

THE LIFE CHURCH - MAIDSTONE

England & Wales · Charity number 1123130

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2008-03-10

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

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Activities

Objects: The objects of the Company are for the benefit of the public ("the objects"): (a) to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the directors from time to time may think fit; (b) 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 directors from time to time think fit; and (c) to advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the directors from time to time may think fit.

Activities: Provision of spiritual and helpful support: community activities including youth clubs; children's clubs; mothers' and toddlers' clubs; visiting into various prisons in Kent; meetings for all ages; provide meeting/conference facilities for Alcoholics Anonymous and other organisations.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNITED KINGDOM
- Kent

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£254,416	£207,216	-	-
2024-03-31	£172,708	£188,015	-	-
2023-03-31	£116,938	£167,831	-	-
2022-03-31	£67,774	£69,864	-	-
2021-03-31	£43,144	£41,603	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Christopher Eke	Chair	2022-01-01
Cecil Marke		2025-10-10
David Thompson		2019-02-17
Heather Gleave		2025-10-10
JENNIFER BLAIR RHODES		2005-02-14
Peter Jackson		2024-02-29
Priscilla Kyohairwe		2025-10-10

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Accounts



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20th September 2025

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS
1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025

Trustees:	Bankers:	Independent Examiner:
Christopher Eke (Chair) David Thompson Alan Pitt Peter Jackson Jennifer Rhodes	The Co-Operative Bank P O Box 250 Skelmersdale WN8 6WT	Melanie Crooks FCA Melanie Crooks Associates Ltd Bellfield House 33 Stafford Road Bloxwich West Midlands WS3 3NJ

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees present their annual report and the accompanying financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 . The financial statements comply with the current statutory requirements, the Charities Act 2011 and have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (FRS 102)

Objectives

The Life Church seeks to demonstrate the Christian faith in action by advancing the Christian faith, relieving sickness and financial hardship and promoting and preserving good health, and advancing education, in all such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

The Life Church is a gathering of people who are committed to love and care for each other and the community they live in, as was taught by Jesus Christ, believing that lives can be changed and bettered by Godly and Biblical principles.

The church is affiliated to Assemblies of God and Evangelical Alliance organisations.

Public Benefit

When planning our activities for the year, the ministry team and the trustees have considered the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our church community through:

- Worship and prayer, learning about the Gospel, and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the community
- Missionary and outreach work

The church is led by Pastor Christopher Eke and two Elders Mr. David Thompson (accredited Assemblies of God minister) and Mr. Peter Jackson.

Activities and Performance during the year

Church Life

The Sunday morning services are very well attended and the congregation has grown to over 300 adults and young adults. To accommodate as many people as possible, 2 Sunday morning services commenced as from 28th April 2024. The teenagers and the children stay in the main church meeting for about 45 minutes and then attend their own church classes. The second Sunday morning service is available live on YouTube and all the Sunday services are available to view on the church website. Subscribers to the facility have reached 500 at times. Midweek services include times for prayer and Bible study. The Little Sparkles Club for babies and toddlers and their parents/carers meet each Thursday morning during term times and an after school club called Explorers started in September 2024 and is held on

Thursday afternoons. The teenagers attend an after school club each Wednesday between 3pm and 6pm. The Alpha course was appreciated and another course is planned to start in May 2025.

The shop area, used by the church to sell handmade crafts, has continued to provide support for Starfish Malawi and almost £3000 was transferred to the charity. The monthly Saturday morning 'Sat Chat' has proved beneficial in funding Starfish Malawi (Registered Charity No. 1130350) and providing friendship and fun for church members and the public.

Other events include music evenings, Children's Light Party, social evenings for young adults, taking some teenagers to NewDay Youth Camp in August, Christmas Carol services and parties, and days to fast and pray – all of which have benefited the church.

As part of our outreach work, we regularly support other charities: Starfish Malawi, Open Doors ministry, the Salvation Army food bank, the Family Trust and Crossline Counselling; the last 3 being local charities. The church provides help for Alcoholics Anonymous and Cocaine Anonymous and is associated with Alpha courses in various prisons in Kent.

The Building and Maintenance:

The building and fitments have been renovated or renewed and carpeted throughout at a cost of £59,000. It is appreciated that as parts of the building are old (1831) there will always be maintenance projects to face. However, the building is kept in good order and, apart from being not big enough for the growing congregation, provides good accommodation for our needs and plans.

Structure, Governance and Management

The church was set up by a trust and is governed by a constitution adopted on 10 March 2008.

Trustees

The trustees named on page 1 have served throughout the year unless otherwise stated. The trustees are responsible for the control and management of the church who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the Charity. The 5 Trustees are Mr. Christopher Eke (Chairman), Mr. David Thompson, Mr. Peter Jackson, Mr. Alan Pitt and Mrs. Jennifer Rhodes (Secretary).

The method of appointment of Trustees is set out within the church's constitution. All Trustees must be a member of the church to be eligible for appointment. The minimum number of trustees under the constitution is three. The Trustees will include the Senior Minister and other Ministers of the church, along with the roles of Treasurer and Secretary. The Senior Minister is the Chairperson of the Trustee body.

Trustees on appointment receive induction that includes the Charity Commission guidance on being a trustee and the church constitution so that they may be familiar with its provisions.

The Trustees met 5 times in the year ended 31 March 2025.

Employed ministry team

Mr. Christopher Eke as full-time minister

Mr. Charlie Olliver as minister to the teenagers and young people

As from 17th June 2024, Mrs. Jenita Merin Punnoose as lead to the children's ministry and help with the social media applications.

Plans for the Future

The ministers, leaders and Trustees are in the process of choosing and appointing new Trustees and Elders for the church as it moves forward.

Risk Management

The Trustees are in the process of formally documenting their assessment of the major risks to which the church is exposed to and their mitigation activities.

Financial Review

This year we saw our income grow to £254,416 compared to £172,708 in 2024. As noted in our Activities and Performance section of this report, we have been blessed by a growing congregation and with it a rise in congregational offerings. We are grateful for our many gift aid donors. We received £2,530 in venue hires from organisations using the building (mainly AA and CA). Our Tender Loving Craft Shop raised £3,796 for Starfish Malawi.

Our total expenditure was contained at £207,216, a slight rise on £184,576 in 2024. The building and fitments have been renovated or renewed and carpeted throughout at a cost of £59,000. The women of the church enjoyed several social and ministry events and a restricted fund was established for future events. The church gave monthly support to 4 charities and various needs in the congregation. This totalled £8,706 over the year.

We generated an overall surplus of £43,237 for the year (2024:£15,307 deficit). This surplus is split as £45,420 in our unrestricted fund, £2,617 deficit in our designated funds and £434 in our restricted funds.

During the year, in order to comply with accounting standards (Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (FRS102), the trustees have undertaken an exercise to recognise the deemed cost of the church building on the balance sheet. This has included the consideration of the current replacement cost of the building as at 31 December 2024 and discounting it backwards for the time value of money to the date when the building was structurally configured in its current state (1980). This resulted in a prior year adjustment of £711,679 to the 31 March 2024 financial statements within the designated building fund. Details of this adjustment is given in notes 9 and 12 to the financial statements.

Our total funds as at 31 March 2025 stand at £836,991 (including the building deemed cost). However, excluding the building, our funds stand at £125,312 (2024: £82,075 on a comparable basis) split as general unrestricted funds of £121,198, designated funds of £2,947 and restricted funds of £1,167.

The Trustees are given a monthly statement of income and expenditure to ensure all are informed of financial matters. The 5 Trustees keep in contact at all times to ensure unity in all financial decisions made for the church.

Reserves Policy

The church holds a policy of ensuring there are unrestricted funds which equate to at least 3 months unrestricted expenditure, equivalent to £35,000, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. The balance of funds held in unrestricted funds after designations, at 31 March 2025 more than met this target.

Going Concern

The Trustees consider that it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis. They have assessed the church's ability to continue by reviewing their plans for 2025-2026 having due regard to the level of regular income.

Statement of trustees responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards. The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS102);
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed;
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

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 and the provisions of the Constitution. 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.

Approval of the Annual Report

The Annual Report was approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on 20 September 2025.



Signed on its behalf by:

J Rhodes – Administrator & Treasurer

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of The Life Church Maidstone - Charity number 1123130 ("the Charity")

I report to the Charity trustees on my examination of the accounts for the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 7 to 21.

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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011Act.

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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- Accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act: or.
- The accounts do not accord with the accounting records.
- The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair" view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.
- The trustee's annual report is not consistent with the accounts

I have no concerns and have 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.



