

CHRIST THE LIGHT CHURCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Company number 6697444

Charity number 1126616

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GENERAL INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

TRUSTEES	A R Crawford (appointed 16 March 2023) D W Hutchings (appointed 16 March 2023) R M McFarlane (appointed 16 March 2023) N N Day-Lewis G C Kingsley (resigned 16 March 2023) M C Isles (resigned 16 March 2023)
COMPANY NUMBER	6697444
CHARITY NUMBER	1126616
REGISTERED OFFICE	7 Russell Drive Clifton York YO30 5FJ
INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS	Atrament Limited 11 Sadlers Gate Wombwell Barnsley S73 8NG

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 and confirm that they comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2022).

Charitable Objectives

The charity's objectives are:

- 1) To advance the Christian faith in accordance with our Statement of Beliefs in Huntington, York and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees of the Charitable Company may from time to time think fit and to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the Charitable work of the Charity; and
- 2) 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 Trustees from time to time think fit.

The Trustees consider that these objectives, and the activities summarised below, further the company's charitable purposes for the public benefit. In planning our activities for the period, we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our Trustees' meetings.

Constitution

Christ the Light Church is a company limited by guarantee (number 6697444) incorporated on 15 September 2008 and it obtained charity status on 10 November 2008 (number 1126616). Its Memorandum and Articles of Association form its governing document. Under those Articles, the members of the charity are empowered to appoint new members provided they subscribe to the Statement of Beliefs and any member may retire provided that such retirement shall not reduce the number of members to less than two.

Registered Office

7 Russell Drive, Clifton, York YO30 5FJ

Trustees

The following trustees have held office during the year under review:

A R Crawford (appointed 16 March 2023)
D W Hutchings (appointed 16 March 2023)
R M McFarlane (appointed 16 March 2023)
N N Day-Lewis
G C Kingsley (resigned 16 March 2023)
M C Isles (resigned 16 March 2023)

These individuals constitute the Directors of the company for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006.

Review of Activities

2023, the third year under the leadership of Nigel & Melita Day-Lewis, was another good year for the church, and there was modest numerical growth together with substantial spiritual growth. The vision for the year featured three main strands: mobilizing the church to mission; moving the church to ministry; and helping the church to "understand the times and know what to do" (cf. 1 Chronicles 12/32).

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Review of Activities (continued)

Preaching series on Acts, on Body Life and Spiritual Gifts, and on the major philosophical, ethical and religious issues of our day, provided the chief material for each of these strands respectively. There were of course several other shorter preaching series (2 Peter, Following Jesus) and one-off sermons during the year. The two elders, Nigel Day-Lewis and Dave Hutchings, continued to do the bulk of the preaching; but in July Nigel spent 2 Saturday mornings training 5 other preachers, who were then given opportunity to preach also. In April he spent another Saturday morning training the same group of formal and informal leaders in the art of leading meetings, and similarly began to deploy them in this role from that time on.

Finally on the preaching front, apostolic visits from people outside the church (which resumed late in 2022) increased. Rob and Gill McFarlane (leaders of River Church, St Neots, Cambridgeshire) and Rob and Bridget Forbes (leaders of a church in Munich, Germany) both ministered over weekends in February; their training sessions on Saturday mornings and preaching on Sundays added weight to the focus on Mission at the time. Andrew & Jackie Crawford (leaders of Connection Church, Northwich, Cheshire) ministered separately to our men and women (as well as to the whole church) when they visited one weekend in May. And Richard Powell (who had been our first guest preacher in Oct 2022) returned for a similar weekend in November.

The church ran an Alpha course in the second quarter, which was attended by both members of the church and guests; there was a pleasing response to this. The church also joined four other churches in York for a most enjoyable outreach featuring two comedic illusionists in November. Our Christmas Guest Service at the end of the year was the best so far and attended by more visitors than in previous years. Other meetings and ministries (Connect Groups, Women's Ministry) and fun events have continued as before.

The undoubted highlight of the year, however, and of the 3 years of our leadership so far, was the church's first "Big Church Day Out + Proper Picnic" at Wyedale Hall on the edge of the North Yorkshire Moors NP one Sunday in July. 90% of the church were present for a day that combined faith, fun, fellowship and feasting! Geoff & Debbie Findlay (leaders of Lifegate Church, Dundee) ministered at our two sessions; we all went on a country walk in the morning and played various sports in the afternoon; we had slap-up morning and afternoon teas and a bumper bring-and-share picnic lunch; and we fellowshiped as a family of friends throughout – the day both celebrated and grew the church's unity. We have already booked for 2024.

