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# Living Light Christian Church Taunton

(A company limited by guarantee)

Unaudited Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2024



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**Living Light Christian Church Taunton  
Reference and Administrative Details**

<b>Chair</b>	Mr Benedict Rupert E Thorne, Spiritual Leader
<b>Trustees</b>	Mr Bruce Izzett (resigned 20/04/2025), Leader Mr John Christopher Lalgee (resigned 10/08/2025), Senior Spiritual Leader Mr Martin Ledger Mr Benedict Rupert E Thorne, Spiritual Leader Mr Kevin Parker (resigned 01/05/2025), Leader Mr Trefor Jones (resigned 20/04/2025), Leader Mr Christopher Izzett (resigned 20/04/2025) Mr Richard Whittle (appointed 05/04/2025) Mr Peter Fox (appointed 05/04/2025)
<b>Charity Registration Number</b>	1106918
<b>Company Registration Number</b>	05270456
	The charity is incorporated in England & Wales.
<b>Registered Office</b>	Gipsy Lane Taunton Somerset TA1 5LQ
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Sarah Twist FCA DChA A C Mole LLP Stafford House Blackbrook Park Avenue Taunton Somerset TA1 2PX

## **Living Light Christian Church Taunton 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 December 2024.

### **Objectives and activities**

#### ***Objects and aims***

To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs appearing in the schedule hereto in Taunton and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit and in other such purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England & Wales and are connected of the charitable work of the charity.

#### **Achievements and performance**

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.

#### **Financial review**

As at 31 December 2024 Unrestricted Funds totalled £761,228 (2023: £774,919) of which £809,262 (2023: £793,161) was held as fixed assets and £265,000 (2023: £265,000) loans secured on those assets, leaving free reserves of £216,966 (2023: £246,758).

The trustees are satisfied that the free reserves are at an adequate level to continue as a going concern.

#### **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.

### **Structure, governance and management**

#### ***Nature of governing document***

The charity is a charitable company limited company limited by guarantee registered in England & Wales. Its is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association.

#### ***Recruitment and appointment of trustees***

The trustees with the exception of the senior pastor shall be subject to retirement by rotation once every three years at the Annual General Meeting. Any Trustee who is due to retire after a 3-year period of office may be re-elected subject to a two-thirds majority vote of the Members and subject to the provisions of the Articles.

#### ***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.

**Living Light Christian Church Taunton  
Trustees' Report (continued)**

**Statement of trustees' responsibilities**

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

Company 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 charitable company and of the 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 accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards 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 maintaining proper accounting records which 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 30/11/25 and signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
Mr Benedict Rupert E Thome  
Chairman and trustee

**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 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 5 to 15.

**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 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 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 Living Light Christian Church Taunton as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those accounting 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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Date: 22 December 2025

**Living Light Christian Church Taunton**  
**Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**  
**(Including Income and Expenditure Account)**

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
<b>Income</b>				
Donations and legacies	3	416,945	17,200	434,145
Investment income	4	7,281	-	7,281
Total income		424,226	17,200	441,426
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Raising funds	5	(70,477)	(17,200)	(87,677)
Charitable activities	6	(367,440)	-	(367,440)
Total expenditure		(437,917)	(17,200)	(455,117)
Net expenditure		(13,691)	-	(13,691)
Net movement in funds		(13,691)	-	(13,691)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward		774,919	-	774,919
Total funds carried forward	15	761,228	-	761,228

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £ (As restated)
<b>Income</b>				
Donations and legacies	3	381,366	20,995	402,361
Investment income	4	6,088	-	6,088
Total income		387,454	20,995	408,449
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Raising funds	5	(81,755)	(20,995)	(102,750)
Charitable activities	6	(322,800)	-	(322,800)
Total expenditure		(404,555)	(20,995)	(425,550)
Net expenditure		(17,101)	-	(17,101)
Net movement in funds		(17,101)	-	(17,101)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward		792,020	-	792,020
Total funds carried forward	15	774,919	-	774,919

The notes on pages 7 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements.

