

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 05270456 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1106918

APPROVAL

STATEMENTS OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

FOR

LIVING LIGHT CHRISTIAN CHURCH, TAUNTON

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LIVING LIGHT CHRISTIAN CHURCH, TAUNTON

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The Trustees who are also directors of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2022, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2022. The Trustees have prepared the financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (collectively 'January 2018').

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The trustees provide each year a comprehensive report on the activities of the charity and the year under review. This report is presented as a supplementary document and is attached to the financial statements at the end of the financial statements.

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GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number:
01370436 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number:
2106918

Registered office:
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Trustees:
Mr Benedict Rupert C. Thorne Spiritual Leader
Mr John Christopher Lagers Senior Spiritual Leader
Mr Richard Karl Appleby Leader
Mr Tynne Jones Leader
Mr Kevin Parker Leader
Mr Brian Evans Leader
Mr Christopher Izett

Company Secretary:
Mr Benedict Rupert C. Thorne

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LIVING LIGHT CHRISTIAN CHURCH, TAUNTON

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

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 31st 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The trustees provide each year a comprehensive report of the activities of the church during the year under review. This report is presented as a supplementary document and is attached to the financial statements at the end of the formal accounts.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

05270456 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1106918

Registered office

Gipsy Lane
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Trustees

Mr Benedict Rupert E Thorne Spiritual Leader
Mr John Christopher Lalgee Senior Spiritual Leader
Mr Richard Karl Appleby Leader
Mr Trefor Jones Leader
Mr Kevin Parker Leader
Mr Bruce Izzett Leader
Mr Christopher Izzett

Company Secretary

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LIVING LIGHT CHRISTIAN CHURCH, TAUNTON

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

COMPREHENSIVE TRUSTEES REPORT

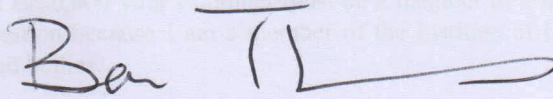
For the year under review, the trustees have produced an in-depth report in relation to the activities of the trust. This includes notes on charitable activities, financial overview, administration report, and aims and objects for the future.

This report is attached at the end of the formal accounts.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 11th September 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr Benedict Rupert E Thorne - Secretary


17 Sept 2023

Paul White FCA FCCA

Aspen Wells Ltd
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11th September 2023

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
LIVING LIGHT CHRISTIAN CHURCH, TAUNTON**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Living Light Christian Church, Taunton ('the Company')

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

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, 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 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.

Paul Waite FCA FCCA

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11th September 2023

LIVING LIGHT CHRISTIAN CHURCH, TAUNTON

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31/12/22 Total funds £	31/12/21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		388,511	31,697	420,208	305,298
Investment income	2	19,133	-	19,133	19,742
Total		407,644	31,697	439,341	325,040
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		65,768	31,697	97,465	121,815
Charitable activities					
Overheads		177,671	-	177,671	181,694
Other		79,199	-	79,199	75,683
Total		322,638	31,697	354,335	379,192
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		85,006	-	85,006	(54,152)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		704,905	-	704,905	759,057
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		789,911	-	789,911	704,905

The above table compares the company's income and expenditure for the year ended 31st December 2022.

The directors have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st 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 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 11th September 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mr Benjamin Robert J. Thomas - Treasurer

The notes form part of these financial statements

LIVING LIGHT CHRISTIAN CHURCH, TAUNTON

BALANCE SHEET 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31/12/22 Total funds £	31/12/21 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7	551,449	-	551,449	558,341
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	67,234	-	67,234	-
Cash at bank		174,170	-	174,170	159,403
		<u>241,404</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>241,404</u>	<u>159,403</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(2,942)	-	(2,942)	(12,839)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>238,462</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>238,462</u>	<u>146,564</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>789,911</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>789,911</u>	<u>704,905</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>789,911</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>789,911</u>	<u>704,905</u>
FUNDS	10				
Unrestricted funds				789,911	704,905
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>789,911</u>	<u>704,905</u>