Melanie Crooks
Melanie Crooks Associates Limited
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Date: 30.9.2025

**Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 March 2025**

		Unrestricted	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Restated
		General	Designated			Total
	Note	funds	funds	funds	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£	£
Income from						
Donations	2	242,604	1,136	2,118	245,858	149,377
Activities for generating funds	3	-	-	3,796	3,796	3,426
Income from Church activities	4	640	2,530	170	3,340	2,910
Other income		1,422	-	-	1,422	16,995
Total income		244,666	3,666	6,084	254,416	172,708
Expenditure on						
Raising funds	5	306	-	3,657	3,963	3,439
Charitable activities:						
Ministry & Mission	6	97,085	2,588	4,344	104,017	81,707
Building & Administration	6	43,555	58,539	1,105	103,199	102,869
Total expenditure		140,640	61,127	5,449	207,216	184,576
Net income/(expenditure)		103,720	(57,461)	(3,022)	43,237	(15,307)
Transfer between funds	12	(58,300)	54,844	3,456	-	-
Net movement in funds		45,420	(2,167)	434	43,237	(15,307)
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward as originally reported	12	-	-	-	-	97,382
Prior Year Adjustment						711,679
Total Funds brought forward as restated		75,778	717,243	733	793,754	793,754
Total funds carried forward	12	121,198	714,626	1,167	836,991	793,754

For the analysis of transfers between and composition of funds see note 12

Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 Restated £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	713,863	711,679
		<u>713,863</u>	<u>711,679</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	10	6,432	-
Cash at bank and in hand		117,941	82,075
		<u>124,373</u>	<u>82,075</u>
Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(1,245)</u>	-
Net current assets		123,128	82,075
Total assets less current liabilities			
		<u>836,991</u>	<u>793,754</u>
Net assets			
Funds			
Restricted funds	12	1,167	733
Unrestricted funds:			
Designated funds	12	714,626	717,243
Undesignated funds	12	121,198	75,778
Total funds		<u>836,991</u>	<u>793,754</u>

The Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and the Notes form part of these financial statements. These financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 20 September 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

Jennifer Rhodes *Trustee*



Notes

(Forming part of the financial statements)

1.Principal Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, applicable accounting standards (FRS102) and Charities SORP (FRS102) and under the historical cost accounting rules except that, operational fixed asset freehold land and buildings.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Going concern

The trustees assess whether the use of the going concern principle is appropriate i.e. whether there are any principal uncertainties, related events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of the period of at least one year from the date of the authorisation for issue of the financial statements and have concluded that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

The principal accounting policies and estimation techniques are as follows:

Income

Income is shown within four categories in the Statement of Financial Activities:

- Income from donations;
- Income from activities for generating funds
- Income from church activities;
- Other income.

Income from donations includes legacies, appeals and gifts. Income from activities for generating funds relates to the Tender Loving Craft shop. Income from church activities includes event and venue hire receipts.

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to them as income or capital respectively, ultimate receipt is probable and the amount to be recognised can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Donations and appeals

Such voluntary income is recognised when the cash is received. Any Gift Aid thereon is accounted for a receivable basis and is added to unrestricted funds as appropriate. Where the use of income has been restricted in accordance with the donor's wishes, donations and appeals income is credited to an appropriate fund until it can be spent for the purpose for which it was given.

Legacies

Legacies are accounted for on a receivable basis. Pecuniary legacies are recognised following formal notification from the estate. Residuary legacies are recognised only when the group's interest can be ensured, which is normally on the grant of probate. Where there are uncertainties surrounding the measurement of the group's entitlement to an estate no income is recognised until the uncertainty is resolved.

Activities for generating funds and church activities

Income from activities for generating funds and church activities is recognised in the period to which it relates.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. The Statement of Financial Activities defines costs into two specific categories:

- Raising funds;
- Charitable activities

Raising funds includes the costs of the Tender Loving Craft shop and contactless payment processing fees.

Costs of charitable activities relate to the work carried out on the core purposes of the charity including ministry and mission activities and the upkeep of the church building and administration costs.

Operating leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

Defined contribution pension scheme (NEST)

The pension costs for the NEST pension scheme that the charity contributes to is recognised in the period in which it is incurred.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its income and gains where they are applied for charitable purposes. Irrecoverable VAT incurred is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Non property tangible fixed assets are stated at historic purchase cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis using rates calculated to write down the cost of each asset to its estimated residual value over its anticipated useful economic life, as follows:

Computers & Equipment	-	3 years
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Freehold land and buildings included in tangible fixed assets are stated a deemed cost.

The trustees have undertaken an exercise to recognise the deemed cost of the church building on the balance sheet. This has included the consideration of the current replacement cost of the building as at 31 December 2024 and discounting it backwards for the time value of money to the date when the building was structurally configured in its current state (1980).

Depreciation is not provided on the freehold land and buildings as any provision (annual or cumulative) would not be material, due to the very long expected remaining useful life of the building, and because its expected residual values are not materially less than its carrying value. The charity has a policy of regular structural inspection, repair and maintenance and the property is therefore unlikely to deteriorate or suffer obsolescence.

Funds

These divided into two distinct categories: unrestricted and restricted.

Unrestricted funds

The use of these funds has not been restricted to a particular purpose by donors or their representatives. They are subdivided into the General Fund and designated funds.

General Fund

The General Fund is the working fund of the group and is available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the charity's objectives. In addition to expenditure to fulfil the objects of the charity, such funds may be held in order to finance capital investment and working capital.

Designated funds

Designated funds are those which have been allocated by the Trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted Funds

Restricted income funds

Donations or legacies received which are earmarked by the donor for specific purposes within the overall aims of the charity. From these funds, the donation and income deriving there from will be used in accordance with the specific purposes.

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported for assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date and the amounts reported for revenues and expenses during the year.

Accounting estimates

The charity makes estimates and assumption concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumption will by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimated and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below:

Carrying value of the freehold land and buildings

The trustees have undertaken an exercise to recognise the deemed cost of the church building on the balance sheet. This has included the consideration of the current replacement cost of the building as at 31 December 2024 and discounting it backwards for the time value of money to the date when the building was structurally configured in its current state (1980).

Areas of judgement

Non depreciation of freehold properties held in tangible fixed assets. Depreciation is not provided on these freehold land and buildings as any provision (annual or cumulative) would not be material, due to the very long expected remaining useful life in each case, and because their expected residual values are not materially less than their carrying value.

All estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

2. Donations

	2025 General £	2025 Designated £	2025 Restricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Offerings	107,319	-	-	107,319	73,711
Gift Aids donations	94,971	-	-	94,971	58,858
Small donations	9,960	-	-	9,960	11,623
Gift aid recoverable	30,324	-	-	30,324	-
<i>Total Congregational Giving</i>	242,574	-	-	242,574	144,192
Little Sparkles	-	1,136	-	1,136	386
Youth Ministry	-	-	1,023	1,023	500
Technical/Media	-	-	-	-	2,949
Church Renovation	-	-	-	-	1,350
Women's Ministry WOW	-	-	1,095	1,095	-
Christians Against Poverty	30	-	-	30	-
<i>Total Donations & Appeals</i>	30	1,136	2,118	3,284	5,185
	242,604	1,136	2,118	245,858	149,377
<i>Prior year comparatives:</i>					
	2024 General £	2024 Designated £	2024 Restricted £	2024 Total £	
Offerings	73,711	-	-	73,711	
Gift Aids donations	58,858	-	-	58,858	
Small donations	11,623	-	-	11,623	
Gift aid recoverable	-	-	-	-	
<i>Total Congregational Giving</i>	144,192	-	-	144,192	
Little Sparkles	-	386	-	386	
Youth Ministry	-	-	500	500	
Technical/Media	2,699	-	250	2,949	
Church Renovation	-	1,350	-	1,350	
<i>Total Donations & Appeals</i>	2,699	1,1736	750	5,185	
Total	242,604	1,136	2,118	245,858	

3. Activities for generating funds

	2025	2025	2025	2025	2024
	General	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Tender Loving Craft Shop	-	-	3,796	3,796	3,426
Total	-	-	3,796	3,796	3,426

4. Income from Church Activities

	2025	2025	2025	2025	2024
	General	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Venue Receipts	20	2,530	-	2,550	2,085
Event Receipts	620	-	170	790	825
Total	640	2,530	170	3,340	2,910

Prior year comparatives:

	2024	2024	2024	2024	
	General	Designated	Restricted	Total	
	£	£	£	£	
Venue Receipts	-	2,085	-	2,085	
Event Receipts	825	-	-	825	
Total	825	2,085	-	2,910	

5. Expenditure on raising funds

	2025	2025	2025	2025	2024
	General	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Tender Loving Craft	-	-	3,657	3,657	3,220
Sum Up costs	306	-	-	306	219
	306	-	3,657	3,963	3,439

