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**Fresh Church is a working name of
Moorside Harvest Community Church**

**Annual Report & Accounts
to year end
31st March 2024**

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Chairman's (Pastor's) Report 2023/24:

It's now 22 years since a small group of us caught the vision for an Evangelical Church in the Moorside and Sholver area. The group remains small but the vision and sense of purpose remains strong.

For over two decades we have insisted on reaching up, reaching in and reaching out in our area and, reflecting on a recent event which was intended to encourage churches to move from survival to revival, those three 'reaches' seem more relevant than ever.

This year seems to have been a year of consolidation. We might not have gained much ground or held many groundbreaking events but we have remained steady and true to our objects.

The Gospel has been preached weekly, God has been the ongoing object of our worship, and we have endeavoured to meet the spiritual need of the whole congregation, despite sickness and the life/work demands that have affected Fresh Youth.

Last Christmas we were instrumental in setting up a Community Carol Service at the Community Centre which was well attended and involved local churches, community groups and a local primary school. I believe that the opportunity to run a carol service grew from the participation of myself, and other Fresh Church members, at the Community Centre. My own involvement with the Sholver and Moorside Community Team grew stronger throughout our 23/24 reporting year.

My opinion is that we ended this year as a small but healthy, stable and resilient worshipping community with potential for growth.

Pastor Terry Durose

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of Moorside Harvest Community Church: On the Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Church's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the church and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

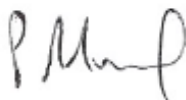
Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records
- the accounts do 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 come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name: PHILIP MUSHING (F.C.C.A.), Chartered Certified Accountant

Address: Ogden & Partington, Chartered Certified Accountants,
Office 3, Falcon Business Centre, Victoria Street, Chadderton, Oldham, OL9 0HB.

Date: 19th August 2024

MOORSIDE HARVEST COMMUNITY CHURCH

CHARITY COMMISSION REGISTERED NUMBER: 1096125

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - GENERAL FUND

YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

	<u>2024</u> £	<u>2023</u> £
<u>Receipts</u>		
Offerings	21,445.55	24,193.47
Gift aid tax repayment	5,329.39	6,515.18
Oldham Council - use of building as a polling station	300.00	300.00
Bank interest	92.58	26.87
	<u>27,167.52</u>	<u>31,035.52</u>
<u>Payments</u>		
Payroll	16,332.86	16,190.67
Church administration	1,722.73	3,428.94
Capital purchases	-	-
Gifts	400.00	635.00
Children & young people's work	24.25	36.75
Outreach - local	-	40.44
Outreach - non- local	-	-
Welfare payments	-	-
Transfer to Tithe Fund	2,664.70	2,897.47
Transfer to Building Management Fund	6,000.00	2,800.00
	<u>27,144.54</u>	<u>26,029.27</u>
Net receipts	22.98	5,006.25
Cash funds at 31st March 2023	31,205.30	26,199.05
Cash funds at 31st March 2024	<u>31,228.28</u>	<u>31,205.30</u>

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - TITHE FUND

YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
<u>Receipts</u>		
Transfer from General Fund	<u>2,664.70</u>	<u>2,897.47</u>
<u>Payments</u>		
Outreach - non- local	-	-
Donations	2,350.00	3,525.00
Transfer to Child Project	-	-
	<u>2,350.00</u>	<u>3,525.00</u>
 Net receipts / (payments)	 314.70	 (627.53)
Cash funds at 31st March 2023	44.83	672.36
Cash funds at 31st March 2024	<u>359.53</u>	<u>44.83</u>

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - BUILDING MANAGEMENT FUND (DESIGNATED)

YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
<u>Receipts</u>		
Offerings	-	10.00
Transfer from General Fund	6,000.00	2,800.00
	<u>6,000.00</u>	<u>2,810.00</u>
 <u>Payments</u>		
Church administration	5,720.85	4,491.02
	<u>5,720.85</u>	<u>4,491.02</u>
 Net receipts / (payments)	279.15	(1,681.02)
Cash funds at 31st March 2023	(540.64)	1,140.38
Cash funds at 31st March 2024	<u>(261.49)</u>	<u>(540.64)</u>

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - CHILD PROJECT

YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
<u>Receipts</u>		
Receipts	-	-
Transfer from Tithe Fund	-	-
	-	-
<u>Payments</u>		
Payments	-	55.53
	-	55.53
Net (payments)	-	(55.53)
Cash funds at 31st March 2023	-	55.53
Cash funds at 31st March 2024	-	-

