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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1088731

**Report of the Trustees and**  
**Unaudited Financial Statements**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**  
**for**  
**Life Church Lincoln**

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**Report of the Trustees**  
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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) (as amended by Update Bulletin 1 and 2).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

**Principal Activities**

The principal activities of the charity in the period under review was in accordance with the charity's objects stated in the Memorandum of Association, and in summary was that of the advancement of the Christian faith (as defined in the Schedule under Statements of Belief), and the giving of assistance and relief to persons in need or hardship. In setting our objectives and planning our activities the Trustees have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission, and the specific guidance for charities for the advancement of religion.

**Aims**

The charity's aims are a durable statement of the running of the Church's affairs:

- To glorify the name of the Lord Jesus Christ in Lincoln, and especially in Birchwood and Hartsholme.
- To provide tangible public benefit through, amongst other things, the advancement of religion; provision of support to persons and families in need; provision of community projects to all age groups; integration of activities with local schools and other service providers; and developing social cohesion.
- To achieve the aims of Efficiency, Economy, Effectiveness and Equity (the 4 E's).
- To manage the affairs of the charity at the highest standards of probity, professionalism and fairness.
- To support the staff in their jobs.
- To be open in the charity's decision-making.

**Annual Objectives**

The charity's objectives for 2022 were as follows:

- To raise the level of giving year on year and improve reserves.
- To control expenditure within the budget.
- To maintain contingency funds.
- To maintain buildings for services, outreach and office administration.
- To continue to develop the vision for a future Church building.
- To implement the Church's operational and ministry plan and to continue improving the efficiency and effectiveness of operations.
- To make, as far as possible, all projects self-financing.
- To ensure all risks are assessed and reviewed regularly.
- To comply with all legislative requirements.
- To comply with the Charity Commission requirements to meet the expectations of stakeholders through enhancing performance and objectives, and ensuring public benefit.

The above annual objectives were consistent with the overall aims and objectives of the charity and are reported on in the Achievement and Performance section of this report.

**Public Benefit**

As outlined above, the charity provides public benefit in the following ways, mainly to the local community in which it is situated and seeks to serve. These are provided through a combination of face to face and online services.

- Advancement of religion.
- Grants to people in need, other charities and public benefit organisations, and referrals/signposting to relevant support and counselling services.
- Community events and activities.
- Food Bank distribution centre.
- Maintenance support to the Diamond Park community facility.
- Oasis community club.
- Community use of the church building by local organisations.
- Involvement with local schools, community organisations and police.
- Involvement in Big Local management boards and community initiatives.
- Provision of an externally located defibrillator.
- Free Christmas activities.
- Light Party for children.

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**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Grantmaking**

**Grant Policy**

Grants are made under the Objects and fall into two categories; support for volunteers and others who wish to pursue the charity's Objects and personal support for persons in need. Each grant is treated on its merits and recipients are expected to show how supporting them will serve the Objects and must demonstrate that they have made reasonable efforts to support themselves before making a claim. Such efforts would normally include seeking suitable employment where appropriate, and making claims for social security or other state benefits.

**Volunteers**

The charity is grateful for the hard work of its volunteers, which number up to 170, who are directly involved in project work and fund-raising.

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**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

**Performance Overview**

The performance of the charity has progressed positively against the annual objectives. The Trustees and Core Leadership Team remained focussed on delivering as many of the annual objectives as possible, and the results are as follows:

