

GOOD WORD MINISTRIES

England & Wales - Charity number 1115842

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Trust

Registered 2006-08-17

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 1. TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT; 2. TO RELIEVE SICKNESS AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND TO PROMOTE AND PRESERVE GOOD HEALTH BY THE PROVISION OF FUNDS, GOODS OR SERVICES OF ANY KIND INCLUDING THROUGH THE PROVISION OF COUNSELLING AND SUPPORT IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT; AND 3. TO ADVANCE EDUCATION IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT.

Activities: Advancing the Christian Faith in accordance with our Statement of Beliefs in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees and church leadership from time to time may deem appropriate. Our current activities are presently church based services, support and mission outreach programmes.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WORLDWIDE
- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£70,106	£66,933	-	-
2024-09-30	£75,259	£72,301	-	-
2023-09-30	£59,220	£57,638	-	-
2022-09-30	£39,225	£46,407	-	-
2021-09-30	£61,230	£58,698	-	-
2020-09-30	£46,017	£43,208	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr BERNARD APPIAH MThMBA, PhD		
JULIUS DAKE MA, P. REL		
Pauline Paton		2026-05-02

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*Good Word Revival Church, 15-16 City West Business Park, St John's Road,
Meadowfield, Durham*

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Charity Registration Number: 1115842

“Advancing the Christian Faith and Serving the Community”

Prepared by the Trustee Board

Good Word Ministries, UK

Reference and Administrative Details

Item	Details
Charity Name	Good Word Ministries
Charity Number	1115842
Principal Address	Good Word Christian Centre, Durham
Trustees	Rev. Dr. Bernard O. Appiah; Mr Julius K. Dake
Independent Examiner	Mr Kevin Taylor, Mears UK
Bankers	Lloyds Bank, UK

Structure, Governance and Management

Good Word Ministries is governed by a Trustee Board responsible for oversight, governance, safeguarding, finance, and compliance. Trustees meet regularly and operate in accordance with the Church's governing document and UK charity law.

In 2025, trustees undertook **weekend visits** to the Church, strengthening governance visibility and deepening engagement with the congregation. These visits were warmly received and contributed to a renewed sense of unity and shared purpose.

Objectives and Activities

The Church's aims and objectives are "to advance Christianity and its charitable activities throughout the United Kingdom and the world." All programmes, ministries, and outreach activities are designed to fulfil these aims.

Public Benefit Statement

Good Word Ministries continues to meet the Charity Commission's public benefit requirements by:

- Providing weekly divine worship services and pastoral care
- Broadcasting Christian teaching via the UK's Sky TV, Freeview, and multiple social media platforms: *The Voice of Hope*
- Offering free Bibles and Christian literature
- Hosting community events, conferences, and outreach programmes
- Operating a community gym promoting health and wellbeing
- Providing emergency support through the "Food Box" on a *need-assistance-request* basis
- Supporting missionaries and partner churches
- Providing a multi-purpose venue through their rented property for community

These activities advance the Christian faith and serve the wider public.

Pastor's Report

I. The Journey

The year 2025 has been marked by spiritual growth, strengthened fellowship, and continued resilience in ministry. Membership continued to grow, enriching the Church's **diverse international cultural tapestry**. This diversity remains one of our greatest strengths.

A major highlight was the installation of a **new wall-to-wall LED display screen**, transforming the worship environment and enhancing the delivery of sermons, worship lyrics, and media content. This strategic investment was made possible through members' voluntary giving.

Trustees' weekend visits brought encouragement to the congregation and strengthened the visible bond between governance and ministry.

The Church's programmes, outreach activities, and community engagements continued to flourish, building on the progress of previous years.

II. Programmes & Public Benefit Activities

- **Christian Television Broadcast:** "Voice of Hope" continued airing on Sky TV and Freeview Channel 588.
- **Free Bible Distribution:** NKJV Bibles and Christian literature were distributed to new believers and enquirers.
- **Community Day & Bus Trip:** Annual outdoor gathering, baptismal service, and community trip strengthened fellowship.
- **Food Box:** Continued operating on a need-request basis.
- **Conferences & Outreaches:** Divine healing services, life-coaching sessions, and Family & Friends events.
- **Community Gym:** Promoted health, fitness, and social interaction.
- **Multi-Purpose Premises:** Hosted church services, Sunday School, wedding activities, and conferences.
- **Missionary Support:** Continued prayer, fellowship, and financial support.

Treasurer's Report

Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 30 September 2025

The accounts have been reconciled, reviewed by the Trustee Board, and independently examined.

Summary of Receipts

Category	Amount (£)
Tithes & Offerings	54,913.45
Gift Aid	11,334.63
Other Income [Refunds, etc]	3,857.72
Total Income	70,105.80

Summary of Payments

Category	Amount (£)
Rent	15,000.00
Service Charges [Premises]	825.60
Utilities	3,369.13
Computer and Internet	377.27
Public Liability Insurance	625.42
Payroll & Staffing	26,165.40
Missions & Conferences	6,915.76
Media	3,032.49

Charitable Giving & Support	2195.73
Supplies & Miscellaneous	519.47
Operations	118.23
Evangelism / Advertisement	277.72
Refreshments /International Day	1,718.77
Small Tools & Equipment	5,792.38
Transfer to Savings Account (Good Word Ministries)	5,000
Total Expenditure	71,933.37

Results for the Year

- **Net Income:** £(1827.57)
- **Closing Balance:** £2940.50 [Llyods Current Account]

The Church remains financially stable and self-supporting.

Statement of Financial Position – Llyods Current Account (2025)

Account	Balance (£)
Opening Balance	4,768.07
Total Income	70,105.80
Total Expenditure	(71,933.37)
Closing Balance	2,940.50

Results for the Year and the Church's Financial Position – Lloyds Current Account and Lloyds Savings Accounts

- The outcome for the year ending 2025 is a net income of £(1827.57), being the difference between total Receipts & total Payments for the year only.
- A snapshot of all accounts and financial position at the end of September 2025 is as follows: **Checking Account** bank balance of £2,940.50; **Saving Account bank balance (#1)** £268.48, and **Saving Account bank balance (#2)** £10,074.27, making a total (current assets) of £13,283.25 at the end of the year.
- **Note:** The Church's account balance at the end of the financial year 2025 for both savings and checking accounts is **£13,283.25**.

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Plans for Future Periods (2026)

The Trustees agree to:

- Continue supporting church growth and strengthening the Church's aims and objectives.
 - Maintain the use of unrestricted funds for ministry activities and outreach.
 - Explore opportunities for acquiring permanent premises.
 - Build on the enhanced worship environment created by the new LED screen.
 - Strengthen governance visibility through continued trustee engagement.
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Trustees' Responsibilities Statement

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and financial statements in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. They confirm that the accounts comply with legal requirements and present a true and fair view of the Charity's financial activities.

Trustees' Endorsement

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bernard O. Appiah", with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Rev. Dr. Bernard O. Appiah

Trustee

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Saye Didi Dolopei", written in a cursive style.

Pastor Saye Didi Dolopei

Snr. Pastor

Independent Examiner's Report (2025)

I report on the accounts of Good Word Ministries for the year ended 30 September 2025.

I have examined the accounts under the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and followed the procedures required. My examination included a review of accounting records, comparison with the accounts presented, and consideration of any unusual items.

Independent Examiner's Statement:


I have completed my examination and have found no matters requiring attention.

Independent Examiner:

Name: Mr Kevin Taylor

Position: General Operative, Mears UK

Address: 2 Central Avenue, Meadowfield, Durham, DH7 8SE

Signature: 

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- 2. Treasurer/ Secretary's Report, Statements of Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 30th September 2024
On behalf of the Trustee Board**

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Pastor's Report

Preamble:

I. The Journey

Good Word Ministries' (the Church's) aims and objectives are "to advance Christianity and its charitable activities throughout the United Kingdom and the world". The works and activities of the Church are therefore tailored to accomplish its aims and objectives. The aims and objectives of the Church are being effectively met through practical steps that ensure the Church's continuing relevance in and beyond our present local community. Through its programmes and activities, the Church remains resilient. Members continue to show unwavering support for the church's missions and work. This is positive news both for the church and our local communities.

Members' financial support and their volunteering activities enable the Church to deliver on its commitments and outreach programmes. This includes our in-person church services and activities, Christian television broadcast on Sky television, and our growing online presence. The account year 2024 saw the continuation of the growth of church membership that began in 2023. This is in testimony to God's continuing grace that the church is enjoying, and the faithfulness of members in creating an enabling environment where everyone feels welcomed and a sense of belonging. It is also a testimonial to the Church's role in providing a caring community that responds to needs within our local community and beyond. These are important parts of our collective efforts to ensure that the aims and objectives of the Church are always met.

The programmes and activities of the financial year 2024 are a satisfying improvement on the trend of progress begun in the preceding year. Our Christian television broadcast, the *Voice of Hope*, continues to lead the way for us in reaching more and more people with the Good News of our LORD Jesus Christ. Our social media presence is also growing, with now 170 individual Christian video messages on our page for people to view free of charge. The TV and online ministries afford us many opportunities, including reaching those at home with the Gospel to provide healing, comfort, and hope. They are ways in which we extend but also complement and reinforce the Church's weekly in-house worship services, by members being able to revisit the sermons that are preached. Beyond these tools, we were able to partner with other Christian brothers and sisters who are involved with small Christian missions' outreaches in different localities. It is encouraging to note that our flagship programmes, including the *Good Word Power Conference* and our annual Water Baptism outdoor celebrations, are continuing to thrive.

We acknowledge here again with gratitude the continuing support of members of the Church throughout. Members have remained very supportive in their voluntary activities and their charitable giving toward the work and

the programmes of the Church. This has helped immensely, and there was no need to resort to public fundraising. The church has always managed to keep its operational costs as low as possible through the support of members and leaders of the church. Some members volunteered in various capacities to ensure success in achieving our aims and objectives.

