

Annual Report

The King's Church Prestwood.
2022-2023

Annual Report of the Trustees of The King's Church, Prestwood, for the Period from 1st of April 2022 to 31st of March 2023

Charity Name. The King's Church, Prestwood

Charity Registered Number; 1069399.

Principal Address: 6 Chequers Lane, Prestwood, Great Missenden, Bucks HP16 9DW

Trustees:

Chris Shepherd – (Chair of trustees) appointed from 01.12.18

Joan Veysey - Trustee appointed from 01.12.18

Alison Brackett – Trustee appointed from 27.09.2021

Richard Kendell – Trustee appointed from 27.09.2021

Governing Instrument: Trust Deed dated 5th of April 1998.

Constitution: Unincorporated Charity.

Trustee selection: Appointed by existing trustees.

Induction and training

All trustees are members of the Church and fully aware of its purposes. Trustees have been inducted including access to a range of material and guidance issued by the Charity Commission, including Guidance on Public Benefit. The Trustees have assessed that our Trust Deed gives permission to hold trustees meetings in any way we need to, including remotely and in person. During 2022 – 23 meetings were held both in person and via Zoom.

Additional Issues

The church has a leadership team comprising of trustees, elders and functional leads. The leadership team is responsible for ensuring that the vision and mission statement of the Kings Church Prestwood is agreed, and our aims are translated into agreed programs and activities. The trustees and elders meet together regularly with a focus on strategy, planning and finance. The trustees and elders also attend the Functional Leads Group (FLAG), which supports leadership, implementation and monitoring of these programs and activities. Membership of the functional leads group includes the Safeguarding Lead.

The Church is an Associate Member of the Evangelical Alliance and a member of the Catalyst group in the New Frontiers Family of Churches. The Church relates to other local Christian Churches in Prestwood and Great Missenden.

The Church has insurances with the Baptist Insurance Company and the Trustees and Elders review the financial, equipment and other risks as needed.

The Church does not own or lease any property. The Village Hall in Prestwood is rented along with

other community facilities as required by the Church for Sunday and midweek meetings and other functions and activities.

For the period of this return, there were no unreported serious incidents.

During the period of this return, the charity has conducted risk assessments on all relevant activities, including the impact of the cost of living crisis and ongoing guidance and support regarding COVID. Planning, safeguarding and communication ensured that the charity could be flexible in the way it carried out activities in order to operate safely, whilst continuing to be responsive to the needs of the community.

Charity objectives as set out in its governing document

To advance the Christian faith, by proclaiming and witnessing to the Gospel of God concerning His Son Jesus Christ.

To advance such other charitable purposes as the Trustees shall from time to time determine.

Main Activities

The activities for the year are planned to bear in mind the Commission's guidance on public benefit and the advancement of religion. The regular Sunday services are open to the public and those participating are encouraged to live out their faith in the community.

The main activities can be stated as –

- Regular worship services including children's activities.
- Midweek group meetings for worship, prayer, learning, activities, and fellowship.
- Outreach, care and activities in the local communities –our community activities continued to adapt and respond to the lifting of all covid restrictions in 2022, and remained flexible to the needs of vulnerable groups throughout the year.
- The church is engaged with people in the local community of all ages.
- Support for Mission
- Wider associations including joint meetings with other New Frontiers/Catalyst Group and other local churches.

Achievements

Growing as a spiritual community

Our public meetings on Sunday are a key part of the life of the church and we have continued to meet weekly for worship, teaching, testimony, fellowship, prayer and children's activities. We have held services specifically designed to be welcoming to others in the community including regular breakfast and lunch services and shared meals. We continue to operate a live link to services to ensure we remain accessible for those who are unable to attend in person, or who

wish to attend but live or work away from the local area. Information about services is published in the local community newspaper and on our website. Regular services and music are also provided for residents in a local nursing home. Special events and services are also publicised on local social media websites.

Our midweek meetings include shared meals which gives an opportunity for people to connect over a hot meal, learning together with an emphasis on growing in spiritual maturity, and songs & prayers of faith.

Prayer is a key part of our ministry and mission, and weekly prayer events include prayer walking and praying together in person and on zoom. Prayer is focused on those in need, our community, and national and international issues. We have seen answers to prayer and grown in faith as we have prayed together during this year.

The church has continued its focus on mission and financially supporting others. This year the church raised £1,500 for local, national and international projects including Pakistan Flood Disaster Appeal, Alzheimer's Society, local charities Ukraine Hilltop Villages and Road Farm Countryways. Individuals in the church also give their time and expertise supporting and volunteering in local and national charities.

We have continued to support the Catalyst Group with other New Frontiers Churches, supporting Catalyst Leaders events, participation in the local churches "hub", and supporting international mission priorities including Ukraine.

Building our community

This year we celebrated the Queens Jubilee in June, providing live music as the community gathered at local community events. In September a commemorative service for Queen Elizabeth II, was attended by many from the community, which was planned and led jointly by all the ministers in the local area. We have contributed to other joint services with local churches for occasions including the Queen's Jubilee, Good Friday and a carol service.

We have continued to organize and support the production of The Source, a free local newspaper delivered to over 5,000 homes and businesses in HP16. This is supported by over 100 volunteers, who are involved in producing, editing and delivering the Source. The paper provides both a valued source of local information and a positive way to keep the community connected.