**Living Light Christian Church Taunton**  
**(Registration number: 05270456)**  
**Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024**

	Note	2024 £	2023 £ (As restated)
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	11	809,262	793,161
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	12	68,246	64,753
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>166,028</u>	<u>184,005</u>
		234,274	248,758
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	13	<u>(17,308)</u>	<u>(2,000)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>216,966</u>	<u>246,758</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		1,026,228	1,039,919
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	14	<u>(265,000)</u>	<u>(265,000)</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>761,228</u>	<u>774,919</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		<u>761,228</u>	<u>774,919</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	15	<u>761,228</u>	<u>774,919</u>

For the financial year ending 31 December 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.

The financial statements on pages 5 to 15 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 30.11.25 and signed on their behalf by:

  
 Mr Benedict Rupert E Thome  
 Chairman and trustee



**Living Light Christian Church Taunton**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

**1 Charity status**

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in England & Wales, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is:

Gipsy Lane  
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**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.

**Basis of preparation and statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless stated otherwise within these notes. 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) and the Companies Act 2006.

Living Light Christian Church Taunton meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

**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**

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.

**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.

**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. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

**Living Light Christian Church Taunton**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024 (continued)**

**2 Accounting policies (continued)**

**Raising funds**

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

**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 a registered charity and is, therefore, exempt from liability to taxation on its income and capital gains, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

**Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

**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:

<b>Asset class</b>	<b>Depreciation method and rate</b>
Freehold property	1% straight line basis
Fixtures and fittings	25% on reducing balance

**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.

**Financial instruments**

The charity only enters into basic financial instruments that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities such as trade and other debtors and creditors together with loans to related parties.

Debt instruments, such as trade debtors and creditors, are initially measured at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Financial assets are assessed at the end of each reporting period for objective evidence of impairment. If objective evidence of impairment is found, an impairment loss is recognised in the income statement.

**Living Light Christian Church Taunton**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024 (continued)**

**2 Accounting policies (continued)**

**Critical accounting judgements and estimation uncertainty**

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with FRS 102 requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income, and expenses.

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The charity makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The Trustees consider that there are no critical accounting estimates and judgements have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

**Prior period adjustment**

Where an error or omission is identified in respect of comparative figures this is adjusted in the earliest period to which they relate.

**Living Light Christian Church Taunton**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024 (continued)**

**3 Income from donations and legacies**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Donations and legacies	416,945	17,200	434,145
<b>Total for 2024</b>	<u>416,945</u>	<u>17,200</u>	<u>434,145</u>
Donations and legacies	381,366	20,995	402,361
<b>Total for 2023</b>	<u>381,366</u>	<u>20,995</u>	<u>402,361</u>

**4 Investment income**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Rents received	5,130	-	5,130
Interest received	2,151	-	2,151
<b>Total for 2024</b>	<u>7,281</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,281</u>
Rents received	4,338	-	4,338
Interest received	1,750	-	1,750
<b>Total for 2023 (As restated)</b>	<u>6,088</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,088</u>

**5 Expenditure on raising funds**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Gifts, tithes & offerings	70,477	17,200	87,677
<b>Total for 2024</b>	<u>70,477</u>	<u>17,200</u>	<u>87,677</u>
Gifts, tithes & offerings	81,755	20,995	102,750
<b>Total for 2023</b>	<u>81,755</u>	<u>20,995</u>	<u>102,750</u>