We acknowledge that having our own rented church premises has also been an immense advantage. This has accorded us both convenience and the necessary space to host weekly church services. The same building serves as a hub for most of our programmes and activities. Unlike short-term hired venues, our present rented premises inspire confidence and ensure stability in the running of the Church. Financial savings are also being realised in addition to enjoying safety due to having exclusive use of our present church.

To demonstrate what the financial year was like, a select outline of important works and activities of the financial year is set aside below. There were more, but these are to highlight key programmes and activities of the year, all of which are in keeping with the Church's aims and objectives, and the realisation of the Public Benefit requirements for the financial year 2023/2024. Members are to note that the key programmes and activities highlighted here are only in addition to the Church's regular weekly services and activities (eg, Weddings), which were not specified in this report.

The Secretary's Report, the Accounts for the Financial Year 2023/24, together with Decisions for the next financial year, will follow subsequently under specific headings further down.

II. Church Programmes & Public Benefit Activities: Some Highlights

A) Christian Television Broadcast: Sky TV, Freeview and Social Media

"Voice of Hope", the church's Christian television weekly broadcast, launched on UK Sky TV and Freeview Channels in July 2020, continues to air via Faith World Television channel 588 platform. The TV broadcast and our online screening are both for Public Benefit actions and in fulfilment of the Church's aims and objectives. These broadcasts not only further our mission's efforts, they also complement our in-person church services, making them accessible to families across several parts of the world and members who cannot physically attend services at the church for various reasons.

The programs and television broadcasts continue to inspire hope in many viewers in our community as well as around the world with strengthening messages of the gospel of Jesus Christ. They continue to gain a growing public viewership. The evidence is seen in the growing number of viewers' statistics that are displayed on the live App broadcast of Faith Television,

and the testimonies of those who confirm to be watching our broadcast on Sunday mornings.

B) Free Bibles for Church and Community

Our free Bible delivery continues. The year has seen the successful delivery of free Bible and Christian literature to members and enquirers within and beyond our immediate communities. These are NKJV Bibles, complete with Old and New Testaments, delivered to anyone, especially new converts to Christ and those seeking to learn about the Christian Faith. It aims at creating awareness and public education about the Christian faith through the delivery of full-size Bibles as part of Good Word Ministries' aims, objectives and public benefits in Christian education. Our stock of Bibles and Christian literature was boosted by receiving donations of used Christian books, devotionals and Bibles.

C) Community Day Project and Bus Trip

As usual, the church successfully held its traditional outdoor gathering. The year's event brought together families and friends from the community for a day of outdoor sports, picnic, and fun at the Hollyday Park. The event was as usual, preceded by the Church's annual Baptismal Service and witnessed the baptism of several new and continuing members of the church.

Likewise, the Church successfully organised a Bus trip away to spend a day in Scarborough, a popular holiday destination in the UK. This afforded church members and their families to spend quality time together and promoted friendship among us and those we invited.

These events fulfil important aspects of Good Word Ministries' aims and objectives, and are also important gestures of public benefit from the Church. The purpose of the Community Day Project, of which these events are a part, is to foster friendship and to promote community, health and wellbeing at all levels through exercise and community outreach activities.

D) Food Bank Project (Good Word Community Food Bank)

The Church's Food Bank initiative, which was launched in March 2018 as an outreach to members of the Church and members of the public, is now only on a *need-assistance-request* basis. After enjoying an early busy period, demands have now dropped drastically, making it no longer viable to collect or store items. However, the church may provide small assistance on a present-need basis to help tide people over upon request. Church members are encouraged to support those among us who may fall in need of food or material assistance (such as clothes, shoes, toiletries), and such generosity, of course, is not unusual among members of the church who naturally show kindness to one another and visitors.

E) Church Outreaches and Community Conferences

This year also saw the successful holding of our scheduled church outreaches and regular church conferences. There were guest speakers from outside Durham for some of our events. Some of these include: 19th – 20th October 2023 - Good Word Power Conference; 29th March – Praise Night; 28th – 29th April 2024 Fruitfulness (Healings and Miracles Conference); 7th July 2024, the Leading Ladies Conference; 20th July 2024 – Baptism and Church Panic; 11th August 2024 - Summer BBQ event. 1st September 2024 – International Day Celebration.

Good Word outreaches and community conferences are designed to host both local and external guest speakers drawn from various backgrounds and expertise, and are strategically aimed at empowering members and people of our community. They comprise activities ranging from divine healing services to life coaching sessions, and our flagship ‘Family & Friends’ activities with a focus on ‘befriending’ and opening our church doors to our community. Good Word *International Day* celebration, a vital part of the Church’s outreach services, was held a few times in the year and the final in September 2024. It aims to celebrate diversity, cultures, and friendship within the church and our local community. Overall, Good Word outreaches and community conferences combine to deliver the church’s aim and objectives and its public benefits agenda.

F) Modern Gym for Church and Community

Good Word Ministries operates a gym which is manned by a professional trainer, who is a member of the church. An active community is a healthy community. The Church’s gym, equipped with modern gym equipment continues to help members and the community to meet their health and fitness needs in relation to physical exercise, while also providing a unique setting for socialisation. This fulfils Good Word Ministries’ aims and objectives and fulfils our public benefits requirements.

G) Multi-purpose Church Premises and Programmes

The Church’s rented premises has multi-functions. It houses the church’s gym, hosts the weekly church services, Sunday schools, conferences, and is open to the public. The premises is officially approved for holding wedding ceremonies and the Church has a resident ‘Appointed Person’. These functions and activities allow Good Word Ministries to serve the community, ranging from individual to family life needs within our community. In so doing, Good Word Ministries is delivering successfully on its established aims and objectives and fulfilling its public benefit requirements.

H) Solidarity with Missionaries and Churches

We continue to work informally with like-minded churches and Christian missionaries, with whom we have forged positive friendships over the years. We pray for one another, share Christian fellowship and, where possible, support Christian mission works and missionaries by sending small gifts to assist them in carrying out the work of preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ based on the Bible. This is not only biblical, it fosters the aims and objectives of the Good Word Ministries to help spread the teachings of Jesus, and also delivers on the Church's public benefits agenda for those who receive such an education.

Report of the Treasurer /Secretary on Behalf of the Trustees

III. Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 30th September 2023

1. Introduction

The following are the Statement of Receipts and Payments Accounts for the financial year ending 30th September 2024. They are the final accounts, and as usual, have been checked by both carrying out bank reconciliation and have been independently reviewed by the Trustee Board. The examiner's report is attached.

The Trustees are asked to receive and note the financial activities and position for the year, the financial position of the Church, and the decision noted in section IV.

2. Main Features of the Year

Receipts

A summary of the main changes in receipts compared to the previous financial year 2023 are:

- Whereas in 2023 our total receipts were £59,220.35, our total receipts in 2024 were £ 75,258.88
- Compared to 2023, the total receipts in 2024 exceeded by £16,038.53
- The difference in the total receipts for the year is due to an increase in church members' voluntary donations in tithes and offerings, along with the accompanying gift aid (Repayments) for qualified donations. In

2023/2024, church attendance rose numerically, reflected in the amount of tithes and offerings. This also reflects a stabilisation in Church members' offerings and tithes.

- *Note: As usual, in 2024, there was no public fundraising or donations from outside sources. The Church limited its receipts to church members' tithes, offerings, and accompanying gift aid repayments on qualifying totals.*

Payments

A summary of the main changes in payments compared to the financial year ending 2023 are:

- Whereas in 2023 our total payments were £57,637.84 in 2024 our total payments came up to £72,301.09. However, £8000 of this amount was put into the church's savings Account, which means the actual amount spent on expenses is less, and is: **£64,301.09**
- The difference in total payments (*actual expense*) for 2024 compared to 2023 was £6,663.25. The Net Income (the difference between total receipts and total payments) was £2,957.79, which is positive. However, when the amount of £8,000, which was transferred to the church's Savings account, is added to this amount, we can say that we have £10,957.79. This is reflected in the actual *Result of the year* and the *Statement of Financial Position*, which gives the bank balances below.
- The change in total payments is mainly explained by a change in the following accounts: Missions and Conferences, Utilities (Electricity), Small Tools and Equipment, Support and Giving to Others, Refreshments / Special Church Services, Christian TV Broadcast, and Operations.

See Table 2 for a breakdown and itemised Receipts and Payments accounts.

3. Results for the Year

The outcome for the year ending 2024 is a net income of ££2,957.79 (the difference between total Receipts & total Payments for the year only). A snapshot of the accounts and financial position at the end of September 2024 is as follows: Checking Account bank balance of **£4,768.07**; Saving Account bank balance (1) **£266.10**, and Saving Account bank balance (2) **£8007.59**, making a total (current assets) of **£13,041.76** at the end of the year.

Note: The Church's account balance at the end of the financial year 2024 for both saving and checking accounts stands at **£13,041.76** in total.

Tables 1&2 on pages 8, 9 & 10 contain the figures, breakdown, and results of how the Church account performed overall. They also indicate the *Financial Position* overall.

4. Church's Financial Position and Overall Goal

The Church's accounts reflect its financial standing relative to its present membership strength. We are grateful for God adding numerically to His church and advancing its works. We have been able to support other Christian brothers and sisters in God's mission and purpose of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ around the world. The Church has shown resilience in the face of all the challenges that caused even businesses to fold completely. The church continues to be financially self-supportive without recourse to public funds through public fundraising campaigns. Overall, the trend also indicates unwavering commitments from members of the Church through their support and voluntary offerings. This trend equally shows a promising prospect for the future of the church. The present account is also evidence of the church members' eagerness in their continuing support for the achievement of the aims and objectives of the Church.

The Church wholeheartedly appreciates members' unwavering voluntary support and contribution to the church's works and aims. We anticipate that in the coming years, we will continue to do more to expand and to offer essential services in agreement with the church's aims and objectives, and its charitable Public Benefit agenda: advancing the Christian faith and serving the general public in ways that support health, well-being, and the alleviation of poverty.

