

# **Mount Zion Apostolic Church**

Report of the Trustees and  
Financial Statements for the Year  
Ended  
31 December 2023

**MOUNT ZION APOSTOLIC CHURCH**

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1068106

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

Registered Charity number

1068106

**Principal address**

Churchfield Lane

Bobbersmill

Nottingham

NG7 5QS

**Trustees**

The Trustees (all being members of the Church) who served from 1 January 2023 until the date this Report was approved are as follows:

Minister: Rev. Trevor Anderson

Elected: Lorna Frederick

Charlyn Johnson

Barry Chambers

Paulette Jeffrey

Sean Deer (appointed 20 July 2023)

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## **MOUNT ZION APOSTOLIC CHURCH**

### **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

#### **OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY**

The overall objective of the Mount Zion Apostolic Church is set out in its constitution, which states that it operates for "The advancement of religion, specifically to expound the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to the Apostles' Doctrine" alongside all supporting charitable activities that are for the benefit of the residents of Nottingham and wider areas, as the Church shall, from time to time, determine.

#### **ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE & DECISION-MAKING PROCESS**

The charity is controlled by its governing document that constitutes an unincorporated charity. Appropriate staff are employed to meet the church's needs. Members' meetings are scheduled to be held four times each year. All members are encouraged to participate in these meetings when the spiritual and practical objectives of the charity are discussed and agreed.

#### **ACTIVITIES & OUTREACH**

##### **Children and Young People(CYP)**

During 2023, our children have enjoyed participating in activities displaying their talent in dance, songs, presentation, poems, readings and recitations. Leading up to Easter, the children made a wooden cross and on Easter Sunday the children did a drama presentation of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. The Children show great enthusiasm and boldness as they learned and presented bible memory verses in the main service.

In August 2023, the Young People were given an amazing opportunity to attend the NLDNUK International Dance Conference in Northampton. As aspiring dancers, they were very excited to learn how God could use the talent He has given them to develop in dance ministry.

'My body is a Temple' was the conference theme and the children were taught how to commence their journey of embracing every aspect of their bodies as 'Temples of the Holy Spirit' and to develop an intimate relationship with God through praise and worship in dance.

They were taught/led by a liturgical dancer from the USA and also had the honour of receiving support from other internationally recognised liturgical dancers. They were able to discuss and challenge myths around boys/men and dance, identify their own skill and be taught choreography to use for personal or public worship.

On Thursday through Saturday, they attended a variety of seminars where they were taught liturgical dance choreography and worship with flags which would be performed for the delegates on the Saturday evening.

Overall, it was a fantastic experience, they made friendships that have lasted. They have since attended practice on a few occasions and have performed with the NLD Youth Network twice, in Birmingham and Nottingham.

##### **Education**

The Education Department sessions remain online and provided the opportunity to invite guest speakers from the UK and abroad. Moving online opened unexpected opportunities for people to join the bible study and training sessions for those who are house bound and those living in and outside

the community. Developing our provision for online sessions and services has provided the opportunity to broaden our sense of community and connection as it has made it easier for people to join us online and has addressed restrictions in terms of locality and time, i.e., people have been able to join our meetings from all over the world and time zones.

#### **-Women's Group**

We give God thanks for taking us through another amazing year and the continued connections that are being created since Covid-19 and the temporary closure of our building which is awaiting refurbishments. We remain connected with the group via WhatsApp which is a great platform that gives immediate communication with those who are going through challenges, such as bereavement, illnesses and require support, reassurance, encouragement and prayers.

During February and April 2023, we focused on the wellbeing of women. In February we were blessed with a session on an introduction to menopause and in April a Q&A session on the same topic. The events were covered by Professional speakers, Menopause Consultant and a General practitioner. The sessions were well attended, and all feedback were positive. The women are still connected through group discussions, bible studies and information sharing via Zoom.

We continue to acknowledge the importance of the social and spiritual activities that we do, they are well appreciated by the women in Mount Zion and the wider community. We are praying this love for serving will continue as we progress through 2024.

We will continue to work together in love and unity involving not just women in church but the wider community. Our aim is to share Christ and to promote social togetherness which is essential for our faith to grow and relationships to thrive. To accomplish this, the women's team will continue to work together, plan and promote events that will serve the community.

#### **Men's Group**

The Mount Zion Men's Team marked a continuation and expansion of our activities in 2023.

We continued our prayer breakfasts for men, at the Mustard Seed book shop with men not only from Mount Zion, but also other assemblies and patrons. The Mustard Seed's proprietor has expressed love of our freedom in worshipping when we have meetings there and this has also left an impression on patrons, with one who visited us at one of our Sunday Services. We also delivered an Outreach event in West Bridgford. This event included fellowshiping with people, some who were facing various life challenges asked for prayers and we were able to encourage them.