Prior year comparatives:

	2024	2024	2024	2024	
	General	Designated	Restricted	Total	
	£	£	£	£	
Tender Loving Craft	-	-	3,220	3,220	
Sum Up costs	219	-	-	219	
	219	-	3,220	3,439	

6.Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	2025	2025	2025	2025	2024
	General	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Ministry & Mission:</i>					
Salaries	65,055			65,055	45,464
Accommodation for Pastor	18,100			18,100	19,200
Pastor expenses	894			894	1,693
Ministry & gifts	7,997	709		8,706	6,088
Youth expenses	348			348	2,661
Church events	1,073			1,073	3,237
Sparkles baby group	56	1,284		1,340	302
Children's ministry	1,883	50		1,933	1,842
Alpha course	159			159	-
Women's ministry			1,666	1,666	-
Youth ministry	228	545	2,678	3,451	1,010
Christians against poverty	55			55	-
Hospitality	237			237	210
	97,085	2,588	4,344	104,017	81,707
<i>Building & Administration:</i>					
Electricity & Gas	8,850			8,850	7,818
Water waste	1,459			1,459	3,925
Building expenses	749	58,539		59,288	70,335
Insurance & licences	11,266			11,266	7,254
Telephones & internet	2,039			2,039	1,875
General expenses	10,929			10,929	2,995
Stationery & printing	2,124			2,124	2,636
Sundry expenses	3,832			3,832	1,624
Technical & media	(264)		1,105	841	4,407
Depreciation in year	2,571			2,571	-
	43,555	58,539	1,105	103,199	102,869
Total	140,640	61,127	5,449	207,216	184,576

Prior year comparatives:

	2024	2024	2024	2024
	General	Designated	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£
<i>Ministry & Mission:</i>				
Salaries	45,464			45,464
Accommodation for Pastor	19,200			19,200
Pastor expenses	1,693			1,693
Ministry & gifts	5,188	900		6,088
Youth expenses	2,661			2,661
Church events	3,237			3,237
Sparkles baby group	-	302		302
Children's ministry	1,793	49		1,842
Alpha course	-			-
Women's ministry	-			-
Youth ministry	402	608		1,010
Christians against poverty	-			-
Hospitality	210			210
	<hr/> 79,848	1,859	-	<hr/> 81,707
<i>Building & Administration:</i>				
Electricity & Gas	7,818			7,818
Water waste	3,925			3,925
Building expenses	-	70,335		70,335
Insurance & licences	7,254			7,254
Telephones & internet	1,875			1,875
General expenses	2,995			2,995
Stationery & printing	2,636			2,636
Sundry expenses	1,624			1,624
Technical & media	3,916		491	4,407
Depreciation in year	-			-
	<hr/> 32,043	70,335	491	<hr/> 102,869
Total	<hr/> 111,891	72,194	491	<hr/> 184,576

7. Staff costs and numbers

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	64,333	42,899
Employer National Insurance	5,322	3,172
Employer Employment Allowance	(5,322)	(3,172)
Pension costs	1,400	2,565
	<hr/> 66,055	45,464
Pastor Housing Allowance	18,100	19,200
	<hr/> 84,155	64,664

The average number of employees during the year was 3 (2024:2). No employee received total emoluments in excess of £60,000 during the year (2024: nil)

Key Management Personnel

The charity's key management personnel are deemed to comprise the Senior Minister and other trustees names within the Trustee's Report. Total employment remuneration paid to key management personnel during the year ended 31 March 2025 was £40,821 for 1 person (2014: £38,988 for 1 person). Employment remuneration for key management personnel is determined by the independent trustees with reference to salary benchmarking as appropriate.

8. Trustees

Four trustees received reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the charity, totalling £11,362

The charity maintained insurance for the trustees throughout the financial year ended 31 March 2025 and such indemnity insurance was in place at the date of approval of these financial statements. For the financial year under review the cost of the indemnity insurance was covered with the charity's general insurance policy and note separately identifiable – total insurance premium was £3,737 and the cover £100,000.

9. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Unrestricted General Fund Freehold land and buildings £	Unrestricted Designated Fund Equipment £	Total Funds Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 April 2024(as originally stated)	-	-	-
Prior year adjustment	711,679	-	711,679
At 1 April 2024 (restated)	711,679	-	711,679
Additions	-	4,755	4,755
At 31 March 2025	711,679	4,755	716,434
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2024	-	-	-
Charge for the year	-	(2,571)	(2,571)
At 31 March 2025	-	(2,571)	(2,571)
Net book value			
At 31 March 2025	711,679	2,184	713,863
At 31 March 2024 (as restated)	711,679	-	711,679

The trustees have undertaken an exercise to recognise the deemed cost of the church building on the balance sheet. This has included the consideration of the current replacement cost of the building as at 31 December 2024 and discounting it backwards for the time value of money to the date when the building was structurally configured in its current state (1980). This was resulted in a prior year adjustment of £711,679 to the 31 March 2024 financial statements as shown in the prior year funds in note 12 and the statement of financial activities note 14.

10. Debtors and Creditors due within 1 year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Debtors:		
Gift Aid recoverable from HMRC	<u>6,432</u>	-
Creditors due within 1 year:		
Accruals	<u>1,245</u>	-

11. Net Assets by Fund

	2025	2025	2025	2025
	General	Designated	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	2,184	711,679	-	713,863
Debtors	6,432	-	-	6,432
Cash at bank	113,827	2,947	1,167	117,941
Creditors less than 1 year	(1,245)	-	-	(1,245)
	<u>121,198</u>	<u>714,626</u>	<u>1,167</u>	<u>836,991</u>

Prior year comparatives:

As restated:	2024	2024	2024	2024
	General	Designated	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets		711,679	-	711,679
Debtors				
Cash at bank	75,778	5,564	733	82,075
Creditors less than 1 year				
	<u>75,778</u>	<u>717,243</u>	<u>733</u>	<u>793,754</u>

12. Funds

	At 1 Apr 2024 Originally stated £	Prior Adjustment	At 1 Apr 2024 Restated £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 Mar 2025 £
Unrestricted General fund	75,778	-	75,778	244,666	(140,946)	(58,300)	121,198
Unrestricted Designated fund:							
Little Sparkles	273		273	1,135	(1,283)		125
Visiting Ministry	709		709		(709)		-
Youth	(343)		(343)		(545)	1,843	955
TLC Building	4,925	711,679	716,604	2,531	(58,590)	53,001	713,546
	5,564	711,679	717,243	3,666	(61,127)	54,844	714,626
Restricted fund							
Media	59		59		(1,105)	1,046	-
TLC	424		424	3,796	(3,659)	2	563
Women of Worth	-		-	1,265	(1,665)	619	219
Youth	250		250	1,023	(2,677)	1,789	385
	733	-	733	6,084	(9,106)	3,456	1,167
Total funds	82,075	711,679	793,754	254,416	(211,179)	-	836,991

Prior year comparatives: (as originally stated)

	At 1 Apr 2023 Originally stated £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 Mar 2024 £
Unrestricted General fund	86,407	164,681	(112,110)	(63,200)	75,778
Unrestricted Designated fund:					
Little Sparkles	188	386	(302)	-	273
Visiting Ministry	1,609		(900)	-	709
Youth	-	-	(608)	264	(343)
TLC Building	8,959	3,465	(70,385)	62,886	4,925
	10,757	3,851	(72,194)	63,150	5,564
Restricted fund					
Media	-	250	(491)	300	59
TLC	218	3,426	(3,220)		424
Youth	-	500		(250)	250
	218	4,176	(3,711)	50	733
Total funds	97,382	172,708	(188,015)	-	82,075

Details of the funds are as follows:

Unrestricted funds:

General fund – the general fund is the charity’s unrestricted, undesignated fund available for any of the charity’s purposes without restriction.

Designated funds

Little Sparkles Fund – this is a fund that supports the activity of the Little Sparkles Mother & Toddler, Baby & Carer Group.

Visting Ministry Fund– this is a fund that supports ministry when the church is in interregnum between Pastor appointments

Youth Fund – this is a fund that supports youth ministry

The Life Church Building Fund – this fund contains the church building and handles building related transactions, notably venue rentals and maintenance works.

Restricted Funds:

Media Fund– this fund relates to specific gifts and donations received to support media and technology requirements in the church

Tender Loving Craft Fund – this fund includes the income and expenditure on the making and sale of craft items for the benefit of the Starfish Malawi charity.

Women of Worth Fund – this fund supports women’s ministry and fellowship

Youth Fund – this fund is used to administer the income and expenditure of attendance at specific youth events.

