

LIBERTY CHURCH UK

England & Wales · Charity number 1129945

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2009-06-02

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

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Activities

Objects: The objects of the Church (¶the Objects-) are for the benefit of the public:(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 Church Council 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 Church Council 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 Church Council form time to time may think fit.

Activities: The charity's objects are: - the advancement of the christian faith - the relief of sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind - the advancement of education

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Kent

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£234,633	£198,027	-	-
2023-12-31	£190,941	£175,225	-	-
2022-12-31	£132,336	£129,563	-	-
2021-12-31	£118,300	£99,400	-	-
2020-12-31	£104,300	£90,100	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr David John McPhail	Chair	
CRAIG KOHLER		2017-06-06
Grant Small		2018-01-01
STUART KEIR		2018-01-01
Shaun Cardwell		2022-05-26

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Stewardship 
Active generosity

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LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
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TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	DJ McPhail Shaun Cardwell Grant Small Stuart Keir Craig Kohler
BANKERS	CAF Bank Ltd
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Archie McDowall Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Objects of the charity

The charity, which is a church, is governed by a trust deed and is constituted as a trust. The charity's principal objects, as set out in its governing document, are:

- 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 trustees from time to time may think fit.
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Aim and purpose

To reach unchurched people from a position of strength in Christ, transforming them into Christ-centred believers. We want to be a Church that Loves God, Loves People and Loves Life.

Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

2024 proved to be year of transition, as a church we moved twice. Around Easter 2024 we moved out of 98 Sandling Rd, which to be honest, we were out growing. We moved into and made use temporarily of the community centre attached to the rear of the Methodist church on Union Street in the Town Centre. This location was only a short stop gap, as the building was sold shortly thereafter and we had to move again. The Trustees explored numerous potential options, however finding a suitable location both in size and cost proved very difficult. We ended up hiring Studio 6 every Sunday. The facilities at Studio 6 are very good, and even though the capacity of the venue is not what we were looking for, it encouraged the senior team to move to 2 experiences each Sunday, a 9am and 11am.

Going to 2 experiences added a large degree of commitment and dedication by the team leaders and the volunteers, however through grace and a serving heart everyone stepped up to make it a success for God's glory.

Studio 6 is certainly not a long-term solution for Liberty Church, and the Trustee's continue to look for a new more suitable location.

We have a few irons in the fire and are continuing to make enquiries into various other locations as and when they come up.

Despite all the moving and relocating, and all the trials these have and continue to present, as a body we have continued to grow both in numbers and as a community through relationship.

Liberty has also experienced a few changes in various departments during this period. Our Youth leaders moved away, creating a void which has subsequently been filled by our Pastors.

We celebrate our Lead Pastors, Stacey and Craig Kohler who received their ministerial accreditation from Assemblies of God GB in May 2024 after going through the three-year Ministers in Training course.

We had also taken on Rosebud Rusike as part-time staff in April 2023. Rosebud heads our children's ministry. Rosebud's impact to both this department and the wider church is a blessing and a testimony to God's plan in action and her dedication to serving the Lord. As Liberty grows as a body, this children's ministry is a key part of that growth, as such the Trustees are delighted with this new appointment. Rosebud has applied to and will start training in September 2025 with the Assemblies of God on their Minister's in Training Programme.

We have also grown all our Dream team's, with numerous volunteers now stepping up to help across all our service areas and Dream Teams. We continue to encourage new attenders to find a place to serve within Liberty.

We have successfully completed a few online study courses with the church, such as Growth Track and Lifestyle of Freedom course. These have proven to be very successful for those who have attended. We will continue to run these courses aswell and introduce new ones. Liberty has also hosted several guest preachers and teachers from across the globe. These guest speakers help to enhance and edify the congregation and leadership team, and their impact helps nurture both spiritual and personal growth. We plan to increase this in the coming year.

