

THE STILL WATERS CHURCH

WAKEFIELD



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TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

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Corporate Information

Registered Charity Number: 1118184

Principal Office: 13 Cheapside,
Wakefield, West Yorkshire
WF1 2SD

Parish Pastor: Pastor Julius Olutokun

Board of Trustees: Mr Friday Dosa
Mr Arinze Nwagwu
Mrs Comfort Olutokun

Bankers: HSBC Bank Plc
Westgate, Wakefield

Board of Trustee's Report

1.0 Introduction

The Board of Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements of the charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005.

1.1 Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit "Charities and Public Benefit".

1.2 Structure, Governance and Management

1.2.1 Governing Document

The charity is constituted as a "Trust" and Governed by 'Trust Deed' dated 6th February 2007.

1.2.2 Trustee Appointments

Trustees are appointed under the terms of the trust deed.

1.2.3 Induction and Training Policies

The induction process for a newly appointed trustee comprises an initial meeting with the Chair and other Trustees, followed by short meetings with the Parish pastor on the powers and responsibilities of the Trustees.

1.2.4 Organisational Structure and Decision Making

The charity is organised so that the Trustees meet regularly to manage its affairs. The Parish pastor manages the day to day administration of the church.

1.2.5 Risk Management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to operations and finances of the charity and are satisfied the systems are in place to mitigate our exposures to the major risks.

2.0 Objectives and Global Outreach

2.1 Objectives and Activities

The principal object is the advancement of Christian faith worldwide and the relief of poverty. To promote any charitable activity for the benefit of the local people. To achieve its objectives, the church adopted the following strategies:

- Running seminars in the church with proven ministers of the faith to guide members in the various aspect of Christian faith,
- Support for other charities and Christian events,
- Providing overseas aid and famine relief, and

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- Involving in economic and community development

The activities for achieving its objectives include:

- Community outreach events
- Conferences and events
- Welfare support to members and general public, and
- Various missionary activities

2.2 Public Benefits

Apart from its Church activities, the charity was involved in the following public benefit efforts:

- The Charity's welfare group visited the homeless and basic needs were supplied to them.
- The Charity runs regular visits to the Slough Refugee Support and financial support was also given to the group to help the group achieve its charitable objectives.
- The Charity continued to support Action for Blind through a regular monthly financial contribution towards the organisation's objectives.
- The Charity also contributes regularly to Teen Support a charity working to develop young people in our community.

Our efforts are geared towards supporting the programmes of our local council, promoting cohesion in our community, and positively impacting the lives of the young people and the elderly.

2.3 Grant Making Policies

The church supports visiting ministers of the gospel both within and outside the United Kingdom. The church supports other charities and missionary that shares its objects in advancement of Christian faith and relief of poverty. The church gives occasional grants to congregational members who are in need.

2.4 Contributions Made by Volunteers

The church is grateful for the unstinting efforts of its volunteers who are involved in providing services for the charity. It is estimated that over 3000 hours are provided by volunteers during the year. If this is conservatively valued at £10.42 per hour, the volunteer's effort will amount to over £31,000.

2.5 Achievement and Performance

The church continues to enjoy tremendous growth in its physical and spiritual life during the year, and in the advancement of Christian faith in accordance with the doctrines set out in the Statement of Faith as contained in our Trust deed.

3.0 Financial Reviews

During the period, the charity received £80,633 in total income. Total resources expended was £12,317 thus resulting in a surplus of £68,317. Cash at the end of the period was £132,838.

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3.1 Principal Funding Sources

Funding has been provided mainly through tithes and offerings by church members and through gift aid. Pledges are also taken for specific projects. In the year funds were raised towards the church building project.

3.2 Reserves Policy

The Trustees' policy is to have unrestricted and uncommitted funds (free reserves) to cover 3 to 6 months of resources expended. They feel that this would enable the current activities to continue if there is a significant drop in funding. It would obviously be necessary to then consider how the funding would be replaced or activities changed. The present free reserve is below the policy range, but the Trustees are continuing to seek additional unrestricted funds.

3.3 Investment Policy

The Trustees have decided that at present, funds should be retained in Banks and Building Societies, and as far as possible in interest bearing accounts.

4.0 Future Development

In order to help carry out its various activities and achieve its objectives, the is planning to acquire a property that will serve dual purposes as a licenced place of worship and a community centre. As a place of worship, it will offer Christian worship in a more convenient environments and as a community centre will allow Praise Embassy to run its programmes and will also be opened to community use at a reasonable fee for residents.

Our charity continues to explore various ways of spreading the gospel of Christ in an effective manner. The charity is also looking to grow in membership and continue to develop its members to make life-changing impact in society.