Table 1

Good Word Ministries
Statement of Financial Position
 As of September 30th, 2024

	Sep 30, 24
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking & Savings	
Lloyds TSB (Checking A/C)	4,768.07
Lloyds TSB (Savings A/C1)	266.10
Lloyds TSB (Savings A/C2)	8007.59
Total Lloyds TSB Savings A/C	8,273.69
Total Checking & Savings A/Cs	13,041.76
Total Current Assets	13,041.76
TOTAL ASSETS	£ 13,041.76
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Unrestricted Net Assets	2,073.09
Savings	8,000.00
Net Income	2,957.79
Interest (Lloyds TSB Savings A/C1&2)	10.88
Total Equity	13,041.76
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	£ 13,041.76

Table 2

Good Word Ministries
Statement of Financial Income and Expense
1st October 2023 to 30th September 2024

	Oct '23 – Sept. '24
ORDINARY INCOME/EXPENSE	
Income	
Tithes/Offerings	62,440.80
Others [Refunds etc]	32.23
Repayments [Members' Gift Aid]	12,785.85
Total Income	75,258.88
GROSS RECEIPT	75,258.88
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES / EXPENSE	
Refreshments / Special Church Services	841.37
Service Charges	825.60
Christian TV Broadcast /Evangelism	3,121.20
Advertising	0.00
Support and Giving to Others	
Assistance to churches /Missionaries	2,991.04
Assistance to Individuals / Members	355.37
Total Support and Giving to Others	3,346.41
Computer and Internet Expenses	591.87
Missions and Conferences	8,044.74
Operations	
Transfer to Lloyds Savings A/C2	8000.00
Miscellaneous Expense	108.62
Supplies	177.82
Operations - Other	393.76
Total Operations	8,680.20
Other Types of Expenses	
Public Liability Insurance	478.07
Total Other Types of Expenses	478.07

Payroll Expenses & Staffing Cost	26,866.77
Rent Expense	15,000.00
Small Tools and Equipment	405.59
Utilities	
Water	332.31
Electricity	3,766.96
Total Utilities	<u>4099.27</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>72,301.09</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>2,957.79</u>
NET INCOME	<u><u>£ 2,957.79</u></u>

IV. Conclusions and Decisions for 2025

The Church appreciates the continuing support and services of members. The Trustees are to note the following for the coming financial year **2025**:


- We agreed, the Trustee Board will continue to work with the church leaders and congregation to encourage church growth and to assist the Church's stated aims and objectives. The Trustees will continue to lend their unwavering support to the ongoing activities of the Church in seeking to work hard to serve its members and the public. They will continue to successfully deliver on the church's Public Benefit agenda in the next year.
- We agreed that the current assets/funds deemed unrestricted or specified for specific objectives should be appropriated as such. This agrees with the present church policy of using church income/receipts for the continuing works of Good Word Ministries and its charitable activities under the aims and objectives stated above. Donations given and received for special projects and the Church's outreach programmes deemed to be restricted will be used under the terms of their restrictions.
- We agreed, the Church will continue in its efforts to explore ways and means by which it can faithfully advance the Christian faith, to expand, and continue to serve more and more people. Good Word Ministries will continue to work towards acquiring its permanent premises, the Good Word Christian Centre.

NB: Copies of the breakdown of the Church's Payments and Receipts Accounts, and Financial Position for the year, including balance sheet and bank

reconciliation, are available for members' information. The Independent Examiner's Report is also herewith attached.

Trustees Endorsement:

On behalf of Trustees

Rev. Dr. Bernard O. Appiah 

Senior Pastor's Endorsement:

On behalf of Church Leadership

Pastor Saye Didi Dolopei 

Cc: All Trustees

By signing, this report has been verified and passed as final. A copy of the Independent Examiner Report is provided below here:

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE CHARITY TRUSTEES OF GOOD WORD MINISTRIES (THE TRUST)

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended **30th September 2024**, which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHARITY TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

As the charity's Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity Trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Name: Mr. Kevin Taylor
General Operative
Mears, UK

Signed:



Date: 15th May 2025

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I. The Journey

The aims and objectives of Good Word Ministries (the Church) are 'to advance Christianity and its charitable activities throughout the United Kingdom and the world'. As such, the works and activities of God Word Ministries are tailored to accomplish its aims and objectives.

The Church is by God's grace successfully delivering on its aims and objectives, with practical steps to ensure its continuing relevance in and beyond our present local community. Through its programmes and activities, the Church remained resilient and as usual, members continued to show their unwavering supports for the church's missions and work. This is positive news both for the church and our local communities. Members support enabled us to continue our growing online and television broadcast, as well as our in-person church services and activities. This account year 2023, saw the beginning of a steady growth in the membership of the church after the COVID-19 Pandemic. This is in testimony to God's continuing grace that the church is enjoying and also the faithful of members in creating an enabling environment where everyone feels welcomed and a sense of belonging. We are successfully providing spiritual supports and responding to needs where possible within our community, and at times beyond it when necessary. These are important parts of our collective efforts to ensure that the aims and objectives of the Church are always met.

The programmes and activities of the financial year 2022/23 followed the standardized schedule for the year before the COVID-19 pandemic hit, and we are glad for this progress. Our Christian television broadcast, the *Voice of Hope* continues to lead the way for us reaching more and more people with the Good News of our LORD Jesus Christ. Our social media presence is also growing with now over a 140 individual Christian video messages on our page for people to view free of charge. The TV and online ministries afford us many opportunities including reaching those at home with the Gospel to provide healing, comfort, and hope. They are ways that we also compliment and reinforce the in-house worship services, by members being able to revisit the messages that are preached in church during our weekday and weekend service. Beyond these tools, we were able to partner with other Christian brothers and sisters who are involved with small Christian missions' outreaches in different localities. It is also heartwarming to note that our flagship programmes including Good Word Power Conference and our annual Water Baptism outdoor celebrations are back on track.

We acknowledge here again with gratitude the continuing supports of members of the Church throughout. Members have remained very supportive in their voluntary activities and their charitable giving toward the work and

the programmes of the Church. This has helped immensely, and there was no need to recourse to public fund raising. The church has always managed to keep its operational costs as low as possible through the support of members and leaders of the church. Some volunteered in various capacities to ensure success in achieving our aims and objectives.

Again, we should reiterate that having our own rented church premises has also been an immense advantage. This has accorded us both convenience and the necessary space to host weekly church services. The same building serves as a hub for majority of our programmes and activities. Unlike, short-term hired venues, we current rented premises inspires confidence and ensure stability in the running of the Church. Financial savings are also being made in addition to enjoying safety due to having exclusive use of our present church premises.

For the purposes of demonstrating what the year was like, a select outline of some important works and activities of the financial year are set aside below. There were more, but these were only chosen to highlight key programmes and activities of the year, all of which are in keeping with the Church's aims and objectives, and the realisation of the Public Benefit requirements for the financial year 2022/2023. Again, members are to note that these highlights or programmes of activities are only in addition to the Church's regular weekly services, programmes, and activities which were not specified in this report.

Finally, the Secretary's Report, the Accounts for the Financial Year 2022/23 together with Decisions for the next financial year will follow hereafter under their specific headings below.

II. Church Programmes & Public Benefit Activities: Some Highlights

A) Christian Television Broadcast: Sky TV, Freeview and Social Media

Our Christian television broadcast continues to gain a growing public viewership. The evidence is seen in the growing number of viewers' statistics that are displayed on the live App broadcast of Faith Television, and the testimony of those who confirm to be watching our broadcast on Sunday mornings.

“Voice of Home” the church's Christian television weekly broadcast which was launched on UK Sky TV and Freeview Channels in July 2020, continues to air via Faith World Television channel 588 platform. The TV broadcast and our online screening are both for Public Benefit actions and in fulfilment of the Church's aims and objectives. These broadcasts do not only further our missions' efforts, they also complement our in-person churches services making them accessible to families across many parts of the world and members who are not able to physically attend services at the

church for various reasons. The programs continue to inspire hope in many viewers in our community as well as around the world with strengthening messages of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

B) Food Bank Project (Good Word Community Food Bank)

Although the Food Bank initiatives are still operational, it has lately slowed down from its initial scale when demands were more significant. This could represent a positive if it represents a drop in the level of hardship in our community. It may also mean a need to work on creating awareness about the project.

The Church's Food Bank initiative, which was launched in March 2018 as an outreach to members of the Church and members of the public continues. Its aim is to help anyone who may have need of small assistance to tie them over. The response from members and their contribution in kind and food stuff donations is greatly welcomed. The project helps fulfil our Public Benefit strategy and is well encouraged. Presently, it operates on a small scale, and we continue to assess the demand and suitability for the long term. Members are encouraged to support those among us who may fall in need of food or material assistance (such as clothes, shoes, toiletries), and such generosity of course are not unusual among members of the church who naturally show kindness to one another and visitors.

C) Free Bibles for Church and Community

This year has realised a marked growth in delivering free Bible and Christian literature to members and enquirers. These are NKJV Bibles, complete with Old and New Testament delivered to anyone within our local community. It aims at creating awareness and public education about the Christian faith through the delivery of full-size Bibles as part of Good Word Ministries' aims, objectives and public benefits in Christian education. This year we received several used Christian books, devotionals and Bibles from a house clearing that augmented our supplies.

D) Community Day Project and Bus Trip

The church successfully held its traditional outdoor gathering. The year's event brought together families and friends from the community for a day's event of outdoor sports, picnic, and fun at the Hollyday Park. The event was also preceded by the Church's Baptismal Service and witnessed the baptism of several new and continuing members of the church.

In addition, the Church successfully organised a Bus trip away to spend a day in Scarborough, a popular holiday destination in the UK. This afforded church members and their families to spend quality time together and promoted friendship among us and those we invited.

These events fulfil important aspects of Good Word Ministries' aims and objectives, and also are important gestures of public benefit from the Church. The purpose of Community Day Project of which these events are a part, is to foster friendship, and to promote community, health and wellbeing at all levels through exercise and community outreach activities.