Liberty Church hosted various social events throughout the year which proved very popular with the congregation and their families, these included yet not limited to; baptism, baby dedications, Summer Beach Party, Picnic in the park to mention a few. We will continue to run these in the future as they are generally well attended and enhance community cohesion within the church and provide great invitational opportunities.

Liberty Church has seen many lives impacted and changed over the year, with numerous persons giving their lives to Jesus, multiple healings (both physical and mental), breakthroughs and personal testimonies of how the Lord is at work within the body. All of these are positive testimonies to the good works the church is doing within the community.

Liberty continues to promote life groups and encourage people to pick up the mantle of hosting their own life groups. This is something we have continued to promote into 2025.

The Leadership team have actively been working to empower and future-proof the leadership by empowering and raising up new leaders to step up into more senior roles. We identify this focus as critical to be able to successfully and effectively host both our growing community and outward-focused outreach. Our volunteers and helpers have in turn stepped up to help spread the workload and responsibilities. We have a very strong commitment in encouraging personal growth within individuals, which in turn empowers people with a life skill that is transferable into everyday life.

We would like to thank our volunteers and all our donors for a great year. We are happy to report that the church is financially, emotionally and spiritually healthy and ready to take on the challenges of a new year and see many lives changed through the life-giving message of Jesus Christ.

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

Financial review

During the year total receipts increased to £234,633 (2023: £190,941), an increase of £43,692, and total payments increased to £198,027 (2023: £175,225), an increase of £22,802. As a result the cash held by the charity increased by £20,890, to £119,153, all of which is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

Reserves policy

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £50,000 (which equates to about 3 months of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and/or expenditure vary adversely. At the year-end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £119,163 and the charity is complying with its reserves policy.

Governance

Responsibility for setting policy and for making operating decisions rests with the trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charity. New trustees are recruited and appointed by the existing trustees after a majority vote.

The trustees met four times during the year to discuss church policy, direction and strategic management.

Contact details for Liberty Church are

Name: Liberty Church Maidstone

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Responsibilities of trustees

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

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

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

Approval

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

Craig Kohler

Craig Kohler (Sep 30, 2025 10:48:03 GMT+1)

Craig Kohler

Date: Sep 30, 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF

Liberty Church UK

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Liberty Church UK ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024 on pages 6 to 9 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

Archie McDowall
Archie McDowall (Oct 3, 2025 13:46:16 GMT+1)

Archie McDowall
Stewardship
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Date: Oct 3, 2025

Liberty Church UK

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Notes	Unrestricted Funds			Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
	General Funds £	Designated Funds £				
Income receipts						
	191,791	-	-	-	191,791	157,963
	42,403	-	-	-	42,403	32,580
	439	-	-	-	439	398
	<u>234,633</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>234,633</u>	<u>190,941</u>
Payments						
2	161,957	256	3,466	-	165,678	150,955
3	31,706	642	-	-	32,349	24,269
	<u>193,663</u>	<u>898</u>	<u>3,466</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>198,027</u>	<u>175,225</u>
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	40,970	- 898	- 3,466	-	36,606	15,716
5	- 20,000	20,000	-	-	-	-
	<u>20,970</u>	<u>19,102</u>	<u>- 3,466</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,606</u>	<u>15,716</u>
	48,184	30,897	3,466	-	82,547	66,831
A	<u>69,153</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>119,153</u>	<u>82,547</u>

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

Liberty Church UK
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			2024	2023
	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds		
Notes	£	£	£	£	£
A Cash funds					
Cash at bank with immediate access	69,153	50,000	-	119,153	82,547
	<u>69,153</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>119,153</u>	<u>82,547</u>
B Other monetary assets					
Gift aid due to charity	2,800	-	-	2,800	2,800
Stripe account (accrued income)	426	-	-	426	426
Prepaid rent	6,000	-	-	6,000	6,000
Other debtors	1,149	-	-	1,149	-
	<u>10,374</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,374</u>	<u>9,225</u>
C Liabilities					
Fee for Independent Examination	1,128	-	-	1,128	1,128
Pension liability	429	-	-	429	429
	<u>1,557</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,557</u>	<u>1,557</u>

D Assets retained for charity's own use

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost £	Current value £
Equipment		-	4,500
		<u>-</u>	<u>4,500</u>

Current values have been estimated by the trustees.