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

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

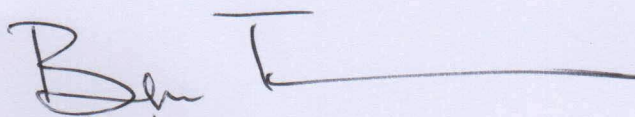
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The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 11th September 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mr Benedict Rupert E Thorne - Trustee


 17/9/23

The notes form part of these financial statements

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

BASIS OF PREPARING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INCOME

EXPENDITURE

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Freehold property	- 1% straight line basis
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance

TAXATION

FUND ACCOUNTING

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.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31/12/21	31/12/22
INVESTMENT INCOME	£	£
Rents received	19,722	19,133
Deposit account interest	20	-
INVESTMENT INCOME	19,742	19,133
EXPENDITURE ON		
Fixed assets	121,341	31,978
Charitable activities	181,694	-
Overheads	35,425	-
EXPENDITURE ON	338,460	31,978

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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3. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	31/12/22	31/12/21
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>6,892</u>	<u>7,090</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

	31/12/22	31/12/21
	£	£
Trustees' salaries	<u>79,199</u>	<u>75,683</u>

TRUSTEES' EXPENSES

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

5. STAFF COSTS

	31/12/22	31/12/21
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<u>118,897</u>	<u>116,884</u>
	<u>118,897</u>	<u>116,884</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31/12/22	31/12/21
Trustees	4	4
Leadership/Administration	6	3
	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	281,380	23,918	305,298
Investment income	19,742	-	19,742
Total	<u>301,122</u>	<u>23,918</u>	<u>325,040</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	97,897	23,918	121,815
Charitable activities			
Overheads	181,694	-	181,694
Other	75,683	-	75,683

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
Other credits			
Accrued expenses			
Total	355,274	23,918	379,192
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(54,152)	-	(54,152)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	759,057	-	759,057
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	704,905	-	704,905

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST			
At 1st January 2022 and 31st December 2022	630,042	32,291	662,333
DEPRECIATION			
At 1st January 2022	74,066	29,926	103,992
Charge for year	6,301	591	6,892
At 31st December 2022	80,367	30,517	110,884
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31st December 2022	549,675	1,774	551,449
At 31st December 2021	555,976	2,365	558,341

8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31/12/22 £	31/12/21 £
Prepayments and accrued income	67,234	-

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31/12/22	31/12/21
	£	£
Other creditors	-	10,173
Accrued expenses	2,942	2,666
	<u>2,942</u>	<u>12,839</u>

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/1/22	Net movement in funds	At 31/12/22
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	704,905	85,006	789,911
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>704,905</u>	<u>85,006</u>	<u>789,911</u>

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	407,644	(322,638)	85,006
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	31,697	(31,697)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>439,341</u>	<u>(354,335)</u>	<u>85,006</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/21	Net movement in funds	At 31/12/21
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	759,057	(54,152)	704,905
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>759,057</u>	<u>(54,152)</u>	<u>704,905</u>

LIVING LIGHT CHRISTIAN CHURCH, TAUNTON

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	301,122	(355,274)	(54,152)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	23,918	(23,918)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>325,040</u>	<u>(379,192)</u>	<u>(54,152)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/1/21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	759,057	30,854	789,911
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>759,057</u>	<u>30,854</u>	<u>789,911</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	708,766	(677,912)	30,854
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	55,615	(55,615)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>764,381</u>	<u>(733,527)</u>	<u>30,854</u>

LIVING LIGHT CHRISTIAN CHURCH, TAUNTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

	31/12/22	31/12/21
REVENUE		
Donations and legacies	125,794	125,794
Gifts in kind & offerings	114,270	114,270
Gift aid	205,205	205,205
Investment income	19,772	19,772
Rents received	-	20
Diocesan account interest	19,133	19,742
Total incoming resources	469,341	474,803
EXPENDITURE		
Building donations and legacies	97,485	121,815
Charitable activities		
Bursaries & salaries	38,690	41,204
Office administration costs	7,135	8,129
Books, files & publications	427	809
Children's work	7,465	1,043
Church groups	20,504	2,871
Energy, heating & outreach	2,060	3,549
Kitchens, refreshments & cleaning	41,920	87,343
Rental of premises	19,345	15,905
Licences & subscriptions	1,475	1,429
Utilities & waste disposal	11,788	14,420
Travel & hospitality	12,702	2,670
Insurance (see note 12 for details)	1,774	1,719
Insurance	4,167	4,191
Financial property	6,301	1,630
Furniture and fittings	700	700
Total resources expended	177,671	184,094
Other		
Gifts in kind	79,109	75,683
Total resources expended	256,780	259,777
Net income (expenditure)	212,561	215,026