Transfers between funds

Details of inter fund transfers in the year are as follows:

	Unrestricted Undesignated £	Unrestricted Designated £	Restricted £
Unrestricted fund to designated youth	(1,843)	1,843	
Unrestricted fund to designated building	(53,001)	53,001	-
Unrestricted to restricted Media	(1,046)	-	1,046
Unrestricted to restricted Tender Loving Crafts	(2)	-	2
Unrestricted to restricted Women of Worth	(619)	-	619
Unrestricted to restricted Youth	(1,789)	-	1,789
Total transfers between funds	(58,300)	54,844	3,456

13 Commitments

As at 31 March 2025, the charity was committed to making the following payments under a non cancellable photocopier operating lease:

	2025 £	2024 £
Within one year	2,650	1,416
Between one and two years	2,650	1,416
Between two and five years	7,949	2,201
More than five years	2,650	-
Total	15,898	5,133

14 Prior Year Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted General funds £	Unrestricted Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Note				
Income from				
Donations	146,891	1,736	750	149,377
Activities for generating funds	-	-	3,426	3,426
Income from Church activities	850	2,085	-	2,910
Other income	16,965	30	-	16,995
Total income	164,681	3,851	4,176	172,708
Expenditure on				
Raising funds	219	-	3,220	3,439
Charitable activities:				
Ministry & Mission	79,848	1,859	-	81,707
Building & Administration	32,043	70,335	491	102,869
Total expenditure	112,110	72,194	3,711	184,576
Net income/(expenditure)	52,571	(68,343)	465	(15,307)
Transfer between funds	(63,200)	63,150	50	-
Net movement in funds	(10,629)	(5,193)	515	(15,307)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward as originally reported	86,407	10,757	218	97,382
Prior Year Adjustment		711,679		
Total Funds brought forward as restated	86,407	722,436	218	809,061
Total funds carried forward	75,778	717,243	733	793,754

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The church employs Mr. Christopher Eke as full-time minister and he serves the church together with Mr. David Thompson (accredited Assemblies of God minister). The church also employs Mr. Charlie Olliver as minister to the teenagers and young people of the church. Mr. Olliver is in his second year of the theological and leadership training course and will graduate in the summer of 2024. Mr. Peter Jackson was accepted as an Elder/Leader and Trustee as from 1st February 2024; the other Trustees being Mr. C Eke, Mr. David Thompson, Mr. Alan Pitt and Mrs. Jennifer Rhodes.

The Sunday morning services are very well attended and the congregation has grown to almost 300 adults and young adults. To allow for seating in the church hall, it was decided to extend the hours of the Children's Church for the whole of the Sunday morning service, 10.30am – 12.15pm. The teenagers attend their own meeting from 11.15 – 12.15. The Sunday morning service is available live on YouTube and all the Sunday services are available to view on the church website. The number of subscribers is good. 2 separate services on Sundays is being considered to accommodate the growing congregation.

All the workers in the church, including the Trustees and ministers are DBS checked through ThirtyOne:Eight.

Midweek services include times for prayer and Bible study. The Little Sparkles Club for babies and toddlers and their parents/carers meet each Thursday morning during term times and the teenagers attend an after school club each Wednesday between 3pm and 6pm. The two Alpha courses were appreciated and a success.

The building is used twice each week by Alcoholics Anonymous and once each week by Cocaine Anonymous.

The church is affiliated to Assemblies of God and Evangelical Alliance organisations and we regularly support other charities: Starfish Malawi, Open Doors ministry, the Salvation Army food bank, the Family Trust and Crossline Counselling; the last 3 being local charities.

The building is generally kept in good order. The walls of the main hall were rough and marked by water stains. As the roof was replaced last year solving the problem of leaks, the walls of the hall have been dry-lined and decorated. The Café Room and the Children's Church Room, as well as some of corridors and stairs have been renovated, decorated and new carpets fitted. The premises are extensive (originally being 3 separate buildings) and the improvements are appreciated by the congregation. A total of £70500 has been spent on the renovations and repairs.

The shop area used by the church to sell handmade crafts has continued to provide support for Starfish Malawi and £3000 was transferred to the charity. The monthly Saturday morning 'Sat Chat' has proved beneficial in procuring funds and providing friendship and fun for church members and the public.



Approved by the Trustees of The Life Church and signed on their behalf:

Independent Examiner's report

Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and they consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144(2) 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 the Independent Examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for 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 material matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

I 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.

Signed:



Stephen Hendy

Date: 30th May 2024

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
Voluntary income	146,892	1,736	750	—	149,379	93,942
Activities for generating funds	—	2,085	3,426	—	5,511	4,098
Incoming resources from charitable activities	825	—	—	—	825	175
Other incoming resources	16,961	30	—	—	16,991	18,722
Total income	164,680	3,851	4,176	—	172,708	116,938
Resources used						
Cost of generating funds	7,535	—	—	—	7,535	6,354
Cost of generating voluntary income	5,188	900	—	—	6,088	5,139
Fundraising trading cost of goods sold and other costs	—	—	3,220	—	3,220	2,781
Charitable activities	9,929	959	—	—	10,889	7,171
Governance costs	89,455	70,335	490	—	160,281	146,385
Other resources used	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total expenditure	112,109	72,195	3,711	—	188,015	167,831
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	52,571	(68,343)	465	—	(15,306)	(50,893)
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	114	63,264	300	—	63,678	295
Gross transfers between funds - out	(63,314)	(114)	(250)	—	(63,678)	(295)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	(10,629)	(5,193)	515	—	(15,306)	(50,893)
Total funds brought forward	86,407	10,757	218	—	97,382	148,276
Total funds carried forward	75,777	5,564	733	—	82,075	97,382
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General fund	75,777	—	—	—	75,777	86,407
Pastor	—	—	—	—	—	—
Designated						
Charity Cards	—	—	—	—	—	—
Little Sparkles Mother/Toddler group	—	273	—	—	273	188
Starfish Malawi Ministry	—	—	—	—	—	—
TLC Building fund	—	4,925	—	—	4,925	8,959

Visiting Ministry	—	709	—	—	709	1,609
YOUTH	—	(343)	—	—	(343)	—
Restricted						
Cafe Refurb	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gifts for persons, etc.	—	—	—	—	—	—
King's Storehouse	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lifelines Contact	—	—	—	—	—	—
MEDIA	—	—	59	—	59	—
Options Pregnancy/PostAbortion Support	—	—	—	—	—	—
Philippines	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shop deposit	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tender Loving Craft	—	—	424	—	424	218
Weekend Away	—	—	—	—	—	—
Women's Refuge	—	—	—	—	—	—
YOUTH	—	—	250	—	250	—

Balance sheet

	Total funds	Prior year funds
Current assets		
Investments	—	15,058
Cash at bank and in hand	82,075	82,323
	82,075	97,382
Net current assets less current liabilities	82,075	97,382
Total assets less current liabilities	82,075	97,382
Total net assets less liabilities	82,075	97,382
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
General fund	75,777	86,407
Pastor	—	—
Designated		
Charity Cards	—	—
Little Sparkles Mother/Toddler group	273	188
Visiting Ministry	709	1,609
Starfish Malawi Ministry	—	—
YOUTH	(343)	—
TLC Building fund	4,925	8,959
Restricted		
King's Storehouse	—	—
Philippines	—	—
Cafe Refurb	—	—
Weekend Away	—	—
Lifelines Contact	—	—
MEDIA	59	—
Shop deposit	—	—
Tender Loving Craft	424	218
Women's Refuge	—	—
YOUTH	250	—
Options Pregnancy/PostAbortion Support	—	—
Gifts for persons, etc.	—	—
Funds of the church	82,075	97,382

Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Current account -	87,243	(73,483)	2,239	—	15,998	3,205
Petty Cash -	1,995	(398)	(1,505)	—	91	83
Business Select Account -	65,985	—	—	—	65,985	79,034
Shawbrook Bank 12 month fixed rate Saver -	(79,446)	79,446	—	—	—	—
Totals	75,777	5,564	733	—	82,075	82,323
Current assets - Investments						
Hampshire Trust Bank -	—	—	—	—	—	15,058
Totals	—	—	—	—	—	15,058
Grand total	75,777	5,564	733	—	82,075	97,382

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
Cards - Charity Cards						
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Cards	—	—	—	—	—	—
KingStore - King's Storehouse						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for KingStore	—	—	—	—	—	—
LifeCont - Lifelines Contact						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for LifeCont	—	—	—	—	—	—
LitSpark - Little Sparkles Moth						
Designated	188	386	302	—	—	273
Sub-total for LitSpark	188	386	302	—	—	273
Media - MEDIA						
Restricted	—	250	490	300	—	59
Sub-total for Media	—	250	490	300	—	59
Ministry - Visiting Ministry						
Designated	1,609	—	900	—	—	709
Sub-total for Ministry	1,609	—	900	—	—	709
Shop - Shop deposit						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Shop	—	—	—	—	—	—
Starfish - Starfish Malawi Mini						
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Starfish	—	—	—	—	—	—
TLCraft - Tender Loving Craft						
Restricted	218	3,426	3,220	—	—	424
Sub-total for TLCraft	218	3,426	3,220	—	—	424
WRefuge - Women's Refuge						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for WRefuge	—	—	—	—	—	—

