

WELLSPRING CHRISTIAN CENTRE

ANNUAL TRUSTEE REPORT

ANNUAL RETURN 2023

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CHARITY COMMISSION DETAILS

CHARITY DETAILS

- Wellspring Christian Centre
- Charity No. 1062914

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PUBLIC ADDRESS

- 102 Vale Road, Rhyl, LL18 2PD

AIMS & ACTIVITIES

Services for the general public for all ages. Children's midweek club ages 4 to 11. 2 hour midweek drop in centre for adults and children during school holidays. Youth club for 11 to 17's Food for Thought (Nurture group teaching Christian basics and dealing with life issues). King's Storehouse (Food Bank) Financial and Spiritual support of Missionaries serving abroad and in the UK.

WELLSPRING CHRISTIAN CENTRE

The following departments and activities operate under the Wellspring Christian Centre Charity umbrella.

- Energise Kids Club 4-11s
- King's Storehouse Foodbank
- Sorted Youth Club 11+
- Tiny Treasures - Parent & Toddler Group
- Warm Welcome - Community Cafe Hub
- Wellspring Church
 - Church Services
 - Connect Groups
 - Prayer
 - Alpha
 - Sunday School Programme

WHAT THE CHARITY DOES?	WHO THE CHARITY HELPS?	HOW THE CHARITY WORKS?
General charitable purposes. Education/training. The advancement of health or saving of lives. Disability. The prevention or relief of poverty. Overseas aid/famine relief. Religious activities. Recreation. Other charitable purposes.	Children/young people. Elderly/old people. People with disabilities. People of a particular ethnic or racial origin. Other charities or voluntary bodies. Other defined groups. The general public/mankind.	Makes grants to individuals. Makes grants to organisations. Provides other finance. Provides human resources. Provides buildings, facilities and open space. Provides services. Provides advocacy, advice and information. Acts as an umbrella or resource body. Other charitable activities.

REPORT SUMMARY

AGM Meeting 2023

The AGM for 2023 took place in 2024 on 7th February 2024 at Wellspring Church, 102 Vale Road, Rhyl, LL18 2PD.

Aim and Purposes

Wellspring Christian Centre (WCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the leadership and trustees, in promoting the aims of the church, the whole mission of the Church including pastoral, evangelistic, social and links to other churches.

WCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church complex of Wellspring Church, 102 Vale Road, Rhyl, LL18 2PD.

Objectives and Activities

WCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at the church and to become part of our community. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and fellowship.

When planning our activities for the year, WCC have considered the public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We endeavour to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our community through:

- Worship and prayer
- Learning about the Gospel of Jesus
- Developing our knowledge and trust in Jesus
- Provision of pastoral care
- Missionary and outreach work locally and beyond

The Church Centre Complex

The church has completed basic remedial work over 2023. There is a need to review the electrics and fire system.

Pastoral Care

Pastoral care would normally take place through informal and formal counselling sessions with pastoral teams within the church. All who provide pastoral care undergo an Enhanced DBS because they are dealing with vulnerable people. Additional care is seen in activities such as midweek Connect Groups, Tiny Treasures, Energise Children's Work, Sorted Youth work in addition to one-to-one sessions.

Mission and Evangelism

The church continues to support the following through 2023:

- East-West Ministries UK - Work in Lebanon amongst refugees
- Daniela & Gabriel - North Spain
- Magdy & Suzie Tawfik - London
- Toncek (Anton) & Mihaela Sukic - Slovenia
- Lynn & Paul Kohls - Slovakia

Financial Review

The main purpose of an Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Annual Report is to provide an update on the church's achievements over the year.

Please see the independent financial review conducted by Harold Smith for 2023.

Volunteers

Over 30 volunteers help run the church. We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make the church a lively and vibrant community.

Structure, Governance and Management for 2023

There were no changes to the church governance and management structure in 2022.

The Church structure is as follows:

Church Council (Governing)

There are Church Council members which would be known as Church Elders within the Community.

- Mark Jones (Pastor/Chairperson & Trustee) - appointed 10/07/2020
- Roland Jones (Trustee) - appointed 27/05/2020
- Stephen Roberts (Trustee) - appointed 10/07/2020

Holding Trustees (Responsible for the building/land assets)

- Raymond Green
- Sarah Jones

Wellspring Christian Centre is registered with the Charity Commission and has a Trust Deed governing document.

Wellspring Christian Centre is an unincorporated charity.

