

LIBERTY CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

30 November 2023



Charity Number 1083834

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Trustees Annual Reports

Year Ended 30 November 2023

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the company for the year ended 30 November 2023.

Reference and Administrative details

Registered Charity Name	Liberty Christian Ministries
Charity Registration Number	1083834
Principal Office	1A Norbury Crescent, London, SW16 4JS

The Trustees:

The trustees who served the company during the period were as follows:

Rev Sandra Kerr CBE
Rev Ann-Marie Lawrence
Rev Joseph Campbell

Structure, Governance and Management

Overview

Liberty Christian Ministries was established to serve its local community and support vulnerable people from disadvantaged backgrounds and alleviate poverty.

Liberty Christian Ministries relies on regular voluntary donations from members of Liberty Church who believe in giving of their increase and earnings to the poor and conducting charitable acts of kindness.

The cost of the lease for the venue which Liberty Christian Ministry hosts its Sunday services and weekly training and activities are met by the regular voluntary donations from the local congregation.

December 2022 – November 2023

Overview

Liberty Christian Ministries has been able to continue to serve its charitable purpose and to support vulnerable people from local communities and from disadvantaged backgrounds. We are based in the Borough of Croydon, one of the most ethnically diverse boroughs in London.

Our main income continues to be from voluntary donations from the Liberty Church members. And we continue to rely on voluntary food and financial contributions from members of the local church to help us with weekly provisions for the weekly Food Bank.

The voluntary donations from the church members enables Liberty Christian Ministries to fulfil its charitable objectives to members, extended family and friends, neighbours, collaboration with local charities and vulnerable people within the wider community.

LIBERTY SUNDAY SERVICES – THE YEAR OF NEW WINE 2023

The Senior Pastor introduced the theme 'The Year of New Wine', This theme has been promoted to encourage individuals to seek to find refresh and review the purpose for the work they do, acquire new skills and encourage others to do the same. We actively encourage volunteering within the community. We have continued with our hybrid model of weekly gatherings and continue to stream Sunday gatherings online via YouTube and Facebook, ensuring those who are unable to leave their homes can still participate in services virtually.

LIBERTY TRAINING INSTITUTE – DIGITAL

The Liberty Training Institute weekly classes have been adapted to align to the 'Year of New Wine' which typifies renewal and refreshing focusing on fundamental principles with an 'Elements' theme. These sessions continue to occur at 7:00 – 8:00pm on Wednesdays via Zoom. These weekly sessions continue to provide safe spaces for people to learn and ask questions on a range of topics. These online sessions attract 30-50 people on a weekly basis. These sessions run during school term times. These sessions are led by leaders in Liberty Church and guest teachers for specific topics. This year focussed on foundational elements of Christian living and a range of teachers presented on the different topics.

LIBERTY KIDZ CHURCH – DIGITAL

These sessions continue on Zoom for 30-minutes from 2:00-2:30 pm on Sunday afternoons. The children are broken into smaller groups for 10-minute segments with age 3-6, 7-9 and age 10-12. The children sing and hear stories of children in the bible and actively participate in storytelling and share how they are using what they have learned in school and at home. All the teachers have been DBS checked. We continue to have 25 - 30 children who join us online. When they reach age-13 they move on to Dunamis Youth Group which meets on Fridays, both face-to-face and online.

As in earlier years the children have presented the themes for Mother's and Father's Day Celebrations as well as Easter, Back to School in September and this year we are planning to present a Christmas play. Which has been great for the children to practice, memorise the script, dress up in costumes, help to select props and plan to present. These public presentations continue to be a highlighted part of the annual calendar. The children have enhanced their presentation and public speaking skills during the practice and preparations for these services.

The themes have been learning about the significance of the King's Coronation in May 2023, which many of them watched on TV and heard the strong themes of 'Service'. We continue to focus on the importance of being obedient to parents, being kind to friends and neighbours and well behaved at

school. Many of the children have shared the additional tasks that they have been appointed to within their schools. It is great to see their growth, development and increase in confidence. This has been inspiring for both the parents and teachers.