Youth - YOUTH						
Designated	—	—	608	264	—	(343)
Restricted	—	500	—	(250)	—	250
Sub-total for Youth	—	500	608	14	—	(93)
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	86,407	164,680	112,109	(63,200)	—	75,777
Sub-total for General	86,407	164,680	112,109	(63,200)	—	75,777
Build - TLC Building fund						
Designated	8,959	3,465	70,385	62,886	—	4,925
Sub-total for Build	8,959	3,465	70,385	62,886	—	4,925
Pastor - Pastor						
Unrestricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Pastor	—	—	—	—	—	—
Options - Options Pregnancy/Po						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Options	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gifts - Gifts for persons, e						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Gifts	—	—	—	—	—	—
Philipps - Philipppines						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Philipps	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cafe - Cafe Refurb						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Cafe	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wkend - Weekend Away						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Wkend	—	—	—	—	—	—
Grand total	97,382	172,708	188,015	—	—	82,075

Analysis of income and expenditure

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Incoming resources from generated funds - Voluntary income						
Offerings	73,711	—	—	—	73,711	55,790
Gift aids	58,858	—	—	—	58,858	24,481
Gifts	—	—	—	—	—	10
Little Sparkles	—	386	—	—	386	401
Youth Ministry	—	—	500	—	500	—
Small Donations	11,623	—	—	—	11,623	9,673
Technical/Media	2,699	—	250	—	2,949	—
Church renovation	—	1,350	—	—	1,350	3,586
Starfish Malawi ministry	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gifts - bequeathed	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	146,892	1,736	750	—	149,379	93,942
Incoming resources from generated funds - Activities for generating funds						
Venue receipts	—	2,085	—	—	2,085	1,652
Cards sold for charity	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tender Loving Craft	—	—	3,426	—	3,426	2,446
Total	—	2,085	3,426	—	5,511	4,098
Incoming resources from charitable activities						
Event receipts	825	—	—	—	825	175
Total	825	—	—	—	825	175
Other incoming resources						
Sundry receipts	16,961	30	—	—	16,991	18,722
Loan	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	16,961	30	—	—	16,991	18,722
INCOME TOTAL	164,680	3,851	4,176	—	172,708	116,938

EXPENDITURE

Cost of generating funds

General Expenses	2,985	—	—	—	2,985	3,190
Stationery & printing	2,636	—	—	—	2,636	1,812
Pastor expenses	1,693	—	—	—	1,693	1,239
SumUp	219	—	—	—	219	111
Total	7,535	—	—	—	7,535	6,354

Cost of generating funds - Cost of generating voluntary income

Ministry and Gifts	5,188	900	—	—	6,088	5,139
Total	5,188	900	—	—	6,088	5,139

Cost of generating funds - Fundraising trading cost of goods sold and other costs

Tender Loving Craft	—	—	3,220	—	3,220	2,781
Total	—	—	3,220	—	3,220	2,781

Charitable activities

Youth expenses	2,661	—	—	—	2,661	445
Church events	3,237	—	—	—	3,237	1,134
Sundry expense	1,624	—	—	—	1,624	4,162
Sparkles baby group	—	302	—	—	302	489
Childrens ministry	1,793	49	—	—	1,842	611
Hospitality	210	—	—	—	210	129
Alpha	—	—	—	—	—	—
Youth Ministry	402	608	—	—	1,010	198
Starfish Malawi expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	9,929	959	—	—	10,889	7,171

Governance costs

Salaries Church	45,464	—	—	—	45,464	29,743
Electricity Gas	7,818	—	—	—	7,818	3,891
Water Waste	3,925	—	—	—	3,925	4,588
Insurances Licences	7,254	—	—	—	7,254	5,912
Telephones Internet	1,875	—	—	—	1,875	1,712
Building expenses	—	70,335	—	—	70,335	82,537
Accommodation for Pastor	19,200	—	—	—	19,200	18,000
Technical	3,916	—	490	—	4,406	—
Bank charges	—	—	—	—	—	0
Total	89,455	70,335	490	—	160,281	146,385

Other resources used

Loan	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—
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The Sunday morning services are very well attended and the congregation has grown to almost 200 adults and young adults. As a result of families attending, the number of children has increased and the children are ministered to at Children's Church each Sunday from 11.15am-12.15pm. The teenagers attend their own meeting between these times too. The Sunday morning service is available live on YouTube and all the Sunday services are available to view on the church website. There are about 500 hits each week.

All the workers in the church, including the Trustees and ministers are DBS checked through ThirtyOne:Eight.

Midweek services include times for prayer and Bible study. The Little Sparkles Club for babies and toddlers and their parents/carers meet each Thursday morning during term times and the teenagers attend an after school club each Wednesday between 3pm and 6pm. An Alpha Course is in progress. The building is used twice each week by Alcoholics Anonymous.

The church is affiliated to Assemblies of God and Evangelical Alliance organisations and we regularly support other charities: Starfish Malawi, the Salvation Army food bank, and Emmanuel Press. It has been decided to support more local charities in the next financial year including The Family Trust and Crossline Counselling.

The building is generally kept in good order. As a result of storm damage, the roof over the main church hall was replaced at a cost of £73371: this included replacing a window and decorating. An insurance claim provided £5602 and there were personal gifts of £3686. The fund kept from the sale of the Manna Christian Fellowship manse in 2018 was used to cover the remainder of the costs. It has been necessary to soundproof a wall of the room used by the young people on Sundays and this has been completed at a cost of £2940. We are grateful that we have a building that can be adapted and realise that the costs of change are great but we need to accommodate our growing church.

The shop area used by the church to sell handmade crafts has continued to provide support for Starfish Malawi and over £2000 was transferred to the charity. The monthly Saturday morning 'Sat Chat' has proved beneficial in procuring funds and providing friendship and fun for church members and the public.

Approved by the Trustees of The Life Church :



Independent Examiner's report

Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and they consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144(2) 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 the Independent Examiner's statement

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Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

I 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.

Date: 12th June 2023

Signed:



Stephen Hendy

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
Voluntary income	88,545	5,387	10	—	93,942	57,048
Activities for generating funds	—	1,652	2,446	—	4,098	2,521
Incoming resources from charitable activities	175	—	—	—	175	69
Other incoming resources	13,020	5,702	—	—	18,722	8,134
Total income	101,740	12,741	2,456	—	116,938	67,774
Resources used						
Cost of generating funds	6,354	—	—	—	6,354	4,161
Cost of generating voluntary income	4,782	120	237	—	5,139	7,287
Fundraising trading cost of goods sold and other costs	—	85	2,695	—	2,781	1,182
Charitable activities	6,681	489	—	—	7,171	4,630
Governance costs	63,962	82,423	—	—	146,385	52,603
Other resources used	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total expenditure	81,781	83,117	2,932	—	167,831	69,864
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	19,959	(70,376)	(476)	—	(50,893)	(2,090)
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	—	295	—	295	—
Gross transfers between funds - out	(227)	(68)	—	—	(295)	—
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	19,732	(70,444)	(181)	—	(50,893)	(2,090)
Total funds brought forward	66,674	81,201	399	—	148,276	150,366
Total funds carried forward	86,407	10,757	218	—	97,382	148,276
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General fund	86,407	—	—	—	86,407	66,674
Pastor	—	—	—	—	—	—
Designated						
Charity Cards	—	—	—	—	—	153
Little Sparkles Mother/Toddler group	—	188	—	—	188	276
Starfish Malawi Ministry	—	—	—	—	—	—
TLC Building fund	—	8,959	—	—	8,959	79,042
Visiting Ministry	—	1,609	—	—	1,609	1,729
YOUTH	—	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted						
Cafe Refurb	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gifts for persons, etc.	—	—	—	—	—	—
King's Storehouse	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lifelines Contact	—	—	—	—	—	—
Options Pregnancy/PostAbortion Support	—	—	—	—	—	—
Philippines	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shop deposit	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tender Loving Craft	—	—	218	—	218	399
Weekend Away	—	—	—	—	—	—
Women's Refuge	—	—	—	—	—	—
YOUTH	—	—	—	—	—	—

