

LIVING WATERS CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
31 DECEMBER 2023

Company Registration Number 03843080

Charity Registration Number 1080165

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Reference and Administration

Status

Living Waters Church is a company limited by guarantee (registration number 03843080) incorporated on 16 September 1999 and granted charitable status by the Charity Commission under number 1080165.

Trustees

As set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Board of Trustees must consist of no less than three Trustees.

At the first Annual General Meeting all the Trustees retired from office, and at every subsequent AGM one third of the Trustees retire from office. The Trustees to retire are those who have been in place the longest since the last appointment.

A retiring Trustee is eligible for re-election.

The Charitable company can from time to time by ordinary resolution increase or reduce the number of Trustees and determine in what rotation such increased or reduced numbers shall go out of office. The Board of Trustees shall have the power at any time to appoint any person to be a Trustee. The Charitable Company may by ordinary resolution, of which special notice has been given, remove any Trustee.

The Trustees (who are directors for the purpose of company law) who served during the period and since the period end were as follows:

Willem Aalbers
Ruth Fingleton
Russell Gregory
Stephen Boyd (appointed 15 April 2024)

Registered Office

23 Coleridge Vale Road South, Clevedon, BS21 6PE

Independent Examiner

John Panteli, FCA, Stablegrove, West Hay Road, Wrington, BS40 5NR

Bankers

Lloyds TSB, 16 The Triangle, Clevedon, North Somerset, BS21 6NB

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Trustees Annual Report

The Trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Management Team, Trustees and Elders agree on Objectives for the year as appropriate. This is implemented by the Management Team and volunteers from within the church.

Investment Powers

The Company's Memorandum & Articles of Association place no restrictions on the investment powers of the Trustees.

The Directors

The Board of Directors, who are Trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Objectives and Activities

Objects of the charity

To advance the Christian faith anywhere and by any means, including the use of written literature, tapes etc.

The relief of persons who are in conditions of need, hardship or who are aged and sick.

Education of children and adults through, if appropriate, the formation of a school or other institution.

Statement of public benefit

The Trustees have complied with their duty under section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Year in review

In 2023 the church continued to be 'on a Journey with friends to Freedom' with a view to building relationships and serving others in the church, town of Clevedon and across the world.

2023 was also a landmark year with Daniel and Tanya Sibthorpe stepping down from their leadership positions as pastors of the church after over 17 years of faithful service. The Trustees and broader congregation extend their heartfelt thanks to the couple for everything they have contributed to the church and the community over these many years.

Three couples have stepped up to take over the reign as leaders of the church, on a voluntary basis. They are Pete and Kate Worthington, Dave and Clare Ackrill, and Chirs and Clare Wilkinson.

We continued to serve the community via The Foodbank.

Financial Review

Incoming resources reduced by 12% year on year, however resourced expended also reduced significantly, by 21%. This was mainly due to wages and salaries dropping to nil following the Sibthorpes' retirement during the year. The net surplus allowed the church to build up its reserves in the second half of the year.

Grant Making Policy

The Charity will consider all proposals for grants that fall within its defined areas of operation. Each grant would be for a defined period and will relate to a specific project that encompass specific objectives that can be readily defined and monitored.

Reserves & Investment Policy

The Trustees have examined the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. It has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should be targeted at between one and three months of fixed expenditure.

The Trustees estimate this targeted level to be between £5,000 and £15,000. Following the changes to the cost base as described above, the charity's reserves is now within this range and the Trustees will continue to monitor and manage this position in the future.

As income is utilised within a short time after receipt the Trustees consider that the most appropriate policy for investing surplus funds is to place them on short term deposit.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with UK GAAP (UK Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' (revised 2005).

Registered office:
23 Coleridge Vale Road South
Clevedon
BS21 6PE

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'W. Aalbers', written over a horizontal line.

Willem Aalbers
Trustee

Approved by the Trustees on 27 September 2024.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Living Waters Church

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1080165

Set out on pages

1 to 11

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 12 / 2023**.

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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

Signed:

John Panteli

Date:

30/9/24

Name:

John Panteli

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Chartered Accountant, ICAEW

Address:

Stablegrove

West Hay Road, Wrington

BS40 5NR

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (Including Income and Expenditure Account)

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023



	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds Year to 31-Dec-23 £	Total Funds Year to 31-Dec-22 £
Incoming resources					
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds</i>					
- Voluntary income					
Donations		55,554	-	55,554	64,011
Tax Reclaimed		12,042	-	12,042	12,922
Total incoming resources		<u>67,596</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>67,596</u>	<u>76,932</u>
Resources expended					
<i>Charitable activities</i>					
Grants payable	2	8,920	-	8,920	8,920
Costs of activities	3	48,791	-	48,791	64,103
Total resources expended		<u>57,711</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>57,711</u>	<u>73,023</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources					
- net income/(expenditure) for the period	4	9,885	-	9,885	3,910
Total funds at 1 January		8,235	-	8,235	4,325
Total funds at 31 December		<u>18,120</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,120</u>	<u>8,235</u>

The Charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the period as set out above.