**Living Light Christian Church Taunton**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024 (continued)**

**6 Expenditure on charitable activities**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Directors' salaries	152,482	-	152,482
Rent of premises	16,405	-	16,405
Insurance	1,511	-	1,511
Office administration costs	5,149	-	5,149
Books, CDs & Publications	2,594	-	2,594
Children's work	8,027	-	8,027
Church events	44,125	-	44,125
Evangelistic & outreach	5,328	-	5,328
Repairs, renewals & cleaning	17,371	-	17,371
Utilities & waste disposal	30,028	-	30,028
Travel & hospitality	19,506	-	19,506
Sundry expenses	34	-	34
Licences & subscriptions	3,024	-	3,024
Pension	800	-	800
Independent examiner's fees	2,400	-	2,400
Bank charges	1,201	-	1,201
Depreciation of freehold property	8,992	-	8,992
Depreciation of fixtures and fittings	432	-	432
Honorarium & salaries	48,031	-	48,031
<b>Total for 2024</b>	<b>367,440</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>367,440</b>
Directors' salaries	113,537	-	113,537
Rent of premises	18,969	-	18,969
Insurance	5,055	-	5,055
Office administration costs	6,013	-	6,013
Books, CDs & Publications	2,410	-	2,410
Children's work	9,186	-	9,186
Church events	29,213	-	29,213
Evangelistic & outreach	4,925	-	4,925
Repairs, renewals & cleaning	34,086	-	34,086
Utilities & waste disposal	15,900	-	15,900
Travel & hospitality	16,248	-	16,248
Licences & subscriptions	1,520	-	1,520
Independent examiner's fees	1,830	-	1,830
Bank charges	991	-	991
Depreciation of freehold property	6,300	-	6,300
Depreciation of fixtures and fittings	444	-	444
Honorarium & salaries	56,173	-	56,173
<b>Total for 2023</b>	<b>322,800</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>322,800</b>

**Living Light Christian Church Taunton**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024 (continued)**

**7 Net income/expenditure**

Net expenditure for the year includes:

	<b>2024</b> <b>£</b>	<b>2023</b> <b>£</b>
Depreciation of fixed assets	9,425	6,892
Independent examiner's fees	<u>2,400</u>	<u>1,830</u>

**8 Trustees remuneration and expenses**

The Trustees are considered to be the key management personnel of the charity.

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st December 2024 (2023: None).

	<b>2024</b> <b>£</b>	<b>2023</b> <b>£</b>
Trustees' salaries	<u>152,482</u>	<u>113,537</u>

**9 Staff costs**

	<b>2024</b> <b>£</b>	<b>2023</b> <b>£</b>
Wages and salaries	180,210	169,710
Employers NI	10,354	-
Pension	<u>9,948</u>	<u>9,366</u>
Wages and salaries	<u>200,512</u>	<u>179,076</u>

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

	<b>2024</b> <b>£</b>	<b>2023</b> <b>£</b>
Trustees	5	4
Leadership/Administration	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year (2023: None).

**Living Light Christian Church Taunton**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024 (continued)**

**10 Taxation**

The charity is a registered charity and is, therefore, exempt from liability to taxation on its income and capital gains, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

**11 Tangible fixed assets**

	Land and buildings £	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 January 2024	878,498	32,291	910,789
Additions	24,655	1,570	26,225
Disposals	-	(700)	(700)
At 31 December 2024	<u>903,153</u>	<u>33,161</u>	<u>936,314</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 January 2024	86,667	30,961	117,628
Charge for the year	<u>8,992</u>	<u>432</u>	<u>9,424</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>95,659</u>	<u>31,393</u>	<u>127,052</u>
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 December 2024	<u>807,494</u>	<u>1,768</u>	<u>809,262</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>791,831</u>	<u>1,330</u>	<u>793,161</u>

**12 Debtors**

	2024 £	2023 £
Other debtors	<u>68,246</u>	<u>64,753</u>

**13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	2024 £	2023 (As restated) £
Other taxation and social security	3,906	-
Other creditors	9,189	-
Accruals	<u>4,213</u>	<u>2,000</u>
	<u>17,308</u>	<u>2,000</u>

