

INTERNATIONAL GOSPEL CHURCH

REPORT & ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	102A Watling Avenue Edgware HA8 0LN
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	Declaration of Trust dated 19 April 2007
TRUSTEES	P Anderson-Walsh (resigned 3 May 2021) G Mercer R Francis P Onifade (appointed 3 May 2021)
REGISTERED CHARITY	1120897
BANKERS	NatWest Bank Plc
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Jaimée Young Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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INTERNATIONAL GOSPEL CHURCH
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Objects of the charity

The Charity seeks to improve the spiritual well-being of the members of the church through Christian education and pastoral care and aims to improve the life chances of those who live in the community, whether church attendees or not, by improving their life chances through social justice programmes.

Government

The policy and operating decisions of the charity rest with the Trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the Trust.

The minimum number of trustees is three individuals with no maximum. All trustees must maintain a belief and lifestyle consistent with the Christian faith. Trustees must be appointed by a resolution passed by a simple majority at a meeting of the trustees. Every future trustee must sign a declaration of willingness to act as a trustee of the church before he or she is eligible to vote at any meeting of the trustees.

Paul Anderson-Walsh had indicated that he would step back from leadership in early 2021 and Rian and Anne-Marie Francis agreed to take on that role, for which we are grateful. Paul stepped down as trustee in May 2021 and we are grateful to him and Hayley for their many years of service to IGC, we wish them well for the future. We want to thank Paul Onifade for agreeing to take on the role of trustee and elder, also in May 2021. It has been most encouraging to see the positive way that the church has responded to the changes and the support given to Rian and Anne-Marie as they take on leadership of IGC.

Review of Activities

The charity is responsible for the running of International Gospel Church.

Many activities are run by the Church including:

- Sunday worship
- Mid-week meetings,
- Prayer meetings,
- Youth work,
- Children's work

In common with all church-based congregations the IGC community's activity has been impacted by Covid 19. During lockdown we were able to continue meeting online which resulted in a much more international feel to our congregation, with people joining us from many countries across the world. Although being online rather than in person, it was clear that people felt free to share in the services. We reopened the church buildings in July 2021 and although we had to close again for a few weeks at the end of 2021 we have now been open since the end of January 2022. We now operate a hybrid model with members of the fellowship and visitors being able to join us either in person or online.

We continued to provide pastoral care during this difficult time, in particular to the families who have lost loved ones during this period.

We were able to retain our two employed staff during lockdown by virtue of the Job Retention Scheme, although both left our employment in February 2021. Following their departure we are very thankful for the support provided by members of the fellowship who served as administrators on a voluntary basis until we were able to employ someone in February 2022.

We continued to support the work among children and young people in the year led by our youth workers in the year. This included activities and teaching also working with other local churches. It has been a great encouragement to see our young people getting increasingly involved in the church services.

As the lockdown restrictions eased, we were able to open up our premises again to a variety of hirers. These included Barnet & Southgate College who run various classes for the local community and London's Community Kitchen who aim to provide food assistance and cooking skills to members in the local community.

The Church provides a "Love in Action" table which is stocked with food, toiletries, etc. Donations are received from fellowship members and are open for anyone in need to take, both those within the fellowship and those from outside.

The church supports those in need within the fellowship and the wider community, both in food and other provisions and in financial gifts.

The trustees will consider supporting other causes both overseas and in the UK, with all decisions being made by the trustees.

The trustees wish to place on record the contribution made to the work of the church by its many volunteers. Many give of their time freely and this is much appreciated.

Financial Review & Reserves Policy

In planning the activities of the charity the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Our main sources of income were donations from Church members and rental income from the buildings. We also received a number of gifts and other income towards specific activities and causes. Total general income for the year was £73,575 (2020/21: £73,700). Total receipts were £82,686 (2020/21: £75,208).

Total general expenditure for the year was £68,704 (2020/21: £71,121), all in support of furthering the church's activities. Total payments were £72,202 (2020/21: £73,321).

Funds totalling £292 were transferred from general fund to clear a restricted fund shortfall. Funds totalling £4,097 for hire deposits were transferred from restricted funds to designated funds to enable more accurate disclosure.

There was a net surplus for the year of £4,579 (2020/21: £2,578) in general funds.

General reserves at 31 March 2022 are in surplus at £8,819 (2021: surplus £4,241). There were also £6,019 gift aid tax recoveries due to the charity at 31 March 2022.