Structure, Governance and Management Changes

During the course of 2023, it was discussed and decided that Wellspring Christian Centre would change from being an Unincorporated Charity to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). After a special meeting took place to present this to the church members who agreed with the proposal, a specialist solicitor was instructed to oversee and guide the current charity trustees through the process of creating a new Charity entity Called Wellspring Church that will be a CIO.

Administrative information

Wellspring Christian Centre is situated in Rhyl. The correspondence address is 102 Vale Road, Rhyl, LL18 2PD.

Accounts are reviewed by Harold Smith Accountants, St Asaph.

2023 DEPARTMENT OVERVIEWS

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts. These were discussed in the AGM for 2023.

CONNECT GROUPS

Roland and Shirley – meets online at 7pm on a Wednesday via Zoom. A typical connect meeting would involve a time of worship and then a member of the group shares from the Bible.

Jo and Steve - youth meet at Jo and Steve's house on a Thursday at 7:30pm. Weeks vary with a combination of bible teaching and youth activities. More details in the Youth Section.

Cynthia Richards - meets Tuesday's at 2pm, hosted by George Hirst.

CONNECT GROUPS

Connect groups continue to be a source of encouragement for members of Wellspring.

The on-line provision on a Wednesday allows for more elderly members to attend and connect with people without having to leave their home which is a concern during winter evenings.

2024

- Start new groups
- Identify and provide resources that will encourage

CHILDREN 3's to 11's

ENERGISE – Miriam Jones

Energise is held at 6 pm on a Friday and is for children from reception up to year 6. It's a fun time which includes games, story time and singing.. The evening finishes with prayer.

The children are divided up into three teams represented by a colour. Points are awarded for the best singer, winning games, the best behaved and for bringing somebody new. The points are displayed on a white board, kept up to date by Jessica and there are prizes for the winning team at the end of a term.

Thank you to our amazing team of volunteers: Anna, Danielle, Emma, Jess, Kazi, Linda, Luke, Mark, Miriam & Sam.

Mark (AKA AJ) and Miriam have been outside Emmanuel, Christ Church and Llywellyn schools to give out leaflets and inviting children to come to Energise.

We have on the books 71 children which is an increase on last year of 5- but regularly have about 25-30 each week. This is a mix of church children and non church children. There are more non church children that come which is exciting to be able to engage, have fun and share the reality of God through games, singing and stories.

We put on a Nativity play in December 2023 and approx 10 families came to the carol service. We have songs each week with actions, either Mark leads or we use music videos. As I'm writing I can think of one non-church boy who comes regularly and he loves singing, especially the song 'Super God'. His mum came to ask me what songs we sing as he wants to play them at home. I gave her the list and I thought how great it is to think children's worship songs are being played in his home.

The rest of the evening we play team games and have a bible story. Topics have been the life of Moses. Part of Louie Giglio indescribable. The Craziest bible stories and the end of the year Jesus' miracles.

Parents can stay for the first week after that they are welcome to go into the coffee bar and have a tea and coffee while Energise is on.

Our goal is to see these families and children in church and for the children to know God is real and that he loves them.

It is an honour to serve, minister and show love and care to these children. They are a delightful group of children. Teaching and showing them God's love is a privilege.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School groups are split by ages:

- Nursery age 3 - 4's
- Reception age, 4 -11's

Sunday School is split into 2 groups. Younger and older. We introduced a time of worship songs with actions, some we have performed in the main meeting with the help of AJ!

The younger group is a time for nurture and play if we can a bible story or worship songs in the background. Joshua loves us making drum sticks out of paper and playing the drums to worship songs.

The older group leaders work on a 2 week on and 6 week off. The 2 weeks will be spent looking at a bible story the following week watching a video of the story or recapping acting out.

The covered topics:

Jesus' birth, life and death, resurrection.

Pentecost & Holy spirit

Some of the parables

Life of Moses

Peter & Saul

Paul & Silas

For 2024 we are starting a new programme using Hillsong church resources.

Our goals for 2024 is to pray for growth and new families to start coming to church. We desire to see children excited about Jesus and coming to know, introducing them to the Holy Spirit. Pray the lives of our children are radically changed by encounters with Jesus at this young age. Pray that our Sunday School teachers are strengthened and encouraged by the amazing work they do.

In terms of resources, we could do with a photocopier. We print out activity sheets in advance but if more kids turn up than usual we can't copy the sheets and therefore can't be used. We would also like a laptop to use with the TV currently using our personal laptops.

It is a privilege to be able to teach, encourage, pray over our children. Thank you to the amazing volunteers who serve: Anna, Danielle, Iange, Jo, Linda, Miriam & Sam. With lots of youth helpers.