All of the activities of the charity are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023



	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	1,314	1,073
Current assets			
Debtors	8	4,249	348
Cash at bank		13,360	10,886
		<u>17,609</u>	<u>11,234</u>
Creditors : Amounts falling due within one year	9	(803)	(4,072)
Net current assets		<u>16,806</u>	<u>7,162</u>
Net assets		<u>18,120</u>	<u>8,235</u>
Funds			
Restricted funds		18,120	8,235
Unrestricted funds		-	-
		<u>18,120</u>	<u>8,235</u>

For the year ending 31 December 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors responsibilities

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on 27 September 2024 and are signed on their behalf by:

.....
 Willem Aalbers
 Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1 Accounting policies

- a) The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued in March 2005.
- b) Income from donations is included in incoming resources when these are receivable, except as follows:
 - i) When donors specify that donations given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods.
- c) Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Resources expended include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.
- d) Most expenditure is directly attributable to specific activities, and have been included in those cost categories. Support costs have been allocated 100% towards the charitable activities of the charity.
- e) Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is conveyed to the recipient except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.
- f) Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:
 - Office Equipment - 30% reducing balance
 - PA Equipment - 30% reducing balance
- g) Rentals applicable to operating lease agreements where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against profits on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.
- h) Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.
- i) Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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2 Grants payable

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds Year to 31-Dec-23 £	Total Funds Year to 31-Dec-22 £
Grants paid to institutions				
Christians Against Poverty	2,400	-	2,400	2,400
Mission Aviation Fellowship	1,200	-	1,200	1,200
Bulgaria	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
Philippines	3,120	-	3,120	3,120
Others	1,200	-	1,200	1,200
	<u>8,920</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,920</u>	<u>8,920</u>

3 Costs of activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds Year to 31-Dec-23 £	Total Funds Year to 31-Dec-22 £
Wages and salaries	28,182	-	28,182	42,891
Local and national	281	-	281	1,051
Events & Trips	2,736	-	2,736	478
Youth & Children	224	-	224	204
Sunday Teams	759	-	759	200
	<u>32,181</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,181</u>	<u>44,823</u>
Support costs				
Resources	14,586	-	14,586	16,871
Admin items	1,701	-	1,701	1,948
Depreciation	322	-	322	460
	<u>16,609</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,609</u>	<u>19,280</u>
	<u>48,791</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,791</u>	<u>64,103</u>

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4 Net incoming resources for the year

This is stated after charging:

	Year to 31-Dec-23	Year to 31-Dec-22
	£	£
Depreciation	322	460

No trustees received out of pocket travel expenses.

5 Staff costs and numbers

The aggregate payroll costs were:

	Year to 31-Dec-23	Year to 31-Dec-22
	£	£
Salaries & Social Security Costs	28,182	42,891
	<u>28,182</u>	<u>42,891</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000.

The average weekly number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full time equivalents, was as follows:

Year to 31-Dec-23	Year to 31-Dec-22
No.	No.
<u>1.7</u>	<u>2.0</u>

6 Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

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7 Tangible fixed assets	Year to 31-Dec-23	Year to 31-Dec-22
Net Book Value		
Opening Balance	1,073	1,534
Additions	<u>563</u>	<u>-</u>
Subtotal	1,636	1,534
Depreciation	<u>322</u>	<u>460</u>
Closing Net Book Value	1,314	1,073

8 Debtors

	Year to 31-Dec-23 £	Year to 31-Dec-22 £
Accounts Receivable	3,783	-
Prepayments	466	348
	<u>4,249</u>	<u>348</u>

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Year to 31-Dec-23 £	Year to 31-Dec-22 £
Accounts Payable	298	3,065
Payroll taxes	-	851
Accruals	506	156
	<u>803</u>	<u>4,072</u>

10 Commitments under operating leases

At 31 December 2023 the charity had no annual aggregate commitments under non-cancellable operating leases.

11 Company limited by Guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and as such has no issued share capital.
In the event of the company being wound up the liability of the members is limited to £1 each.