The church continued to support a pastor in Zimbabwe, a missionary family in Kyrgyzstan and a local (York) homeless ministry every month, as well as to give thank you gifts to the guests who had ministered here and alms to some in need in the church. The family from Kyrgyzstan spent a weekend in the church in March while out on furlough, and this greatly helped to strengthen the connection between us.

The outgoing trustees approved a 10% increase in Nigel Day-Lewis' salary from 1 April, and the splitting of this between Nigel & Melita, who both work full-time for the church. Despite the increase in salary costs, in our giving (see above) and in our venue hire (the school increased their charges significantly at the start of 2023, and we began hiring an extra room for children's ministry in mid-year), the giving also increased significantly, with the net result that we ended the year with a very similar balance (for the year) to 2022.

At the end of the year, Dave Hutchings stepped down from his role as an elder due to busyness and consequent health considerations. He and his wife Emma have been a very important part of the successful transition of leadership, and of the progress the church has made, over the past 3 years. For a season, Nigel Day-Lewis will thus be the only elder; but Charles & Cath Walters (the founding pastors of the church) were made deacons in December to be a support (alongside the informal leaders already mentioned).

Financial Review

The church generated £55,508 of income during the year and resources expended were £57,211 over the same period - a deficit for the year of £1,703. This is compared to a deficit of £454 last year. The trustees were mindful of the substantial costs of hiring premises before the onset of the Covid 19 pandemic and have been considering potential options regarding the purchase of a property for the church's use. To this end a building fund (see below) has been established. £92 of interest income has been received by the building fund this year and there were expenses of £60 in the fund in the year. The total increase in the building fund was therefore £32 and so a deficit on general funds of £1,735 has been incurred. The overall financial position continues to be monitored by the trustees.

Reserves Policy

The purpose of holding reserves is to ensure the work of the church can continue to meet its objectives. The trustees have established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds held by the charity should be a minimum of one month's operational costs, with the funds generally averaging at two to three months of operational costs. At this level, the trustees feel that they will be able to continue current activities of the charity in the event of a period of financial crisis, uncertainty or instability. At the balance sheet date, free reserves stand at about two month's projected expenditure and are therefore just at the average level stipulated by the reserves policy. A building fund has been established and the use of this reserve is restricted to meeting the costs of finding and subsequently purchasing, adapting and renovating as necessary a property suitable for the church's use. The restricted reserves amounted to £42,082 at the balance sheet date.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period. Under that law the Trustees have elected to prepare financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- 1) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- 2) Make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 3) Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue to remain operative.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2022). They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2022) and in accordance with the micro-entity provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

On behalf of the Board



N N Day-Lewis
Trustee

18th September 2024

CHRIST THE LIGHT CHURCH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHRIST THE LIGHT CHURCH

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 6 to 10.

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees as a body, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act). My independent examination work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my independent examination work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period (under section 144(2) of the Act or under Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- 1) Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Act),
- 2) To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act),
- 3) To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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 those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006 and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2022).
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Atrament Limited

18 September 2024

Atrament Limited
Accountants and Chartered Tax Advisers
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CHRIST THE LIGHT CHURCH
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	General Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Building Fund	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
<u>Incoming resources from generated funds</u>					
Voluntary income:					
Tithes		£ 42,731	£ -	£ 42,731	£ 38,677
Offerings		£ 1,200	£ -	£ 1,200	£ 2,281
General donations		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Building fund donations		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Gift aid		£ 8,362	£ -	£ 8,362	£ 5,320
Other income	2	£ 3,123	£ 92	£ 3,215	£ 3,917
<u>Total incoming resources</u>		£ 55,416	£ 92	£ 55,508	£ 50,195
<u>Resources expended</u>					
Charitable activities	3	£ 56,691	£ 60	£ 56,751	£ 50,189
Governance costs:					
Independent examination		£ 460	£ -	£ 460	£ 460
Total resources expended		£ 57,151	£ 60	£ 57,211	£ 50,649
<u>Net surplus/(deficit) for the year</u>	7	£ (1,735)	£ 32	£ (1,703)	£ (454)
Transfers between funds		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
<u>Net movement in funds</u>		£ (1,735)	£ 32	£ (1,703)	£ (454)
Total funds brought forward		£ 10,049	£ 42,050	£ 52,099	£ 52,553
Total funds carried forward		£ 8,314	£ 42,082	£ 50,396	£ 52,099

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023		2022	
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	4	£	1,929	£	2,397
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	5	£	1,272	£	904
Cash at bank and in hand		£	48,918	£	50,427
		£	50,190	£	51,331
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	6	£	(1,723)	£	(1,629)
NET CURRENT ASSETS			£ 48,467		£ 49,702
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			£ 50,396		£ 52,099
FUNDS	7		£ 50,396		£ 52,099

The trustees (who are the directors of the company) are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act) relating to the audit of the financial statements for the year by virtue of section 477, and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to section 476 of the Act.