There have been no movements in the Capital Projects fund balance in the year. The fund balance is £35,643 at 31 March 2022 (31/3/21: £35,643). Trustees anticipate this balance being reduced going forward. At 31 March 2022, there is also a balance of £4,097 in designated funds being the total of hirer deposits held by the church at that date.

Restricted funds at 31 March 2022 total £15,189 (31/3/21: £13,380).

The trustees are mindful of the need to retain sufficient reserves to cover future expenditure and to allow for unexpected falls in income or unforeseen expenditure. Following the sale of the property in 2015/16, the trustees transferred funds to a long term capital projects fund to cover the cost of a number of major projects to upgrade the buildings and equipment. The trustees' policy is to build up the general fund reserves to a level which would cover about three months operating costs.

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £17,500 (which equates to about approximately 3 months' of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £48,560 and the charity is complying with its reserves policy.

The effect of Covid-19 and the closing of our premises had impacted our income, in particular that provided from the weekly offerings and also from our hirers. It has been good to see church members respond financially in giving online. Trustees have received regular financial updates to enable them to make decisions throughout this difficult period. We have been able to cut costs where possible and this, together with the online giving, has meant we could end the year in surplus.

Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf on by:

Graham Mercer

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
INTERNATIONAL GOSPEL CHURCH**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of International Gospel Church ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2022 on pages 6 to 9 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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


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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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


Jaimée Young

Stewardship
1 Lamb's Passage
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Date: 23 January 2023

INTERNATIONAL GOSPEL CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds		Restricted Funds	2022 £	2021 £
Receipts		General	Designated			
<i>Voluntary receipts</i>						
Donations		30,094	0	3,800	33,894	29,814
Government grants	4	0	0	0	0	15,545
Other grants		0	0	0	0	0
Legacies		0	0	0	0	0
Gift aid receipts		6,469	0	218	6,687	11,683
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
		36,563	0	4,018	40,581	57,042
<i>Other receipts</i>						
Interest received		71	0	0	71	110
Lettings		36,941	0	0	36,941	17,583
Other		0	0	5,093	5,093	474
Total Receipts		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
		73,575	0	9,111	82,686	75,208
Payments						
<i>Payments in furtherance of the church's objectives</i>						
Direct costs	2	68,364	0	3,157	71,522	73,321
Grants paid	3	340	0	340	680	0
Total Payments		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
		68,704	0	3,497	72,202	73,321
Net Receipts/(Payments) before transfers		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
		4,871	0	5,614	10,485	1,887
Transfers between funds	7	-292	4,097	-3,805	0	0
Net Movement in Funds		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
		4,579	4,097	1,809	10,485	1,887
Balances at 31 March 2021		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
		4,241	35,643	13,380	53,264	51,378
Balances at 31 March 2022		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
		8,819	39,740	15,189	63,749	53,264

The notes on pages 8 and 9 form part of these accounts.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1. Fixed Assets

	Estimated Market Value £	Insurance Value £
The value of the assets owned are:		
Freehold Church Building (102a Watling Avenue)	-	2,872,301
Equipment	40,000	93,739
	<u>40,000</u>	<u>2,966,040</u>

The church property at 102a Watling Avenue has been owned by the Stewards Company and the church have been tenants in perpetuity at a peppercorn rent of £1 per year. The Stewards Company transferred their trusteeship to Church Growth Trust on 9 December 2022 with a Memorandum of Understanding signed in January 2023.

2. Bank & Cash Balances

	General	Designated	Restricted	2022 £	2021 £
Current account	8,730	4,141	15,189	28,060	17,647
Deposit account	0	35,600	0	35,600	35,528
Business reserve	20	0	0	20	20
Cash floats	69	0	0	69	69
	<u>8,819</u>	<u>39,740</u>	<u>15,189</u>	<u>63,749</u>	<u>53,264</u>

3. Other Assets & Liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	2022	2021
Assets					
Gift aid tax recoveries not yet received	6,019	0	673	6,692	6,097
Lettings invoiced but not yet received	646	0	0	646	3,256
Prepaid costs	1,316	0	0	1,316	1,742
Other debtors	75	0	0	75	0
	<u>8,056</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>673</u>	<u>8,729</u>	<u>11,095</u>
Liabilities					
Independent Examination	1,000	0	0	1,000	1,000
Promised missionary gift support	375	0	0	375	375
Lettings received in advance	6,848	0	0	6,848	4,430
Accrued costs	1,598	0	0	1,598	408
	<u>9,821</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9,821</u>	<u>6,214</u>

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf on by:

Graham Mercer

Date: 18 January 2023

The notes on pages 8 and 9 form part of these accounts.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1. Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis with a statement of assets and liabilities.

