

Littleworth Church Stafford

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for the year ended
31 March 2023**

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Trustees Report

Name, registered office and constitution of the charity

The full name of the charity	Littleworth Church Stafford
Working Name	Grace Church
Charity registered number	1115242
Charity contact address	69 Corporation Street Stafford ST16 3LT

Objectives and activities of the charity

A summary of the objects of the charity as set out in its governing document

The aims of the Littleworth Church Stafford

- Gathering together as God's people for the express purpose of worshipping God.
- Preaching, teaching and practising the whole counsel of God.
- Evangelism, both locally through personal witness and corporate meetings to which people in the community are invited, and globally through prayer, practical and financial support of missionary outreach.
- Administering correctly the ordinances of Baptism and The Lord's supper.
- Support of the members of the church, practically that they carry forward their own acts of Christian service and spiritually that they become more like Christ.

Public benefit that is provided by the charity

The trustees have regard to the Charity Commission guidance on Public Benefit and plan their activities to ensure that they comply with the guidance. Details of how this is achieved are given in the "Summary of the charity's main activities in relation to its objects".

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Summary of the charity's main activities in relation to its objects

The church has been successful during the year in pursuing all its main aims and functions as a charity. Indeed, it is the considered opinion of the trustees that it has far surpassed expectations in terms of the financial contributions it has received, and has been able to make use of these in support of its own endeavours, and also those of various other missionary organisations and Christian charities which the church supports.

The church has also enjoyed a significant increase in the number of members, enabling it to start various new outreach projects. These include a young peoples' meeting, a midweek meeting for the over sixties and their family members who are able to attend, and quarterly social meetings for both women and men. There has proved to be a real public benefit for those accessing these services. Throughout the year, the church has continued to use Littleworth Community Centre for weekly worship, whilst other activities take place in a variety of locations.

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Structure, governance and management

Nature of “Governing Document” and constitution of the charity

Littleworth Church Stafford is registered with the Charity Commission. The governing document is the constitution approved on 8th March 2005. The trustees meet on a formal basis as often as is required to fulfil their responsibilities regarding the running of the church.

The methods adopted for the recruitment and appointment of new trustees

All Trustees are appointed from within the ‘Oversight team’ as defined in the constitution.

New trustees are appointed by the existing oversight team.

Financial review

Availability and adequacy of assets of each of the funds

The trustees are satisfied that the charity’s assets in each fund are available and adequate to fulfil the obligations in respect of each fund.

Reserves

It is of paramount importance to Littleworth Church Stafford that it has the ability to meet its expenses, and accomplish long-term expansion and growth to meet its goals.

The policy of the trustees is to maintain the charity’s general reserve at a level which would enable its continued operation for an initial period in the absence of funds.

The trustees monitor and review the appropriateness of reserves to enable the activities of the charity to continue.

Transactions and financial position

The financial statements are set out on pages **9** to **13**. The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis, as set out in The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2016. The trustees consider the financial performance of the Charity during the year to have been satisfactory.

The Statement of Financial Activities show net incoming resources for the year of a revenue nature of £6,551 (Prior year £794).

The total reserves at the end of the year stand at £20,402 (prior year £13,851).

Free unrestricted liquid reserves amounted to £20,402 (prior year £13,851).

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The trustees of the charity during the year were:

M Richer
S Waddingham
K Morton

The trustees are all members of the charity.

The trustees of the charity at the date the report and accounts were approved were:

M Richer
S Waddingham
K Morton

Bankers

Lloyds Bank

Independent examiner

Paul W J Evans FMAAT ACMA CGMA
AP Accountancy Ltd
Chartered Management Accountants
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Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The Charities Act requires the Board of Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charity. In preparing those financial statements the Board is required to:-

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The trustees are also responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with regulations made under the Charities Act. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are also responsible for the contents of the trustees' report, and the responsibility of the independent examiner in relation to the trustees' report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that, on the face of the report, there are no inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 20 August 2023

M Richer
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of the charity

Report of the Independent Examiner to the trustees on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. (Rev October 2018)

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiners statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

The Examiner's relevant professional qualification or body:

Chartered Management Accountant

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AP Accountancy Ltd
Chartered Management Accountants
34 Birch Valley Road
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The date on which my opinion is expressed is 23 August 2023

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Statement of receipts and payments for the year