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Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the net income or expenditure of the charity for the year. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going-concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The appended financial statements have been prepared on the accruals basis and have been examined by an independent examiner, whose report is also appended.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 5th April 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Full Name: Mr Friday Dosa

Signature:

Position: Chairman

Date: 5th April 2024

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of: The Still Waters Church

On accounts for the year ended: 31st December 2023

Charity No: 1118184

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement


My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which give me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date: 5th April 2024

Name: Tobi Labeodan, for and on behalf of The Accounting Club

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): ACCA

Address: Ground Floor, Synium House, r/o 94-96 High Street, Henley in Arden B95 5FY

Statement of Financial Activities: Year Ended 31st December 2023

	Notes	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income:							
Donations and legacies	1	80,633		80,633	50,263	-	50,263
Other income (Grants)	1	-	-	-	5,200	-	5,200
Total Income		80,633	-	80,633	55,463	-	55,463
Total Income		80,633	-	80,633	55,463	-	55,463
Expenditures on:							
Charitable Activities	2	6,432	-	6,432	8,201	-	8,201
Other Charitable Activities	2	5,000	-	5,000	-	-	-
Other Costs	2	885	-	885	790	-	790
Total Expenditures		12,317	-	12,317	8,991	-	8,991
Net income/(expenditure)		68,317	-	68,317	46,471	-	46,471
Transfers between funds							
Other recognised gains/(losses):							
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets				-			-
Gains/(losses) on investment assets				-			-
Net movement in funds		68,317	-	68,317	46,471	-	46,471
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2023		159,484	-	159,484	113,013	-	113,013
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2023		227,801	-	227,801	159,484	-	159,484

Statement of Financial Position: Year Ended 31st December 2023

	Notes	2023	2022
		£	£
Fixed Asset			
Tangible assets	3	81,898	75,952
Total Fixed Asset		81,898	75,952
Current Assets			
Loans & Advances			-
Accrued Income			-
Cash at bank and in hand		132,838	69,582
Other Debtors		13,950	15,530
Total Current Assets		146,788	85,112
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
Other Creditors			
Other Current Liabilities		885	1,580
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		885	1,580
Net current assets (liabilities)		145,903	83,532
Total assets less current liabilities		227,801	159,484
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year			
Other Non-Current Liabilities			-
Total Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		-	-
Total net assets (liabilities)		227,801	159,484
The funds of the charity:			
Restricted Reserve		-	
General reserves		159,484	113,013
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		68,317	46,471
Total charity funds		227,801	159,484

Accounting Policies

Scope and Basis of the Financial Statements

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities published in March 2005.

Income

Revenue is recognised in the period in which the charity is entitled to receipt once the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Expenses

Expenditure is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) on an accruals basis and is recognised at the point when a legal or constructive obligation arises. The majority of costs are directly attributable to specific activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Fixed assets

Fixed assets with an individual purchase of £500 or more are capitalised and stated at cost less depreciation which is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Property	1%
Fixtures & Fittings	10%
Equipment	20%

Notes to the Financial Statements: Year Ended 31st December 2023

1. Income

	2023	2022
	£	£
Income		
Donations and legacies	80,633	50,263
Restricted Income	-	-
Total donations & legacies	80,633	50,263
Other income		
Gift Aid Receipts		
Other income	-	5,200
Total other income	-	5,200
Total Income	80,633	55,463

2. Expenditures

	2023	2022
	£	£
Charitable Activities		
Premises		
Utilities	3,556	1,381
Travel		
Motoring & Transportation		
Insurance		
Administration		
Advertising		
Operations	-	2,000
Finance Charges	92	106
Depreciation	2,785	2,714
Honorarium	-	2,000
Total Charitable Activities	6,432	8,201
Other Charitable Activities		
Outreach		
Central Office		
Welfare & Benevolence	5,000	-
Charitable Donations		
Total Other Charitable Activities	5,000	-
Other Costs		
Professional fees and services		
Other costs		
Legal fees		
Accountancy fees	885	790
Total Other Costs	885	790

Notes to the Financial Statements: Year Ended 31st December 2023

3. Tangible assets

	Property	Equipment	Motor Vehicle	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
Cost	£		£	£	£
At 1 January 2023	77,188	27,743	5,200	20,138	130,269
Additions		5,557		3,173	8,730
Disposals			-		-
Revaluations			-		-
At 31 December 2023	77,188	33,300	5,200	23,311	138,999
Depreciation					
At 1 January 2023	6,176	27,743	260	20,138	54,317
Charge for the year	772	6812	1,040	2901	2,785
Adjustments			-	-	-
At 31 December 2023	6,948	28,425	1,300	20,429	57,102
Net Book Value					
At 1 January 2023	71,012	-	4,940	-	75,952
At 31 December 2023	70,240	4,875	3,900	2,883	81,898

4. Trustee Remuneration & Expenses

During the year, there were no payments or reimbursement of expenses to trustee members.