**14 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year**

	2024 £	2023 £
Other loans	<u>265,000</u>	<u>265,000</u>

**Living Light Christian Church Taunton**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024 (continued)**

**15 Funds**

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Unrestricted funds	774,919	424,226	(437,917)	-	761,228
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Restricted Funds	-	17,200	(17,200)	-	-
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>774,919</u>	<u>441,426</u>	<u>(455,117)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>761,228</u>
	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 December 2023 (As restated) £
Unrestricted funds	792,020	387,454	(404,555)	-	774,919
Restricted funds	-	20,995	(20,995)	-	-
<b>Total funds (As restated)</b>	<u>792,020</u>	<u>408,449</u>	<u>(425,550)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>774,919</u>

**16 Analysis of net assets between funds**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 December 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	809,262	-	809,262
Current assets	234,274	-	234,274
Current liabilities	(17,308)	-	(17,308)
Creditors over 1 year	(265,000)	-	(265,000)
<b>Total net assets</b>	<u>761,228</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>761,228</u>
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 December 2023 (As restated) £
Tangible fixed assets	793,161	-	793,161
Current assets	248,758	-	248,758
Current liabilities	(2,000)	-	(2,000)
Creditors over 1 year	(265,000)	-	(265,000)
<b>Total net assets</b>	<u>774,919</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>774,919</u>



**Living Light Christian Church Taunton**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024 (continued)**

**17 Related party transactions**

There were no related party transactions in the year (2023: None).

**18 Prior period adjustment**

**Income recognition**

During the year it was identified that interest received on the deposit account had been omitted from the records for the previous two years leaving the bank balance understated by £2,068. A prior period adjustment has therefore been included to correctly recognise this income. The impact of this adjustment is to increase the bank balance on the balance sheet by £2,068, increase investment income in the comparative figures by £1,750 and increase opening reserves by £318. The net effect on unrestricted reserves is an increase of £2,068.

**Liability overstatement**

It was also identified that accruals of £1,791 in relation to the credit card balance had been overstated for a number of years. A prior period adjustment has therefore been included to remove this liability from the financial statements. The net effect on unrestricted reserves as a result of this adjustment is an increase of £1,791.

	<b>Unrestricted funds £</b>	<b>Restricted funds £</b>	<b>Total funds at 31 December 2024 £</b>
As previously reported	789,911	-	789,911
Prior Period adjustment	<u>2,109</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,109</u>
Total net assets	<u><u>792,020</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>792,020</u></u>



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## ***Trustees' Report***

**January – December 2024**

**Trustees**

John Lalgee  
Ben Thorne  
Trefor Jones  
Bruce Izzett  
Kevin Parker  
Chris Izzett  
Martin Ledger

Charity Registration No. 1106918  
Company Registration No. 05270456

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### ***Introduction***

December 2024 marked the end of Living Light Christian Church Taunton (and Wellington's) (LLCC) 21<sup>st</sup> 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 2023 saw the increase of prayer, outreach. The church plant in Bridgwater continued to develop during the year after the Sunday morning meeting was established in September 2022, with commitment from people from the Taunton & Wellington congregations to support a local people from Bridgwater. Plans were well under way to purchase a church house in the area where the church was meeting (Hamp Academy) and Ben & Angela Thorne prepared to move home to help further establish the church. All three congregations continued to see 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 visited the churches and kept in close contact with the leaders. These were exciting times, as more and more individuals and families from ethnic minority communities, continued to join the churches, adding great richness to the already diverse congregations.

### ***Trustees***

The current trustees are John Lalgee (Apostle/Chairman), Trefor Jones (elder), Bruce Izzett (elder), Kevin Parker, Ben Thorne (elder/Secretary), Chris Izzett (elder) and Martin Ledger (elder). It is planned for 2025 that some trustees will retire/resign and some will become members instead (adjustments to be made as and when an elder goes onto the payroll). This is to handle changes and the growth of the churches

### ***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 and has numerous 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 Ephesians 4.