E) Church Outreaches and Community Conferences

This year we successful held more outreaches than normal: 24th October 2022 our Power Conference; 27th November 2022, Thanksgiving Day services; 5th February 2023, the "STRONG" youth meeting, and 7th April 2023 which was our Power and Glory event.

Good Word outreaches and community conferences are designed to host both local and external guest speakers drawn from various backgrounds and expertise, and are strategically aimed at empowering members and people of our community. They comprise activities ranging from divine healing services to life coaching sessions, and our flagship 'Family & Friends' activities with focus on 'befriending' and opening our church doors to our community. Good Word *International Day* celebration, a vital part of the Church's outreach services was held in June 2023. Its aims are to celebrate diversity, cultures, and friendship within the church and our local community. Overall, Good Word outreaches and community conferences combine to deliver the church's aim and objectives and its public benefits agenda.

F) Modern Gym for Church and Community

Good Word Ministries operates a gym which is manned by a professional trainer, who is a member of the church. An active community is a healthy community. The Church's gym, equipped with modern gym equipment continues to help members and the community to meet their health and fitness needs in relation to physical exercise, while also providing a unique setting for socialisation. This fulfils Good Word Ministries' aims and objectives and fulfils our public benefits requirements.

G) Multi-purpose Church Premises and Programmes

The Church's rented premises has multi-functions. It houses the church's gym, hosts the weekly church services, Sunday schools, conferences, and is open to the public. The premises is officially approved for holding wedding ceremonies and the Church has a resident 'Appointed Person'. These functions and activities afford Good Word Ministries the opportunity to serve the community ranging from individual to family life needs within our community. In so doing, Good Word Ministries is delivering successfully on its established aims and objectives and fulfilling its public benefit requirements.

H) Solidarity with Missionaries and Churches

We continue to work informally with likeminded churches and Christian missionaries, whom we have forged positive friendships with over the years. We pray for one another, share Christian fellowship and where possible support Christian mission works and missionaries by sending small gifts to assist them to them in carrying out the work of preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ based on the Bible. This is not only biblical, it fosters the aims and objectives of the Good Word Ministries to help spread the teachings of Jesus, and also delivers on the Church's public benefits agenda for those who receive such an education.

Report of the Treasurer /Secretary on Behalf of the Trustees

III. Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 30th September 2023

1. Introduction

The following are the Statement of Receipts and Payments Accounts for the financial year ending 30th September 2023. They are the final accounts and as usual have been checked by both carrying out bank reconciliation and have been independently reviewed by the Trustee Board. Examiner's report is attached.

The Trustees are asked to receive and to note the financial activities and position for the year and the financial position of the Church and the decision noted in section IV.

2. Main Features of the Year

Receipts

A summary of the main changes in receipts compared to the previous financial year 2022 are:

- Whereas in 2022 our total receipts were £39,224.85 our total receipts in 2023 was £ 59,220.35
- Compared to 2022, the total receipts in 2023 exceeded by £19,995.5
- The difference in the total receipts for the year is due to an increase in church members' voluntary donations in tithes and offerings along with

the accompanying gift aid (Repayments) for qualified donations. In 2022/2023, church attendance rose numerically, which also reflected the amount in tithes and offerings. This also reflects a stabilisation in Church members' offerings and tithes.

- *Note: As usual, in 2023, there was no public fundraising or donations from outside sources. The Church limited its receipts to church members' tithes, offerings, and accompanying gift aid repayments on qualifying totals.*

Payments

A summary of the main changes in payments compared to the financial year ending 2022 are:

- Whereas in 2022 our total payments were £46,406.89 in 2023 our total payments came up to £57,637.84
- The difference in total payments for 2023 compared to 2022 was £11,230.95. The Net Income (the difference between total receipts and total payments) was £1,582.5, which is positive.
- The change in total payments is mainly explained by a change in the following accounts: Utilities (Electricity), Small tools and Equipment; Support and Giving to Others, Refreshments / Special Church Services; Staffing costs, and Missions and Conferences.

See Table 2 for a breakdown and itemised Receipts and Payments accounts.

3. Results for the Year

The outcome for the year ending 2023 is a net income of £1,582.51 (the difference between total Receipts & total Payments for the year only). A snapshot of the accounts and financial position at the end of September 2023 is as follows: Checking Account bank balance of £1810.28; Saving Account bank balance of £262.81, making a total (current assets) of £2,073.09 at the end of the year.

Note: There was no outstanding liability to show, therefore the Church's account balance at the end of the financial year 2023 for both saving and checking accounts stands at £2,073.09 in total.

Tables 1&2 on pages 8, 9 & 10 contain the figures, breakdown, and results of how the Church account performed overall. They also indicate the *Financial Position* overall.

4. Church's Financial Position and Overall Goal

The Church's accounts reflect its financial standing relative to its present membership strength. We are grateful for God adding numerically to His church and advancing its works. We have been able to support other Christian brothers and sisters in God's mission and purpose of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ around the world. The Church has shown resilience in the face of all the challenges that caused even businesses to fold completely. The church continues to be financially self-supportive without recourse to public funds through public fundraising campaigns. Overall, the trend also indicates unwavering commitments from members of the Church through their support and voluntary offerings. This trend equally shows a promising prospect for the future of the church. The present account is also evidence of the church members' eagerness in their continuing support for the achievement of the aims and objectives of the Church.

The Church wholeheartedly appreciates members' unwavering voluntary support and contribution to the church's works and aims. We anticipate that in the coming years, we will continue to do more to expand and to offer essential services in agreement with the church's aims and objectives, and its charitable Public Benefit agenda: advancing the Christian faith and serving the general public in ways that support health, well-being, and the alleviation of poverty.

Table 1

Good Word Ministries
Statement of Financial Position
 As of September 30th, 2023

	Sep 30, 23
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking & Savings	
Lloyds TSB (Checking A/C)	1810.28
Lloyds TSB (Savings A/C)	262.81
Total Lloyds TSB Savings A/C	262.81
Total Checking & Savings A/Cs	2073.09
Total Current Assets	2073.09
TOTAL ASSETS	£ 2073.09
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Unrestricted Net Assets	489.01
Net Income	1,582.51
Interest (Lloyds TSB Savings A/C)	1.57
Total Equity	2,071.52
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	£ 2,073.09

Table 2

Good Word Ministries
Statement of Financial Income and Expense
1st October 2022 to 30th September 2023

	Oct '22 – Sept. '23
ORDINARY INCOME/EXPENSE	
Income	
Tithes/Offerings	50,407.72
Others [Refunds etc]	680.32
Repayments [Members' Gift Aid]	8,132.31
Total Income	59,220.35
GROSS RECEIPT	59,220.35
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES / EXPENSE	
Refreshments / Special Church Services	630.87
Service Charges	825.60
Christian TV Broadcast /Evangelism	2,847.00
Advertising	14.00
Support and Giving to Others	
Assistance to churches /Missionaries	1124.30
Assistance to Individuals / Members	400.96
Total Support and Giving to Others	1,525.26
Computer and Internet Expenses	365.45
Missions and Conferences	2,276.60
Operations	
Miscellaneous Expense	237.23
Supplies	243.23
Operations - Other	60.00
Total Operations	540.46
Other Types of Expenses	
Public Liability Insurance	336.98
Total Other Types of Expenses	336.98
Payroll Expenses & Staffing Cost	29,144.58

Rent Expense	15,000.00
Small Tools and Equipment	593.92
Utilities	
Water	269.63
Electricity	3,267.49
Total Utilities	<u>3,537.12</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>57,637.84</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>1,582.51</u>
NET INCOME	<u><u>£ 1,582.51</u></u>


IV. Conclusions and Decisions for 2024

The Church appreciates the continuing support and services of members. The Trustees are to note the following for the coming financial year **2024**:

- We agreed, the Trustee Board will continue to work with the church leaders and congregation to encourage church growth and to assist the Church's stated aims and objectives. The Trustees will continue to lend their unwavering support to the ongoing activities of the Church in seeking to work hard to serve its members and the public. The will continue to successfully deliver on its Public Benefit agenda in the next year.
- We agreed, the current assets / funds deemed as unrestricted or that are specified for specific objectives should be appropriated as such. This agrees with the present church policy to use church income/receipts for the continuing works of Good Word Ministries and its charitable activities under the aims and objectives stated above. Donations given and received for special projects and the Church's outreach programmes deemed to be restricted will be used under the terms of their restrictions.
- We agreed, the Church will continue in its efforts to explore ways and means by which it can faithfully advance the Christian faith, to expand, and continue to serve more and more people. Good Word Ministries will continue to work towards acquiring its permanent premises, the Good Word Christian Centre.

NB: Copies of the breakdown of the Church's payments and receipts accounts, and financial position for the year including balance sheet and bank reconciliation are available for members' information. The Independent Examiner's Report is also here attached.

Trustees Endorsement:
On behalf of Trustees

Rev. Dr. Bernard O. Appiah 

Senior Pastor's Endorsement:
On behalf of Church Leadership

Pastor Saye Didi Dolopei 

Cc: All Trustees

By signing, this report has been verified and passed as final. A copy of the Independent Examiner Report is provided below here:

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE CHARITY TRUSTEES OF GOOD WORD MINISTRIES (THE TRUST)

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended **30th September 2023**, which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHARITY TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

As the charity's Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity Trustees concerning any such matters.


My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Name: Mr. Kevin Taylor
General Operative
Mears, UK

Signed:

Date: 8th May 2024

Address:
2 Central Avenue
Meadowfield, Durham
DH7 8SE

GOOD WORD MINISTRIES

England & Wales - Charity number 1115842

Accounts

Good Word Ministries, UK
Good Word Christian Centre, Durham

ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS

2022

CHARITY NUMBER: 1115842

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On Behalf of the Trustee Board**

- 3. Conclusion and Decisions**

Pastor's Report

Preamble:

I. The Journey

The aims and objectives of Good Word Ministries (the Church) are 'to advance Christianity and its charitable activities throughout the United Kingdom and the world'. As such, the works and activities of God Word Ministries are tailored to accomplish its aims and objectives.