Activities for young people include a weekly youth café at the local school at the local school for approximately 25 children age 11 – 16 yrs. There is regular input to the local junior and senior schools, including school assemblies and supporting religious education when requested by the schools.

The Church is involved in a children's holiday club, Lighthouse Great Missenden, which takes place in the first week of the school summer holiday. This provides high quality activities for over 600 children and toddlers. Christians have the opportunity to share their story, as well as supporting families and bringing together every age group in a positive and safe environment. Our church leaders have pioneered weekly prayer times for Lighthouse.

The Wick Trimmers folk band continues to run a monthly local Folk club as well as providing live music at local community events. The folk club supports local musicians, providing accessible high quality live music for our community, which are attended by a wide range of ages.

2022 -23 saw the return of our annual summer and Christmas tea parties in partnership with our community transport scheme PACT. This year our tea parties were attended by over 140 people who either live alone or are at risk of social isolation, and the events were supported by over 35 volunteers.

Financial Review

The principal source of income has been the regular giving of members, which provides for the Lead Elder's salary, and accommodation for meetings and activities. Last year total income for the year was £48,362 and expenditure £40,355. Therefore a surplus was reported for 2022/23.

Finances were reviewed regularly, with quarterly reports to both the Functional Leads Meetings and Trustees & Elders meetings. A financial risk register was also completed and monitored by the trustees and elders, to ensure the potential impact of the cost of living crisis on our income assumptions was assessed.

KCP currently holds reserves for the purpose of covering essential running costs in the event of a fluctuation in income or expenditure. The KCP Reserves Policy was reviewed in 2022 in line with the Charity Governance Code.

During 2022 the trustees continued to ensure we continually develop high standards of governance in line with the Charity Commission Governance Code for small charities, and promote a culture where everything continues to work towards fulfilling the charity's vision. In 2022 functional leads continued to meet regularly through weekly planning meetings, monthly information and review meetings and an annual Finance and Futures meeting held in July 2022. In 2022, we also reviewed our Equality Diversity and Inclusion Policy, Trustees Expenses policy and Safeguarding Training plan.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the above report.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Signature Full name Chris Shepherd

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "C. A. Shepherd".

Position Chair of Trustees

THE KING'S CHURCH (PRESTWOOD)

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE 12 MONTHS TO 31 MARCH 2023

	2022/2023			2021/2022		
	£ General	£ Restricted	£ Total	£ General	£ Restricted	£ Total
INCOME						
Tithes and Offerings:						
Cash	1,414		1,414	804	-	804
Cheque	281		281	800	-	800
Standing Orders	32,974		32,974	30,870	-	30,870
Bank transfer excluding HMRC				-	-	-
total	34,668	0	34,668	32,474		32,474
Reclaimed Tax via Gift Aid	8,769		8,769	7,155	-	7,155
Bank Interest	56		56	5	-	5
Church events (WT)	4,869		4,869	2,953		2,953
Gift day	0		0		-	-
Other Income	0		0		-	-
Lighthouse	0		0	-	-	-
OWA - One World Aid	0		0	-	-	-
ROPE	0		0	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME	48,362	0	48,362	42,587	-	42,587
EXPENDITURE						
				£	£	£
OWA						
Mission: Hardship		0		-	69	
ROPE				-		
wicktrimmers				-		
Lighthouse		0				
	0			-		-
	0	0		-	69	69
Staff Costs	28,754		28,754	27,888		27,888
Hall hire	2,298		2,298	1,783		1,783
Events (WT)	2,938		2,938	1,587		1,587
Events other	166		166	1,690		1,690
Administration	1,338		1,338	619		619
Copyright Licence	133		133	127		127
Equipment	1,024		1,024	438		438
New Frontiers - Catalyst	500		500	300		300
Love gifts	78		78	50		50
Mission	1,441		1,441	55		55
Pastoral	0		0	63		63
Professional Fees and Insurance	500		500	628		628
Refreshments	47		47	63		63
Subscriptions	374		374	312		312
Advertising and web	353		353	359		359
Training	413		413	64		64
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	40,355	0	40,355	36,026	69	36,095
NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME FOR THE YEAR	8,007	0	8,007	6,560	(69)	6,491
TOTAL CASH AT BANK (Community and Saver Accounts)						
Brought forward from previous year	59,209	669	59,878	52,649	738	53,387
Carried forward to next year	67,216	669	67,885	59,209	669	59,878

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31ST MARCH 2023

	2022/2023		2021/2022	
	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS - Church and office equipment		2,330		1,694
DEBTOR				
Reclaimed tax due from inland revenue		9,539		8,787
CASH AT BANK				
Community Account		22,654		14,704
Saver Account		45,242		45,174
		<u>67,896</u>		<u>59,878</u>
LIABILITIES				
March Salary	-		-	
PVH	-		-	
HMRC	-		-	
Professional Fees & Insurance	-		-	
administration/printing	-		-	
		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		77,435		68,665
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>79,765</u>		<u>70,359</u>
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS - Church general funds		79,096		69,690
RESTRICTED FUNDS		669		669
		<u>79,765</u>		<u>70,359</u>

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

C. A. Shepherd

Chris Shepherd
Chair of Trustees

RESTRICTED FUNDS	Brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Carried forward £	Brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Carried forward £
Rope	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OWA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hardship	0	0	0	0	69	0	69	0
Lighthouse	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
wicktrimmers reimbursements	669	0	0	669	669	0	0	669
	<u>669</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>669</u>	<u>738</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>669</u>



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