MOORSIDE HARVEST COMMUNITY CHURCH

CHARITY COMMISSION REGISTERED NUMBER: 1096125

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - ACTS 435

YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
<u>Receipts</u>		
Receipts	-	300.00
	<u>-</u>	<u>300.00</u>
<u>Payments</u>		
Payments	28.81	240.00
	<u>28.81</u>	<u>240.00</u>
Net (payments) / receipts	(28.81)	60.00
Cash funds at 31st March 2023	104.15	44.15
Cash funds at 31st March 2024	<u>75.34</u>	<u>104.15</u>

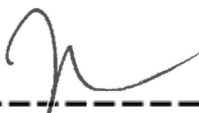
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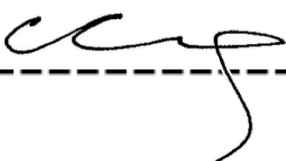
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31st MARCH 2024

	<u>2024</u> £	<u>2023</u> £
<u>Monetary Assets</u>		
General fund	31,228.28	31,205.30
Tithe fund	359.53	44.83
Child project	-	-
Acts 435	75.34	104.15
Building management fund (designated)	(261.49)	(540.64)
	<u>31,401.66</u>	<u>30,813.64</u>
Bank current account	10,717.18	10,221.74
Bank deposit account	20,684.48	20,591.90
	<u>31,401.66</u>	<u>30,813.64</u>
<u>Non-Monetary Assets</u>		
Equipment		
Property at cost - 105 Coleridge Road, Oldham	<u>30,023.80</u>	<u>30,023.80</u>

Signed on behalf of the trustees





Dated: 19th August 2024

Accounts Breakdown 2023/24:

Income		
Tithes & Offerings		£24,193.47
Gift Aid Repayment		£6,515.18
Bank Interest		26.87
Polling Station room usage		300.00
Acts 435		£300.00
Box of Hope		£0.00
Total Income		£31,335.52
Expenditure		
Includes but not limited to:	Insurance	£985.77
	Accountant	£270.00
	Property Maintenance	£1,752.90
	Data Developments	£150.00
	CCLI	£300.75
	Thirty One:Eight	£157.00
	Evangelical Alliance	£72.00
	Data Protection	£35.00
	Utilities	£2,514.12
	Web site/Domain name	£98.40
	Communion Glasses	£25.00
	PA Equipment	£1,121.32
	Kitchen Equipment	£267.18
	New Year Brunch	£54.02
	Sundry	£116.50
Payroll Total		£16,190.67
Children and YP work		£36.75
Local Outreach		£40.44
Gifts		£635.00
Welfare		£0.00
Tithe Payments Total		£3,525.00
Other	Box of Hope	£55.35
	Acts 435	£240.00

Minutes:

Fresh Church Annual General Meeting 6:00pm 8th October 2023

The AGM began with a fellowship meal.

Members Present: Rebecca Ashton, Christine Cowling (Treasurer), Stephen Cowling, Terry Durose (Pastor), Janet Durose (Secretary), Rosemary Fullerd, Marlene Jackson, Ray Jackson, Beryl Laming, Stewart Laming (SL), Sue Laming (SueL), Jean Stott, Karen Zehlin.

Apologies: Mark Davies

Non-members Present: None

6:25pm: TD welcomed everyone and opened the meeting in prayer.

Chairman's Report

TD pointed out that the ratification for RA's position on the diaconate had taken place at the General Members Meeting on 4th June 2023 and not expected at this AGM as stated in his report. JD will update the report before submitting it to the Charity Commission.

Minutes from the AGM held on 02/10/2022

The meeting accepted the minutes as an accurate record,
Proposed SL, Seconded SC. All in agreement.

Matters arising from the 02/10/2022 minutes: none

Minutes from the General Members Meeting held on 04/06/2023

The meeting accepted the minutes as an accurate record,
Proposed SL, Seconded BL All in agreement.

Matters arising from the 04/06/2023 minutes: none

Selection of Deacons

Beryl Laming: (BL left the meeting) After a short discussion the meeting unanimously agreed that BL should continue to serve on the Diaconate for a further term of 3 years. Nominated by SC. Seconded by RF.

Christine Cowling: (CC and SC left the meeting) After a short discussion the meeting unanimously agreed that CC should continue to serve as Church Treasurer for a further term of 3 years. Nominated by JD. Seconded by RF.