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LIVING LIGHT CHRISTIAN CHURCH, TAUNTON

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

	31/12/22 £	31/12/21 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Gifts tithes & offerings	305,929	255,714
Gift aid	114,279	49,584
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	420,208	305,298
Investment income		
Rents received	19,133	19,722
Deposit account interest	-	20
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	19,133	19,742
Total incoming resources	<hr/>	<hr/>
	439,341	325,040
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Gifts tithes & offerings	97,465	121,815
Charitable activities		
Honorarium & salaries	39,698	41,201
Office administration costs	7,135	5,125
Books, CDs & publications	447	809
Children's work	7,465	1,043
Church events	20,574	2,971
Evangelistic & outreach	2,061	5,548
Repairs renewals & cleaning	41,950	67,343
Rent of premises	19,245	15,905
Licences & subscriptions	1,475	1,433
Utilities & waste disposal	11,788	24,420
Travel & hospitality	12,702	2,676
Independent examiner's fees	1,774	1,739
Insurance	4,465	4,391
Freehold property	6,301	6,301
Fixtures and fittings	591	789
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	177,671	181,694
Other		
Trustees' salaries	79,199	75,683
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Total resources expended	354,335	379,192
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Net income/(expenditure)	85,006	(54,152)

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LIVING LIGHT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Worshipping God - Nurturing Believers – Evangelising the World

Trustees' Report

January – December 2022

Trustees

John Lalgoo
Richard Appleby
Ben Thorne
Trefor Jones
Bruce Izzett
Kevin Parker
Chris Izzett
Martin Ledger

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Introduction

December 2022 marked the end of Living Light Christian Church Taunton (and Wellington's) (LLCC) 19th year of ministry. The church has continued to grow and develop in its objectives, which are to worship God, nurture believers and evangelize the world. The church now has 3 congregations comprising of all age groups, with many families and young people and 2021 saw the increase of prayer, outreach. The church plant in Bridgwater developed during the year until Sunday morning meetings became properly established in September, with commitment from people from the Taunton & Wellington congregations to support a small nucleus of local people from Bridgwater. All three congregations saw significant growth during this year, which has required changes in oversight and administration to provide all relevant support. John and Kim Lalgee, who have oversight for the Taunton and Wellington congregations were unable to visit the churches and kept in close contact through Zoom meetings, etc. Notable during this year was the addition to the congregations of individuals and families from ethnic minority communities, adding great richness to the already diverse congregations.

Trustees

The current trustees are John Lalgee (Apostle/Chairman), Richard Appleby, Trefor Jones (elder), Bruce Izzett (elder), Kevin Parker, Ben Thorne (elder/Secretary), Chris Izzett and a new elder in Taunton, Martin Ledger.

Apostolic oversight

John Lalgee (of One Church Ministries) now cares for a number of churches in the USA,³ in the UK & 1 in Germany churches and has connections with other church ministries and initiatives around the world (e.g. Liberia and India) and ensures that a good working connection is maintained through the building of strong relationships between the congregations and the sharing of the gifting of God as outlined in Eph 4.

Elders & Deacons

Bruce Izzett, Ben Thorne and Martin Ledger are the elders/leaders in Taunton and Trefor Jones, Kevin Parker and Chris Izzett in Wellington. The leadership brought sound support and clear direction to the body in line with the Word of God and continued to receive input and support from John Lalgee in taking forward the vision God has given for church and in the context of the wider church in Taunton and Wellington. Ben, Bruce, Trefor and Kevin were paid by the church on a part time basis alongside their regular jobs. The elders worked together to provide pastoral care to church members, bringing teaching from the Word of God and overseeing programmes, such as church administration, outreach, care for the needy, relations with other church leaders, etc.