	<u>2023</u> <u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>2023</u> <u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>2023</u> <u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>2022</u> <u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> £
Receipts				
Offerings and Gifts	35,036	0	35,036	25,579
Investment Income	0	0	0	0
Total Revenue Receipts	35,036	0	35,036	25,579
Capital Receipts	0	0	0	0
Total Receipts from all sources	35,036	0	35,036	25,579
Payments				
<i>Direct Charitable Expenditure</i>				
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	21,249	0	21,249	19,558
Grants and donations	1,800	0	1,800	300
Premises Costs	4,160	0	4,160	4,253
Administration	0	0	0	60
Governance	1,276	0	1,276	613
Total Revenue Payments	28,485	0	28,485	24,785
Capital payments	0	0	0	0
Total Payments	28,485	0	28,485	24,785
Net receipts / (payments) in year	6,551	0	6,551	794
Net Surplus / (net deficit) for year	6,551	0	6,551	794

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Statement of assets and liabilities

	<u>2023</u> <u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>2023</u> <u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>2023</u> <u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>2022</u> <u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> £
Cash funds				
Cash funds and bank balances at start of year	13,851	0	13,851	13,057
Surplus / (deficit) on receipts and payments account (excluding capital payments)	6,551	0	6,551	794
Cash funds before transfers	20,402	0	20,402	13,851
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0
Cash and bank balances at end of year	20,402	0	20,402	13,851
Other Assets				
<i>Description of asset</i>				
Church Premises	0	0	0	0
Gift Aid Recoverable	0	0	0	0
Total value of other assets	0	0	0	0
Liabilities				
<i>Description of Liabilities</i>				
Examiners Fee	420	0	420	420
Total value of liabilities	420	0	420	420
Total Assets less Liabilities	19,982	0	19,982	13,431

S Waddingham

Trustee

Approved by the board of trustees on 20 August 2023

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1. Basis of accounting

Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the charity during the financial year. In this context "cash" includes cash equivalents, for example bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due.

A Receipts and Payments basis does not account for debtors, creditors, accruals and prepayments, but such a presentation is permitted by law for smaller charities.

2. The nature and purpose of each fund

Restricted funds comprise monies received for specific purposes, as laid down by the donor. Appropriate expenditure is allocated against such funds.

Unrestricted funds are those funds which are available for the general purposes of the charity.

3. Trustee remuneration

No Trustee receives remuneration for their services as a trustee of the charity.

All Trustees are reimbursed where appropriate for expenditure incurred on behalf of the Charity. These expenses are included in the receipts and payments accounts in the appropriate category.

4. Salaries and wages

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Gross salaries and employers National Insurance	19,713	19,001
Pension costs	786	0
	<u>20,499</u>	<u>19,001</u>
 Average number of full time employees in year	 1.0	 1.0

The above amounts are included in the receipts and payments accounts in the "payments relating directly to charitable activities".

5. Taxation

The charity is not liable to tax on its charitable income.

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6. Analysis of receipts and payments for the year

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>
Receipts				
Donations	31,050	0	31,050	21,555
Gift Aid recovered	3,986	0	3,986	4,024
Total Donations Received	35,036	0	35,036	25,579
Investment Income	0	0	0	0
Total Receipts	35,036	0	35,036	25,579
Payments				
<i>Payments relating directly to charitable activities</i>				
Gross wages and salaries - charitable activities	20,499	0	20,499	19,001
Resource Costs	0	0	0	57
Speakers Expenses	750	0	750	500
	21,249	0	21,249	19,558
<i>Premises Costs</i>				
Insurance	333	0	333	333
Rent	3,827	0	3,827	3,920
	4,160	0	4,160	4,253
<i>General administrative expenses</i>				
Subscriptions	0	0	0	60
	0	0	0	60
<i>Grants paid</i>				
Grants paid to individuals	0	0	0	0
Grants paid to institutions	1,800	0	1,800	300
	1,800	0	1,800	300
<i>Governance costs</i>				
Examiners Fees	420	0	420	0
Other Professional Fees	856	0	856	613
	1,276	0	1,276	613

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7. Analysis of funds

	<u>Balance</u> <u>at 1 Apr</u>			<u>Transfer</u> <u>between</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>at 31 Mar</u>
	<u>2022</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds	0	0	0	0	0
General Fund	13,851	35,036	(28,485)	0	20,402
Total Funds	13,851	35,036	(28,485)	0	20,402

8. Analysis of Grants for the year

	<u>2023</u> <u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u>
	£	£	£	£
Grants to Institutions				
CCM Sponsorship	300		300	300
Caring for Life	500		500	0
Stewardship	750		750	0
The Christian Institute	250		250	0
Total Grants to Institutions	1,800	0	1,800	300
Grants to Individuals	0	0	0	0
Total Grants in Year	1,800	0	1,800	300