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

Craig Kohler

Craig Kohler (Sep 30, 2025 10:48:03 GMT+1)

Craig Kohler

Date: Sep 30, 2025

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

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly					
Employment costs (see note 4)	89,013	-	-	89,013	69,094
Rent	23,944	-	-	23,944	24,000
Equipment and maintenance	9,889	-	-	9,889	10,721
Renovation costs	-	256	-	256	776
Pastoral costs	1,366	-	-	1,366	2,095
Youth work	2,367	-	-	2,367	2,729
Conferences / training / travel expenses	10,544	-	-	10,544	17,659
Sunday meeting and other ministries	18,667	-	3,466	22,133	16,561
Church planting mission work	-	-	-	-	-
Accountancy & independent examination	1,104	-	-	1,104	1,080
Licenses	150	-	-	150	1,119
Office costs (inc insurance)	3,139	-	-	3,139	2,905
Telephone / Mobile	1,690	-	-	1,690	2,157
Other costs	85	-	-	85	60
	<u>161,957</u>	<u>256</u>	<u>3,466</u>	<u>165,678</u>	<u>150,955</u>

3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others

Grants for:					
Church planting	3,816	-	-	3,816	2,003
Liberty Global	16,897	642	-	17,539	9,608
Assemblies of God	4,296	-	-	4,296	2,800
Compassion	1,189	-	-	1,189	2,847
Romania	1,500	-	-	1,500	-
Other small grants to organisations <£1,000	1,658	-	-	1,658	5,261
Grants to individuals	2,350	-	-	2,350	1,750
	<u>31,706</u>	<u>642</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,349</u>	<u>24,269</u>

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4 Transactions with related parties

Trustee Craig Kohler, served as lead pastor and was paid £51,188 (2023: £37,650) for serving in that capacity, not for serving as trustees; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

Stacey Kohler, wife of trustee Craig Kohler, served as co-lead pastor and was paid £27,288 (2023: £27,988) for serving in that capacity, these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

Peta Ann Small (wife of Trustee Grant Small) is supported monthly as a missionary in her work to fight human trafficking, £2,350 in 2024. (2023: £1,750)

5 Movement of funds

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	48,184	234,633	- 193,663	- 20,000	69,153
Designated funds					
Renovation	256	-	- 256	-	-
Liberty Global Tithes	642	-	- 642	-	-
Reserves	30,000	-	-	20,000	50,000
	<u>30,898</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>- 898</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
Restricted funds					
Wellbeing Course	3,466	-	- 3,466	-	-
	<u>3,466</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>- 3,466</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total funds	<u>82,548</u>	<u>234,633</u>	<u>- 198,027</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>119,153</u>

The "Renovation" designated fund is in relation to the renovation of the ground floor of 98 Sandling Road in Maidstone so we can move our church experiences to the ground floor.

The "Liberty Global Tithes" designated fund is in relation to giving allocated by the trustees towards the Liberty Store house / food bank.

The "Reserves" designated fund is in relation to the reserve policy of the charity to hold a certain amount in reserves to protect the going concern of the charity.

The "Wellbeing course restricted fund is in relation to our wellbeing course that we provide.

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Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

Late 2022 Liberty Church moved into the ground floor of 98 Sandling Rd, which proved to be a big success as it both allowed growth in numbers through accessibility and also increased floor space. Our Sunday experiences thrived and saw many newcomers and also increased retention.

In 2022 we had a total number of attendance across the year of 3197 souls, (many of these attend most Sundays), in 2023 this number was 5658, which is a massive 77% increase on 2022. Analysis of this increase has helped the Trustees and leadership team to set out a strategic and bold plan and accompanying budget to continue this trajectory of growth into the next year.

