

Good News Church Whaley Bridge. Registered Charity Number 1124467

Gospel Hall, Old Road, Whaley Bridge, High Peak SK23 7LA

Trustees Annual Report for 2023

Governance

During 2023, there have been no changes to the trustees.

Church membership at 31.12.23 was 21. The numbers of people in the church family is c 30 with another 12 or so who regularly engage with us. Sunday attendance is around 20 and midweek groups around 15.

Three members' meetings have been held and all been quorate. The members and others in the church family volunteer in the church's ministry and there are 16 regular volunteers.

The two church leaders are bi-vocational office holders on part-time stipends.

Policies for safeguarding, financial protocol, data protection, equal opportunities, DBS processing and rehabilitation of offenders remain in place and have been reviewed. Discipline and grievance policies and a code of conduct have been agreed in 2023.

Safeguarding training for those working with children was carried out in September. We are members of Christian Safeguarding Services who give advice on policies and safeguarding matters. Our policies are reviewed in line with best practice and DBS checks and safer recruitment procedures are carried out / renewed as required

Ministry

Weekly Sunday morning services and monthly evening services have continued. Themes have included the Alpha course, the "I am" sayings of Christ and the book of Nehemiah. We have held one funeral service, one infant blessing and no weddings.

We have celebrated seasonal events in the church year and welcomed guest speakers from Open Doors, Synergy, Urban Saints and the Charlesworth puppet team.

Mid-week meetings have taken place in church and in homes for Bible study, prayer and fellowship. Weekly prayer meetings have taken place on zoom. A weekly youth drop in, TNT, started in April. Come to coffee took place midweek through the year on six occasions.

Overseas: We support the work of church members working with CMS in Thailand.

We continue our commitment to Fairtrade and are registered as a Fairtrade Church. We continue to be an Open Doors partner church and have supported Tearfund financially.

The church continues to support, financially and prayerfully, the work of Good News Family Care.

We remain affiliated to the Evangelical Alliance and are part of the Synergy group of churches. The church has continued to take an active part in Whaley Bridge Churches Together.

Building work on Phase 1 of the extension project took place from August to December, there are some outstanding items and it looks to be around the budget. From September to early December the church met in different premises.

Finance

Monthly reports have been provided to the Trustees. The annual accounts are circulated to members. Discussions have taken place at members' meetings to review large expenditure and financial controls

are in place for authorising of expenditure. Two ring-fenced funds operate for the building work and for youth work. An independent examination of 2023 accounts will be carried out.

Grant funds have been received from council bodies and Christian Trusts for the building work and the outreach / ministry of the church in the community. Fundraising events took place for the building work.

Summary

In line with our basis of faith the church continues as a family with a varied program of activities and regular Bible based teaching, worship, fellowship, prayer and pastoral support. Our vision statement remains God's People: Reaching Up, Reaching In, Reaching Out. Various ministry has taken place for children, families, men's and women's work and the wider community over the year

Charitable Objectives

Our charitable objectives (see below) have been fulfilled through the different activities, outreach, fundraising/giving and pastoral care which have taken place throughout the year.

Extract from GNC Constitution

The objects of the Church shall be:

- (i) The advancement of Christianity by the proclamation and furtherance of the Good News of God concerning His Son Jesus Christ the Lord and the preaching and teaching of the Word of God by the Church in accordance with the Basis of Faith and Statement of Purpose of Good News Church
- (ii) The advancement of education in a Christian context.
- (iii) The development of children of all ages by providing for the needs of such children through community groups in a Christian context.
- (iv) Such other charitable purposes as shall further the attainment of the above objects of the Church.
- (v) The furtherance of other charitable work of the worldwide Christian Community.
- (vi) The furtherance of Christian Unity locally, nationally and internationally provided that such unity is consistent with the Statement

Trustees

Rev Robert David Cross appointed 2011 (Chair)

Mrs Cheryl Joy Chalmers Cross appointed 2013

Mr Philip Goulding appointed 2020

Mr Jason Day appointed 2020

February 2024.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
GOOD NEWS CHURCH

No (if any)
1124467

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01.01.2023	To	Period end date 31.12.2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Offerings	29,794	8,969	-	38,763	30,031
Grants	-	25,429	-	25,429	20,750
Gift Aid	6,227	2,828	-	9,055	3,917
Interest	780	-	-	780	206
Other Income	1,048	-	-	1,048	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	37,849	37,226	-	75,075	54,904
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	37,849	37,226	-	75,075	54,904
A3 Payments					
Mission	4,640	244	-	4,884	8,330
Ministry	15,090	330	-	15,420	14,656
Administration/Building	2,330	85,187	-	87,517	5,659
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	22,060	85,761	-	107,821	28,645
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	22,060	85,761	-	107,821	28,645
Net of receipts/(payments)	15,789	- 48,535	-	- 32,746	26,259
A5 Transfers between Funds	- 18,148	18,148	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	18,397	45,370	-	63,767	37,508
Cash funds this year end	16,038	14,983	-	31,021	63,767

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	The Cooperative Bank	13,810	7,210	-
	Redwood	2,227	7,773	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	16,037	14,983	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Good News Church

On accounts for the year
ended

December 31st 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1124467

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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 Act or
- 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

S.D. Smith

Date:

03/10/2024

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