

GATEWAY CHURCH MERSEYSIDE

SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION

Registered Company Number	5916906	
Registered Charity Number	1119581	
Trustees	Russell Kain (Chairman) Anthony Canning Kenneth Clark	
Secretary	Anthony Canning	
Registered Office	Goodlass House Goodlass Road Hunts Cross LIVERPOOL L24 9HJ	
Solicitors	Fiona Bruce & Co	Justice House 3, Grappenhall Road Stockton Heath WARRINGTON Cheshire WA4 2AH
Independent Examiner	Ian Afflick	61 Tatton Road North Heaton Moor STOCKPORT Cheshire SK4 4QX
Bankers	HSBC Bank	23 Allerton Road Mossley Hill LIVERPOOL L18 2DA

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YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

DIRECTORS REPORT

The Company is limited by Guarantee, being incorporated on 25th August 2006, and with Charity Commission on 11th June 2007. Its name was changed on 21 12 2011.

The Trustees throughout the Year and to the date of this report and the advisors are set out on the accompanying Information Page.

Appointment of Trustees.

Trustees are elders, or church members with eldership experience in the church and are selected from among the members who have shown themselves to be faithful, full of integrity, and who agree wholly with our statement of beliefs and our vision and values.

Aims and Organisation

To advance the Christian faith in accordance with our statement of beliefs. The advancement of education and the relief of hardship and distress. The geographical scope being the Merseyside, UK and the World.

The church (charity) provides a place of worship, teaching, pastoral care and fellowship for people within the Merseyside region.

Vision Statement

To be a Church in Liverpool that would truly love God and would passionately fulfil the Great Commission.

Public Benefit

The trustees are committed to enabling anyone from the community to worship at the church and become part of the church family. We regularly have people from the community visit the Sunday service as well as many of the weekly groups. It is intended that as many people as possible have their lives impacted by the gospel of Jesus Christ and we are always seeking ways to bring this message to the wider community in the form of both relief and teaching. The biblical teaching provides people with relational/interpersonal skills and equips them to face the challenges of life. We have done this in 2022 through numerous outreaches, training events, study groups and numerous social and specific interest groups. We have also given financial help to people in need locally, nationally and internationally.

Review of Activities & Achievements

The core of the church work includes:

- 1) Sunday services & occasional midweek services.
- 2) Various group activities/meetings/courses (Childrens groups, Young Adults group, Mens group, Ladies groups, Home based groups, training courses, prayer initiatives, social activities...)
- 3) Pastoral care of church and community members.
- 4) Training of leaders. Leadership training has been provided for local church members and other local & national churches, in the form of National Leadership Training events and visiting speakers.
- 5) Hardship relief in the form of donations/service to numerous individuals and national/international

The church (charity) provides a place of worship, teaching, pastoral support and fellowship for people within the Merseyside region. The prime purpose being that each person would be given the opportunity to know the God of the Bible and an opportunity to express their faith in real and practical ways amongst the people of Merseyside, the UK and the world

During 2022 the church (charity) was led and managed by three trustees. One elder (trustee) was employed full time by the church and the other two trustees worked on a voluntary basis, together with a team of leaders.

The core of the church (charity) work continues to be a Sunday morning and a Tuesday evening prayer service, Wednesday Young Adults group, mid-week house meetings, numerous open social events, community outreaches, support of charitable works (local and abroad) and training of church members and leaders.

There are two main meetings during the week (A Sunday Morning Service & Tuesday Evening Prayer Service) and various other groups that meet throughout the year. These groups include Bible Study groups, Young Adults groups and open social events. All groups are open to anyone in the wider community.

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DIRECTORS REPORT (Continued)

Through these various open groups and by motivating individuals within the church to voluntarily serve the Merseyside community (e.g. serving the elderly/sick delivering medicines and groceries, contacting those who are unwell, isolated, disabled & grieving...), the charity has seen people from the wider community joining the church and benefiting from our members community service. In addition, we run Childrens groups (ages 4-7 and 8-12) on a Sunday morning.

We hosted various events to serve the interests of the community e.g. Memorial services, Baby dedications, a Mothers' & Fathers' Day Service, an Easter Service, a Christmas Carol Service, and various social events.

The church (charity) gave 20.4% of its total income received from members to:

1) Various sources of need

e.g. Give2Ukraine - Ukrainian War refugee support - Poland, Pregnancy Crisis Helpline - UK, CBR (UK) - Abortion awareness projects - UK, Samaritans Purse - A worldwide Childrens Christmas present distribution project, The unemployed, the elderly, the sick and hurting - Liverpool and various people within our church community, the wider UK church community and international outreach work into Mongolia, Malta, Turkey, Spain, Australia, Japan...

2) The training and equipping of leaders through various means e.g. We hosted National and International church leaders who taught at various events.

Our goal is always to concentrate on the same activities and although we always attempt to increase the scale of them, the area of emphasis may change from year to year, according to the need.

Policies

The church (charity) policy, to provide relief of need/hardship, training for leaders, pastoral care of people and to support other church ministries (local & abroad) that do the same, has been reached. 20.4% of the charity's total income was used in this way, both in the UK and abroad.

The reserves at the beginning of the year were £ 41,500. The church (charity) which receives its funding from its members, did experience an increase in savings due to only one employee being on the payroll for the first half of 2022.

The reserve account at the end of 2022 had a balance of £47,000. The purpose of holding reserves is to ensure the work of the organisation can continue to meet its objectives, even in times of financial shortage; or, if needed, to use them for any one-off special expenditure or project. A long term goal is for the church to own a property of its own.