We have thankfully moved beyond the larger part of the challenging impacts of COVID-19 Pandemic. Compared to 2020/21, the year 2021/2022 has mostly seen a steady return to many of our regular church services and activities, although with some cautions still in place because of COVID-19 safeguard guidelines.

The Church has by the grace of God successfully pursued and delivered on its aims and objectives. Through its programmes and activities, the Church remained resilient and as usual, members continued to show their unwavering supports for the church's missions and work. This is positive news both the church and our local communities. Members support enabled us to continue our online and television broadcast, as well as our in-person church services and activities. Likewise, we were able to welcome new members as well as continue with providing spiritual supports and responding to needs where possible within our community. These were in the effort to fulfil the aims and objectives of the Church.

The programmes and activities of financial year 2021/22 were similar to the previous year as things were only just opening up again after the COVID-19 pandemic. But, we invested a little more in our Christian TV broadcast (*Voice of Hope*) and social media broadcasts to reach more people in the homes who were unable to attend church just yet. Instead of focusing on in-house conferences and missions as we have done in the past before the Pandemic, it became necessary to focus on TV and online ministries. We also supported small missions, and undertook a limited number of outdoor activities including water baptism.

we acknowledge here again with gratitude the continuing supports of members of the Church throughout. Members have remained very supportive in their voluntary activities and their charitable giving toward the work and the programmes of the Church. This has helped immensely, and there was no need to recourse to public fund raising. The church has always managed to keep its operational costs as low as possible through the support of members and leaders of the church. Some volunteered in various capacities to ensure success in achieving our aims and objectives.

Having our own rented church premises has also been an immense advantage. This has accorded us both convenience and the necessary space to host weekly church services. The same building serves as a hub for majority of our programmes and activities. Unlike, short-term hired venues, we current rented premises inspires confidence and ensure stability in the running of the Church. Financial savings are also being made in addition to enjoying safety due to having exclusive use of our present church premises.

A brief outline of some of the important works and activities of the financial year are set aside below. These are a select key highlights and summaries of activities in accordance with the Church's aims and objectives, and in realisation of Public Benefit requirements for the financial year 2021/2022. Note, these are of course, in addition to the Church's regular weekly services, programmes, and activities.

The Secretary's Report, and Accounts for Financial Year 2021/22 together with Decisions for the next financial year will also follow hereafter under their specific headings below.

II. Church Programmes & Public Benefit Activities: Some Highlights

A) Food Bank Project (Good Word Community Food Bank)

The Church's Food Bank initiative, which was launched in March 2018 as an outreach to members of the Church and members of the public continues. Its aim is to help anyone who may have need of small assistance to tie them over. The response from members and their contribution in kind and food stuff donations is greatly welcomed. The project helps fulfil our Public Benefit strategy and is well encouraged. Presently, it operates on a small scale, and we continue to assess the demand and suitability for the long term. Members are encouraged to support those among us who may fall in need of food or material assistance (such as clothes, shoes, toiletries), and such generosity of course are not unusual among members of the church who naturally show kindness to one another and visitors.

B) Christian Television Broadcast: Sky TV, Freeview and Social Media

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our community as well as around the world with strengthening messages of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

C) Free Bibles for Church and Community

The Church's free Bible gift delivery is still ongoing. These are NKJ Bibles, complete with Old and New Testament delivered to anyone within our local community. It aims at creating awareness and public education about the Christian faith through the delivery of full-size Bibles as part of Good Word Ministries' aims, objectives and public benefits in Christian education.

D) Community Day Project

In 2022, the church successfully held its traditional outdoor gathering. The event usually brings together families and friends from the community for a day's event of outdoor sports, picnic, and fun at the Hollyday Park in Durham. We returned to the Meadowfield sports ground this year. The event was also preceded by the Church's Baptismal Service and witnessed the baptism of some members who had been eagerly waiting to be baptised.

These events fulfil important aspects of Good Word Ministries' aims and objectives, and also are important gestures of public benefit from the Church. The purpose of Community Day Project of which these events are a part, is to foster friendship, and to promote community, health and wellbeing at all levels through exercise and community outreach activities.

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Good Word outreaches and community conferences are designed to host both local and external guest speakers drawn from various backgrounds and expertise, and are strategically aimed at empowering members and people of our community. They comprise activities ranging from divine healing services to life coaching sessions, and our flagship 'Family & Friends' activities with focus on 'befriending' and opening our church doors to our community. Good Word *International Day* celebration, a vital part of the Church's outreach services was held in August 2022. Its aims are to celebrate diversity, cultures, and friendship within the church and our local community. Overall, Good Word outreaches and community conferences combine to deliver the church's aim and objectives and its public benefits agenda.

F) Modern Gym for Church and Community

An active community is a healthy community. The Church's gym, equipped with modern gym equipment continues to help members and the community to meet their health and fitness needs in relation to physical exercise, while

also providing a unique setting for socialisation. This fulfils Good Word Ministries' aims and objectives and fulfils our public benefits requirements.

G) Multi-purpose Church Premises and Programmes

The Church's rented premises has multi-functions. It houses the church's gym, hosts the weekly church services, Sunday schools, conferences, and is open to the public. The premises is officially approved for holding wedding ceremonies and the Church has a resident 'Appointed Person'. These functions and activities afford Good Word Ministries the opportunity to serve the community ranging from individual to family life needs within our community. In so doing, Good Word Ministries is delivering successfully on its established aims and objectives and fulfilling its public benefit requirements.

H) Solidarity with Missionaries and Churches

We continued working with likeminded churches and Christian missionaries, having forged positive friendships with them and their pastors during the COVID-19 Pandemic. We pray for one another, share Christian fellowship and where possible support mission works and missionaries by sending small gifts to encourage them. This is not only biblical, it fosters the aims and objectives of the Good Word Ministries, and also delivers on the Church's public benefits agenda.

Report of the Treasurer /Secretary on Behalf of the Trustees

III. Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 30th September 2022

1. Introduction

The following are the Statement of Receipts and Payments Accounts for the financial year ending 30th September 2022. They are the final accounts and as usual have been checked by both carrying out bank reconciliation and have been independently reviewed by the Trustee Board. Examiner's report is attached.

The Trustees are asked to receive and to note the financial activities and position for the year and the financial position of the Church and the decision noted in section IV.

2. Main Features of the Year

Receipts

A summary of the main changes in receipts compared to previous financial year 2021 are:

- Whereas in 2021 our total receipts were £61,230.31 our total receipts in 2022 was £39,224.85
- Compared to 2021, the total receipts in 2022 was less by £22,005.46
- The difference in the total receipts for the year is due to decrease in church members' voluntary donations in tithes and offerings along with the accompanying gift aid (Repayments) for qualified donations. In 2021/2022, church attendance fell sharply as part of the continuing impact of COVID-19, and so was the amount in tithes and offerings. Furthermore, in the previous year, there were a couple of significant one-off voluntary donations in tithes and offerings to assist the Church during crunch of the COVID-19 pandemic. The current total receipts is also agreeable to the pre-pandemic year-on-year average receipts of the Church.
- *Note: As usual, in 2022, there was no public fund raising, or donations from outside sources. The Church limited its receipts to church members' tithes, offerings, and accompanying gift aid repayments on qualifying totals.*

Payments

A summary of the main changes in payments compared to financial year ending 2021 are:

- Whereas in 2021 our total payments were £58,698.00, in 2022 our total payments came up to £46,406.89
- The difference in total payments for 2022 compared to 2021 was £12,291.11. The Net Income (the difference between total receipts and total payments) was £-7,182.04
- The change in total payments is mainly explained by change in the following accounts: increase in Utilities (Electricity), but there was significant savings in Small tools and Equipment accounts, TV Broadcast/Media; Staffing costs, and Assistance to Missions, among others.

See Table 2 for breakdown and itemised Receipts and Payments accounts

3. Results for the Year

The outcome for the year ending 2022 is a net income of £-7,182.04 (the difference between total Receipts & total Payments for the year only). A snapshot of the accounts and financial position at the end of September 2022 is as follow: Checking Account bank balance of £227.77; Saving Account bank balance of £261.24, making a total (assets) of £489.01 at the end of the year.

Note: There was no outstanding liability to show, therefore the Church's account balance at the end of financial year 2022 for both saving and checking accounts stand at £489.01 in total.

Tables 1&2 on pages 8, 9 & 10 contain the figures, breakdown, and results of how the Church account performed overall. They also indicate the *Financial Position* overall.

4. Church's Financial Position and Overall Goal

The Church's accounts reflect its financial standing relative to its present membership strength, and a steady recovery from the deep economic and social impact of the COVID-19 pandemic challenges which we felt globally. The Church has shown resilience in the face of all the challenges that caused even businesses to fold up completely. The church continued to be financially self-supportive without recourse to public funds. Overall, the trend also indicates unwavering commitments from members of the Church through their support and voluntary offerings. It also indicates even better prospect after the end of

the COVID-19 pandemic, and an eagerness in continuing supports for the achievements of the aims and objectives of the Church.

The Church appreciates immensely members' continuing voluntary support and contributions at every level and anticipates that in the coming years, it will continue to do more to expand and to offer essential services in agreement with its aims and objectives, and its charitable Public Benefit agenda: advancing the Christian faith and serving the general public in ways that support health, well-being, and the alleviation of poverty.