- Voluntary giving increased by 0.78% in 2022 to £145,458, and total income by 6.61% to £163,253. The increase was assisted by overall voluntary given from church members by standing orders as well as a higher level of grant income, deposit interest and rental income. The level of giving in this way varies month by month as some standing orders are quarterly or annual; standing orders were around £8,962 per month. The use of Gift Aid is also encouraged and provides a substantial element on annual revenues
- The overall resources expended in 2022 increased by 15.2%. This was mainly due to an increase in repairs & maintenance along with pay rises that were provided to staff.
- The increase in income, and continued active management of expenditure, resulted in a small deficit of £5,245 for the year and a decrease in total funds carried forward of around 1.5%. This has been a positive result on the back of a year where we saw a number of one off payments being made, including clearing one of our mortgages, as well as this being against a stretching budget. This performance is testament to the hard work and dedication of all employees and volunteers within the Church and to the generosity, in difficult times, of Church members.
- The balance sheet is strong with a level of tangible fixed assets of £267,383, showing a decrease on the previous year. The large amount of secured debts via bank loans is due to the purchase of the church building in 2015 as well as the office facility purchased in 2012, and the church remains able to service its major debt repayments for the foreseeable future. Outstanding bank loans reduced by 22.5% to £82,274. This position was improved as the Church decided to use surplus funds to clear the loan against the office facility. Net current assets reduced by 7.0% to £160,019.
- £9,062 of Grant Income was received during the year.
- Administrative and financial support has been provided both on a volunteer and a part-time paid basis.
- The percentage of restricted funds to total funds remains very low at 3.4. %.
- The target reserves of 10% of unrestricted annual expenditure in unrestricted reserves was met.
- The Trustees and Leadership Team remained focussed on the core giving on a weekly or monthly basis meeting the operational expenditure, and regular input was given to the congregation to make them aware of the situation. The largest cost drivers for the year were the mortgages and associated costs of maintaining a Church Office and the Church building, and the employment costs of full time and part time staff.
- The Trustees continued to review the management accounts on a regular basis on the basis of the Church's operational and ministry plan in order to seek improvements in the efficiency and effectiveness of operations. The prudent management of accounts and surpluses generated over the last decade have enabled the church to use contingency funds to cover one off payments such as clearing the mortgage on the Church office. With the financial controls in place the church is well positioned to withstand current increases in inflation and cost of living rises without adversely impacting its operational performance and public benefit.
- Systems remain in place to ensure that community projects will be, as far as possible, self-financing.
- A regular Vision/Trust Information meeting communicates the objectives, performance and public benefit of the Trust to its stakeholders.
- No funds were materially in deficit in the period under review.

**Review of Operational Activities**

**Church Activities**

The beginning of 2022 saw the church community of Life Church enter into the new year in a real place of health. Following the disruption of previous years a new pattern of life began to emerge which saw the church community grow and strengthen and continue to be effective in engaging, serving and loving the local communities.

The church continued to step into the digital space, finding new ways of connecting, resourcing and reaching people both locally, nationally and internationally.

In 2022 the church celebrated its 25th anniversary, celebrating the wonderful work of the many different people who have contributed to the work and witness of Christ for all that time.

In June of 2022 the Church embarked on a month long pursuit of healing and freedom. There were many testimonies of people experiencing freedom from physical and mental illnesses during this time as well as many stories of people exploring their spiritual life at greater depths, praying more regularly, and sharing the gospel with others with a new enthusiasm.

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Throughout the year we continued with our programme of providing high-quality Christian teaching for the church. We were able to continue to take further steps to reach more people online, too, via the use of various platforms. We continued to introduce new speakers on Sundays as well as inviting other high-profile speakers to share during our services. We are proud to continue to be members of the Ground Level Network and the Evangelical Alliance, which lend real credence and support to what we do and who we are as Life Church Lincoln.

In the first quarter of 2022 the church relaunched its small midweek groups, called "families". This included commissioning new leaders for these groups and revising them to create spaces where people can find meaningful family connection while they explore and grow in their faith.

Children's and youth activities continued to grow throughout the year and we were able to host our first youth weekend away since Covid-19. We were able to send 14 young people on a fun filled and action packed activity camping weekend where they experienced time together and a range of different activities including archery, climbing and others.

For the younger children and families we were able to offer a range of community events and activity days. This included a light party in October and range of Christmas events aimed at providing an accessible place for families with young children to enjoy the festive period together and hear the story of Christmas.

Our work into local schools continued over 2022, with church staff regularly providing assemblies both online and in-person. Our relations with local schools continues to be something we both prioritise and take real pride in.

#### **Community Activities**

2022 saw a Life Church run a number of different activities that benefited the communities we seek to serve.