Balance sheet

	Total funds	Prior year funds
Current assets		
Investments	15,058	5,000
Cash at bank and in hand	82,323	143,276
	97,382	148,276
Net current assets less current liabilities	97,382	148,276
Total assets less current liabilities	97,382	148,276
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YOUTH	—	—
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Restricted		
King's Storehouse	—	—
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Weekend Away	—	—
Lifelines Contact	—	—
Shop deposit	—	—
Tender Loving Craft	218	399
Women's Refuge	—	—
YOUTH	—	—
Options Pregnancy/PostAbortion Support	—	—
Gifts for persons, etc.	—	—
Philippines	—	—
Funds of the church	97,382	148,276

Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Current account -	69,743	(68,261)	1,723	—	3,205	58,175
Petty Cash -	2,017	(428)	(1,505)	—	83	174
Business Select Account -	79,034	—	—	—	79,034	84,926
Shawbrook Bank 12 month fixed rate Saver -	(79,446)	79,446	—	—	—	—
Totals	71,348	10,757	218	—	82,323	143,276
Current assets - Investments						
Hampshire Trust Bank -	15,058	—	—	—	15,058	5,000
Totals	15,058	—	—	—	15,058	5,000
Grand total	86,407	10,757	218	—	97,382	148,276

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
Cards - Charity Cards						
Designated	153	—	85	(68)	—	—
Sub-total for Cards	153	—	85	(68)	—	—
KingStore - King's Storehouse						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for KingStore	—	—	—	—	—	—
LifeCont - Lifelines Contact						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for LifeCont	—	—	—	—	—	—
LitSpark - Little Sparkles Moth						
Designated	276	401	489	—	—	188
Sub-total for LitSpark	276	401	489	—	—	188
Ministry - Visiting Ministry						
Designated	1,729	—	120	—	—	1,609
Sub-total for Ministry	1,729	—	120	—	—	1,609
Shop - Shop deposit						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Shop	—	—	—	—	—	—
Starfish - Starfish Malawi Mini						
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Starfish	—	—	—	—	—	—
TLCraft - Tender Loving Craft						
Restricted	399	2,446	2,695	68	—	218
Sub-total for TLCraft	399	2,446	2,695	68	—	218
WRefuge - Women's Refuge						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for WRefuge	—	—	—	—	—	—
Youth - YOUTH						
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Youth	—	—	—	—	—	—
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	66,674	101,740	81,781	(227)	—	86,407
Sub-total for General	66,674	101,740	81,781	(227)	—	86,407
Build - TLC Building fund						
Designated	79,042	12,340	82,423	—	—	8,959
Sub-total for Build	79,042	12,340	82,423	—	—	8,959
Pastor - Pastor						
Unrestricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Pastor	—	—	—	—	—	—
Options - Options Pregnancy/Po						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Options	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gifts - Gifts for persons, e						
Restricted	—	10	237	227	—	—
Sub-total for Gifts	—	10	237	227	—	—
Philipps - Philipppines						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Philipps	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cafe - Cafe Refurb						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Cafe	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wkend - Weekend Away						

Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Wkend	—	—	—	—	—	—
Grand total	148,276	116,938	167,831	—	—	97,382

Analysis of income and expenditure

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
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INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

Incoming resources from generated funds - Voluntary income

Offerings	55,790	—	—	—	55,790	27,075
Gift aids	23,081	1,400	—	—	24,481	22,550
Gifts	—	—	10	—	10	480
Little Sparkles	—	401	—	—	401	659
Youth Ministry	—	—	—	—	—	—
Small Donations	9,673	—	—	—	9,673	6,283
Church renovation	—	3,586	—	—	3,586	—
Starfish Malawi ministry	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gifts - bequeathed	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	88,545	5,387	10	—	93,942	57,048

Incoming resources from generated funds - Activities for generating funds

Venue receipts	—	1,652	—	—	1,652	940
Cards sold for charity	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tender Loving Craft	—	—	2,446	—	2,446	1,581
Total	—	1,652	2,446	—	4,098	2,521

Incoming resources from charitable activities

Event receipts	175	—	—	—	175	69
Total	175	—	—	—	175	69

Other incoming resources

Sundry receipts	13,020	5,702	—	—	18,722	8,134
Loan	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	13,020	5,702	—	—	18,722	8,134
INCOME TOTAL	101,740	12,741	2,456	—	116,938	67,774

EXPENDITURE

Cost of generating funds

General Expenses	3,190	—	—	—	3,190	1,256
Stationery & printing	1,812	—	—	—	1,812	1,692
Pastor expenses	1,239	—	—	—	1,239	1,212
SumUp	111	—	—	—	111	—
Total	6,354	—	—	—	6,354	4,161

Cost of generating funds - Cost of generating voluntary income

Ministry and Gifts	4,782	120	237	—	5,139	7,287
Total	4,782	120	237	—	5,139	7,287

Cost of generating funds - Fundraising trading cost of goods sold and other costs

Tender Loving Craft	—	85	2,695	—	2,781	1,182
Total	—	85	2,695	—	2,781	1,182

Charitable activities

Youth expenses	445	—	—	—	445	—
Church events	1,134	—	—	—	1,134	840
Sundry expense	4,162	—	—	—	4,162	2,784
Sparkles baby group	—	489	—	—	489	534
Childrens ministry	611	—	—	—	611	380
Hospitality	129	—	—	—	129	28
Alpha	—	—	—	—	—	—
Youth Ministry	198	—	—	—	198	—
Starfish Malawi expenses	—	—	—	—	—	61
Total	6,681	489	—	—	7,171	4,630

Governance costs

Salaries Church	29,743	—	—	—	29,743	20,445
Electricity Gas	3,891	—	—	—	3,891	2,374
Water Waste	4,588	—	—	—	4,588	989
Insurances Licences	5,912	—	—	—	5,912	6,957
Telephones Internet	1,712	—	—	—	1,712	2,684
Building expenses	114	82,423	—	—	82,537	2,651
Accommodation for Pastor	18,000	—	—	—	18,000	16,500
Bank charges	0	—	—	—	0	—
Total	63,962	82,423	—	—	146,385	52,603

Other resources used

Loan	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—

EXPENDITURE TOTAL	81,781	83,117	2,932	—	167,831	69,864
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GRAND TOTAL	19,959	(70,376)	(476)	—	(50,893)	(2,090)
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THE LIFE CHURCH - MAIDSTONE

England & Wales - Charity number 1123130

Accounts

THE LIFE CHURCH – MAIDSTONE
TRUSTEES REPORT AND INDEPENDENT
EXAMINER'S STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2022

THE LIFE CHURCH – MAIDSTONE

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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

Objects of the Charity

The Trust seeks to demonstrate the Christian faith in action by advancing the Christian faith, relieving sickness and financial hardship and promoting and preserving good health, and advancing education, in all such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

Government

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

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The church employed Mr. Christopher Eke as full-time minister of the church from 1st April 2021. He serves the church together with Mr. David Thompson (accredited Assemblies of God minister). Mr. Garry Shoebrook also served the church as a Trustee and Leader until 24th August 2021 when he resigned for personal reasons. Pastor Eke was registered as a Trustee, in accordance with our Constitution, as from 1st February 2022. The Charity Commission were advised and accepted the appointment.

After the Government restrictions were lifted, the Trustees deemed it safe to meet for meetings at the church on Sunday mornings as from 23rd May 2021 but with face masks worn, hands cleaned, space awareness and a register kept of all who attended. The service was also available by Zoom and YouTube. As a result of the popularity of linking in to our services, new equipment was purchased and, a year later, we are still producing a good quality link to our services.

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The building is generally kept in good order. However Storms Eunice and Franklin caused damage to the roof and a window and it is now realised that the whole roof of the main church hall must be replaced. Meanwhile temporary repairs have been made. Estimates are being obtained for the repairs and replacements. A fund is kept for building upkeep and the funds obtained from the sale of the Manna Christian Fellowship manse in 2018 can be used.

As from October 2021 the vacant shop area is used by the church to sell handmade craft items for charity. It is open for only 6 hours each week at present.

Achievements and performance

The congregation has doubled in size since May 2021 and we are grateful to Pastor Chris Eke for his input and commitment to God and the church. It is seen that we need a Youth/Children's worker to assist him and the post has been advertised.

Income has grown and members can donate by BACS, cash, cheques or card reader.