Table 1

Good Word Ministries
Statement of Financial Position
 As of September 30th, 2022

	Sep 30, 22
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking & Savings	
Lloyds TSB (Checking A/C)	227.77
Lloyds TSB (Savings A/C)	
	261.24
Total Lloyds TSB Savings A/C	261.24
Total Checking & Savings A/Cs	489.01
Total Current Assets	489.01
TOTAL ASSETS	489.01
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Unrestricted Net Assets	8,471.05
Savings withdraw	(800.00)
Net Income	(7,182.04)
Total Equity	489.01
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	£489.01

Table 2

Good Word Ministries
Statement of Financial Income and Expense
1st October 2021 to 30th September 2022

	Oct '21 – Sept. '22
ORDINARY INCOME/EXPENSE	
Income	
Tithes/Offerings	32,658.14
Others [Refunds etc]	815.06
Repayments [Members' Gift Aid]	5,751.65
Total Income	39,224.85
GROSS RECEIPT	39,224.85
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES / EXPENSE	
Refreshments / Church Services	232.68
Service Charges	825.60
Christian TV Broadcast /Evangelism	2,884.00
Advertising	40.00
Awards and Grants	
Assist to Individuals / Missions	391.15
Total Awards and Grants	391.15
Computer and Internet Expenses	492.71
Operations	
Miscellaneous Expense	78.62
Supplies	179.43
Operations - Other	233.56
Total Operations	491.61
Other Types of Expenses	
Public Liability Insurance	584.19
Total Other Types of Expenses	584.19
Payroll Expenses & Staffing Cost	22,700.00
Rent Expense	15,000.00
Small Tools and Equipment	178.77
Utilities	
Water	170.17
Electricity	2,416.01

Total Utilities	<u>2,586.18</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>46,406.89</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>(7,182.04)</u>
NET INCOME	<u>(£ 7,182.04)</u>


IV. Conclusions and Decisions for 2023

The Church appreciates the continuing supports and services of members. The Trustees are to note the following for the coming financial year **2023**:

- We agreed, the Trustee Board will continue to work with the church leaders and congregation to encourage church growth, and to assist the Church's stated aims and objectives. The Trustees will continue to lend their unwavering support to the on-going activities of the Church in seeking to work hard to serve its members as well as the general public, and to continue to successfully deliver on its Public Benefit agenda.
- We agreed, the current assets / funds deemed as unrestricted or that are specified for specific objectives should be appropriated as such. This is in line with the present church policy to use church income/receipts for the continuing works of Good Word Ministries and its charitable activities under the aims and objectives stated above. Donations given and received for special projects and the Church's outreach programmes deemed to be restricted will be used in accordance with the terms of their restrictions.
- We agreed, the Church will continue in its efforts to explore ways and means by which it can advance the Christian faith, to expand and to continue to serve more and more people. Good Word Ministries will continue to work towards acquiring its own permanent premises, the Good Word Christian Centre.

NB: Copies of the breakdown of the Church's payments and receipts accounts, financial position for the year including balance sheet and bank reconciliation are available for members' information. The Independent Examiner's Report is also here attached.

Trustees Endorsement:
On behalf of Trustees

Rev. Dr. Bernard O. Appiah 

Senior Pastor's Endorsement:
On behalf of Church Leadership

Pastor Saye Didi Dolopei 

Cc: All Trustees

By signing, this report has been verified and passed as final. A copy of the Independent Examiner Report provided below here:

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE CHARITY TRUSTEES OF GOOD WORD MINISTRIES (THE TRUST)

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 30th September 2022, which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHARITY TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.


My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Name: Mr. Kevin Taylor
General Operative
Mears, UK

Signed:

Date: 19th March 2023

Address:
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- 1. Pastor's Report**

- 2. Treasurer/ Secretary's Report, Statements of Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 30th September 2021
On Behalf of the Trustee Board**

- 3. Conclusion and Decisions**

Pastor's Report

Preamble:

I. The Journey

The aims and objectives of Good Word Ministries (the Church) are 'to advance Christianity and its charitable activities throughout the United Kingdom and the world'. As such, the works and activities of God Word Ministries are tailored and aimed to establish its aims and objectives.

In 2020/21, COVID-19 Pandemic and associated challenges sadly continued with many difficulties for all. However, the Church by God's grace successfully pursued and delivered on its aims and objectives. As with many challenges, the Pandemic presented both constraints and opportunities for ministries. Through its programmes and activities, the Church remained resilient and as usual, members showed our unflinching supports to the cause of the church even under UK's generalised COVID-19 lockdown restrictions by responding positively to our communities. Through our viable online, television and in-person church community, we have continued to welcome everyone, providing spiritual supports, and responding to needs where possible within our community in delivering the aims and objectives of the Church. In this regard, we have had to innovate to remain accessible and to be able to reach out to as many people as possible.

Consequently, the activities and outcomes of the financial year 2020/21 reflect for example more happening regarding our Christian TV broadcast and social media to ensure a wider reach within and beyond our immediate community. Instead of focusing on in-house conferences and missions as we have done previously pre-pandemic, it became necessary to focus on TV and online ministries, and providing small missions assistances due to social distancing requirements. However, as soon as churches were permitted to hold in-person services again, we carefully opened to the public and were able to hold our customary activities while observing all government COVID guidelines.

A brief outline of some of the important works and activities of the financial year are set aside below. Not to forget though, that the year was different in many ways for church activities because ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions put in place to curb the spread of the virus.

Before then, we acknowledge here again with gratitude the unwavering supports of members of the Church before during this long Pandemic. Members have remained very supportive in their voluntary activities and their charitable giving toward the work and the programmes of the Church.

As a result, as usual the Church has had no need to recourse to public fund raising. We have kept our operational costs as low as possible through the

support of members and leaders who volunteered in various capacities to ensure success in achieving our aims and objectives. Having our own rented church premises has been an immense advantage also with space to host weekly services and to serve as a hub for majority of our programmes and activities. This has been abundantly helps for example to forestall unforeseen disappointments and inconveniences that often come with short-term hiring of venues and equipment. In addition, having our own rented premises inspires confidence and ensure stability in the running of the Church. Financial savings are also being made. Particularly, during, the course of the Pandemic, having exclusive use of a church premises have been a big help to the Church, allowing us to reopen safely and to ensure COVID guidelines compliance.

Key highlights and the summary of activities in accordance with the Church's aims and objectives, and in realisation of Public Benefit requirements for the financial year 2020/2021 will now follow below here. (Of course, these are only in addition to the Church's regular weekly services, programmes, and activities.)

Also, the Secretary's Report, and Accounts for Financial Year 2020/21 together with Decisions for the next financial year are presented below here.

II. Church Programmes & Public Benefit Activities: Some Highlights

A) Food Bank Project (Good Word Community Food Bank)

The Church's Food Bank initiative, which was launched in March 2018 as an outreach to members of the Church and members of the public continues. Its aim is to help anyone who may be in need of small assistance to tie them over. The response from members and their contribution in kind and food stuff donations is greatly welcomed. The project helps fulfil our Public Benefit strategy and is well encouraged. Presently, it operates on a small scale, and we continue to assess the demand and suitability for the long term. In addition, members are encouraged to support those among us who may fall in need of food or material assistance (such as clothes, shoes, toiletries), and such generosity of course are not unusual among members of the church who naturally show kindness to one another and visitors.

B) Christian Television Broadcast: Sky TV, Freeview and Social Media

For Public Benefit actions and in the interest of the Church's aims and objectives, we stepped up during the COVID-19 Pandemic and launched Good Word Ministries' "Voice of Hope" Christian broadcast on UK Sky TV and Freeview Channel through Faith World Television in July 2020. Beginning initially with a single 30 minutes weekly broadcast, we added an additional 1hour airtime on Sunday in order to reach more people and to make-up for lack of in-person services during the pandemic restrictions.

Live video broadcast of our recorded services continue to be simultaneously aired on Youtube and Facebook platforms, and has carried on since March 2020. As always, the programs continue to inspire hope in many viewers in our community as well as around the world with strengthening messages of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Its benefits were invaluable at the height of the Pandemic under UK full COVID-19 lockdown, and has continued today being particularly helpful in reaching homes, and families, including among people around the world who may normally not be able to attend regular church services.

C) Community Day Project

Due to the COVID-19 lockdown restrictions, we were unable to hold our annual Community Day Project in 2020. However, in 2021, with restriction lifted for outdoor gathering, we were able to successfully hold a modified mini version in September 2021, while observing government's guidelines for safe outdoor gathering. The event usually brings together families and friends from the community for a day's event of outdoor sports, picnic, and fun at the Holly Park in Durham. This year's event combined our Church Baptismal Service, and witnessed the baptism of some members who had been eagerly waiting to be baptised. The event was crucial to Good Word Ministries' aims and objectives, a gesture in public benefit from the Church, which makes its work and contribution highly relevant within our existing community. The purpose of Community Day Project is to foster friendship, and to promote 'community', health and wellbeing at all levels through exercise and community outreach activities.

D) Church Outreaches and Community Conferences

Good Word outreaches and community conferences are designed to host both local and external guest speakers drawn from various backgrounds and expertise, and are strategically aimed at empowering members and people of our community. They comprise activities ranging from divine healing services to life coaching sessions, and our flagship 'Family & Friends' activities with focus on 'befriending' and opening our church doors to our community. Good Word "International Day" celebration aimed at celebrating diversity, cultures, and friendship, is definitely a highlight. Overall, Good Word outreaches and community conferences combine to deliver the church's aim and objectives and its public benefits agenda. Regrettably, these events did not take place this year, understandably because of COVID-19 pandemic restrictions including travel bans, etc.

E) Free Bibles for Church and Community

The Church's free Bible gift delivery is still ongoing. These are NKJ Bibles, complete with Old and New Testament delivered to anyone within our local community. It aims at creating awareness and public education about the

Christian faith through the delivery of full-size Bibles as part of Good Word Ministries' aims, objectives and public benefits in Christian education.

F) Modern Gym for Church and Community

An active community is a healthy community. The Church's gym, equipped with modern gym equipment continues to help members and the community to meet their health and fitness needs in relation to physical exercise, while also providing a unique setting for socialisation. This fulfils Good Word Ministries' aims and objectives and fulfils our public benefits requirements.

G) Multi-purpose Church Premises & Programmes

The Church's rented premises has multi-functions. It houses the church's gym, hosts the weekly church services, Sunday schools, conferences, and is open to the public. The premises is officially approved for holding wedding ceremonies and the Church has a resident 'Appointed Person'. These functions and activities afford Good Word Ministries the opportunity to serve the community ranging from individual to family life needs within our community. In so doing, Good Word Ministries is delivering successfully on its established aims and objectives and fulfilling its public benefit requirements.