KING'S STOREHOUSE - Rhyl Foodbank

There are thirteen people in the foodbank team and roles include collecting donations, managing referrals, sorting the warehouse, procuring new stock, dating tins, making up parcels and dealing with grants and finance.

Referrals are made via phone or text and can come from over 30 different agencies. Each referral is recorded for audit purposes that includes the number of adults, children and dogs. A service user will then pick up the parcel between 11am - 1:30pm on a Wednesday or Friday.

Donation boxes are located in Sainsbury's, Morrison's, One Stop Coast Road and Santander in Rhyl Town. Jeanette and Chris Lynch collect the donations from various locations. There have also been stock from Fairshare in 2022 but these stopped partway through the year.

The warehouse is managed by a team of volunteers who ensure stock is rotated and in date. A variety of organisations, individuals and other similar charities have taken what is deemed as surplus stock e.g. beans and pasta etc.

There has been an increase in weekly referrals times and there has been a decrease in the amount of food donated possibly due to the cost of living crisis. We are now purchasing most of the stock rather than relying on donations. This is a challenge.

Financially, the foodbank operated at a financial loss over 2023. Income comes from donations as well as grants from Denbighshire and Sainsbury's.

AGENCIES

Dasu	Phoenix Centre	Wallich
Salvation Army	Bruton Park Association	Stepping Stones
School Nurse	Homeless Prevention Team	Chamhs
Prestatyn High	Home Help Services	Big Help Wales
All Prestatyn Primary School	Adult Social Services	Big Help Project
Rhyl Primary Schools	Mcmillan Nurse Team	Ty Gofyn
Rhyl Gp Surgery	Community Nurse Team	Barnardos
Blossom And Bloom	Kaleidoscope	West Rhyl Young People
Nacro	Glan Clwyd Hospital	Project
Probation	Warm Wales	Housing Support
North Wales Police	Citizens Advice	Home Start
Family Link Team	Benefits Advice	Housing 1st
Family Support	Community Outreach Team	Gorwel
Social Services	Denbighshire County Council	Westminster Hotel
Spoa	Conwy Council	Healthy Start
Denbighshire Children	Flintshire Council	Health Visitor
Services	Ysgol Y Ffordd	Universal Credit
Denbighshire Youth Service	Flying Start	Job Center

Clwyd Alyn	Rhyl Community Facebook	Wellspring Self Referrals
Team Around The Family	Group	From People In The
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Hafod	Food Banks.	
Scottys Soldiers Football		
Team		

We have been open 104 days over the past year including Christmas Eve.

There has been some signposting to support with bills, Internet access and benefit help and support.

We provide a safe space to a few members of the community who have little outside support by providing a small amount of food on a weekly basis to provide a place for interaction and a place of warmth, and friendly chat and safety.

We provide food, basic hygiene products and pet food.

In the past year we have fed:

- Adults (over 11 yrs old) 1626
- Children (under 11) 664
- Cats 74
- Dogs 110

A total of 2290 people, 184 pets, 598 families and/or individuals supported.

We also supported approximately 100 families over the Christmas period with treats and Christmas hampers not included in our usual numbers to help support people in temporary accommodation and facing financial strain.

We support multiple agencies by providing food parcels that are split between service users depending on their circumstances.

Our aim is to try and give enough food to last a week. We are here to give a hand up and show God's blessings to all in the community.

We add information about church activities and a copy of the daily bread book to all food parcels, we invite people to The Hub when waiting for their parcels and give information to support workers about the activities they can attend.

Our standard parcel for 1 adult is includes:

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| • 4 bean/spaghetti | • 4 tinned meals |
| • 2/3 soup | • 2 tuna |

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- 2 other tinned meat/fish
 - 4 tinned veg
 - 2 potatoes
 - 2 tomatoes
 - Pasta sauce
 - Curry sauce
 - Pasta
 - Rice

- Noodles
- Tea/coffee
- Sugar
- Milk
- 2 cereal
- Jam
- Dessert such as custard, rice pudding
- Biscuits/chocolate

Hygiene pack

- Sanitary products if required
- Toilet paper
- Soap
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Shower gel

We half this for a child and alter to suit dietary needs, cooking facilities etc.

We try our best to accommodate most needs.

We have collection boxes in Sainsburys

1 Stop Coast Rd, Santander, Co op Bodelwyddan, Starbucks Rhuddlan and a few other businesses continue to support us.

We get a lot of private donations of both food and money and are incredibly blessed to have never had to turn anyone away.