This event included various testimonies from members of the church and how they came to know Jesus Christ. The event also featured a white board, where passers-by were asked to write a question they would like to ask God. There was also a cross where people could paste their prayer requests. This event was also supported by another local church. The outreach was the first of what we hope will be many in the West Bridgford area, where we are temporarily attending church.

Our "Mount Zion Gospel Cruise" along the River Trent was a huge success with members, friends, family and people from various communities attending a 3-hour dinner cruise which included gospel music. Everyone who attended indicated that it was a fantastic event and wish for it to be delivered in the summer of 2024. The staff of the Trent River Cruises thoroughly enjoyed the event and came out from the kitchen to participate. Children were also allowed into the captain's cabin, which provided them with delight.

We continue to in-reach to our men, both in person and via telephone calls, especially vulnerable ones. Our Men's leader is also in contact with members from El Salvador, who are asylum seekers, and now settled in Middlesbrough.



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December 2023 ended with a Men's Meal at Norwich House, in our city centre, which was very successful. This was enjoyed by men from Mount Zion and from the community.

### **Black History**

The Black History Exhibition Competition continues annually (and has done so since 2012) with the aim of raising aspirations and increasing knowledge about Black History. The competition is open to 7- to 11-year-olds and now includes local schools. Entrants have responded with a high level of enthusiasm and the schools have commented on the sense of pride that the winner and runners up have felt. The prize is sponsored by the University of Nottingham and includes a university certificate for the winners and runners up and a celebration for the winner.

### **Food Bank**

Mount Zion's mission is one of the busiest foodbanks in the Hope Nottingham network in the 2023 period.

The wonderful volunteer team served 1,293 parcels within 2023, a 23% increase on the previous year. This consisted of 1,639 adults and 630 children, 629 parcels were given to unique households.

There were 55 parcels given to those experiencing homelessness or 'sofa surfing' consisting of 13 homeless children. 52 families were in employment.

Throughout the network we had a decline in donations of 18% which is a horrifying picture on what to expect in the future especially when you consider the percentage of usage that has risen at various sites. We are having to strip back on cleaning products and toiletries as we need to focus on the food. We worry that our donors will then start buying toiletries. It's not our vision for people to smell nice and clean and have clean homes, if they are hungry and we have no food to give. The Mount Zion's mission also provides a place for people to have a hot drink and refreshments at the foodbank.

## **TRUSTEES' SUMMARY OF KEY FACTORS**

### **Building Works**

For many years Mount Zion Apostolic Church have funded several small emergency repairs themselves. The state of the building at present requires significant transformational repair with no alternative.

In September 2021 Mount Zion Apostolic Church was offered, a Development Grant towards their Building Project by the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF). A tender process was undertaken to seek a Consultant Project Manager to manage the project and Pulse Consult were successful for this role.

The Development Phase of the project was finalised in October 2023 and submission of a second bid to the NLHF for capital funding for the Delivery Phase took place in November 2023. Response from the NLHF took place in March 2024.

### **Membership Involvement and Fundraising**

The Church is heavily dependent on its membership in all aspects of its activities. Apart from their involvement in the running of all the Group activities, their financial support underpins a substantial part of the Church's objectives. The church continues to raise the funds to assist specifically with activities from within its own membership, congregation and community through fundraising events. Once the building project is complete, the new electrical and heating services will also reduce running costs, producing significant energy efficiencies and financial savings. This will allow the church to channel more funds into community projects.

The financial results for the year, together with a summary of the accounting policies adopted are set out in the accompanying financial statement.

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**Risk Review**

The Trustees maintain an examination of the major risks which the charity might have to face and confirm that relevant policies are in place to mitigate whatever consequences arise.

**Statement on Public Benefit**

The objectives/activities and the achievement/performance sections of the report clearly set out the activities which the charity undertakes for the public benefit. The Trustees confirm that they have complied with its duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Commission in determining the activities undertaken by the charity.

**Financial Review**

Total Incoming Resources for the year to 31 December 2023 were £233,346 (2022: £81,941)

Total Resources Expended for the year were £233,026 (2022: £57,465)

Unrestricted Funds at 31 December 2023 were £221,452 (2022: £220,978)

Restricted Funds at 31 December 2023 were £10,381 (2022: £10,535)

 (Minister)

 (Church Secretary)

21 October 2024

**MOUNT ZION APOSTOLIC CHURCH**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF MOUNT ZION APOSTOLIC CHURCH**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 7 to 9.