Approved by the Trustees of The Life Church :



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Date: 8th June 2022

Signed:



Stephen Hendy

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	56,568	480	—	57,048	34,876
Activities for generating funds	940	1,581	—	2,521	738
Incoming resources from charitable activities	69	—	—	69	—
Other incoming resources	8,134	—	—	8,134	7,557
Total income	65,712	2,061	—	67,774	43,171
Resources used					
Cost of generating funds	4,161	—	—	4,161	1,816
Cost of generating voluntary income	6,807	480	—	7,287	12,550
Fundraising trading cost of goods sold and other costs	—	1,182	—	1,182	—
Charitable activities	4,630	—	—	4,630	8,009
Governance costs	52,603	—	—	52,603	19,254
Other resources used	—	—	—	—	—
Total expenditure	68,202	1,662	—	69,864	41,630
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(2,489)	399	—	(2,090)	1,540
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	—	—	—	—
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	—	—	—	—
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	(2,489)	399	—	(2,090)	1,540
Total funds brought forward	150,366	—	—	150,366	148,825
Total funds carried forward	147,876	399	—	148,276	150,366
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	66,674	—	—	66,674	65,897
Pastor	—	—	—	—	—
Designated					
Charity Cards	153	—	—	153	185
Little Sparkles Mother/Toddler group	276	—	—	276	151
Starfish Malawi Ministry	—	—	—	—	—
TLC Building fund	79,042	—	—	79,042	82,402
Visiting Ministry	1,729	—	—	1,729	1,729
YOUTH	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted					
Cafe Refurb	—	—	—	—	—
Gifts for persons, etc.	—	—	—	—	—
King's Storehouse	—	—	—	—	—
Lifelines Contact	—	—	—	—	—
Options Pregnancy/PostAbortion Support	—	—	—	—	—
Philippines	—	—	—	—	—
Shop deposit	—	—	—	—	—
Tender Loving Craft	—	399	—	399	—
Weekend Away	—	—	—	—	—
Women's Refuge	—	—	—	—	—
YOUTH	—	—	—	—	—

Balance sheet

	Total funds	Prior year funds
Current assets		
Investments	5,000	—
Cash at bank and in hand	143,276	150,366
	148,276	150,366
Net current assets less current liabilities	148,276	150,366
Total assets less current liabilities	148,276	150,366
Total net assets less liabilities	148,276	150,366
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
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Designated		
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Weekend Away	—	—
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Shop deposit	—	—
Tender Loving Craft	399	—
Women's Refuge	—	—
YOUTH	—	—
Options Pregnancy/PostAbortion Support	—	—
Gifts for persons, etc.	—	—
Philippines	—	—
Funds of the church	148,276	150,366

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
Cards - Charity Cards						
Designated	185	29	61	—	—	153
Sub-total for Cards	185	29	61	—	—	153
KingStore - King's Storehouse						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for KingStore	—	—	—	—	—	—
LifeCont - Lifelines Contact						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for LifeCont	—	—	—	—	—	—
LitSpark - Little Sparkles Moth						
Designated	151	659	534	—	—	276
Sub-total for LitSpark	151	659	534	—	—	276
Ministry - Visiting Ministry						
Designated	1,729	—	—	—	—	1,729
Sub-total for Ministry	1,729	—	—	—	—	1,729
Shop - Shop deposit						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Shop	—	—	—	—	—	—
Starfish - Starfish Malawi Mini						
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Starfish	—	—	—	—	—	—
TLCraft - Tender Loving Craft						
Restricted	—	1,581	1,182	—	—	399
Sub-total for TLCraft	—	1,581	1,182	—	—	399
WRefuge - Women's Refuge						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for WRefuge	—	—	—	—	—	—
Youth - YOUTH						
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Youth	—	—	—	—	—	—
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	65,897	64,083	63,305	—	—	66,674
Sub-total for General	65,897	64,083	63,305	—	—	66,674
Build - TLC Building fund						
Designated	82,402	940	4,300	—	—	79,042
Sub-total for Build	82,402	940	4,300	—	—	79,042
Pastor - Pastor						
Unrestricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Pastor	—	—	—	—	—	—
Options - Options Pregnancy/Po						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Options	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gifts - Gifts for persons, e						
Restricted	—	480	480	—	—	—
Sub-total for Gifts	—	480	480	—	—	—
Phillipps - Phillipines						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Phillipps	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cafe - Cafe Refurb						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Cafe	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wkend - Weekend Away						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Wkend	—	—	—	—	—	—
Grand total	150,366	67,774	69,854	—	—	148,276

Analysis of income and expenditure

					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Incoming resources from generated funds - Voluntary income						
Offerings	27,075	—	—	—	27,075	12,935
Gift aids	22,550	—	—	—	22,550	21,891
Gifts	—	—	480	—	480	50
Little Sparkles	—	659	—	—	659	—
Lifelines Contact	—	—	—	—	—	—
Equipped Academy	—	—	—	—	—	—
King's Store	—	—	—	—	—	—
Youth Ministry	—	—	—	—	—	—
Small Donations	6,283	—	—	—	6,283	—
Women's Refuge	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hall renovation	—	—	—	—	—	—
JoJo Cross - Intern	—	—	—	—	—	—
Starfish Malawi ministry	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gifts - bequeathed	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	55,909	659	480	—	57,048	34,876
Incoming resources from generated funds - Activities for generating funds						
Venue receipts	—	940	—	—	940	590
Essence Youth income	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cards sold for charity	—	—	—	—	—	148
Cafe Zest income	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tender Loving Craft	—	—	1,581	—	1,581	—
Total	—	940	1,581	—	2,521	738
Incoming resources from charitable activities						
Event receipts	69	—	—	—	69	—
Saintly Slimmers	—	—	—	—	—	—
Thailand Trip	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	69	—	—	—	69	—
Other incoming resources						
Sundry receipts	8,104	29	—	—	8,134	7,557
Options Receipts	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kings Walk	—	—	—	—	—	—
Elmcroft	—	—	—	—	—	—
Loan	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	8,104	29	—	—	8,134	7,557
INCOME TOTAL	64,083	1,629	2,061	—	67,774	43,171

EXPENDITURE

Cost of generating funds

General Expenses	1,256	—	—	—	1,256	273
Options expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stationery & printing	1,692	—	—	—	1,692	1,542
Pastor expenses	1,212	—	—	—	1,212	—
Cafe general expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cafe banking	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cafe food	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cafe Refurb expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	4,161	—	—	—	4,161	1,816

Cost of generating funds - Cost of generating voluntary income

Ministry and Gifts	6,807	—	480	—	7,287	12,550
Total	6,807	—	480	—	7,287	12,550

Cost of generating funds - Fundraising trading cost of goods sold and other costs

Tender Loving Craft	—	—	1,182	—	1,182	—
Total	—	—	1,182	—	1,182	—

Charitable activities

Youth expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
Church events	840	—	—	—	840	—
Sundry expense	1,135	1,649	—	—	2,784	7,861
Sparkles baby group	—	534	—	—	534	114
Childrens ministry	380	—	—	—	380	34
Hospitality	28	—	—	—	28	—
Alpha	—	—	—	—	—	—
Saintly Slimmers	—	—	—	—	—	—
JoJo Cross - Intern	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kings Store hamper goods	—	—	—	—	—	—
Youth Ministry	—	—	—	—	—	—
Starfish Malawi expenses	—	61	—	—	61	—
Women's Refuge	—	—	—	—	—	—
Thailand expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cafe gifts to Starfish Malawi	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	2,384	2,245	—	—	4,630	8,009

Governance costs

Salaries Church	20,445	—	—	—	20,445	2,240
Electricity Gas	2,374	—	—	—	2,374	2,568
Water Waste	989	—	—	—	989	376
Insurances Licences	6,957	—	—	—	6,957	7,311
Telephones Internet	2,684	—	—	—	2,684	1,432
Contact expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manse Kings Walk	—	—	—	—	—	—
Building expenses	—	2,651	—	—	2,651	5,326
Accommodation for Pastor	16,500	—	—	—	16,500	—
Cafe salaries	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cafe closure redundancies	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bank charges	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	49,952	2,651	—	—	52,603	19,254

Other resources used

Loan	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—

EXPENDITURE TOTAL	63,305	4,896	1,662	—	69,864	41,630
GRAND TOTAL	777	(3,267)	399	—	(2,090)	1,540

THE LIFE CHURCH - MAIDSTONE

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Accounts

**THE LIFE CHURCH - MAIDSTONE
TRUSTEES REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS (RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS BASIS)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

THE LIFE CHURCH - MAIDSTONE
CHARITY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Trustees	Simon Grimshaw - resigned 30 October 2020 Alan Pitt Jennifer Rhodes Garry Shoebrook David Thompson
Leaders	Garry Shoebrook David Thompson
Governing Document	Constitution dated 24 February 2008
Charity Registration Number	1123130
Address for Correspondence	2 Northdown Close Penenden Heath Maidstone Kent ME14 2ER
Independent Examiner	Nigel Hewson FCA DChA Hewsons 80 Woodhurst Avenue Orpington Kent BR5 1AT
Bankers	The Co-operative Bank p.l.c.