KING AND QUEEN'S CORONATION RECOGNITION

In May 2023, we celebrated the Coronation weekend with a Marquee and outdoor party. We reflected on the strong theme of Service during the Coronation to encourage and re-energise the church members to continue with all volunteering efforts and outreaches.

LIBERTY WOMEN – HEROINES IN HEELS – ENGAGEMENT OF WOMEN

Heroines in Heels now has four work streams that are active. Restoration and wholeness, mothers and carers, enterprise and wellbeing, health and mentorship. Events are now face-to-face and online. Sessions have included times of prayer, testimonies and sharing information on topical issues and how to navigate and overcome them successfully. Much of the catering and support for key events are provided by service teams within the church, some include both men and women.

WINDRUSH GENERATION 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Heroines in Heels – Helping Hands Sub-Group has enabled us to actively support the seniors within Liberty Church. For the first time we dedicated a special service to recognise those within Liberty Church who came to the UK during the Windrush period of 1948 – 1971. The Senior Pastor presented Certificates of Service to the many seniors, some who worked for 30 – 40 years in the health sector, transport sector, service and hospitality, manufacturing, government administration and construction sectors. It was great to spotlight individuals who had worked for many years within their workplaces and sectors and had never been formally thanked or recognised for their contributions. Light refreshments were provided for everyone.

LIBERTY - ANTHROPOS – ENGAGEMENT OF MEN

Anthropos have continued to meet face to face to provide support for men in the church and the wider community. They have focussed on mental health and wellbeing and continue to focus conversations on their plans and personal projects and business ideas. They led and co-ordinated the Father's Day service and provided special serving and catering after the Mother's Day service, with free hot meals for everyone.

THAMESMEAD MEN'S PRISON MINISTRY

This ministry continues to be led by one of our Pastors at Thamesmead men's prison with monthly visits. These monthly services continue to be well attended and have seen inmates wanting to turn their lives around and deciding to be baptised and become practicing Christians. These sessions continue to be used to encourage, inspire and challenge inmates that they can learn from their mistakes, make good decisions, and make plans for their future. We will engage with prisons by invitation and will continue to serve in any way that we can, to add value.

UNSTOPPABLE CONFERENCE

We hosted the Unstoppable Conference in August for the church members, families, friends and international guests. This year's conference was based in London. It was a great 3-day conference which enabled the Liberty Church family to reconnect with families and friends.

LIBERTY PASTORAL CARE – DIGITAL AND FACE-TO-FACE

The Pastoral Care Team continued with 32 active carers during the year 2023. They have been vital in ensuring that all members and friends of Liberty feel connected and valued by the Church. The team were assigned to reach out to any regular members who were missing from the weekly services or online gatherings and were a point of contact if someone was unwell or in need of support. The check-ins were made by text, calls or visitation. We have continued to provide In-House Bereavement counselling and a Listening Ear for those that wish to talk.

Training workshops for the whole team as well as Peer support groups for team leads have been held regularly to offer guidance when caring and to look at the wellbeing of the team in general.

Many messages of thanks and appreciation have been received for those on the receiving end of the care.

LIBERTY ICARE CLINIC

Liberty ICare Clinic continues to offer additional support to those from the Community and Church that use the Food Bank in several areas: Benefit & Housing Advice, Budgeting, Counselling, Bereavement Support, Listening Ear Clinic & Homeless Support (Pathwaze).

Liberty worked together with Croydon Council to provide Benefits and Housing Advice to any clients in need on Wednesday during the clinic. Sadly, owing to changes within Croydon Council the Benefits & Housing Advice was withdrawn in July 2023. However, 84 appointments were made to help those needing advice and guidance up to that date.