H) Solidarity with Missionaries and Churches

This area of focus for the Church has been significant, without exception, during the extraordinary challenge posed by the COVID-19 Pandemic. This financial year, especially in the absence of our in-person missions and conferences, we have however stood with fellow Christians and likeminded believers and supported mission works and missionaries by sending small gifts to encourage and to help ease the impact of the Pandemic on their livelihood. This was also encouraging to the Church to know that their small donations were making some difference in the lives of those in need. In so doing, we were able to continue to pursue the aims and objectives of the Church, and to also deliver on our public benefits agenda.

Report of the Treasurer /Secretary on Behalf of the Trustees

III. Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 30th September 2021

1. Introduction

The following are the Statement of Receipts and Payments Accounts for the financial year ending 30th September 2021. They are the final accounts and as usual have been checked by both carrying out 'bank reconciliation' and have been independently reviewed by members of the Trustee Board. Examiner's report is attached.

The Trustees are asked to receive and to note the financial activities and position for the year and the financial position of the Church and the decision noted in section IV.

2. Main Features of the Year

Receipts

A summary of the main changes in receipts compared to previous financial year 2020 are:

- Whereas in 2020 our total receipts were £46,017.80 our total receipts in 2021 was £61,230.31
- Therefore, compared to 2020, the total receipts in 2021 was up by £15,212.51
- The appreciation in the total receipts for the year is due to increase in church members' voluntary donations in tithes and offerings along with the accompanying gift aid for qualified donations. *Note: As usual, in 2021, there was no public fund raising, or donations from outside sources. The Church limited its receipts to church members' tithes, offerings, and accompanying gift aid repayments on qualifying totals.*

Payments

A summary of the main changes in payments compared to financial year ending 2020 are:

- Whereas in 2020 our total payments were £43,208.06, in 2021 our total payments came up to £58,698.00.
- Therefore, the difference in total payments for 2021 compared to 2020 was £15,489.94. However, Net Income (the difference between total receipts and total payments) stands at £2,532.31, which is positive.

- The change in total payments is mainly explained by change in the following accounts: TV Broadcast/Media, Assit. to Missions, & Payroll and staffing costs, Small tools and Equipment account, among others. The change mainly involved expenses to cover cost toward adjusting to Pandemic situation, including weekly Christian TV broadcast.

See Table 2 for breakdown and itemised Receipts and Payments accounts

3. Results for the Year

The outcome for the year ending 2021 is a net income of £2,532.31 (the difference between total Receipts & total Payments for the year). A snapshot of the accounts and financial position at the end of September 2021 is as follow: total Checking Account bank balance of £7,409.92; total Saving Account bank balance of £1,061.08, making a total (assets) of £8,471.00 at the end of the year.

Note: There was no outstanding liability to show, therefore the Church's account balance at the end of financial year 2021 for both saving and checking accounts stand at **£8,471.00** in total.

Tables 1&2 on pages 7, 8 & 9 contain the figures, breakdown, and results of how the Church account performed overall. They also indicate the **Financial Position** overall.

4. Church's Financial Position and Overall Goal

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic challenges, the Church's accounts reflect a strong financial standing relative to its present membership strength, which is highly commendable. The church has continued financially self-supportive without recourse to public funds. Overall, the trend also indicates unwavering commitments from members of the Church through their support and voluntary offerings. It also indicates a growing strength in membership number.

The Church appreciate immensely members' continuing voluntary support and contributions at every level and anticipates that in the coming years, it will continue to do more to expand and to offer essential services in agreement with its aims and objectives, and its charitable Public Benefit agenda: advancing the Christian faith and serving the general public in ways that support health, well-being, and the alleviation of poverty.

Table 1

Good Word Ministries
Statement of Financial Position
As of September 30th, 2021

	<u>Sep 30, 21</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking & Savings	
Lloyds TSB (Checking A/C)	7,409.92
Lloyds TSB (Savings A/C)	
	<u>1,061.08</u>
Total Lloyds TSB Savings A/C	<u>1,061.08</u>
Total Checking & Savings A/Cs	<u>8,471.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>8,471.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>8,471.00</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Unrestricted Net Assets	5,938.69
Net Income	<u>2,532.31</u>
Total Equity	<u>8,471.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>£ 8,471.00</u></u>

Table 2

Good Word Ministries
Statement of Financial Income and Expense
1st October 2020 to 30th September 2021

	Oct '20 – Sept. '21
ORDINARY INCOME/EXPENSE	
Income	
Tithes/Offerings	49,145.48
Others [Refunds etc]	1,517.54
Repayments [Members' Gift Aid]	10,567.29
Total Income	61,230.31
GROSS RECEIPT	61,230.31
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES / EXPENSE	
HMRC	551.33
Refreshments	79.55
Service Charges	825.60
Christian TV Broadcast /Media	4,098.00
Advertising and Evangelism	191.40
Awards and Grants	
Assist to Individuals / Missions	1,514.11
Total Awards and Grants	1,514.11
Computer and Internet Expenses	304.19
Operations	
Miscellaneous Expense	42.19
Supplies	301.27
Operations - Other	158.95
Total Operations	502.41
Other Types of Expenses	
Public Liability Insurance	448.57
Total Other Types of Expenses	448.57
Payroll Expenses & Staffing Cost	30,200.00
Rent Expense	15,000.00
Small Tools and Equipment	3,223.93
Utilities	
Water	146.09
Electricity	1,612.82

Total Utilities	<u>1,758.91</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>58,698.00</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>2,532.31</u>
NET INCOME	<u><u>£ 2,532.31</u></u>


IV. Conclusions and Decisions for 2022

The Church appreciates the continuing supports and services of members. The Trustees are to note the following for the coming financial year **2022**:

- We agreed, the Trustee Board will continue to work with the church leaders and congregation to encourage church growth, and to assist the Church's stated aims and objectives. The Trustees will continue to lend their unwavering support to the on-going activities of the Church in seeking to work hard to serve its members as well as the general public, and to continue to successfully deliver on its Public Benefit agenda.
- We agreed, the current assets or funds deemed as unrestricted or that are specified for specific objectives should be appropriated as such. This is in line with the present church's policy to use church income/receipts for the continuing works of Good Word Ministries and its charitable activities under the aims and objectives stated above. Donations given and received with respect to special projects and the Church's outreach programmes deemed to be restricted will be used in accordance with the terms of their restrictions.
- We agreed, the Church will continue in its efforts to explore ways and means by which it can advance the Christian faith, to expand and to continue to serve more and more people. Good Word Ministries will continue to work towards acquiring its own permanent premises, the Good Word Christian Centre.

NB: Copies of the breakdown of the Church's payments and receipts accounts and financial position for the year including balance sheet and bank reconciliation are attached for members' information.

Trustees Endorsement:
On behalf of Trustees

Rev. Dr. Bernard O. Appiah 

Senior Pastor's Endorsement:
On behalf of Church Leadership

Pastor Saye Didi Dolopei 

Cc: All Trustees

By signing, this report has been verified and passed as final. A copy of the Independent Examiner Report provided below here:

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE CHARITY TRUSTEES OF GOOD WORD MINISTRIES (THE TRUST)

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 30th September 2021, which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHARITY TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Name: Mr. Kevin Taylor
General Operative
Mears, UK

Signed:



Date: 23rd March 2022

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Pastor's Report

Preamble:

I. The Journey

The aims and objectives of Good Word Ministries (the Church) are 'to advance Christianity and its charitable activities throughout the United Kingdom and the world'. As such, the works and activities of God Word Ministries are tailored and aimed to establish its aims and objectives.

2019/20, this was the year that the Pandemic kicked in and changed everything as we know it. However, the Church by God's grace successfully pursued and delivered on its aims and objectives as it was able through its programmes for the financial year by remaining relevant and responsive to the needs of its immediate and external communities. With a viable church community, we continue to welcome everyone, providing spiritual supports, and responding to needs where possible within our community in delivering the aims and objectives of the Church. The activities and outcomes of the financial year 2019/20 reflect this fact. Once again, a brief outline of some of the important works and activities of the financial year are set aside below. Not to forget though, that the year was different in many ways for church activities because of prolonged national Lockdown due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

We, therefore, acknowledge here with gratitude the unwavering supports of members of the Church before and during the Pandemic covering this financial year. Members remained very supportive in their voluntary activities and their charitable giving toward the work and the programmes of the Church. As usual, the Church has had no need to recourse to public fund raising. We have kept our operational costs as low as possible through the support of members and leaders volunteering their time and skills from time to time. Having our own rented church premises has been an immense advantage with space to host weekly services and to serve as a hub for majority of our programmes and activities. This helps for example to forestall unforeseen disappointments and inconveniences that often come with short-term hiring of venues and equipment. In addition, having our own rented premises inspires confidence and ensure stability in the running of the Church. Financial savings are also being made. Particularly, during, the course of the Pandemic, having exclusive use of a church premises have been a big help to the Church, allowing us to reopen safely and to ensure COVID guidelines compliance.

The key highlights and the summary of activities in line with the Church's aims and objectives, and in fulfilment of Public Benefit requirements for the financial year 2019/2020 will now follow below here. (Of course, these are only in addition to the Church's regular weekly services, programmes, and activities.)

Similarly, the Secretary's Report, and Accounts for Financial Year 2019/20 as well as the Decisions for the next financial year come at the end of this report.

