

Springs

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FINANCIAL REPORT
for the period ended
31ST DECEMBER 2023

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Registered Charity No: 1102348

SPRINGS CHURCH (A registered charity)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees present their annual report along with the financial statements of the charity for the period ending 31st December 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act, 2011 using the receipts and payment basis and have been independently audited

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

The charity is administered in accordance with the constitution adopted in 2004. The Trustees of the charity being Mrs Paula Teal (Chair); Mr Paul Dobson and Pastor Catherine Hills (Secretary) as of December 2023.

CHARITABLE STATUS

The Declaration of Charitable Trusts was signed on 10 February 2004. Copies of this deed are held by the Trustees and Messrs Robinsons, Solicitors.

RELEVANT ORGANISATIONS

Bankers: National Westminster Bank
Brigg Branch,
14 Market Place,
Brigg.
DN20 8EU

Solicitors: Messrs Robinsons
83 Friar Gate,
Derby.
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OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES

1. **The advancement of the Christian faith and the worship of God in the United Kingdom and overseas by any means whatsoever including (but not by way of limitation) the preaching and proclamation of the Christian Gospel, the teaching of Christian doctrine and its principles, the pastoral care of Christian people and the printing and distribution of the Bible and Christian literature including video and audio recordings and by any other media which is or may become available.**
2. **The Worldwide advancement or education on the basis of Christian principles and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing the provisions of such education in any educational establishment and if the Trustees so decide the provision of one or more charitable education establishments for the general education of children or adults on the basis of such Christian principle.**
3. **The furtherance of the other charitable work of the Church consistent with the above.**

The Trustees seek to achieve the charity's objectives by undertaking the following activities:

- Organising events, services, groups, courses and other such activities.
- Attending and participating in conferences and events.
- Running events and outings (e.g. for children and other generations).
- Supporting and teaching about Christian outreach overseas.
- Supporting and raising the profile of charitable Christian organisations and activities.

PERFORMANCE & ACHIEVEMENTS

In respect of objective (1):

Springs Church has held regular Sunday services throughout the year for worship, taking of Communion and delivering Biblical teaching. This included special seasonal services for personal remembrance, National remembrance and celebration of Christian festivals like Harvest, Christmas and Easter.

Springs Church continued holding 4 regular mid-week groups in 2023, meeting at various times of the day and evening. Each group is unique, but undertakes Biblical study based on specific concepts and topics using a variety of media such as study guides, dvd, film and audio teaching. These meetings can also include fellowship, worship and prayer.

The Church has remained an active member of the Ground Level Network of Churches and has attended conferences and events meetings organised by it throughout the year. A member of the Church completed their Leadership training through the network, whilst the Pastor continues to be partly responsible for support of several local Churches in the Humber to Wash (Central) region. Springs Church is also a member of Churches Together in all Lincolnshire (CTAL).

Springs Church has contributed to the running of the 'Arise II' Celebration event in July (Skegness) where Churches within the region gathered for fellowship, worship and teaching. The Pastor assisted with the Chaplaincy team throughout the weekend and lead a seminar activity too.

Springs Church remains committed to praying for Caistor and surrounding villages, as well as the our County and The Church. Holding weekly meetings in-person and on-line, we encourage prayer for the wider world in times of conflict and National importance. Prayer gatherings are frequent within the Church Emmaus Room, as well as our commitment to support the quarterly Humber to Wash regional prayer gatherings. The Pastor is now involved in leading these prayers County-wide.

Springs Church has continued its support for Christian organisations both financially and non-financially: raising their profile in the Church, in the UK and beyond. This can be seen in the financial accounts with a breakdown of those organisations supported. Representatives from organisations are welcome visitors to our Sunday service as well as delivery of material in services to educate the Church by the Pastor.

In respect of objective (2) in addition to the above:

Springs Church holds specific weekly teaching for children and young people when required or requested (depending upon the age-cohort of the Church). This includes teaching activities, song and craft sessions at in-person gatherings. In 2023 this has taken the form of Sunday School teaching within Church as well as key gatherings such as Christmas or Easter for all-age events. We encourage all-age services at times of celebration such as Harvest or Coronation events.

Resources may be passed onto families for self-directed or home study, particularly at key seasons such as Christmas. We tailor resources and teaching to age. This is now extended to families outside of regular Church attendance through our work with Safe Families for Children UK as well with the local Caistor Foodbank .

Springs Church continues to support Safe Families for Children on a monthly basis in 2023, as well as sponsoring 2 children via Compassion UK to widen our support to children across the globe.

Springs Church continues to hold a monthly family 'Café-style' service which offers a more varied and less formal programme of teaching for all ages to worship together using a variety of media on key (age-appropriate) themes.

As the opportunity arises, Springs Church runs Alpha Courses (Introduction to Christianity), discipleship or parenting courses are performed upon application.

In respect of objective (3) in addition to the above:

Springs Church has contributed financially to the Ground Level Network of Churches and to the charitable projects supported by it, as well as other Christian causes in the UK/worldwide. It also supports CTAL financially through membership.

