

Independent Examiner's Report

For the Trustees of

WESTGATE EVANGELICAL CHAPEL

I have examined the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023. Based on my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 221 of the Companies Act, 1985, or that the accounts presented do not accord with those records, or comply with the accounting requirements of the Companies Act 1985. No matter has come to my notice in connection with my examination to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts.

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15 February 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Summary Income and Expenditure Account

	£	£	£
	Current Account	Savings Account	Total Funds 2023
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Voluntary Income	33,761	0	33,761
Investment Interest		413	413
Total Incoming Resources	33,761	413	34,174
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Charitable activities	27,074		27,074
Total Resources expended	27,074	0	27,074
Net Movement in Funds	6,687	413	7,100
Transfers between Funds	-20,000	20,000	0
Fund Balances at 1 Jan 2023	21,774	43,654	65,428
Fund Balances at 31 Dec 2023	8,461	64,067	72,528

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TRUSTEES' REPORT 2023

Psalm 121 v 1 & 2

I will lift up my eyes to the hills, from whence comes my help? My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Ministry & fellowship at Westgate

For the whole of 2023, we are thankful to the Lord that we were able to meet together for worship for morning and evening services on each Lord's day. We are so thankful to so many Godly visiting preachers who have been willing to preach throughout the year. We have received wonderful ministry. However, we continue to seek the Lord regarding the calling of a full time Pastor to Westgate. We would ask all in the Fellowship to make this a matter of prayer. We we delighted to baptize 2 ladies in September.

We have continued to meet mid-weekly for Bible Study and Prayer. The Sunday school has increased in number attending. The Friday Night Kids Club has also seen an increase in attendance. The weekly Toddler Group maintains regular high attendance and all youngsters are presented with a Children's Bible when they leave the group to commence school. Our bi-monthly Fellowship lunches have continued throughout the year and prove to be very popular.

Finances

Regarding our Finances, God has blessed us with so many blessings over the years. All of Westgate's income, comes from the giving of those who attend the fellowship and from those who visit us occasionally or whilst on holiday. A special thank you to all of you.

We cannot thank you enough for your continued support for the witness here at Westgate. Without regular committed giving, we would not be able to provide the support necessary to provide ministry, support mission and continue to run the church activities.

The Scriptures emphasise the need to support those who work for the Lord and we are given good guidance about financial provision. In 1 Corinthians 16:2 we read, "Upon the *first day* of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as *God* has

prospered him". We are encouraged to set aside at the start of the week, a portion of that which God has prospered us with. As with any registered charity, the government allows us to claim back some tax already paid on any offering given to Westgate, through a scheme called "Gift Aid". Many within the fellowship already allow the church to benefit from this provision. If you pay tax, providing the basic information of address, postcode and date, just once and signing, is all that needs to be done.