Administration Staff

Glyn Hammond continued in his role doing the accounts for LLCC churches (UK) and OCM (UK), with an increasing workload in response to more church activities. Sheila Ledger continued with admin for Taunton & Wellington and there was planned a handover to Katie Whittle who it was decided would replace Sheila in the New Year, Keith Whittaker who had

left his role as the Facilities Manager for Gipsy Lane was eventually replaced by Aaron Dunne, who was paid to work one day each week. David Ledger continued to develop in audio visual and media, and the church maintained its excellent ministry, streaming meetings live on YouTube and smaller meetings on Zoom, along with PA in Taunton & Wellington (including meeting our data protection requirements). Significantly, David worked hard on the ongoing Music & Media Internship programme, which saw the conclusion of the year for the 5 interns, who arrived in September 2021, and the arrival of 6 more in September 2022, who were named 'The Catalyst Team' (see below).

Financial Overview of 2022

The church's income is primarily received from the majority members giving 10% (a tithe) of their income and offerings. This biblical principle is taught in the church and works in practice as a voluntary contribution from those people with enough faith in these principles to put them into practice. In addition to this, from time to time, special voluntary offerings are made by members. Ideally the tithe is used to provide for people and offerings for projects – this is reflected in the accounts.

Significantly, 2022 saw the continued development of the church site (the main central passageway and small hall) and the end of the time facilitating the operations of My Day Day Care (a centre to support people with disabilities and to help them integrate into the community). There was sufficient finance in reserve to help support the ongoing maintenance and improvement of the site and this helped towards the internship programme and a church growing in numbers.

At the end of the 19th financial year, the church's finances remained in a very strong position and the Trustees are confident in being able to meet the financial commitments and to be able to continue to be generous in giving to the needs of others inside and outside the church and across the church in Taunton and to pay the salaries of the staff. It was anticipated that in 2023 the salary structure for paid employees would change and would increase the rates paid to elders and admin staff for uniformity and that hours of some elders would also be increased in line with need and church growth – this need became apparent during 2022.

Church Office

The church office continued to provide support on all levels to the various ministries in the church and provided a place for people to meet to talk over issues, etc. Office systems were maintained, the church website & Facebook page were used throughout the year as part of developing communications (and continued in alignment with some admin processes based in the Kenosha church). It was also cited that the systems for managing the church accounts would be completely overhauled in 2023, with the main focus being storing all data electronically and preparing for church growth and that professional advice would be sought to help maintain and improve financial efficiency, transparency and compliance.

Vision & Commitment Course

The Vision and Commitment Course (V&C) is the 'way in' to church membership and consists of a 20-session series and ran during 2022 in the three churches, along with Alpha courses and good contacts were made with people during these courses. The V&C course covers the basic foundations of church life and practice. Everyone who wants to become a committed

member of the church goes through this course to ensure that we all understand the principles upon which the life of the church is founded.

Children

The church is blessed with many children of a variety of age groups, who are a credit to their families and who are learning about Jesus and endeavouring to live out their faith. There are varied activities such as:

- Teaching during the Sunday meeting
- Involvement in many areas of church life

The children's work continued to use the outside classrooms at the church building and classrooms at Court Fields School.

Youth

Throughout 2022 the work with the Youth (teenagers) continued to develop, with activities and meetings arranged throughout the year (including for the 'Young Adults'). A major highlight of the year was the youth going away together to a youth camp entitled 'Limitless'.

Preaching and Teaching program

Preaching and teaching continued on Sunday mornings, led by Ben and supported by various speakers including Ben, Bruce, Trefor, Kevin & Chris (in their role as Elders), Matthew Wright, Paul Mew, Peter Fox, Pete Gibson, Alex Akhigbemen, Kevin Parker, etc. Good preaching and teaching is foundational to the growth of the church and has proved provoking and challenging. The teaching that is brought each week continues to be discussed regularly through the home groups, with the emphasis being on practical implementation of what is shared. YouTube videos of all Sunday teaching in all the related churches are available to be listened to on the church app along with 'special' directional teachings from John Lalgee and Scott Goodwill.