We have started to use Fareshare again as we received a years funding via Denbighshire so this will be a fantastic help towards supporting people.

As we enter our 13th year we hope to continue to share the blessings and love of God with the people of Rhyl and the surrounding areas.

We as a team would like to thank everyone that continues to support the foodbank, we couldn't keep doing what we do without you all.

UPDATES

ONLINE GIVING

The online giving for 'The King's Storehouse' is via a website and this is now receiving donations online. Gift Aid is automatically collected with the new system.

Website and online donation page: www.kingsstorehouse.org.uk

FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION

Sourcing of specific food items via donations e.g social media, posters.

Procurement of stock on a weekly basis is becoming a pressure, needs a review and possibly quarterly large stock delivery.

An experienced person to access grants for the purchase of food and administration and other projects.

Digitising the referral system for agencies.

Provide an IT system to manage the referrals and reporting (currently all on paper).

TINY TREASURES BABY AND TODDLER

'Tiny Treasures' is Wellspring's Toddler group where parents, grandparents or carers can bring their 'Tiny Treasures' for two hours of fun and activity. The group is for children of pre-school age.

We meet every Thursday and there is free-play with puzzles, soft toys, a ball pool and craft. During the morning we serve the children with fruit, toast and fruit juice, with coffee, tea and toast available for the adults.

The £1 voluntary donation is used to pay new toys and provision of refreshments. This is managed by the team.

Linda Bettaney

THE HUB - (WAS WARM WELCOME)

Dorothy, Jan and Ian, Jeanette, Chris, Dave and Christine as refreshment servers, Cynthia, Betty, Glenys and Lesley as welcomers

The Hub (formerly Warm Welcome) started in April 2023 and meets on Wednesdays at 11 - 1-30pm, with a break during main school holidays.

We continue to provide Tea, Coffee, biscuits, toast and Cup-a- saps and newly introduced toasted teacakes!!

Also we provide table games, fellowship / friendship and a newly formed Knitting group.

The Hub is open to all, attended by some church folk, friends and some who are users of the Food bank.

We are now the venue for 'Precious Memories' (dementia group who join with us every two weeks).

Food hygiene certificates have been attained by Key members of the team, and most have attended dementia awareness training

Plan to continue providing the above facilities and will keep reviewing ideas for future development

- a) Consider the viability of running The HUB on a Friday too.

- b) Possible introduction of 'barista' style coffee machine and instant boiling water equipment.

In 2024 we would like to maintain a sufficient number of dedicated volunteers as the number of users increases.

Currently running costs are financed from church funds, but a donation box has been placed on the coffee bar as some folk wish to give something towards costs.

The Hub is a valuable outreach into our community and has provided prayer and counselling to several users in recent months and the whole team thank wellspring church for their continuing prayer support.

YOUTH 11's - 18's

Sorted and Youth Connect Report 2023

Youth Department Head – Steve Roberts

Department Volunteers

Steve Roberts, Sam Jones, Iange Oga, Kazi Nyirenda, Joanne Roberts and Belinda Pierce. A huge thank you to all our leaders and helpers without your continued sacrifice we could not run these teams.

Youth Connect

Youth Connect Group takes place each week originally on a Thursday night we moved to Wednesday night 7pm at church in the latter part of the year. It's a time when the youth and leaders meet together in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere enjoying some bible teaching, prayer, worship and games together.

Recap of 2023

At the beginning of the year we began our studies with a series called Radical Growth by Havilah Cunningham, A Guidebook to growing a vibrant life.

Topics included:

- Becoming Fruitful
- Our Spirit, Our Soul (mind will and emotions) and our Body, most importantly our spirit becoming alive to God
- We talked about the Holy Spirit and what a relationship we have with the Holy Spirit
- We then discussed God as The Gardener, The Seed and The Soil of our hearts.

We also decided to run the Youth Alpha programme and managed to cover a few topics prior to the summer break and leading up to our Youth Conference, RockNations. We didn't complete it all, so we will be trying to cover the whole curriculum over this next year.

In the later part of the year we welcomed Kazi Nyirenda to the team from PAIS and this is when the group moved to meet at church. This move was to enable the young people to develop in Worship. Ignited during RockNations Youth Conference our young people came back after the summer wanting to learn more about Worship and join together to play instruments and make that part of their Youth Connect meeting.

Kazi has been a great help in leading worship and Kazi and Steve have been teaching together on what Worship really is.

We also saw a number of young people move up from Energise to Sorted Youth which is a joy to see them developing and becoming part of the group.