One of the areas, which the Trustees have identified as needing attention was the fact that the building we lease would soon be becoming both too small but also unavailable as it has been earmarked for redevelopment. In Sep 2023 we did indeed get a letter from Maidstone Borough Council notifying us of the termination of our lease, which ended just after Easter in 2024. Trustees started to explore numerous opportunities to relocate. By the end of 2023 we still did not have a firm location to move to. Trying to find a location that was both affordable and that could host our growing numbers was proving a difficult task.

The church continues to be outward focused, to reach and serve the families in the community and surrounding villages, teaching them about the Christian faith. This has been achieved by hosting regular events and meetings promoting the Christian faith in a fun, inclusive and educational way. Liberty's budget reflects the Leadership and Trustees heart and intention to make a continued impact in this area.

Revolutions Youth has had weekly in-person youth meetings on a Friday evening. Revolutions Youth is for secondary-aged young people and provides a fun, relevant, secure and safe environment for young people to engage with each other and God. The Youth is open to all young people regardless of their religion or experience. The Youth was led by our youth Pastors Chris and Larisha Reddy until Sep 2023 when Anna Withell took over as youth pastor. The youth team continues to grow in capacity and leadership.

The Leadership team have actively been working to empower and future-proof the leadership by empowering and raising up new leaders to step up into more senior roles. We identify this focus as critical to be able to successfully and effectively host both our growing community and outward-focused outreach. Our volunteers and helpers have in turn stepped up to help spread the workload and responsibilities.

We would like to thank our volunteers and all our donors for a great year. We are happy to report that the church is financially, emotionally and spiritually healthy and ready to take on the challenges of a new year and see many lives changed through the life-giving message of Jesus Christ.

Our Life Groups have also been an area of focus, as we work to be more active and accessible within our local communities. In 2023 we have seen a few new Life groups take root and grow. The Leadership will continue to encourage other members of our community to step up and plant new life groups. Liberty has a structure in place to assist, train, monitor and support all life group leaders. Life Groups are a place for community cohesion to be expressed in safe and supportive environment, where everyone feels comfortable engaging.

Early 2023 the trustees made the decision that Lead Pastor Craig Kohler should now be employed fulltime. The start date for this employment commenced 1 April 2023. This was the first time Liberty Church had a full-time member of staff since 2017.

As a church and leadership, we are still committed to seeing churches planted in the UK and Europe and are looking for opportunities in this regard.

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

Financial review

During the year total receipts increased to £190,941 (2022: £132,336), an increase of £58,605, and total payments increased to £175,225 (2022: £129,563), an increase of £45,661. As a result the cash held by the charity increased by £15,716, to £82,547, of which £79,081 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

Reserves policy

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £30,000 (which equates to about 3 months of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and/or expenditure vary adversely. At the year-end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £79,081 and the charity is complying with its reserves policy.

Governance

Responsibility for setting policy and for making operating decisions rests with the trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charity. New trustees are recruited and appointed by the existing trustees after a majority vote.

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Approval

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

Craig Kohler
Craig Kohler (Oct 28, 2024 14:10 GMT+2)

Craig Kohler

Date: Oct 28, 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

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Archie McDowall (Oct 28, 2024 16:04 GMT)

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Date: Oct 28, 2024

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Notes	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	2023	2022		
	General Funds	Designated Funds					
	£	£	£	£	£		
Income receipts							
Donations and grants	157,463	500	-	157,963	107,362		
Gift aid receipts	32,580	-	-	32,580	24,901		
Interest income	398	-	-	398	73		
Total receipts	190,441	500	-	190,941	132,336		
Payments							
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	150,180	776	-	150,955	115,178	
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	24,411	-	142	-	24,269	14,385
		<u>174,591</u>	<u>634</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>175,225</u>	<u>129,563</u>	
Total payments		174,591	634	-	175,225	129,563	
Net of receipts / (payments) before		15,850	-	134	-	15,716	2,773
Transfers between funds	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		15,850	-	134	-	15,716	2,773
Cash funds as at last year end		32,334	31,031	3,466	66,831	64,058	
Cash funds at this year end	A	48,184	30,897	3,466	82,547	66,831	