Highlights include -

Over the Summer we hosted a series of BBQs both on Church Property and in various spaces around the community. We also continued to provide a once-a-month free meal after our Sunday Services which were open to anyone.

In October we hosted an in-person Light Party, an alternative celebration to Hallowe'en, which was very well attended from those inside and particularly outside the church.

In December we held Christmas services as well as several Christmas activities spearheaded by a task force from within the church. This included a pop-up nativity and an outdoor Christmas Carol Serve.

For the first time this year we were proud to provide a "Community Christmas Tree" which formed the centre piece of our outdoor Carol Service as we turned the lights on with the aid of Local Councillor David Clarkson.

The developing connections between local people at these events demonstrates that they are helping to meet a specific need in the area for people to feel part of their local communities and connected to the church, even if just on a 'loose' basis.

#### **Alleviating Need**

As an expression of our desire to demonstrate the Christian principle of helping those in need we continue to look for ways to alleviate local poverty. We continue to be fully active as a FoodBank distribution centre, which allows us to collect and give food to local individuals, couples and families who are in need. Over the year we have seen a real increase in the number of people we have been able to help through FoodBank. The distribution centre is available Tuesday-Thursday between 10.00am and 12.00pm. We were delighted to receive a number of additional financial grants to help with the running of Foodbank in 2022 which has allowed us to purchase equipment such as a new fridge and freezer to store additional food items, while we have also been able to buy in toiletries and other items for those who are in need.

During the year we have also been able to help a number of families and individuals from our Compassion Fund. This alongside debt management advice has helped them to better manage their finances, thus preventing the possibility of long term hardship. We have also been able to refer people to the Christians Against Poverty (CAP) programmes in other Lincoln churches and direct them to other debt counselling services at the local Learning Community facility. This alongside regular church giving to CAP allows us to help alleviate long-term poverty amongst local people.

We were also able in 2022 to host a once-a-week Citizens advice drop in session. The session continues to run and is regular accessed by members of the public. The session runs on Wednesdays 9:30am - 12:00pm.

We maintain excellent links with charities and churches locally and nationally so that people can be referred for help for money management and debt advice, mental health support, healthy eating classes and more.

Throughout 2022 we were able to continue to support Night Light Café, in partnership with local charity Acts Trust and the NHS. This facility supports those struggling with mental health issues and provides a listening ear, help and care to service users.

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**Oasis**

Oasis Community Lunch allows local people to be given the opportunity to develop friendships and can be linked into other organisations offering help. As in previous years, representatives from the local church and community agencies have been invited in to give a short message to those gathered. Church leaders and members who speak always seek to bring an element of the Christian gospel into what they share with those attending. Throughout 2022 Oasis has continued to meet the needs of those looking for a warm and accessible space, good healthy food to eat and the company of other members in the community.

**Diamond Park**

Diamond Park continues to be of major benefit for the community of Birchwood. As the only Community Park in the locality providing play facilities for toddlers to teens, it is in high demand throughout the summer months. The park has been fully renovated in recent years and is now in the hands of a local group who are able to ensure its day-to-day running, in line with our vision of a community-owned park when the church was originally fully responsible for its maintenance. We continue to make a generous annual donation towards the upkeep of the park to enhance and care for the needs of our local community.

**Big Local**

The Birchwood area of Lincoln was some years ago awarded £1m of Big Local funding to make a lasting and positive difference in the Birchwood area. From the launch of the Birchwood Big Local, Life Church has taken a leading role in its formation.

**Youth Work**

In addition to the detail already given, our youth team were able to continue to provide excellent teaching and social spaces for young people.

**Local/National Links**

Over 2022 we were able to continue to invest in our relationships with many other ministries, churches and individuals locally, nationally and internationally.

We are proud to play an active role in Transform Lincoln. This body seeks to encompass social action with prayer, evangelism and a priority on healthy church relationships, with the aim of making our city a better place.

We have continued to invest in our links with the Ground Level Network, which provides a level of oversight, connections to other churches, charities and ministries and training for church leaders.