2. Direct costs

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Employment costs	4	9,531	0	0	9,531	32,654
Property costs	5	33,504	0	0	33,504	23,755
Expenses		0	0	0	0	0
Support services	6	22,448	0	0	22,448	12,554
Training		332	0	0	332	0
Events and publicity		374	0	0	374	0
Worship and teaching		1,006	0	2,057	3,063	2,222
Governance		810	0	0	810	930
Work among the young		240	0	0	240	369
Fellowship		120	0	1,100	1,220	838
		<u>68,364</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,157</u>	<u>71,522</u>	<u>73,321</u>

3. Grants Paid

Individuals	340	0	340	680	0
Institutions	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>340</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>340</u>	<u>680</u>	<u>0</u>

No grants were made to institutions in the year (2020/21: £Nil)

4. Employees

At the end of the year, the charity had two paid employees (2021: one).

A total of £Nil was claimed and received in the year under the Government's Job Retention Scheme (2021: £15,545). This is treated as a Government grant.

The employment costs do not relate to payments to trustees. Please refer to note 6 for related party transactions

5. Property costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Church building running costs	32,879	0	0	32,879	23,255
Major refurbishment to church building	625	0	0	625	500
	<u>33,504</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>33,504</u>	<u>23,755</u>

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6. Support services

Support services includes £16,065 (2020/21: £5,355) paid to Francis Francis Solutions (FFS) under an "arms length" service delivery agreement whereby Anne-Marie Francis, spouse of trustee Rian Francis, provides pastoral, leadership and other services. FFS is a consultancy managed by Rian and Anne-Marie Francis. These payments are authorised by the governing document.

7. Movement of Special Funds

	Balance at 1/4/21 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Balance at 31/3/22 £
<i>Restricted</i>					
Building fund	8,773	0	0	1,573	10,346
Mission funds	60	340	-340	0	60
Youth funds	774	0	0	0	774
Fellowship funds	1,273	1,913	-1,100	124	2,209
Media equipment	0	1,765	-2,057	292	0
Other funds	2,501	5,093	0	-5,794	1,800
	<u>13,380</u>	<u>9,111</u>	<u>-3,497</u>	<u>-3,805</u>	<u>15,189</u>

Building fund - this fund comprises £7,773 from Stewards Company, the owners of the building, a separate £1,000 gift towards disabled access and other required building work and two amounts transferred from "other funds" being £1,081 90th anniversary gift and £492 other gifts towards building work.

Mission funds - donations received for mission activities, both in the UK and overseas.

Youth funds - donations and other funds raised towards children's and youth work.

Fellowship funds - donations and other gifts received which are then distributed to members of the congregation, their families and people in the local community who have need of financial assistance. Also used for gifts to volunteers assisting the church in various activities. £124 has been transferred from "other costs".

Media equipment - donations received towards an upgrade of our media and PA equipment. £292 was transferred from the general fund to cover the deficit on this fund.

Other funds - comprises £1,800 for an overpayment of a hire invoice £1,800 (refunded April 2022).

	Balance at 1/4/21	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance at 31/3/22
<i>Designated</i>					
Capital projects fund	35,643	0	0	0	35,643
Hirer deposits	0	0	0	4,097	4,097
	<u>35,643</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,097</u>	<u>39,740</u>

The Capital Projects fund was set up using (a) funds received in 2014 from an insurance claim in respect of one of the church buildings called "The Pitstop" which had been burnt down, (b) funds from the sale of a property in 2015/16 and (c) other insurance claims and legacies. The funds are being used for the considerable capital costs which have been required over the last few years, and will be used going forward as we install disabled access and other infrastructure as required.

Hirer deposits were previously included as a restricted fund in "other funds", but have now been transferred to designated funds. These deposits comprise amounts billed to new hirers and retained, either to be refunded at the end of the hire or to be forfeited for whatever reason.