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MOUNT CHURCH ACTIVITY REPORT

1st April 2022- 31st March 2023

ACTIVITIES

Annual General Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting of the Church was held on the 17th July 2022. The Financial Review report and the activity report, covering the period 1st April 2021 till 31st March 2022 was presented to the AGM.

Malayalam Worship.

Malayalam worship was held every Sunday from 10.30am till 1pm at Stoke Gifford Trust Hall, Bristol. Around 120 members attend the Malayalam service and the numbers have increased significantly over the last one year since Mount Church welcomed new individuals who relocated to the area for educational and job purposes.

English Worship.

We conduct an English worship service every Sunday from 4.30 PM to 6.00 PM at Stoke Gifford Trust Hall. This is mainly focussing on our younger generation and the local English community.

Sunday School

Sunday school was conducted every Sunday from 8.45am till 10.30am. Classes were allocated based on the age of children and this is led by teachers who are members of Mount Church Bristol.

Youth Group

Youth Bible Study was conducted every Friday at 6pm, except the Friday when the church fasting prayer is planned. IMPACT (Youth group) was held on Second Friday of every month at 6pm. Mount Church Bristol organised young adults meeting on last Wednesday of every month at 8pm. There was a special young adults meeting held on 18th April 2022 and there were two days out for young adults conducted on 29th August 2022 and 7th January 2023 at Weston super mare and Bristol respectively.

Sisters Meeting

The ladies of our church gathered on zoom once in a week to pray, and these meetings are under the leadership of one of the sisters in our church which keeps rotating every year.



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Intercessory Prayer and Bible Study

Every Saturday we gather at 6.00 pm on Zoom. The first weekend of every month is dedicated for 3-day fasting prayer and during these meetings we invite other ministers also to speak. In addition to this a daily morning prayer is conducted from 6am every morning.

Sunday School and Youth Anniversary

Mount church Bristol was able to conduct the anniversary of Sunday school and youth group on 2nd January 2023 at Kewstoke Village Hall, Weston Super Mare. Both children and adults took part in various programmes to make this event a quality time for fellowship.

Community Outreach Program

Mount Church conducted two mission-oriented outreach program (Flash mob) at Bristol City Centre and Weston Super Mare on 20th August 2022 and 27th August 2022 respectively.

Charity and Mission Support 1st April 2022- 31st March 2023

During this time Mount Church Bristol supported the below four missions as part of the support for missions in India.

- (1) Mahanehdan Fellowship, Mumbai, India-£1000
- (2) Assam Mission (IPC Bodoland)- £1500
- (3) CAFI (Christian Action for India)-£1000
- (4) Operation Gospel ministry – Bikaner, North India-£1000

Total for Indian Missions: £4500

In addition to this below are the other support that Mount Church Bristol was able to fulfil last year:

- **Bible Translation Project:** Mount church is working with Wycliffe India to support the Mirgan New Testament bible translation project and the total amount paid for financial year ending on 31st March 2023 was £3815.00.
- £300 towards compassion UK to support a child in Africa with their living and educational cost.
- £2080 has been collected by Mount Church Bristol sisters for support towards educational requirements of two individuals.
- £1333 was collected through social action project and this was paid to support Widow pension scheme through Share and Care Foundation Trust in India.



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- There were several other requests for financial support from various individuals and Mount Church Bristol paid £7964 towards this during the last financial year. These include support for children's ministry, medical treatment, church building project, housing support and to support a pastor to purchase a motorbike for his ministry,

Charity Support in UK

During the period 1st April 2022 till 31st March 2023, Mount Church allocated £1500 towards charity support in UK and this has been given to the below three charities.

(1) **Christians Against Poverty** – This is a national charity organisation specialising in debt counselling for people in financial difficulty.

(2) **One25** - This is a charity who works in rehabilitating the most marginalised women from the streets of Bristol

(3) **Barnabas Fund** – UK charity that support the most needy and persecuted Christians around the world.

Total for UK Charity: £1500

Supporting the local Charity – Soul Food Bristol.

Members of Mount Church were and are continuing to help in Soul Food Bristol, which is a little church built around a weekly community meal to help anyone who is in need. In addition to this Mount Church also engaged actively in the successful organisation of Stoke Gifford Fete. This includes volunteering, running stalls, overseeing games stations and the provision of free drinking water for the members of the community.

I hereby submit this report for your kind perusal.

On Behalf of Church Council

Br Vimal Samuel
(Secretary)

Pastor Shibu Mathai
(Chairman, Pastor)



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Income and expenditure account for the year ended 31 March 2023

					Amount
<i>Opening balance</i>					170,813.00
<u>Income</u>					
Tithe			57,745.00		
Offering			26,496.00		
Donations			<u>12,384.00</u>	96,625.00	
<u>Expenses</u>					
Charity expenses			13,213.00		
Gifts and allowances to preachers			33,569.00		
Mission			8,315.00		
DBS & other licenses			466.00		
Rent			8,777.00		
Media softwares & equipments			1,888.00		
Subscriptions			2,866.53		
Printing and stationery			1,255.00		
Bank charges			393.00		
Kids and youth welfare			4,525.00		
Travel & other office costs			1,358.00		
Sundry			<u>318.00</u>	76,943.53	
Income over expenses				19,681.47	
<i>Gift aid received</i>				14,791.74	
<i>Surplus for the period including tax refunds</i>					34,473.21
<u>Cash funds at the year end</u>					<u>205,286.21</u>



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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of

Mount Church Bristol
(Charity number: 1127308)

I report on the receipt and payment accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023 set out on page 8

Respective responsibilities of 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 year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act); and
- to state whether matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the 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 the 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 statements above.

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 41 of the 1993 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Acthave not been met or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

G Thomas

31/01/23

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