,003</u>	<u>149,527</u>	<u>219,530</u>	<u>138,757</u>
Net Surplus/(Loss)		<u>(2,101)</u>	<u>14,210</u>	<u>12,109</u>	<u>49,652</u>

Balance Sheet as of 31 December 2023

	<i>Note</i>	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Freehold Building		560,000		560,000	
Additions		-		-	
			560,000		560,000
Current Assets					
Debtors	5	18,510		15,400	
Cash at bank		258,345		248,716	
		<u>276,854</u>		<u>264,116</u>	
Creditors:					
Amounts falling due within one year		434		(4,129)	
Creditors:					
Amounts falling due after one year		-		-	
Net current assets/(liabilities)			277,288		259,987
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>837,288</u>		<u>819,987</u>
Represented by					
Unrestricted Fund			57,551		97,412
Restricted Fund			14,210		-
Reserve			<u>775,527</u>		<u>722,575</u>
			<u>837,288</u>		<u>819,987</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 £57,551 is made up of surplus from past and current year.

Receipts:

3a. Tithes & Offerings

	<u>Total</u> <u>2023</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>2022</u> £
<i>Kingdom Fund</i>	112,116	92,806
<i>General Offerings</i>	28,976	23,762
<i>Special Thanks Offerings</i>	21,760	20,669
	<u>162,852</u>	<u>137,237</u>

3b. Donations & Appeals

	<u>Total</u> <u>2023</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>2022</u> £
<i>Launchings</i>	31,567	15,930
<i>Feast Vote</i>	6,267	5,170
<i>Visits//Appeals//Donations</i>	0	4,470
	<u>37,834</u>	<u>25,570</u>

3c. Other Voluntary Receipts

	<u>Total</u> <u>2023</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>2022</u> £
<i>Ministry's Contribution</i>	0	0
<i>Local Fund</i>	4,383	2,756
<i>Church Hall Fund</i>	5,400	5,690
<i>Vows - (Lord's Ministry)</i>	675	600
<i>Vows - (Branch & Local Community)</i>	2,300	150
	<u>12,758</u>	<u>9,196</u>

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3e. Other Misc Income

	<u>Total</u> <u>2023</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>2022</u> £
<i>Charities Trust</i>	240	120
<i>Misc - (Branch & Local Community)</i>	1,981	99
<i>Misc - (Lord's Ministry)</i>	210	0
<i>Gift Aid Reclaimed</i>	<u>15,764</u>	<u>16,187</u>
	<u>18,195</u>	<u>16,406</u>

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Expenditure:

4a. Charitable Activities

	<u>Total</u> <u>2023</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>2022</u> £
4a. (1) Evangelism		
Evangelism - Gospel Advancement	2,315	1,008
Feast of Tabernacles	4,390	3,938
Freedom Day	8,970	4,200
Youth Activity & Youth Assembly	22,478	7,818
4a. (2) Support For Ministry		
Salem City Warri	51,040	41,974
Lord's Ministry Expenses	47,385	18,067
Other Ministry Expenses	11,888	2,295
Visiting Ministers Expenses	6,719	2,112
Financial Assistances to Branches	5,921	0
4a. (3) Members Welfare		
Welfare Expenses	8,031	4,031
Branch Visits	150	50
Financial Assistance to Members	5,570	4,400
4a. (4) Charitable Donations		
Donations	13,461	13,984
	<u>188,318</u>	<u>103,877</u>

4b. General Overhead Expenses

	<u>Total</u> <u>2023</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>2022</u> £
Building Insurance	1,750	1,536
Utilities	18,333	11,080
Repairs & Maintenance	4,419	14,410
	<u>24,502</u>	<u>27,026</u>

5. Debtors

	<u>Total</u> <u>2023</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>2022</u> £
Gift Aid Reclaimed	18,510	15,400
	<u>18,510</u>	<u>15,400</u>