We are also delighted to be a member church of the Evangelical Alliance, which gives with a number of important benefits and a level of ministerial security. This membership has been particularly helpful throughout the Covid pandemic, providing help, advice and a voice for churches such as us.

**International Links**

The church is missional in ethos and values and we continue to pursue international connections. Our main connections are with churches and ministries within India and South Africa, although we do have others in different nations. We have continued to maintain these international links throughout the year, while we also have a good relationship with a church in Nepal.

We are delighted to be able to provide a high level of financial support to a Christian girls' orphanage in the rural Indian town of Kolar Gold Fields. We have encouraged a number of people within the church to continue to 'sponsor a child' within the orphanage to help us to reach as many children as possible.

We have also been able to donate towards a tailoring skills programme in Bangalore, India, which helps impoverished women to learn a trade and either set-up their own business or gain the credentials to work within a recognised tailoring factory.

**Charitable Giving**

During 2022, Life Church made a number of gifts to projects within the UK and countries abroad.

In addition to supporting a number of UK-based charities and ministries, we were able to give towards a charity project to provide sewing machines for Indian women, who have graduated from tailoring training in Bangalore, India.

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Gifts have also been made towards the Moriah Children's Home in Kolar Gold Fields, Kanataka, India, for work with local orphans, while we have also been able to support the charitable work of Empower Church in Pretoria, South Africa.

#### **Use of Life Church Building**

In addition to our own use, our building is regularly hired by a number of community groups, including a Rainbows group, Slimming World, Weight Watchers, Oasis Community Lunch, Bee Keeping Society. The church building is also used as the location for two local councillors regular ward surgeries and is also used regularly as a polling station

Our building is also available for hire for baby dedications, weddings and funerals.

#### **Life Church Trustees**

Throughout 2022 our Board of trustees have continued to provide oversight and guidance for the church. Working closely with Church Leadership our Trustees ensure that we continue to not just meet but exceed our charitable obligations. We are hugely indebted to this wonderful team of people, who serve faithfully and work extremely hard to ensure the safe and correct running of the church's operations.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Reserves policy**

The Trustees have reviewed the reserves of the charity. This review encompassed the nature of the income and expenditure streams, the need to match variable income with fixed commitments and the nature of the reserves. The review concluded that to allow the charity to be managed efficiently, to meet working capital requirements, and to provide a buffer which will allow suitable projects to be commenced once they have been identified, a policy would be adopted to build up a general reserve equivalent to 10% of the unrestricted fund expenditure.

As at 31 December 2022, the charity had unrestricted funds of £337,734 (2021: £337,897) and restricted funds of £11,850 (2021: £16,932). The level of "free reserves" at the year end was £148,169 (2021: £162,896) and this consisted of the total unrestricted funds and associated loans less fixed assets, which is available for the charity to use in achieving its charitable objectives.

The current level of free reserves is significantly higher than the reserves policy. However, the trustees consider their policy to be reasonable due to the charity only recently having additional reserves in excess of their policy. Additional reserves are retained in the short term against any significant voluntary income reductions due to the current cost of living crisis.

##### **Restricted Funds**

During the year ending 31 December 2022 the charity continued to operate a number of restricted funds to receive income and spend money on specific items or projects. During the year or shortly after some of these funds were closed as their purpose had been fulfilled. The remaining restricted funds had varying levels of movement and were in surplus during the year; however, where restricted and designated funds had small deficits at the end of the year the relevant amounts were transferred from the General Fund amounting to a total of £1,647. All restricted funds were used for their declared purpose and there was an overall decrease in restricted funds of £5,082 to a total £11,850 at the year end.



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**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**  
**Governing Document**

The charity is controlled by its Memorandum & Articles of Association and is a company limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006, being incorporated on 17 August 2001. The charity claims exemption under Section 60 (1) (a) of the Companies Act 2006 from using the word "Limited".

**Governance and internal control**

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Articles of Association of the charity. The trustees meet approximately monthly to review strategy, performance, management accounts and other operational issues. The trustees also meet with staff and volunteers on a regular basis to ensure that policy is well understood and properly implemented. All Trustees give of their time freely and no remuneration or expenses were paid in the year.