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			2023	2022
	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds		
Notes	£	£	£	£	£
A Cash funds					
Cash at bank with immediate access	48,183	30,898	3,466	82,547	66,831
	<u>48,183</u>	<u>30,898</u>	<u>3,466</u>	<u>82,547</u>	<u>66,831</u>
B Other monetary assets					
Gift aid due to charity	2,939	-	-	2,939	1,917
Stripe account (accrued income)	346	-	-	346	237
Prepaid rent	6,000	-	-	6,000	6,000
	<u>9,285</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,285</u>	<u>8,154</u>
C Liabilities					
Fee for Independent Examination	920	-	-	920	600
Pension liability	403	-	-	403	485
	<u>1,323</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,323</u>	<u>1,085</u>

D Assets retained for charity's own use

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost £	Current value £
Equipment		-	4,500
		<u>-</u>	<u>4,500</u>

Current values have been estimated by the trustees.

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

Craig Kohler
Craig Kohler | Oct 28, 2024 14:10 GMT+2

Craig Kohler

Date: Oct 28, 2024

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

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly					
Employment costs (see note 4)	69,094	-	-	69,094	38,940
Rent	24,000	-	-	24,000	24,000
Equipment and maintenance	10,721	-	-	10,721	7,498
Renovation costs	-	776	-	776	8,969
Pastoral costs	2,095	-	-	2,095	1,110
Youth work	2,729	-	-	2,729	2,557
Conferences / training / travel expenses	17,659	-	-	17,659	8,481
Sunday meeting and other ministries	16,561	-	-	16,561	14,301
Church planting mission work	-	-	-	-	1,987
Accountancy & independent examination	1,080	-	-	1,080	1,100
Licenses	1,119	-	-	1,119	891
Office costs (inc insurance)	2,905	-	-	2,905	3,122
Telephone / Mobile	2,157	-	-	2,157	2,142
Other costs	60	-	-	60	81
	<u>150,180</u>	<u>776</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>150,955</u>	<u>115,178</u>

3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others

Grants for:					
Church planting	2,003	-	-	2,003	-
Liberty Global	9,750	-	142	9,608	6,572
Assemblies of God	2,800	-	-	2,800	2,400
Compassion	2,847	-	-	2,847	1,141
Other small grants to organisations <£1,000	5,261	-	-	5,261	1,050
Grants to individuals	1,750	-	-	1,750	3,223
	<u>24,411</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>142</u>	<u>24,269</u>	<u>14,385</u>

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4 Transactions with related parties

Trustee Craig Kohler, served as lead pastor and was paid £37,650 (2022: £13,905) for serving in that capacity, not for serving as trustees; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

Stacey Kohler, wife of trustee Craig Kohler, served as co-lead pastor and was paid £27,988 (2022: £24,706) for serving in that capacity, these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

Stuart Keir, served as a preacher and had £639.47 of accomodation and food costs paid by Liberty Church for serving in that capacity. (2022: £0)

Peta Ann Small (wife of Trustee Grant Small) is supported monthly as a missionary in her work to fight human trafficking - £150pm, £1,750 in 2023.

5 Movement of funds

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	32,334	190,441	- 174,591	-	48,184
Designated funds					
Renovation	1,031	-	- 776	-	256
Liberty Global Tithes	-	500	142	-	642
Reserves	30,000	-	-	-	30,000
	<u>31,031</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>- 634</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,898</u>
Restricted funds					
Wellbeing Course	3,466	-	-	-	3,466
	<u>3,466</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,466</u>
Total funds	<u>66,831</u>	<u>190,941</u>	<u>- 175,225</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>82,548</u>

The "Renovation" designated fund is in relation to the renovation of the ground floor of 98 Sandling Road in Maidstone so we can move our church experiences to the ground floor.