Our Goal for 2024

To remain that safe space for young people to share what they are going through, the challenges they face and to be an encouragement in their lives, so they know they are loved.

To continue to provide that discipleship in a relevant way that they can understand.

To continue to see spiritual growth and an ease in the way they listen to God, pray for each other and operate the gifts of the Holy Spirit and in Worship.

MISSIONS

MINISTRIES / MISSIONARIES WE SUPPORT.

Gabriel & Daniela Corradini

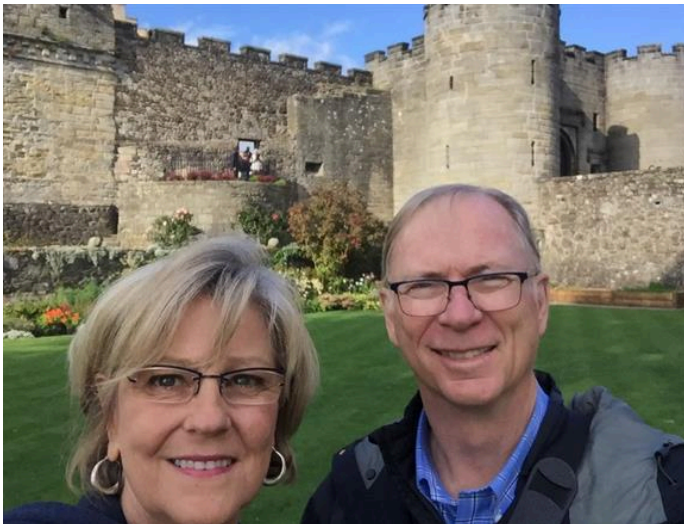


Gabriel is from Argentina and Daniella is from Germany. They met in Bible College in the UK and from there, went out to plant churches in Spain.

They are based and work in the Northern part of Spain called Asturias. They are both ordained ministers with the Spanish Assemblies of God and Gabriel is on the missions' board. They have to date planted around four Pentecostal churches.

£120 per month - Annual Total £1420

Paul & Lynn Kohls



Paul & Lynn hail from Canada and are missionaries sent out by the Canadian Assemblies of God [POAC – Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada] to work in the Pan Africa University in Nairobi, Kenya. Paul is the Deputy Vice Chancellor and Lynn is a lecturer and one of the pastors of a Pentecostal Church. Having served God for many years in Kenya, they have moved to serve God in Slovakia developing a Bible College and working with the Pentecostal churches of Slovakia.

£120 per month - Annual Total £1440

Dr Magdy & Suzy Tawfik

Magdy and Suzy were sent to the UK by their sending church KDC Church [a Presbyterian church] in Cairo, Egypt. Initially, Magdy was a consultant psychiatrist working in the south of England. They are based in Watford and are members of Wellspring Christian Centre where Magdy serves on the leadership. Magdy and Suzy are working amongst Muslims in the UK and the Middle East.

£120 per month - Annual Total £1440

A donation of £200 to Action Europe was made.



East-West ~Ministries. UK based Registered Charity

The monies donated are being directed to Bridge of Hope, which is the foreign missions arm for KD church in that region. Bridge of Hope are sponsoring various initiatives in Lebanon, including a missionary couple, Keera and Marianne who are working in the camps, supporting Dr. Andrea in the clinic, and organising schools for the refugee children.

£120 per month - - Annual Total £1440

Pastor Toncek (Anton) and Mihaela Sukic

Toncek is pioneering a church in Varadci in the North West of Slovenia. As well as reaching out to the Slovenian people in the area, they also minister among the Romany Gypsies.

£ 1280 paid in 2023

Selim in Leskovac Serbia

We donated £2,000 to help Selim in Leskovac with his building project.

TOTAL MISSION GIVING FOR 2023 £9,220

CHAIR'S REPORT

Thank you to the many dedicated, faithful volunteers at Wellspring.

The various departments are a constant source of hope to the town of Rhyl by providing a safe place for people to gather and find support and care.

BUILDING UPDATE

WORK COMPLETED

INTERNAL

- ☐ Child toilet to be added
- ☐ Make good walls and plaster in back
- ☐ Kitchen - Base & Wall cabinets, worktop

EXTERNAL

- ☐ Paint car bays

WORK PROPOSED FOR 2024

INTERNAL

- ☐ Rewiring of electrics
- ☐ Review of fire system and replace or upgrade
- ☐ Side back stores flooring to be made even for safety

EXTERNAL

- ☐ Signage
- ☐ Fire Assembly points and signage