

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Life City Church Ltd

(A company limited by guarantee)

Charity registration number: 1105684

Company registration number: 05137625

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Trustees	Stephen Sutherland Philip Buckley Andrew Booth Jay Bhatt (appointed 1 April 2024) Joanna Eyarhono (appointed 1 April 2023)
Secretary	Karlene Williams
Charity Registration Number	1105684
Company Registration Number	05137625
Registered Office	The charity is incorporated in England. 40c Bramley Hall Bramley Hill South Croydon Surrey CR2 6NS
Independent Examiner	G W Schulz FCMA Independent Examiners Ltd 2 Broadbridge Business Centre Delling Lane Bosham, Chichester West Sussex PO18 8NF
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

Life City Church Ltd is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The management of the company is the responsibility of the trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Memorandum of Association.

Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The company's objectives and principal activities are:

- The advancement of the Christian Faith
- The instruction and care of Christians
- The evangelism of non Christians
- The advancement of education on the basis of Christian teaching
- The relief of those in need, suffering, hardship or distress, the aged and sick

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Use of volunteers

The trustees are very grateful for the generous giving of the church members in terms of both finances and time. Without the free will of time by many members much of the work of the charitable company would not function.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

Achievements and performance

Review of activities

Over the past year, the church has experienced a period of steady growth, welcoming many new members into our congregation. However, this has been balanced by some members moving on due to new employment opportunities, relocation, or exploring other church communities.

We are delighted to report increased activity in our key ministry areas: women's, men's, and youth ministries. This expansion reflects our commitment to supporting all segments of our congregation. The church hired a new part-time youth leader, ensuring dedicated support for the growing needs of our young people. These developments have required additional investment in resources and personnel.

Plans for future periods

Securing a permanent venue remains a key priority for Life City Church. Efforts to identify and acquire a suitable property are ongoing, and we are committed to finding a space that will accommodate our growing congregation and support our vision for the future.

Financial review

The income for the year amounted to £318,813 (2023 - £313,523) and expenditure £208,133 (2023 - £162,561). The surplus was added to fund brought forward, resulting in unrestricted funds of £689,624 to be carried forward.

The church's financial giving has remained consistent over the year, demonstrating the faithfulness and generosity of our congregation. However, our expenditure has increased due to:

1. Increased Ministry Activities: As noted, additional resources were allocated to growing ministries and events.
2. Staffing Costs: Adjustments were made in line with government legislation on salaries, contributing to higher overall staffing expenses.
3. Venue Costs: The weekly rent for our current venue has risen, reflecting broader trends in property and facilities costs.

Despite these challenges, the church remains in a stable financial position. Careful stewardship and strategic planning have allowed us to continue supporting both our ministries and operational needs.

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Life City Church Ltd for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company 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 charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 10 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Steve Sutherland

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Stephen Sutherland
Trustee

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF LIFE CITY CHURCH LTD

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Life City Church Ltd for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of Life City Church Ltd (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 Life City Church Ltd 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

Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 Life City Church Ltd 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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G W Schulz FCMA
Independent Examiners Ltd

10 December 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	305,401	305,401	312,296
Charitable activities	4	2,323	2,323	525
Investment income	5	10,339	10,339	702
Other income	6	750	750	-
Total income		<u>318,813</u>	<u>318,813</u>	<u>313,523</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	7	<u>208,133</u>	<u>208,133</u>	<u>162,561</u>
Total expenditure		<u>208,133</u>	<u>208,133</u>	<u>162,561</u>
Net income		<u>110,680</u>	<u>110,680</u>	<u>150,962</u>
Net movement in funds		110,680	110,680	150,962
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>578,944</u>	<u>578,944</u>	<u>427,982</u>
Total funds carried forward	14	<u><u>689,624</u></u>	<u><u>689,624</u></u>	<u><u>578,944</u></u>

The notes on pages 8 to 16 form an integral part of these financial statements.