The "Liberty Global Tithes" designated fund is in relation to giving allocated by the trustees towards the Liberty Store house / food bank.

The "Reserves" designated fund is in relation to the reserve policy of the charity to hold a certain amount in reserves to protect the going concern of the charity.

The "Wellbeing course restricted fund is in relation to our wellbeing course that we provide.

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Liberty Church UK
LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	27 MEDINA ROAD DITTON, AYLESFORD ME20 6DN
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	Constitution dated 19th September 2008
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1129945
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	DJ McPhail Shaun Cardwell (Appointed 26th May 2022) Grant Small Stuart Keir Craig Kohler
BANKERS	CAF Bank Ltd
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Archie McDowall Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

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To reach unchurched people from a position of strength in Christ, transforming them into Christ-centred believers. We want to be a Church that Loves God, Loves People and Loves Life.

Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

This year has seen Liberty Church complete the renovation of the ground floor of 98 Sandling Road in Maidstone and move our church experiences to the ground floor. The church has seen new individuals, couples and families join the Sunday morning experience and financially the church is meeting all of its payments.

The church continues to reach and serve the families in the community and surrounding villages, teaching them about the Christian faith. This has been achieved by hosting regular events and meetings promoting the Christian faith in a fun, inclusive and educational way.

Activities include both online and in-person: Sunday Experiences including children's programmes, Monthly Prayer meetings, Weekly Youth and Life Enrichment courses.

In 2021 Liberty Church became a member church of the Assemblies of God Great Britain. We are blessed at present with 5 full status AOG ministers within our church and trustees (DJ & Karen Mcphail, Grant Small, Stuart Keir and Jonathan Jankowski) Our Lead Pastors, Stacey and Craig Kohler, are still on the AOG Ministers in Training programme which is a 3-year course until May 2024 when they will graduate.

Revolutions Youth has had weekly in-person youth meetings on a Friday evening. Revolutions Youth is for secondary aged young people and provides a fun, relevant, secure and safe environment for young people to engage with each other and God. The Youth is open to all young people regardless of their religion or experience. The Youth is led by our youth Pastors Chris and Larisha Reddy and their team continues to grow in capacity and leadership.

As a church and leadership, we are still committed to seeing churches planted in the UK and Europe and are looking for opportunities in this regard.

We would like to thank our volunteers and all our donors for a great year. We are happy to report that the church is financially, emotionally and spiritually healthy and ready to take on the challenges of a new year and see many lives changed through the life-giving message of Jesus Christ.

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

Financial review

During the year total receipts increased to £132,336 (2021: £118,301), an increase of £14,036, and total payments increased to £129,563 (2021: £99,410), an increase of £30,153. As a result the cash held by the charity increased by £2,773, to £66,831, of which £63,365 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

Reserves policy

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £30,000 (which equates to about 3 months of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and/or expenditure vary adversely. At the year-end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £63,365 and the charity is complying with its reserves policy.

Governance

Responsibility for setting policy and for making operating decisions rests with the trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charity. New trustees are recruited and appointed by the existing trustees after a majority vote.

The trustees met four times during the year to discuss church policy, direction and strategic management.

Contact details for Liberty Church are

Name: Liberty Church Maidstone

Address: 98 Sandling Road, Maidstone. ME14 1AA

Email: info@libertychurchuk.org

Phone number: 01622 910060

Website: www.libertychurchuk.org

Responsibilities of trustees

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

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

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

Approval

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

Craig Kohler

Craig Kohler

Date: 27 October 2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF

Liberty Church UK

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Liberty Church UK ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2022 on pages 6 to 8 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