II. Church Programmes & Public Benefit Activities: Some Highlights

A) Food Bank Project (Good Word Community Food Bank)

The Church's Food Bank initiative, which was launched in March 2018 as an outreach to members of the Church and members of the public remains in place. Its aim is to help anyone who may be in need of small assistance to tie them over. The response from members and their contribution in kind and food stuff donations is greatly welcomed. The project helps fulfil our Public Benefit strategy and is well encouraged. However, at the moment, it operates on a trial basis and relative to the level of need prevailing. Also, where possible members are encouraged to support those among us who may fall in need of food or material assistance (such as clothes, shoes, toiletries)

B) Christian Television Broadcast: Sky TV, Freeview and Social Media

For Public Benefit actions and in the interest of the Church's aims and objectives, we stepped up during the Pandemic and launched Good Word Ministries' "Voice of Hope" Christian broadcast on UK Sky TV and Freeview Channel through FaithWorld Television in July 2020. This is now our weekly broadcast together with live video broadcast of our recorded services on Youtube and Facebook platforms, which began earlier in March 2020. The programs continue to inspire hope in many viewers in our community as well as around the world with the strengthening messages of Jesus Christ. At the height of the Pandemic with full lockdown in place, these tools became particularly helpful in reaching homes that needed this most. We are continuing to broadcast weekly on all the above platforms.

C) Community Day Project

The year's annual Community Day Project once again took place in August 2019. The event brought families and friends together from the community for a day's event of outdoor sports, picnic, and fun at the Holly Park in Durham. This was combined with our Church Baptismal Service. The event was crucial to Good Word Ministries' aims and objectives, a gesture in public benefit from the Church, which makes its work and contribution highly relevant within our existing community. The purpose of Community Day Project is to foster friendship, and to promote 'community', health and wellbeing at all levels through exercise and community outreach activities.

D) Church Outreaches and Community Conferences

In Summer 2019, for two days, the Church hosted a “Sound from Heaven”, to bring our community together in an exclusive worship experience with a guest preacher and worship artist from London. This was followed by our annual flagship *Good Word Power Conference* under the theme, “Miracles, Healings and Deliverance” for two days in November 2019. The Church’s conferences are strategically aimed at empowering members and people of our community. The conferences hosted both local and external guest speakers drawn from various background and expertise. We also hosted a missionary of Church of God in Church from the USA.

Our usual annual Family & Friends activities featured once again focusing on ‘befriending’ and opening our church doors to our community. This was followed by the Good Word “International Day” program in July 2019, with the aim of celebrating diversity, cultures, and friendship. These also aim to deliver the Church’s outreach and public benefits agenda.

E) Free Bibles for Church and Community

The Church’s free Bible gift delivery is still ongoing. These are NKJ Bibles, complete with Old and New Testament delivered to anyone within our local community. It aims at creating awareness and public education about the Christian faith through the delivery of full-size Bibles as part of Good Word Ministries’ aims, objectives and public benefits in Christian education.

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An active community is a healthy community. The Church’s gym, equipped with modern gym equipment continues to help members and the community to meet their health and fitness needs in relation to physical exercise, while also providing a unique setting for socialisation. This fulfils Good Word Ministries’ aims and objectives and fulfils our public benefits requirements.

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The Church’s rented premises has multi-functions. It houses the church’s gym, hosts the weekly church services, Sunday schools, conferences, and is open to the public. The premises is officially approved for holding wedding ceremonies and the Church has a resident ‘Appointed Person’. These functions and activities afford Good Word Ministries the opportunity to serve the community ranging from individual to family life needs within our community. In so doing, Good Word Ministries is delivering successfully on its established aims and objectives and fulfilling its public benefit requirements.

H) Solidarity with Missionaries and Churches

Given the extraordinary challenge posed by the COVID-19 Pandemic, this financial year, pursuant to the aims and objectives of the Church, we stood with fellow Christians and likeminded believers and supported mission works and missionaries by sending small gifts to encourage and to help ease the impact of the Pandemic on their livelihood. This was also encouraging to the Church to know that their small donations were making some difference in the lives of those in need.

Report of the Treasurer /Secretary on Behalf of the Trustees

III. Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 30th September 2020

1. Introduction

The following are the Statement of Receipts and Payments Accounts for the financial year ending 30th September 2020. They are the final accounts and as usual have been checked by both carrying out 'bank reconciliation' and have been independently reviewed by members of the Trustee Board. Examiner's report is attached.

The Trustees are asked to receive and to note the financial activities and position for the year and the financial position of the Church and the decision noted in section IV.

2. Main Features of the Year

Receipts

A summary of the main changes in receipts compared to previous financial year 2019 are:

- Whereas in 2019 our total receipts were £42,006.64, our total receipts in 2020 was £46,017.80
- Therefore, compared to 2019, the total receipts in 2020 was up by £4,011.16.
- The appreciation in the total receipts is due to increase in church members' voluntary donations in tithes and offerings along with the accompanying gift aid for qualified donations. *To note: As usual, in 2020, there was no public fund raising, or donations from outside sources. The Church limited its receipts to church members' tithes, offerings, and accompanying gift aid repayments on qualifying totals.*

Payments

A summary of the main changes in payments compared to financial year ending 2019 are:

- Whereas in 2019 our total payments were £41,483.16, in 2020 our total payments came up to £43,208.06.
- Therefore, the difference in total payments for 2020 compared to 2019 was £1,724.9. However, Net Income (the difference between total receipts and total payments stands at £2,809.74, which is positive.
- The change in total payments is mainly explained by change in the following accounts: Evangelism & TV Broadcast, Payroll, and Missions and Conferences (among others).

See Table 2 for breakdown and itemised Receipts and Payments accounts

3. Results for the Year

The outcome for the year ending 2020 is a net income of £2,809.74 (the difference between total Receipts & total Payments for the year). A snapshot of the accounts and financial position at the end of September 2020 is as follow: total Checking Account bank balance of £4,877.61; total Saving Account bank balance of £1,061.08, making a total (assets) of £5,938.69 at the end of the year.

Note: There was no outstanding liability to show, therefore the Church's account balance at the end of financial year 2020 for both saving and checking accounts stand at **£5,938.69** in total.

Tables 1&2 on pages 7, 8 & 9 contain the figures, breakdown and results of how the Church account performed overall. They also indicate the ***Financial Position*** overall.

4. Church's Financial Position and Overall Goal

Once again, the Church's accounts reflect a strong financial standing relative to its present membership strength, which is highly commendable. The church has continued financially self-supportive without recourse to public funds. Overall, the trend also indicates unwavering commitments from members of the Church through their support and voluntary offerings. It also indicates a growing strength in membership number. The Church appreciate immensely members' continuing voluntary support and contributions at every level and anticipates that in the coming years, it will continue to do more to expand and to offer essential services in agreement with its aims and objectives, and its charitable Public Benefit agenda: advancing the Christian faith and serving the general public in ways that support health, well-being, and the alleviation of poverty.

Table 1

Good Word Ministries
Statement of Financial Position
 As of September 30th, 2020

	Sep 30, 20
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking & Savings	
Lloyds TSB (Checking A/C)	4,877.61
Lloyds TSB (Savings A/C)	1,061.08
	1,061.08
Total Lloyds TSB Savings A/C	1,061.08
Total Checking & Savings A/Cs	5,938.69
Total Current Assets	5,938.69
TOTAL ASSETS	5,938.69
 LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Unrestricted Net Assets	3,128.95
Net Income	2,809.74
	5,938.69
Total Equity	5,938.69
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	£ 5,938.69

Table 2

Good Word Ministries
Statement of Financial Income and Expense
1st October 2019 to 30th September 2020

	Oct '19 – Sept. '20
ORDINARY INCOME/EXPENSE	
Income	
Tithes/Offerings	38,185.24
Others [Refunds etc]	226.43
Repayments [Members' Gift Aid]	7,606.13
Total Income	46,017.80
GROSS RECEIPT	46,017.80
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES / EXPENSE	
HMRC	86.41
Refreshments	152.46
Service Charges	825.60
Christian TV Broadcast /Media	1,025.32
Advertising and Evangelism	441.35
Awards and Grants	
Assist to Individuals / Missions	443.80
Total Awards and Grants	443.80
Computer and Internet Expenses	402.90
Missions and Conferences	1,802.30
Operations	
Miscellaneous Expense	58.79
Supplies	87.26
Operations - Other	13.00
Total Operations	159.05
Other Types of Expenses	
Public Liability Insurance	406.18
Total Other Types of Expenses	406.18
Payroll Expenses	23,500.00
Rent Expense	12,500.00
Small Tools and Equipment	14.00
Utilities	
Water	120.42
Electricity	1,328.27

Total Utilities	<u>1,448.69</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>43,208.06</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>2,809.74</u>
NET INCOME	<u><u>£ 2,809.74</u></u>


IV. Conclusions and Decisions for 2021

The Church appreciates the continuing supports and services of members. The Trustees are to note the following for the coming financial year **2021**:

- We agreed, the Trustee Board will continue to work with the church leaders and congregation to encourage church growth, and to assist the Church's stated aims and objectives. The Trustees will continue to lend their unwavering support to the on-going activities of the Church in seeking to work hard to serve its members as well as the general public, and to continue to successfully deliver on its Public Benefit agenda.
- We agreed, the current assets or funds deemed as unrestricted or that are specified for specific objectives should be appropriated as such. This is in line with the present church's policy to use church income/receipts for the continuing works of Good Word Ministries and its charitable activities under the aims and objectives stated above. Donations given and received with respect to special projects and the Church's outreach programmes deemed to be restricted will be used in accordance with the terms of their restrictions.
- We agreed, the Church will continue in its efforts to explore ways and means by which it can advance the Christian faith, to expand and to continue to serve more and more people. Good Word Ministries will continue to work towards acquiring its own permanent premises, the Good Word Christian Centre.

NB: Copies of the breakdown of the Church's payments and receipts accounts and financial position for the year including balance sheet and bank reconciliation are attached for members' information.

Trustees Endorsement:
On behalf of Trustees

Rev. Dr. Bernard O. Appiah 

Senior Pastor's Endorsement:
On behalf of Church Leadership

Pastor Saye Didi Dolopei 

Cc: All Trustees

By signing, this report has been verified and passed as final. A copy of the Independent Examiner Report provided below here:

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE CHARITY TRUSTEES OF
GOOD WORD MINISTRIES (THE TRUST)**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 30th September 2020, which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHARITY TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Name: Mr. Kevin Taylor
Works Supervisor
Costain, UK

Signed: 

Date: 21st April 2021

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