LIFE CITY CHURCH LTD
(REGISTRATION NUMBER: 05137625)
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	<u>82,684</u>	<u>86,111</u>
		<u>82,684</u>	<u>86,111</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	11	14,667	23,014
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>613,997</u>	<u>487,699</u>
		628,664	510,713
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(21,724)</u>	<u>(17,880)</u>
Net current assets		<u>606,940</u>	<u>492,833</u>
Net assets		<u>689,624</u>	<u>578,944</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>689,624</u>	<u>578,944</u>
Total funds	14	<u>689,624</u>	<u>578,944</u>

For the financial year ending 31 March 2024 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements on pages 6 to 16 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 10 December 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Steve Sutherland

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Stephen Sutherland
Trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 16 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in England, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). They also comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Life City Church Ltd meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Income and endowments

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Gift aid

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Land and buildings	2% on cost
Furniture and equipment	25% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	25% on reducing balance

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

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Financial instruments

The company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations	252,743	252,743	264,652
Gift aid reclaimed	<u>52,658</u>	<u>52,658</u>	<u>47,594</u>
	<u>305,401</u>	<u>305,401</u>	<u>312,246</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Events	964	964	525
Activities	<u>1,359</u>	<u>1,359</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>2,323</u>	<u>2,323</u>	<u>525</u>

5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	<u>10,339</u>	<u>10,339</u>	<u>702</u>

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6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Insurance claim	500	500	-
Gains on sale of intangible fixed assets for charity's own use	250	250	-
	<u>750</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>-</u>

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Camp, courses, conferences and ministry costs		41,984	41,984	30,169
Children and Youth		4,384	4,384	1,485
Gifts and donations		2,035	2,035	6,123
Speakers costs		2,979	2,979	929
Premises costs and hall hire		38,080	38,080	21,051
Computers and media		8,344	8,344	4,139
Publicity		282	282	327
Travelling expenses		283	283	228
Postage, stationery and telephone		1,932	1,932	2,660
Subscriptions and licenses		7,757	7,757	5,288
Bank and charge cards		1,931	1,931	1,478
Legal and professional fees		193	193	193
Other costs		-	-	58
Independent examination		1,044	1,044	990
Depreciation		13,125	13,125	13,762
Staff costs	9	<u>83,780</u>	<u>83,780</u>	<u>73,681</u>
		<u>208,133</u>	<u>208,133</u>	<u>162,561</u>

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8 Trustees remuneration and expenses

One trustee, Mr Stephen Sutherland, received remuneration as pastor of the church amounting to £44,520 (2023: £44,965) in the current year.

During the year, Mr Stephen Sutherland, also received benefits by way of pension contributions amounting to £2,680 (2023: £2,567).

The only other payments made to the trustees, or any person connected with them, consisted of reimbursements of expenditure incurred on behalf of the charity in furthering the charity's objects.

9 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	79,612	68,852
Social security costs	1,132	1,306
Pension costs	<u>3,036</u>	<u>3,523</u>
	<u>83,780</u>	<u>73,681</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2024 No	2023 No
Full-time	1	1
Part-time	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>

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10 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2023	52,127	112,254	164,381
Additions	-	9,697	9,697
Disposals	-	(47,746)	(47,746)
At 31 March 2024	52,127	74,205	126,332
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2023	4,172	74,098	78,270
Charge for the year	1,043	12,082	13,125
Eliminated on disposals	-	(47,747)	(47,747)
At 31 March 2024	5,215	38,433	43,648
Net book value			
At 31 March 2024	46,912	35,772	82,684
At 31 March 2023	47,955	38,156	86,111

11 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Accrued income	14,667	21,796
Other debtors	-	1,218
	14,667	23,014

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	3,520	1,267
Other taxation and social security	1,614	-
Other creditors	15,726	15,803
Accruals	864	810
	21,724	17,880

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13 Pension and other schemes

Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the charity to the scheme and amounted to £3,036 (2023 - £3,523).

Contributions totalling £15,727 (2023 - £15,802) were payable to the scheme at the end of the year and are included in creditors.

14 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
General				
General Funds	<u>578,944</u>	<u>318,813</u>	<u>(208,133)</u>	<u>689,624</u>

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
General				
General Funds	<u>427,982</u>	<u>313,523</u>	<u>(162,561)</u>	<u>578,944</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 March 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	82,684	-	82,684
Current assets	628,664	-	628,664
Current liabilities	<u>(21,724)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(21,724)</u>
Total net assets	<u>689,624</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>689,624</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 March 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	86,111	-	86,111
Current assets	510,713	-	510,713
Current liabilities	<u>(17,880)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(17,880)</u>
Total net assets	<u>578,944</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>578,944</u>