Prayer

Monthly prayer meetings have taken place since the church started and these have been very powerful and significant times where God has moved among us and spoken to us of his intentions. There is a clear call from God to remain humble among the Taunton churches and to serve them and to maintain an intimate fellowship with Him, both individually and corporately.

Music & Media Internship Programme

The music & media internship programme started the September 2021 and involved the interns receiving teaching and training in a number of areas to support their activities such as school outreaches (assemblies); making testimony videos; live streaming meetings; worship; helping the needy inside and outside the church; street outreach to share their faith; attending home groups; helping with the Gipsy Lane building maintenance and worship. The interns of 2021 & 2022 stayed with host families and were provided with a car for their travel. In their free time, they toured parts of the UK to see the sights and they

very quickly became part of the church family. Sujith remained in the UK after June 2022 to help with the 2022/23 Internship Programme.

Worship Teams

A foundational element of the church continues to be a firm focus on the importance of worshipping God. The worship teams continued to develop under with a considerable number of musicians working on a rotation basis in all 3 congregations and 2022 saw the launch of a worship academy to find and train more musicians and to work with musicians from the B1 churches.

Pre-Marriage Training/wedding

This continues as and when needed.

Town Wide Events

The emphasis on town wide events and developing the church's relationship with other churches in the area, mainly through the B1 connections, where church leaders meet together weekly for breakfast – this continued to be helpful as new local church leaders came to Taunton.

Evangelism

The church continued to look for ways to fulfil the call of God to 'Evangelise the World' through various activities and outreach.

Hospitality

The church continues to demonstrate hospitality, with many in the church gifted in this area. A 'family' environment is established for visitors to be welcomed and cared for and when someone is in need (e.g. at the birth of a baby, or if there is sickness), then meals are provided and organised by the leaders and home groups.

A Covid 'Needy Fund' was set up early in the pandemic to help families in the church whose lives had been affected by the increases in the cost of living and this was expected to continue into 2022. However, church membership and funds were very little affected by the economic difficulties and the numbers of people attending the 3 congregations and giving generally and helping out where needed increased over 2022 and this is expected to continue into 2023.

Prophetic Words

We have continued to receive a regular flow of prophetic words in the church, which express God's intention to increase our effectiveness and fruitfulness in reaching the community with the gospel. The churches continued to pray and work through prophetic words to determine how the two congregations should move forward in the will of God.

Church weekend away – OCM Conference 2022

The last OCM conference to be held in Torquay took place on 22 April 2022 and was hugely successful and a joyous time together after being suspended during Covid19. People came from far and wide and we heard powerful teaching from the apostolic team and enjoyed plenty of leisure time together. Work began on planning for an OCM Conference to be held

in April 2023 in Cefn Lea in mid-Wales (a larger and more suitable venue) and it was planned that the conference would run over 4 days, with lots more outdoor activities with mainly the children and youth in mind.

Other ministries in Taunton, Wellington & Bridgwater

Members of the church have been involved in the following ministries in the respective towns:

- B1 and town-wide activities
- Bridgwater Convention at Canalside in Bridgwater for all the Bridgwater churches (very much in its early stages with the intention to run it annually)
- Christians Against Poverty (led by Richard Appleby)
- The Besom Trust (furniture delivery to needy families; food for the food bank; monthly contribution to the storage warehouse; projects to help people in their homes)
- Monthly contribution to the Taunton Food Bank
- ROC (churches and local community group and authorities working together to affect the local area)
- Street Pastors
- The establishing of the Best Before Food Store in Wellington by people in the Wellington congregation.

Conclusion

The church has been built on clear biblical principles. The growth of the church will continue as strong foundations are constantly built into the lives of those God adds to the church. We will continue to respond actively to all that God says to us through prophecy, teaching of the Word and the structure of Godly leadership that operates in the church. Through faith and patience, we will see His promises to us fulfilled and God's name glorified in the earth.