The Church may contribute to emergency funding as required (for example in the Ukraine conflict) via Christian Organisations, in accordance with the Trust Deed. Springs Church continues to work with Safe Families for Children, UK: supporting them financially on a monthly basis and impacting families in the area with befriender support, prayer and practical resources.

We still run a monthly lunch club in a local village hall, aimed at bringing together those who with limited social contact or mobility. This is run with the help several Church volunteers. We have had to increase our 'subs' by a small amount this year to cover food costs and hall rental. Additional members have joined us at this event.

'Warm and Well' enters its second year of service and is open all year round due to its popularity. We remain a registered warm space to benefit those in the community who may require heating, help or social interaction. Caistor Town Council added to our resources with a small donation to enable the purchase of a sandwich maker, outdoor bench and some games. We obtained a match-funded grant to enable 80 Bags of Kindness to be distributed to all guests of the Lunch Club, Warm and Well and the local Foodbank over the Christmas period. This for the third year running.

Our monthly musical 'Acoustic Lounge' evening continues: bringing together the musically-minded or mere music lovers for an evening of friendship and song, whilst a monthly informal knitting group uses the Emmaus room for a get together, craft and chat.

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NOTES CONCERNING FINANCE

INCOME & EXPENDITURE

Details of the comparison of income over the expenditure for the financial year are given at page 6.

ASSETS

It should be noted that the Trust has no assets involving property, vehicles or investments. A summary balance sheet is found on page 6.

BANKING

The Church has two accounts with its bankers, current & savings. No charges for this service have been made. Interest is received on one of the accounts.

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Statement of Financial Activities

Period : 1 January - 31 December 2023

Sum of Total		Accounts Year		Note	Ref
Income /	Description	2023	2022		
Category					
Income	Other Income				
	Gift Aid	5,869	5,985		
	Offerings	27,302	27,369		
Income Total		33,171	33,354		
Other Income	Home Alone Lunches	1,634	820		2
	Warm & Well	350	248		2
	Good Neighbourhood Scheme 2022		526		
	Good Neighbourhood Scheme 2023	336			2
	Legacy		2,000		
	Other Income	53	10		
Other Income Total		2,373	3,603		
Expenditure	Home Alone Lunches	(2,455)	(2,302)		
	Warm & Well	(654)	(140)		
	Good Neighbourhood Scheme 2022		(526)		
	Good Neighbourhood Scheme 2023	(336)			
	Administration	(791)	(841)		
	Covid- Safe Families		(898)		
	Gift	(1,526)	(5,034)		1
	Hall Hire	(6,130)	(6,190)		
	Insurance	(233)	(224)		
	Miscellaneous	(71)	(159)		
	Outreach	(400)	(698)		
	Salary	(22,304)	(22,092)		
	Tithe	(3,317)	(3,635)		3
	Training	(272)	(157)		
	Visitor expenses	(120)	(200)		
Expenditure Total		(38,609)	(43,096)		
Net Income / (Outgoings)		(3,065)	(6,138)		

Balance of Funds 1 January	13,997	20,135
Balance of Funds 31 December	10,932	13,997

Balance Sheet

Financial Period Ending December 2023

	31/12/2023	31/12/2022
Cash at Bank	10,576	13,896
Coop Vouchers	185	-
Petty Cash	171	101
Total Cash	10,932	13,997
Retained Income	10,932	13,997

Notes to the Accounts

1. Gifts		
	2023	2022
Compassion UK	616	456
Ground level: One event	500	300
Open Doors	-	100
Hope Community	-	100
Bible Society	-	300
Safe Families	210	180
Good News	-	100
Barnabas Fund	-	1,000
Alive Church	-	100
City Church Grimsby	-	100
Threshold	-	100
Life Church Horncastle	-	100
New Life Market Rasen	-	100
Caistor Methodist Church	-	300
Caistor Parish Church	-	100
St Thomas More Church	-	100
Nettleton Church	-	100
Groundlevel	-	100
Try Praying	-	100
Daily Bread	-	100
Lifewords UK	-	100
Paogin Haokip	-	100
Sanctuary Foundation	-	18
Samaritans Purse	-	300
Storehouse Skegness	-	380
Christians Against Poverty	-	200
Embrace Middle East	200	-
Total	1,526	5,034

2. Grant Funded Activities

Springs Church has been awarded the following Grants in financial years 2022 and 2023:

	2023	2022	Balance c/f 31/12/2023
Warm & Well 2022	350		
Warm & Well 2023		248	66
Home Alone Lunches	848		92
Good Neighbourhood Scheme 2022		526	
Good Neighbourhood Scheme 2023	336		
Total	1,534	774	158

3. Tithe

The church gifts 10% of all income to the Groundlevel network.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

Independent examiners report to the members of Springs Church for the year ending 31st December 2023

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. It is the independent examiners responsibility to

- a) examine the accounts
- b) to confirm they agree with the treasurers records
- c) to state whether particular matters have come to his/her attention

Basis of independent examiners statement

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and the 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 such matters. These procedures do not constitute an audit and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

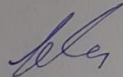
Independent examiners statement

In connection with my examination , no matter has come to my attention

- a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material aspect, the requirements to keep accounting records to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements have not been met or

- b) to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Signed



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