### ***Elders & Deacons***

The year started with Bruce Izzett, Ben Thorne and Martin Ledger as the elders/leaders in Taunton and Trefor Jones, Kevin Parker and Chris Izzett in Wellington (Ben and Chris were continuing the work in Bridgwater). 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 churches and in the context of the wider church in Taunton, Wellington & Bridgwater. Ben, Bruce, Trefor, Kevin and Chris were paid by the church on a fulltime and parttime basis alongside some continuing 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 in each of the towns. During this year, Taunton appointed David Ledger as a deacon and Glyn Hammond was set in as an elder for the Taunton congregation in November.

### ***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. Katie Whittle continued to do the general admin for Taunton, Wellington and Bridgwater. Aaron Dunne supervised the management of the church building and continued to help with the internship programme, which eventually ended in 2024. David Ledger continued to develop audio visual and media across the 3 churches, and the Taunton congregation maintained its excellent ministry, streaming meetings live on YouTube, along with PA in Taunton & Wellington (including meeting our data protection requirements). Significantly, David worked hard with ongoing Music & Media projects and Sujith Sunil left his music ministry in the church in November 2024 to return to Kenosha, USA. There was also a Worship Academy held on Monday evenings over 2024, which helped connect with other churches identified new musicians to develop their musical skills in the context of worship.

### ***Financial Overview of 2024***

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, 2024 saw the continued use of the Gipsy Lane church site, with sufficient finance to help the ongoing maintenance and various programmes to support a church congregation growing in numbers across Bridgwater & Wellington too.

At the end of the 21st financial year, the church's finances remained in a strong position and the Trustees remained 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.

### ***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 and Elvanto were used throughout the year as part of developing communications (and continued some alignment with admin processes based in the Kenosha church). The systems for managing church accounting continued to be developed in 2024 and achieved the storing all data electronically to support continued church growth and save time. Therefore, professional advice was 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 2024 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 and Hamp Academy.

### ***Youth***

Throughout 2024 the work with Fires Youth (teenagers) continued to develop, with activities and meetings arranged throughout the year (including for the 'Young Adults') – the youth is generally worked jointly across the 3 congregations. A major highlight of the year was the youth going away together to a youth camp 'Limitless' with the youth leaders and helpers – this had a significant impact of the young people, and they had a great time together.

### ***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), Glyn Hammond, 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 in each congregation and these have been very powerful and proved to be significant times where God has moved among us and spoken to us of his intentions.

### ***Music & Media Internship Programme***

The music & media internship programme ended in June 2024 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 and helping with worship across the 3 congregations. The interns stayed with host families and were provided with a car for their travel. They continued to be an integral part of the church family and Sujith Sunil once again remained in the UK to help with the 2023/24 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 continuation of the Worship Academy to select 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 weekly for breakfast – this continued to be helpful as new local church leaders came to Taunton. There were joint meetings and the debut of 'A Gospel Christmas' in December at the Wellsprings leisure centre, which was enormously successful, was sold out and was a great statement of church unity in Taunton

### ***Evangelism***

The church continued to look for ways to fulfil the call of God to 'Evangelise the World' through various activities and outreach, including sharing faith on the streets and working into local school assemblies.

### ***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.

### ***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 2024***

This year's conference was again held in Cefn Lea in mid-Wales and took place on 3-8 April 2024 and was hugely successful with over 300 attending. There was teaching from the apostolic team and plenty of leisure time together, with particular focus on the children and youth.

### ***Examples of working with other ministries and activities in Taunton, Wellington & Bridgwater***

- B1 and town-wide activities, such as joint meeting and the Gospel Christmas (choir).
- Bridgwater Convention at Canalside in Bridgwater for all the Bridgwater churches, with well know guest speakers.
- 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)
- Weekly men's breakfasts in Taunton and various outreach events, such as bowling and an Asian Banquet.
- A variety of women's events and outreach, such as wreath making at Christmas.
- Alpha course in Wellington, along with participation in the Street Fair and Howard Road outreach
- ROC (churches and local community group and authorities working together to affect the local area)
- Best Before Food Store in Wellington run by the LLCC Wellington congregation.
- Connections with the churches and church leaders in Wellington and Bridgwater.

### ***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.