Minutes contd:

Finance Report

- Income for the 22/23 period was down. Expenditure for the same period was up. However, at 31st March 2023 the cash funds were £5k higher than at 31st March 2022. This is a great encouragement because we were facing uncertainties surrounding utility costs and a reduced congregation.
- Fresh Church continues to tithe on its income with the main beneficiary currently being Manchester City Mission's Groundbreakers Project.
- The 'Breakdown' on page 11 of the Annual Report shows income to various funds in the 22/23 period. It also gives a very basic picture of how funds have been spent during the same period.
- CC gave a brief explanation of Acts 435, Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GASDS) and Thirtyone:eight, for those who were unfamiliar with these items.
- TD thanked the Deacons for their careful management of finances.

The meeting unanimously agreed to pass the finance report.

On the grounds that both the Minutes and Finance Report had been accepted by the meeting, the Annual Report for 2022/2023 was passed.

The meeting thanked CC & JD for their work.

Ministry Reports

The following people gave brief verbal reports relating to 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023.

- TD - RA is in the process of taking over as Compliance Officer from BL. Everything is up to date.
- SueL - Fresh Kids
 - Thanks CC, BL and JS for their support in Fresh Kids.
 - There are 3 regular attendees. SueL told the meeting that the children often ask challenging questions.
 - Fresh Kids are currently using the 'Link it Up' bible which the children enjoy reading alongside the adults. They are currently 2/3 through the Old Testament.
 - SL asked for prayer for more leaders and more children.
 - Fresh Church and Fresh Youth meet on alternate weeks.
- RA - Fresh Youth
 - There are 2-4 regular attendees to Fresh Youth.
 - Fresh Youth are currently studying 'The Godhead' and 'Church Life'.
 - Fresh Youth are the next generation and it is important that they know why we do what we do, as a church.
- JD - Worship
 - JD told the meeting that moving from playing occasionally to playing every week was a daunting challenge, but God has been with the worship team and it is a great joy to see people joining in worship.
 - JD expressed thanks to SC, TD and, especially, B Box who has guided and encouraged as the worship team has developed.
 - The sound desk is now efficiently run by a team including Christine, Stewart, Chris, Izzy and Abbie – all who volunteered to learn how to use the AV system when DB left. Steve, Chris and Beryl film the services.
 - TD noted that SL oversees the AV team and commented on how much work is done 'behind the scenes' regarding worship.

Minutes contd:

TD thanked all the ministry leaders for their work.

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- JD and SL were thanked for their enjoyable 'children's addresses'.
- After a leak from the roof during the year, SC pointed out that there have been no further leaks even though we have had bad weather.
- TD told the meeting that we are in the process of improving our system to stream services. While streaming from a phone has been good, there have been times when the sound has been a problem. The church has purchased a more suitable streaming system.
- The church internet provider has proved to be a problem resulting in SC spending hours trying to get them to provide the service we pay for. We are now switching to another provider.

TD noted that the Annual Report for 22/23 has, indeed, covered an interesting 12 month period but God has been with us.

7:06pm TD closed the meeting in prayer, giving thanks for everyone involved.

This is a true record of this meeting,

Signed 

Dated 6th October 2024

Legal and Administrative:

** indicates a change or insertion*

Charity Registration:

Charity Name: Moorside Harvest Community Church
Registration number: 1096125
Charity Commission for England and Wales
2nd Floor, 20 Kings Parade
Queens Dock
Liverpool. L4 3DQ

Place of Worship Certification:

Fresh Church, Coleridge Road was registered as a place of worship on 7th April 2014 by the General Register Office. Register number 83538

Governing Document:

Our governing document is our constitution, adopted on the 7th July 2002 and last amended on 13th October 2019.

Charity Trustees (Executive Committee):

Made up of Elders and Diaconate since inception

Eldership:

T Durose	Pastor
S Cowling	

Deacons*:

C Cowling	Treasurer
J Durose	Secretary
B Laming	
R Ashton	

Bankers:

The Co-operative Bank
Kings Valley, Yew Street
Stockport, Cheshire
SK4 2JU

Auditor:

P Mushing F.C.C.A.
Ogden & Partington
3 Falcon Enterprise Centre
Victoria Street
Chadderton, Oldham
OL1 1RD

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Child & Vulnerable Persons Protection Policy

Moorside Harvest Community Church operates a child and vulnerable persons protection policy, which includes the recording of personal information, and DBS checks on individuals where required. The DBS checks are administered through Thirtyone:Eight. Further details are available on request

Praying Hands

Moorside Harvest Community Church operates an emergency prayer service, known as Praying Hands where individuals can request prayer in the event of an emergency. Each church prayer warrior is immediately contacted and given details of the prayer request.

Notes

Fresh Church meets at 10:30am every
Sunday morning
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