**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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



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21 October 2024



**MOUNT ZION APOSTOLIC CHURCH****Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b><u>RECEIPTS</u></b>						
Voluntary Receipts & Sundry Gifts		66,289	-	40	66,329	63,038
Gift Aid		14,470	-	-	14,470	8,030
Grants & Funds for Church Repairs		-	-	138,006	138,006	5,673
Donations for Other causes	1	-	-	5,200	5,200	5,200
Other income		390	-	-	390	-
Interest received		555	-	-	555	-
Fundraising		1,497	6,899	-	8,396	-
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>83,201</b>	<b>6,899</b>	<b>143,246</b>	<b>233,346</b>	<b>81,941</b>
<b><u>PAYMENTS</u></b>						
Employment costs	2	23,480	-	-	23,480	26,656
Administration	3	20,352	-	-	20,352	19,198
Running Costs	4	13,572	-	-	13,572	5,673
Property	5	-	-	166,227	166,227	5,634
Foodbank		-	-	6,773	6,773	304
Fundraising		2,222	-	-	2,222	-
Dance		-	-	400	400	-
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>59,626</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>173,400</b>	<b>233,026</b>	<b>57,465</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</b>		<b>23,575</b>	<b>6,899</b>	<b>(30,154)</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>24,476</b>
Transfer between funds	6	(25,000)	(5,000)	30,000	-	-
<b>Balances brought forward</b>		<b>215,978</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>10,535</b>	<b>231,513</b>	<b>207,037</b>
<b>BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>214,553</b>	<b>6,899</b>	<b>10,381</b>	<b>231,833</b>	<b>231,513</b>
<b><u>RESTRICTED FUNDS</u></b>						
<b><u>Food Bank and Dance Group</u></b>						
Raised by Dance Group in earlier years				284		684
Gifts received for FoodBank				7,485		9,059
<b><u>Church Repairs</u></b>						
Reserve plus unspent balance of Grant				2,612		792
<b>BALANCE OF RESTRICTED FUNDS C/FWD</b>				<b>10,381</b>		<b>10,535</b>

Approved by the Trustees of Mount Zion Apostolic Church on 21 October 2024 and signed on their behalf by


 .....(Treasurer)

**MOUNT ZION APOSTOLIC CHURCH****Statement of Assets as at 31 December 2023**

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>			
Petty Cash balance		224	472
Bank Current Account		177,390	224,295
Bank Current Account (Grant)		3,564	6,746
Savings Account		50,655	-
		<u>231,833</u>	<u>231,513</u>
Being the balances on the church's:			
General Fund		214,553	215,978
Designated Fund		6,899	5,000
Restricted Funds		10,381	10,535
		<u>231,833</u>	<u>231,513</u>
The Church owns the premises and contents with an estimated Insurance value of		2,593,797	2,593,797

Included in the amounts for each year are estimated realisable values in respect of internal Fixtures & Fittings with a value in both years of £20,000.

The Church holds the freehold of the property occupied. There are no outstanding Loans of any nature on it.

**NOTES ON INCOME & PAYMENT CATEGORIES**

1. Donations for other causes		
Foodbank	<u>5,200</u>	<u>5,200</u>
2. Employment costs		
Salaries	23,480	26,547
Pension	-	109
	<u>23,480</u>	<u>26,656</u>

Salaries were paid to two trustees in the year totalling £23,480 (2022 - £23,089).

3. Administration		
Office costs	19,026	16,354
SS/Youth	50	451
Speakers	570	400
Benevolent	745	1,663
Gifts (Hampers)	(62)	330
Bank charges	23	-
	<u>20,352</u>	<u>19,198</u>

**MOUNT ZION APOSTOLIC CHURCH****NOTES ON INCOME & PAYMENT CATEGORIES**

	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>4. Running costs</b>		
Light and heat	3,017	1,021
Water	341	619
Cleaning	962	712
Repairs	379	-
Insurance	5,727	2,427
Transportation	2,445	894
Catering	701	-
	<u>13,572</u>	<u>5,673</u>
<b>5. Property</b>		
Heritage Trust	-	954
Project Management	46,823	4,680
Activity Planning	27,785	-
Bat Survey	997	-
NLHF Business Plan Commission & Application	13,784	-
Quantity Surveyors	7,846	-
Fundraising Consultancy	9,450	-
Conservation Consultancy	11,617	-
Building Control	660	-
Architects	43,515	-
Streetwise Opera	150	-
Surveyors (Survey Hub)	1,080	-
Surveyors (Tarsus Consultancy)	2,520	-
	<u>166,227</u>	<u>5,634</u>
<b>6. Transfer between funds</b>		
A contribution has been made towards the building project.		