Company and charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) FRS 102 "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" effective 1 January 2015 and specifically:

- selected suitable accounting policies and then applied them consistently;
- made judgements and estimates that were reasonable and prudent;
- stated whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures;
- disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis.

The trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that the charity has appropriate system of controls, financial and otherwise. They are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which 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 and to provide reasonable assurance that:

- the charity is operating efficiently and effectively;
- its assets are safeguarded against unauthorised use or disposition;
- proper records are maintained and financial information used within the charity or for publication is reliable;
- the charity complies with relevant laws and regulations.

The systems of internal control are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss. They include:

- Delegation of day to day management and budget activities to a Management Team of staff and specialists.
- Regular consideration by the trustees of financial results, variance from budgets, non-financial performance
- Identification and management of risks.

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**Risk Analysis**

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure that reasonable controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The charity is exposed to very limited risks and reduced these in 2012 by purchasing a building for use as an office resulting in lower monthly outgoings than the previous rented accommodation. It was further reduced in 2015 by completing the purchase of the old Methodist Church next to the Church Office, dramatically reducing the monthly outgoings for the hire of venues for Sunday and other meetings. Although the commitment is now to the ongoing maintenance of the building and payment of the mortgage, rental income from community users has offset some of these outgoings. In common with other companies, the charity is exposed to statutory redundancy payments for its staff; however, these are likely to be minimal given the relatively short duration of the company's existence, and with only five paid members of staff for the majority of 2022. Where Projects are entirely grant-aided, financial commitments will not be made as a matter of policy unless and until all grant monies are available. For Church activities, project planning requires that events are budgeted on a self-financing basis in accordance with the annual objectives. The charity also benefits from public liability and indemnity insurance policies which adequately cover operating risk. The organization of the charity is sufficiently flexible that should the need arise, activities can be undertaken by volunteers within their own homes or premises hired on an ad-hoc basis. Policies have been written and are regularly reviewed and updated to cover all key activities. DBS checks are carried out on people working with children or vulnerable people in accordance with current safeguarding legislation and guidance. The Trustees are satisfied that all reasonable steps have been taken to avoid and manage risks adequately. Notwithstanding the above, and in common with many charities and organisations, the risks associated with a global pandemic had not been included in a general risk assessment. However, the Trustees have maintained a close watch on these additional COVID-related risks (primarily affecting finance and health & safety) and have worked closely with the Core Leadership Team to ensure additional risks are assessed, understood, and mitigated where appropriate. These efforts have ensured that the effects of COVID on Life Church Lincoln have been minimised. There were no known COVID outbreaks relating to any church activities in 2022.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Company number**  
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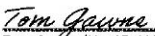
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 23 March 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

  
Tom Gawne (Mar 27, 2023 14:33 GMT+1)

Mr T L Gawne - Secretary

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
Life Church Lincoln**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Life Church Lincoln ('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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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23 March 2023

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**Statement of Financial Activities**  
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	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies		137,611	16,909	154,520	147,554
Other trading activities	2	-	132	132	17
Investment income	3	361	-	361	18
Other income		8,240	-	8,240	5,528
<b>Total</b>		<u>146,212</u>	<u>17,041</u>	<u>163,253</u>	<u>153,117</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds	4	5,428	(321)	5,107	3,263
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Ministry		135,817	9,462	145,279	140,261
Community Action		2,637	11,289	13,926	563
Youth and Overseas		846	3,340	4,186	2,175
<b>Total</b>		<u>144,728</u>	<u>23,770</u>	<u>168,498</u>	<u>146,262</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		1,484	(6,729)	(5,245)	6,855
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	17	<u>(1,647)</u>	<u>1,647</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		(163)	(5,082)	(5,245)	6,855
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		337,897	16,932	354,829	347,974
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>337,734</u></u>	<u><u>11,850</u></u>	<u><u>349,584</u></u>	<u><u>354,829</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Balance Sheet**  
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	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	10	267,383	-	267,383	283,165
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Stocks	11	-	506	506	-
Debtors	12	8,587	-	8,587	12,753
Cash at bank and in hand		152,346	11,398	163,744	174,002
		<u>160,933</u>	<u>11,904</u>	<u>172,837</u>	<u>186,755</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(12,764)	(54)	(12,818)	(14,623)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>148,169</u>	<u>11,850</u>	<u>160,019</u>	<u>172,132</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		415,552	11,850	427,402	455,297
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	14	(77,818)	-	(77,818)	(100,468)
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>337,734</u>	<u>11,850</u>	<u>349,584</u>	<u>354,829</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	17				
Unrestricted funds				337,734	337,897
Restricted funds				<u>11,850</u>	<u>16,932</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>349,584</u>	<u>354,829</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 23 March 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