Archie McDowall

Archie McDowall
Stewardship
1 Lamb's Passage
LONDON
EC1Y 8AB

Date: 27 October 2023

Liberty Church UK

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Notes	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	2022	2021	
	General Funds	Designated Funds				
	£	£	£	£	£	
Income receipts						
Donations and grants	105,739	-	1,623	107,362	96,681	
Gift aid receipts	24,901	-	-	24,901	21,619	
Income from charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-	
Interest income	73	-	-	73	-	
Total receipts	130,713	-	1,623	132,336	118,300	
Payments						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	104,421	8,969	1,788	115,178	86,477
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	6,191	6,572	1,623	14,385	12,933
		110,612	15,541	3,411	129,563	99,410
Purchase of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Total payments		110,612	15,541	3,411	129,563	99,410
Net of receipts / (payments) before		20,101	- 15,541	- 1,788	2,773	18,890
Transfers between funds	5	- 46,572	46,572	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		- 26,471	31,031	- 1,788	2,773	18,890
Cash funds as at last year end		58,804	-	5,254	64,058	45,167
Cash funds at this year end	A	32,334	31,031	3,466	66,831	64,058

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			2022 £	2021 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £		
A Cash funds					
Cash at bank with immediate access	32,334	31,031	3,466	66,831	64,058
	<u>32,334</u>	<u>31,031</u>	<u>3,466</u>	<u>66,831</u>	<u>64,058</u>
B Other monetary assets					
Gift aid due to charity	1,917	-	-	1,917	791
Stripe account (accrued income)	237	-	-	237	-
Prepaid rent	6,000	-	-	6,000	6,000
	<u>8,154</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,154</u>	<u>6,791</u>
C Liabilities					
Falling due within one year					
Fee for Independent Examination	600	-	-	600	600
Pension liability	485	-	-	485	-
Accrued expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>1,085</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,085</u>	<u>600</u>

D Assets retained for charity's own use

	Current value £
Equipment	4,500
	<u>4,500</u>

Current values have been estimated by the trustees.

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

Craig Kohler

Craig Kohler

Date: 27 October 2023

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Liberty Church UK

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted Funds £		
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly					
Employment costs (see note 4)	38,940	-	-	38,940	33,893
Rent	24,000	-	-	24,000	18,000
Equipment and maintenance	6,612	-	885	7,498	5,208
Renovation costs	-	8,969	-	8,969	-
Pastoral costs	1,110	-	-	1,110	647
Youth work	2,557	-	-	2,557	2,636
Conferences / training / travel expenses	8,481	-	-	8,481	3,533
Sunday meeting and other ministries	13,398	-	903	14,301	11,886
Church planting mission work	1,987	-	-	1,987	-
Accountancy & independent examination	1,100	-	-	1,100	1,403
Licenses	891	-	-	891	538
Office costs (inc insurance)	3,122	-	-	3,122	6,028
Telephone / Mobile	2,142	-	-	2,142	2,489
Other costs	81	-	-	81	217
	<u>104,421</u>	<u>8,969</u>	<u>1,788</u>	<u>115,178</u>	<u>86,478</u>

3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others

Grants for:					
Church planting	-	-	-	-	7,023
Liberty Global	-	6,572	-	6,572	-
Assemblies of God	2,400	-	-	2,400	-
Compassion	1,141	-	-	1,141	-
Other small grants to organisations <£1,000	1,050	-	-	1,050	1,693
Grants to individuals	1,600	-	1,623	3,223	4,217
	<u>6,191</u>	<u>6,572</u>	<u>1,623</u>	<u>14,385</u>	<u>12,933</u>

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LIBERTY CHURCH UK
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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Aim and purpose

To reach unchurched people from a position of strength in Christ, transforming them into Christ-centred believers. We want to be a Church that Loves God, Loves People and Loves Life.

Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

This year has seen Liberty Church add the ground floor of 98 Sandling Road in Maidstone to its existing lease which is now a rolling contract with a 6-month break clause. The ground floor is in the process of being renovated and once complete will be the venue for our Sunday morning experiences. The church has seen new individuals, couples and families join the Sunday morning experience and financially the church is meeting all of its payments.