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THE LIFE CHURCH - MAIDSTONE

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year to 31 March 2021.

Objects of the charity

The Trust seeks to demonstrate the Christian faith in action by advancing the Christian faith, relieving sickness and financial hardship and promoting and preserving good health, and advancing education, all in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

Government

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

Objectives and activities

The Life Church is a gathering of people who are committed to love and care for each other and the community they live in, as was taught by Jesus Christ, believing that lives can be changed and bettered by Godly and Biblical principles.

The church was led by 3 voluntary Christian workers Garry Shoebrook, Simon Grimshaw and David Thompson (all Trustees as required by Assemblies of God and the Constitution). Simon Grimshaw resigned from 30 October 2020 for personal reasons.

Due to the pandemic, the church held its last meeting in the building in Brewer Street Maidstone on Thursday 19 March 2020. However, over the whole year we managed to produce weekly video meetings for the members which are available through YouTube or the church website. David Thompson and Garry Shoebrook provided leadership and ministered to the members, providing a unity during a difficult time. There have also been weekly Zoom meetings for the members.

The church is affiliated to Assemblies of God and Evangelical Alliance organisations.

Due to the recent restrictions, there is only now the beginnings of meeting together in person in the church building. It is hoped that meetings for everyone, including worship, Scripture teaching, prayer, the Little Sparkles Club for babies and toddlers, and their parents/carers, and AA sessions will recommence soon.

The Life Church has continued to regularly support the charities Starfish Malawi, the Salvation Army food bank and Emmanuel Press.

The building is kept in good order and a fund is kept for upkeep and alterations, which are ongoing.

The cost of maintenance is high for such a large building and we attempt to carry out most of the work voluntarily through the people of The Life Church under the supervision of Alan Pitt, a Trustee and retired Safety Officer.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission. The trustees are implementing the small charity version of the 'Charity Governance Code'.

Achievements and performance

After a difficult time in the past few years with pastors, a great deal of time and effort has been placed on building up and encouraging the church people. However, it is essential to have a Pastor for the church and Pastor Christopher Eke has been appointed to lead the church as from 1 April 2021. We are confident that he will provide a fresh start and good spiritual teaching.

Although the income has been greatly reduced in the past year due to not being able to take collections on Sunday mornings, the members have donated by BACS or cheque and we have covered all costs and continued to help people and charities.

Financial Review

Receipts for the year of £43,144 (2020: £60,827). Payments in the year of £41,603 (2020: £54,198). The result was a surplus for the year of £1,541 (2020: £6,629). At the end of the year the church had cash balances of £150,367.

Reserves Policy

The Board of Trustees has established a policy whereby free reserves held by the charity should be maintained at three months' normal expenditure, a total of around £10,000. Unrestricted funds held as bank and cash balances at the year end were £150,367. The Trustees are currently considering the most appropriate way these funds can be used in support of the objectives of the charity.

Risk Statement

The Trustees have reviewed the risks to which a small charity operating with few employees is exposed. Appropriate procedures are in place to identify, monitor and review these risks on a regular basis.

Members of the church who work with children and vulnerable adults are all DBS checked through CCPAS and our procedures to ensure this are constantly maintained.

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 on July 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

Jennifer Rhodes

**Independent Examiner's Report
To the Trustees of
The Life Church - Maidstone**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the The Life Church Maidstone (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2021 on pages 5 to 9 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 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 respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Nigel Hewson FCA DChA
Hewsons
80 Woodhurst Avenue
Orpington
Kent
BR5 1AT
Dated: July 2021

THE LIFE CHURCH - MAIDSTONE
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Receipts					
<i>Receipts from generated funds</i>					
Voluntary receipts	2	41,024	50	41,074	49,030
Activities for generating funds	3	589	-	589	8,019
Interest received		1,339	-	1,339	1,368
Other		142	-	142	2,410
Total Receipts		43,094	50	43,144	60,827
Payments					
Charitable activities	4	39,693	50	39,743	52,663
Governance costs	5	1,860	-	1,860	1,535
Total Payments		41,553	50	41,603	54,198
Net Receipts/(Payments)		1,541	-	1,541	6,629
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Fund balances at 1 April 2020		148,826	-	148,826	142,197
Fund balances at 31 March 2021		150,367	-	150,367	148,826

Movements on reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above.

The notes on page 7-9 form part of these accounts.

THE LIFE CHURCH - MAIDSTONE
STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

1. Fixed Assets

	Insurance Value 2021 £
The value of the assets owned are:	
Freehold Building	1,870,200
Church Contents	250,000
	2,120,200

2. Bank & Cash Balances

	2021 £	2020 £
Held at Bank	150,274	148,727
Cash float	93	99
	150,367	148,826

3. Other Assets & Liabilities

<i>Assets</i>		
Gift aid tax recovery not yet received	1,515	1,986
	1,515	1,986
<i>Liabilities</i>		
Unbilled fee for Accounts Prep & Independent Examination	1,740	1,740
Other creditors	-	-
	1,740	1,740
<i>Commitments</i>		
Operating lease due within one year	1,488	1,488
Operating lease due between two and five years	1,860	3,348
	3,348	4,836

The accounts were approved by the trustees on July 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

 Jennifer Rhodes

The notes on page 7-9 form part of these accounts.

THE LIFE CHURCH - MAIDSTONE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1 Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on the Receipts & Payments basis with a Statement of Assets & Liabilities.

2 Voluntary receipts

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Offerings	12,935	-	12,935	6,029
Gift Aided Donations	21,891	-	21,891	25,103
Tax recovered	6,050	-	6,050	7,183
Other gifts & donations	148	50	198	10,715
	41,024	50	41,074	49,030

3 Activities for Generating Funds

Venue receipts	589	-	589	7,348
Café Zest	-	-	-	671
	589	-	589	8,019

4 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
a Direct Charitable Costs				
Staff moving costs	7,500	-	7,500	-
Youth work	-	-	-	522
Children's work	148	-	148	1,550
Building expenses	5,326	-	5,326	9,271
Electricity & Gas	2,569	-	2,569	3,941
Water & sewerage	376	-	376	1,577
Telephones & internet	1,432	-	1,432	981
Insurance, Licences, etc.	5,451	-	5,451	5,549
Church events	-	-	-	615
Other Expenses	608	-	608	3,244
Grants paid	12,500	50	12,550	20,179
	35,910	50	35,960	47,429

Note 4c

THE LIFE CHURCH - MAIDSTONE

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

4 Charitable activities - continued

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
b Support & Administration				
Administrative salaries & social security costs	2,240	-	2,240	3,600
Stationery & printing	1,543	-	1,543	1,634
	<u>3,783</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,783</u>	<u>5,234</u>
Combined charitable activity cost	<u>39,693</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>39,743</u>	<u>52,663</u>

c Grants

	Institutions £	Individuals £	2021 £	2020 £
Mission support	3,550	650	4,200	9,542
Relief of poverty	7,650	700	8,350	10,637
	<u>11,200</u>	<u>1,350</u>	<u>12,550</u>	<u>20,179</u>

The main features of the grants made to Institutions were:

Emmanuel Press	£2,400
Starfish Malawi	£2,900
Barnabus Fund	£1,000
Salvation Army	£3,400
The Vine - Christians Against Poverty	£1,000

5 Governance costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Accounts and examination	1,860	-	1,860	1,535
	<u>1,860</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,860</u>	<u>1,535</u>

6 Staff & Trustees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 1 (2020:1). Its activities are generally carried out by volunteers.

No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

The total remuneration, excluding non-taxable reimbursement of expenses, for all employees was:

Salaries £2,240 (2020:£3,600), Employers National Insurance Contributions £nil (2020:£nil) and Pension Plan Contributions £nil (2020:£nil).

One trustee received travel, conference and subscriptions expenses of £50 in the year (2020: £453). Trustees were reimbursed expenditure incurred on behalf of the church.

THE LIFE CHURCH - MAIDSTONE

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

7 Funds

Analysis of Funds	Opening balance £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers in the year £	Closing balance £
Unrestricted Funds:					
Building Fund	87,031	590	(5,317)	-	82,304
General Fund	59,489	42,356	(35,856)	-	65,989
Little Sparkles	172	-	(24)	-	148
Starfish Malawi	62	-	(62)	-	-
Charity Cards	331	148	(294)	-	185
Visiting Ministry	1,741	-	-	-	1,741
Total unrestricted	148,826	43,094	(41,553)	-	150,367
Restricted Funds:					
Other special offering and events	-	50	(50)	-	-
Total restricted	-	50	(50)	-	-
Total Funds	148,826	43,144	(41,603)	-	150,367