Tom Gawne  
Tom Gawne (Mar 27, 2023 14:33 GMT+1)

Mr T L Gawne - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

## Life Church Lincoln

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) (as amended by Update Bulletin 1 and 2)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The charity is a company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales. Details of the registered office and place of business can be found in the reference and administration section of the Trustees Report.

##### **Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions**

The charitable company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

##### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

##### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% on cost
Improvements to property	- 25% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on cost
Computer equipment	- 25% on cost

The charity's policy is to capitalise any item costing more than £250.

##### **Stocks**

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

##### **Taxation**

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

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

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.

A further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

##### **Hire purchase and leasing commitments**

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

**2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fundraising events	132	17
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**3. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Deposit account interest	361	18
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**4. RAISING FUNDS**

**Other trading activities**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Purchases	185	28
Closing stock	(506)	-
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	(321)	28
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**Investment management costs**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Administrative expenses	5,428	3,235
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Aggregate amounts	5,107	3,263
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**5. GRANTS PAYABLE**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Ministry	16,098	17,001
Community Action	513	50
Youth and Overseas	2,001	2,175
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	18,612	19,226
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

During the year, the charity made grants to the following;

	<b>£</b>
Moriah Orphanage	6,900
Ground Level Ministry	2,160
Christians Against Poverty	1,200
R & J Bell Mission	3,636
India & Nepal	1,101
Grants under £1,000	602
Alive Church Lincoln	2,500
	<u>          </u>
Total grants made to institutions	18,099
Small compassion gifts to individuals	513
	<u>          </u>
Total grants payable	18,612
	<u>          </u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
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**6. SUPPORT COSTS**

	<b>Management £</b>	<b>Finance £</b>	<b>Other £</b>	<b>Totals £</b>
Ministry	<u>8,381</u>	<u>3,527</u>	<u>34,968</u>	<u>46,876</u>

**7. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	<b>2022 £</b>	<b>2021 £</b>
Depreciation - owned assets	15,782	14,394
Hire of plant and machinery	5,837	1,636
Surplus/(deficit) on disposal of fixed assets	(46)	209
Independent examiner costs	<u>2,800</u>	<u>3,320</u>

**8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

**9. STAFF COSTS**

The average number of employees during the period was 5 (2021: 4).

No employees were paid more than £60,000 for the year ending 31 December 2022.

**10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	<b>Freehold property £</b>	<b>Improvements to property £</b>	<b>Fixtures and fittings £</b>	<b>Computer equipment £</b>	<b>Totals £</b>
<b>COST</b>					
At 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022	<u>310,493</u>	<u>14,572</u>	<u>4,996</u>	<u>28,952</u>	<u>359,013</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>					
At 1 January 2022	49,406	8,841	3,621	13,980	75,848
Charge for year	<u>6,210</u>	<u>3,643</u>	<u>1,102</u>	<u>4,827</u>	<u>15,782</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>55,616</u>	<u>12,484</u>	<u>4,723</u>	<u>18,807</u>	<u>91,630</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>					
At 31 December 2022	<u>254,877</u>	<u>2,088</u>	<u>273</u>	<u>10,145</u>	<u>267,383</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>261,087</u>	<u>5,731</u>	<u>1,375</u>	<u>14,972</u>	<u>283,165</u>

Freehold property with a total net book value of £237,061, being the old police station and the church building, have outstanding charges registered against them being security for the loans as disclosed in note 15.