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Mr A Canning, Secretary
27th May 2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

INCOME & EXPENDITURE	Notes	Year to 31st December 2022			Year to 31 12 21
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
INCOMING RESOURCES		£	£	£	£
Offerings & Donations Received	1	85,820	1,095	86,915	97,768
Charitable Trading Sales		1,105		1,105	5,015
Investment Income		89	-	89	5,766
Other Income		4,487	-	4,487	3,661
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>91,501</u>	<u>1,095</u>	<u>92,596</u>	<u>112,210</u>
Less: RESOURCES EXPENDED					
<i>Direct Charitable Expenditure</i>					
Trading Cost of Sales		2,000		2,000	7,273
Ministry Gifts		11,291	110	11,401	15,976
Other Ministry Expenses		47,590	-	47,590	42,707
Outreach		1,295		1,295	422
Poor Relief		-	1,118	1,118	1,890
Property Costs		9,122	-	9,122	8,248
		<u>71,298</u>	<u>1,228</u>	<u>72,526</u>	<u>76,516</u>
<i>Support</i>		17,130	-	17,130	19,277
<i>Administration</i>		1,743		1,743	(4,264)
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		<u>90,171</u>	<u>1,228</u>	<u>91,399</u>	<u>91,529</u>
NET INCOMING /(OUTGOING) RESOURCES For the Year		1,330	(133)	1,197	20,681
FUND BALANCES as at 1st January 2022		54,308	665	54,973	34,292
& as at 31st December 2022		<u>55,638</u>	<u>532</u>	<u>56,170</u>	<u>54,973</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022

		31 12 22		31 12 21	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS	3		6,180		4,819
Current Assets					
Debtors & Prepayments		1,640		2,195	
Cash at Bank		49,187		49,097	
		<u>50,827</u>		<u>51,292</u>	
Less: Current Liabilities payable within one year					
Creditors & Accruals		(837)		(1,138)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			49,990		50,154
		<u>£</u>	<u>56,170</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>54,973</u>
Represented By:					
FUNDS (Per Income & Expenditure Account)					
<i>Unrestricted</i>					
General Fund			55,638		54,308
<i>Restricted</i>	5				
People Needs		362		495	
Other		170		170	
		<u>532</u>		<u>665</u>	
	5	<u>£</u>	<u>56,170</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>54,973</u>

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BALANCE SHEET (continued)
DIRECTORS STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY S 249B(4)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

In approving these as of the company we hereby confirm:

(a) that for the stated above the company was entitled to the exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ;

(b) that the members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006;

(c) that the directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

The Financial statements were approved by the Board on 27th May 2023 and signed on its behalf by

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R Kain

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Financial Statements are prepared on a historical accounts basis, taking into account accruals and depreciation where relevant, in order to ensure consistency.

Gifts to Restricted Funds are accounted for upon receipt, though Restricted Tax Refunds are included when net donation is received.

All Restricted gifts are separately recorded when received, though expenditure is not separately analysed when made, outstanding amounts being noted at the year end.

Gifts in kind are only recorded and included if material as income in the year given.

Only reimbursements of expenditure are netted off against such and not counted as income. Unpaid voluntary services, though not measured in monetary terms, are invaluable.

Unrestricted Funds are incoming resources, which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated Funds are unrestricted funds set aside by the trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted Funds are to be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Assets are Capitalised, irrespective of finance sources and methods, provided such are permanently intended to be used by the Trust. Only items costing more than £150 will be capitalised and then only if they have a resale value of more than £50.

Current Assets are shown at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Current Liabilities are shown at settlement value.

2. FUNDS & FUND TRANSFERS

Small amounts are given from time to time and Restricted Funds kept for such, though none are of any material amount or held for any great length of time.

3. TRUSTEE'S EMOLUMENTS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Remuneration and other emoluments	<u>40,000</u>	<u>37,200</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

4. FIXED ASSETS

	Leasehold Property	Musical & PA Equipment	Fixtures & Fittings	Equipment	Total
COST	£	£	£	£	£
Cost as at 01 01 22	2,030	18,093	17,285	5,606	43,014
Additions in Year	-	-	-	2,196	2,196
As At 31 12 22	<u>2,030</u>	<u>18,093</u>	<u>17,285</u>	<u>7,802</u>	<u>45,210</u>
DEPRECIATION					
As at 01 01 22	2,030	17,061	14,544	4,560	38,195
Charge for Year	-	188	223	424	835
As At 31 12 22	<u>2,030</u>	<u>17,249</u>	<u>9,039</u>	<u>4,984</u>	<u>39,030</u>
NET BOOK VALUE					
31 12 22	<u>-</u>	<u>844</u>	<u>8,246</u>	<u>2,818</u>	<u>6,180</u>
31 12 21	<u>-</u>	<u>1,032</u>	<u>2,741</u>	<u>1,046</u>	<u>4,819</u>
Normal Depreciation Rates (Reducing Balance)	100%	20%	20%	33.3%	

5. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Fixed Assets	6,180		6,180
Current Assets	50,295	532	50,827
Current Liabilities	(837)		(837)
Fund Balance at 31st December 2022	<u>55,638</u>	<u>532</u>	<u>56,170</u>

6. TRUSTEES & CONNECTED PERSONS CONTRACTS

One Trustee was employed by the Charity for ministerial services. One (year to 31 12 21 - one) Trustee's spouse was employed by the Company for services rendered and paid £ 6,500 (Year to 31 12 21 - £ 8,800). Otherwise, expenses incurred in non-trustee capacities have also been claimed by Trustees and their spouses.

7. INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S FEE

The Independent Examiner received £ 190 (Year to 31 12 21 - £180) for the independent examination of the accounts. He also received £285 (Year to 31 12 21 - £270) for the preparation of Accounts and other advice.