The trustees (who are the directors of the company) acknowledge their responsibility for:

- (a) ensuring the company keeps proper accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act, and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the micro-entity provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable In The UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2022).

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 18th September 2024 by



N N Day-Lewis
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic Of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2022), the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic Of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2022) and the Companies Act 2006. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

1.2 Company and status

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee. In the event of the Charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member of the Charity.

1.3 Incoming resources

Income from all sources is recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity becomes entitled to the resources, the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. Where appropriate, Gift Aid is accrued and recognised as income in the same period as the income to which it relates.

1.4 Expenditure and liabilities

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out the resources.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Equipment	15% straight line/33.3% straight line
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1.6 Funds

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the Trustees' discretion in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are only available for use for those purposes which have been specifically designated by the donors of the funds or by the Trustees.

2 Other Income

Other income of £3,215 (2022: £3,917) comprises £3,112 of employment allowance received from HM Revenue & Customs in respect of Employer's National Insurance Contributions and £103 of bank interest received.

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3 Analysis of total resources expended

2023 2022

Charitable Activities - General Unrestricted Fund

Wages and salaries (see note 8 below)	£ 41,922	£ 40,310
Pension contributions	£ 803	£ 886
Hall hire	£ 4,281	£ 2,816
Youth and children's work	£ 170	£ 157
Church activities	£ 900	£ 335
Insurance	£ 302	£ 297
Donations paid	£ 3,600	£ 2,350
Food and hospitality	£ 602	£ 412
Accountancy and bookkeeping fees	£ 1,500	£ 1,385
Legal and professional fees	£ 13	£ 13
Honorarium and gifts	£ 1,850	£ 401
Bank charges	£ 60	£ 83
Depreciation	£ 688	£ 655
	<u>£ 56,691</u>	<u>£ 50,100</u>

Charitable Activities - Restricted Building Fund

Bank charges	£ 60	£ 89
	<u>£ 60</u>	<u>£ 89</u>

4 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Equipment	Total
Cost		
at 1 January 2023	£ 8,728	£ 8,728
Additions	£ 220	£ 220
Disposals	£ -	£ -
at 31 December 2023	<u>£ 8,948</u>	<u>£ 8,948</u>
Depreciation		
at 1 January 2023	£ 6,331	£ 6,331
Charge for the year	£ 688	£ 688
Eliminated on disposals	£ -	£ -
at 31 December 2023	<u>£ 7,019</u>	<u>£ 7,019</u>
Net book value		
at 31 December 2023	<u>£ 1,929</u>	<u>£ 1,929</u>
at 31 December 2022	<u>£ 2,397</u>	<u>£ 2,397</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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5	<u>Debtors</u>	2023	2022
	Other debtors	£ 1,065	£ 695
	Prepayments	£ 207	£ 209
		<u>£ 1,272</u>	<u>£ 904</u>

6	<u>Creditors: amounts due within one year</u>	2023	2022
	Accrued expenses	£ 1,360	£ 1,330
	Taxation and social security	£ 363	£ 299
		<u>£ 1,723</u>	<u>£ 1,629</u>

7	<u>Funds</u>	General Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Building Fund	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	Balance at 1 January 2023	£ 10,049	£ 42,050	£ 52,099	£ 57,901
	Surplus/(Deficit) for the financial year	£ (1,735)	£ 32	£ (1,703)	£ (5,348)
	Balance at 31 December 2023	<u>£ 8,314</u>	<u>£ 42,082</u>	<u>£ 50,396</u>	<u>£ 52,553</u>

The restricted building fund of £42,082 at 31 December 2023 is represented by a bank balance of £42,082, all other assets and liabilities in the balance sheet represent the general unrestricted fund.

8	<u>Staff costs and numbers</u>	2023	2022
	Gross salaries	£ 38,810	£ 36,440
	Social security costs	£ 3,112	£ 3,870
		<u>£ 41,922</u>	<u>£ 40,310</u>

The average number of employees during the year was 2 (2022: 1)

There are no employees who received employee benefits of more than £60,000 in the year

9 Related party transactions

During the year a salary of £28,910 (2022: £35,700) was paid to N N Day-Lewis, a trustee of the charitable company. Pension contributions were also made of £681 (2022: £886) for N N Day-Lewis