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<b>11. STOCKS</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Stocks	506	-
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other debtors	7,012	11,333
Prepayments	1,575	1,420
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	<u>8,587</u>	<u>12,753</u>
<b>13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 15)	5,510	7,696
Social security and other taxes	1,053	1,083
Other creditors	1,000	1,000
Accrued expenses	5,255	4,844
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	<u>12,818</u>	<u>14,623</u>
<b>14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Bank loans (see note 15)	76,818	98,468
Other creditors	1,000	2,000
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	<u>77,818</u>	<u>100,468</u>
<b>15. LOANS</b>		
An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:		
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank overdrafts	54	-
Bank loans	5,456	7,696
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	<u>5,510</u>	<u>7,696</u>
Amounts falling between one and two years:		
Bank loans - 1-2 years	5,697	8,062
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
Bank loans - 2-5 years	18,658	26,569
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Amounts falling due in more than five years:		
Repayable by instalments:		
Bank loans more 5 yr by instal	52,463	63,837

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**16. SECURED DEBTS**

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Bank loans	<u>82,274</u>	<u>106,164</u>

The bank loans are secured by a legal charge over the Old Birchwood Police Station building, the Church Building and its associated assets.

**17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	<b>At 1.1.22</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>At</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>movement</b>	<b>between</b>	<b>31.12.22</b>
		<b>in funds</b>	<b>funds</b>	<b>£</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General Fund	264,583	1,276	61,000	326,859
Designated Fund	4,229	(37)	(3,566)	626
Building Fund (Designated)	9,778	245	-	10,023
Overseas (Designated)	9,307	-	(9,081)	226
New Building Fund	50,000	-	(50,000)	-
	<u>337,897</u>	<u>1,484</u>	<u>(1,647)</u>	<u>337,734</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Youth Work	-	566	-	566
Building Fund	13,200	(6,003)	-	7,197
Compassion fund	723	(315)	-	408
India Missions	343	(47)	90	386
Church Hospitality	-	(548)	548	-
Dancelife	101	-	-	101
Community Events	-	(1,009)	1,009	-
Trading Fund	-	452	-	452
JB & RB Mission	22	145	-	167
Big Local/Foodbank	2,543	30	-	2,573
	<u>16,932</u>	<u>(6,729)</u>	<u>1,647</u>	<u>11,850</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>354,829</u>	<u>(5,245)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>349,584</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
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**17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General Fund	123,836	(122,560)	1,276
Designated Fund	13,175	(13,212)	(37)
Building Fund (Designated)	9,201	(8,956)	245
	<u>146,212</u>	<u>(144,728)</u>	<u>1,484</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Youth Work	1,905	(1,339)	566
Building Fund	150	(6,153)	(6,003)
Compassion fund	-	(315)	(315)
India Missions	1,954	(2,001)	(47)
Church Hospitality	136	(684)	(548)
Community Events	878	(1,887)	(1,009)
Trading Fund	131	321	452
JB & RB Mission	10,887	(10,742)	145
Big Local/Foodbank	1,000	(970)	30
	<u>17,041</u>	<u>(23,770)</u>	<u>(6,729)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>163,253</u></u>	<u><u>(168,498)</u></u>	<u><u>(5,245)</u></u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.1.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General Fund	254,542	9,304	737	264,583
Designated Fund	3,734	495	-	4,229
Building Fund (Designated)	25,565	(1,337)	(14,450)	9,778
Overseas (Designated)	9,307	-	-	9,307
New Building Fund	50,000	-	-	50,000
	<u>343,148</u>	<u>8,462</u>	<u>(13,713)</u>	<u>337,897</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Building Fund	-	-	13,200	13,200
Compassion fund	348	375	-	723
India Missions	812	(469)	-	343
Dancelife	101	-	-	101
Community Events	-	(513)	513	-
JB & RB Mission	191	(169)	-	22
Big Local/Foodbank	3,374	(831)	-	2,543
	<u>4,826</u>	<u>(1,607)</u>	<u>13,713</u>	<u>16,932</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>347,974</u></u>	<u><u>6,855</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>354,829</u></u>