A small team of trained volunteers were available as part of the Listening Ear Café, for anyone that wanted to talk to someone over a cup of tea. This service reached out to over 36 individuals. Counselling and Bereavement support was available on an appointment basis, with 21 service users being offered support.

For anyone requiring money and debt advice they were offered support and guidance from CAP (Christians Against Poverty). The team supported 141 people by the end of November 2023. We have seen many lives enhanced and positively impacted from the help and support being offered.

LIBERTY WEEKLY FOOD BANK

Owing to an increase in costs and vacancy for a Food Bank co-ordinator, the Liberty Food Bank was placed on hold for a period of time, but we were glad to be able to resume offering this service to the church and community and relaunched on the 2nd August 2023. Giving out over 640 food parcels to those in need, including those with life threatening illnesses and no recourse to funding for those four months. Although we do not offer a delivery service, a couple of our volunteers very kindly drop off food to those that are housebound.

Without the continued support of the church financially and the volunteers that give up their time, we would not be able to offer this service.

We continue to look for funding to help us expand our reach to those in need and are seeking to explore other models of delivery that are more sustainable in the longer term as the cost-of-living crisis continues to impact the most vulnerable in our communities.

LIBERTY HOMELESS MINISTRY

A team from Liberty work closely with Pathwaze Supported Living. A charity that offers the homeless guidance and advice in finding them accommodation and getting them integrated back into society following a period of homelessness.

The team go out once a month with Pathwaze, taking warm food, clothing, toiletries and a food maintenance pack to those that are homeless within the Borough of Croydon. Taking time out to talk to them and be a listening ear. All funded by the kind generosity of donations from Liberty Church

members.

LIBERTY PRAYER AND COUNSELLING CLINIC

In July 2023 Liberty launched a prayer/counselling clinic. This is a confidential service to those requiring a combination of emotional healing and release, offered through prayer and counselling. Each service user is initially offered four sessions. So far the team has been able to help 6 individuals. We are looking at ways to offer training to those that are interested in being part of this ministry and aiming to put a programme together in 2024.

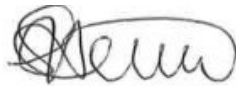
LIBERTY FOOD PANTRY

Twice a month cooked meals are provided by a small catering team who volunteer their time to serve in preparing meals that can be sold at reasonable prices and donated for special Sunday's designated in the calendar.

Liberty Christian Ministries Trustees Report
November 2023

Signed Trustees of Liberty Christian Ministries

Pastor Sandra Kerr



Pastor Ann-Marie Lawrence



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Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 30 November 2023

	Note	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Incoming Resources			
Resources from generating funds: Voluntary Income	2	225,880	323,586
Total Incoming Resources		225,880	323,586
Resources Expended			
Charitable activities	3	(251,706)	(332,977)
Total Resources Expended			
Net incoming Resources for the year	4	2 ,767	-
Reconciliation of Funds			
Total funds brought forward		141,553	150,944
Total Funds Carried forward		115,727	141,553

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a statement of total recognised gains and losses had not been prepared.

All the above amounts relate to continuing activities

Income & Expenditure

Year Ended 30 November 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Voluntary Income		225,880	323,586
Total Expenditure		(251,706)	(332,977)
Operating Surplus		(25,826)	(9,391)
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year		(25,826)	(9,391)

The notes on pages 9 – 10 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet

Year Ended 30 November 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	6	11,065	15,004
Current Assets			
Debtors	7	121,823	9,865
Cash at Bank		6,111	136,754
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	8	(2,456)	(2,456)
Net current assets		125,478	144,163
Total assets less current liabilities		136,543	159,167
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	9	(20,815)	(17,613)
Net assets (Liabilities)		115,727	141,553
Funds: Unrestricted income funds	10	115,727	141,554
Total Funds		115,727	141,553

These financial statements were approved by the members of the committee an authorised for issue on the 2nd August 2024 and are signed on behalf by:

Pastor Sandra Kerr CBE



Pastor Ann-Marie Lawrence



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year Ended 30 November 2023

1. Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March (SORP 2005).