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**17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General Fund	124,259	(114,955)	9,304
Designated Fund	12,225	(11,730)	495
Building Fund (Designated)	6,126	(7,463)	(1,337)
	<hr/> 142,610	<hr/> (134,148)	<hr/> 8,462
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Compassion fund	425	(50)	375
India Missions	1,706	(2,175)	(469)
Community Events	-	(513)	(513)
JB & RB Mission	8,376	(8,545)	(169)
Big Local/Foodbank	-	(831)	(831)
	<hr/> 10,507	<hr/> (12,114)	<hr/> (1,607)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<hr/> <hr/> 153,117	<hr/> <hr/> (146,262)	<hr/> <hr/> 6,855

**Designated Funds**

Designated Fund

This fund has been designated for the payment of grants.

Building Fund

This fund has been designated for the repairs of the church building.

Overseas Fund

This fund has been designated as it is an offering to the mission in South Africa.

New Building Fund

The trustees are investigating the possibility of rebuilding the church and as such have designated monies for this purpose.

**Restricted Funds**

A description of the material restricted funds is detailed below.

India Missions

This fund has arisen from specific fund raising campaigns for India, for example the orphanage, sewing machines, send a cow.

Compassion Fund

This fund has arisen from restricted incoming resources for help support individuals and families within the church community during times of hardship.

Dancelife Fund

Dance classes held in Life Church hall. Income is generated from fees which is used to fund the costs of the group.

Community Events

Income and expenditure for specific events, including summer Kid's club, Light party, Christmas activities. Income is generated from fees which is used to fund the cost of the events.

JB/RB Mission

This fund has arisen from specific donations received towards mission work in the Birchwood Community undertaken by two of the leadership team at Life Church Lincoln. This mission work is self-funder or part of local projects or initiatives.

Big Local- Foodbank

This fund has arisen from funding from Birchwood Big Local to support the operation of a Foodbank.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
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**17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Transfers between funds**

**Unrestricted Funds**

General Fund

During the year transfers were made of £548 to the Church Hospitality Fund and £1,009 to the Community Events Fund to cover shortfalls on expenditure.

A transfer of £90 was also made to the India Mission Fund for amounts paid out of unrestricted funds.

**18. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2022.

**19. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY**

The charity is controlled by its Board of Trustees.

**Life Church Lincoln**

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	145,458	144,322
Grants	9,062	3,232
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	154,520	147,554
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Fundraising events	132	17
<b>Investment income</b>		
Deposit account interest	361	18
<b>Other income</b>		
Rents received	8,240	5,528
	<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	163,253	153,117
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Purchases	185	28
Closing stock	(506)	-
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	(321)	28
<b>Investment management costs</b>		
Administrative expenses	5,428	3,235
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Wages	80,701	71,996
Social security	940	2,891
Pensions	3,003	2,924
Other direct costs	10,737	9,604
Advertising	317	(54)
Rent	2,205	1,040
Grants to institutions	18,099	18,968
Grants to individuals	513	258
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	116,515	107,627
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Management</b>		
Cleaning	198	142
Telephone	1,673	2,475
Postage and stationery	357	296
Professional fees	6,153	-
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	8,381	2,913
<b>Finance</b>		
Mortgage	3,527	4,107
<b>Other</b>		
Repairs and maintenance	5,837	1,636
Rent, rates and water	220	868
Carried forward	6,057	2,504

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Other</b>		
Brought forward	6,057	2,504
Insurance	1,944	1,825
Light and heat	3,824	3,155
Travel	1,565	734
Sundries	1,101	863
Repairs and maintenance	1,465	1,349
Independent examination	3,276	3,320
Freehold property	6,210	6,210
Improvements to property	3,643	3,438
Fixtures and fittings	1,102	1,249
Computer equipment	4,827	3,496
Profit/loss on sale of fixed assets	(46)	209
	<hr/> 34,968	<hr/> 28,352
Total resources expended	<hr/> 168,498	<hr/> 146,262
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>	<hr/> <hr/> (5,245)	<hr/> <hr/> 6,855