Fixed Assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost

Depreciation

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:

- Equipment 20%: reducing balance method
- Fixtures & Fittings 20%: reducing balance method
- Motor Vehicles 20%: reducing balance method
- Leasehold Property straight-line method over 5 years period

2. Voluntary Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations			
Donations Received	225,880	225,880	323,586

3. Costs of Charitable Activities by Fund Type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Charitable activity type 1 (amend desc's for a/cs 330A, 330B and 330C to alter col headings)	135,565	135,565	176,886
Support Costs	116,141	116,141	156,111

4. Net Incoming Resources for the year

This is stated after charging:	2023 £	2022 £
Depreciation	2,767	0

5. Staff Costs and Emoluments

No salaries or wages have been paid to employees, including the members of the committee

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during the year.

6. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Equipment	Fixtures & Fittings	Motor Vehicles	Leasehold Property	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost					
At 1 Dec 2022	49,044	8,827	7,500		65,371
At 30 Nov 2023	49,044	8,827	7,500		65,371
Depreciation					
1 Dec 2022	40,180	7,508	3,852		51,359
Charge for the year					
30 Nov 2023	1,773	264	730		2,767
Net Book Value					
At 1 Dec 2022	8,864	1,663	4,477		15,004
At 30 Nov 2023	7,091	1,056	2,918		11,065

7. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Brighter Life Supported Living	115,471	0
Other debtors	6,352	6,352
Prepayments	0	3,513
TOTAL	121,823	9,865

8. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals and deferred income	876	876
Other Creditors	324	324
Trade Creditors	1,256	1,256
TOTAL	2,456	2,456

9. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than a year

	2023 £	2022 £
Other long term loans + Dividends Paid	20,815	17,613

10. Unrestricted Income funds

	Balance as at 1 December 2022	Incoming Resource	Balance as at November 2023
General Funds	141,553	(25,826)	115,727

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 30 November 2023

Incoming Resources	2023 £	2022 £
Voluntary Income		
Donations Received	210,038	247,604
Gift Aid	15,842	75,982
Total Incoming Resources	225,880	323,586
 Resources Expended charitable activities		
Establishment – Rent	34,742	66,538
Establishment – Water	760	-
Establishment – Light & Heat	14,826	11,110
Establishment – Repairs & Maintenance	14,810	7,616
Establishment - Insurance	3,919	3,902
Establishment - cleaning	-	-
Storage Costs	-	-
Motor Vehicle & Maintenance	8,408	9,978
Professional Accountancy Fees (Other Professional Services)	1,156	750
Bank and credit card charges	843	2,791
Office expenses – Telephone and internet	5,115	5,261
Office expenses – postage, printing and stationery	370	513
Depreciation	2,767	-
Direct charity activity 1 – Ministry Expenses	40,579	81,471
Direct charity activity 1 – Honoraria	33,069	35,705
Direct charity activity 1 – Hospitality	23,390	18,952
Direct charity activity 1 – Entertainment	11,836	14,159
Direct charity activity 1 – Small Equipment and consumables	5,362	3,939
Direct charity activity 1 – Subcontractors	-	-
Direct charity activity 1 – Advertising & publicity/promotional	5,806	5,321
Direct charity activity 1 – The Pantry	-	1,988
Direct charity activity 1 – Subsistence	700	250
Direct charity activity 1 – Training & Education	10,453	12,290
Direct charity activity 1 – Food Bank	3,614	13,406
Direct charity activity 1 – Travel & Accommodation	18,096	24,779
Direct charity activity 1 – Travel/Petrol	6,372	8,414
Direct charity activity 1 – Office & General Administrative	3,954	3,845
Sundry Expenses – computer costs	761	-
 Total Expenditure	251,708	332,978
 Net Incoming resources for the year	(25,826)	(9,391)