The church continues to reach and serve the families in the community and surrounding villages, teaching them about the Christian faith. This has been achieved by hosting regular events and meetings promoting the Christian faith in a fun, inclusive and educational way.

Activities include both online and in-person: Sunday Experiences including children's programmes, Monthly Prayer meetings, Weekly Youth and young adult meetings and Life Enrichment courses. In 2021 we were awarded a grant by National Lottery to develop and run a Mental Well-being course. This course has been developed by a qualified coach with the church and 2022 has seen the course

run for the first time with much interest being shown in it being used in different formats. The course is insightful, engaging and accessible to all people regardless of background.

In 2021 Liberty Church became a member church of the Assemblies of God Great Britain. We are blessed at present with 5 full status AOG ministers within our church and trustees (DJ & Karen Mcphail, Grant Small, Stuart Keir and Jonathan Jankowski) in September 2021 our Lead Pastors, Stacey and Craig Kohler, have started on the AOG Ministers in Training programme which is a 3-year course culminating in becoming an AOG minister.

Revolutions Youth launched in late 2019 has continued through 2020 and 2021 in various formats. For periods this has been online only but the second half of 2021 has seen weekly in-person youth meetings on a Friday evening. T Revolutions Youth is for secondary aged young people and provides a fun, relevant, secure and safe environment for young people to engage with each other and God. The Youth is open to all young people regardless of their religion or experience. The Youth is led by our youth Pastors Chris and Larisha Reddy and their team continues to grow in capacity and leadership.

As a church and leadership, we are still committed to seeing churches planted in the UK and Europe and are looking for opportunities in this regard.

We would like to thank our volunteers and all our donors for a great year. We are happy to report that the church is financially, emotionally and spiritually healthy and ready to take on the challenges of a new year and see many lives changed through the life-giving message of Jesus Christ.

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

Impact of Covid-19

Covid-19 has impacted the church through 2020 and well into 2021. During a large portion of this time, we took everything we do as a church and moved it online. This proved effective with an increase in opportunities for the church to connect. Church income was largely unaffected during this time as we reduced our spending, received 9 monthly discounts on our venue rental and also saw an increase in giving from the congregation. In 2021 In-person experiences did not resume until March but have been consistent since then.

Financial review

During the year total receipts increased to £118,300 (2020: £104,300), an increase of £14,000, and total payments increased to £99,400 (2020: £75,300), an increase of £24,100. As a result, the total cash funds held by the charity increased by £18,900 (2020: £28,900). Including within the above figures, during the year Liberty Church received a new grant of £9,400, to be used towards Wellbeing Counselling of which £4,100 was used in the year for this purpose, leaving £5,100 to be used in 2022. All other funds are unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

Reserves policy

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £30,000 (which equates to about 3 months of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and/or expenditure vary adversely. At the year-end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £58,800 and the charity is complying with its reserves policy.

Administration, Governance and Management

Responsibility for setting policy and for making operating decisions rests with the trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charity. New trustees are recruited and appointed by the existing trustees after a majority vote. The current list of trustees is set out below.

In 2021 Trustees were:

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Craig Kohler
Grant Small
Stuart Keir

The trustees met four times during the year to discuss church policy, direction and strategic management.

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

Approval

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

Craig Kohler
Date: 26th May 2022

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England & Wales - Charity number 1129945

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year ended 31 December 2020

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LIBERTY CHURCH UK
LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	27 Medina Road Ditton Kent ME20 6DN
GOVERNING DOCUMENT September 2008	Declaration of Trust dated
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1129945
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Mr David McPhail (chairperson) Mr Stuart Keir Mr Craig Kohler Mr Grant Small
BANKERS	CAF Bank Ltd
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Martyn Burt adventus accounting solutions Ashby Acres Chapel Lane Ashby-cum-Fenby Grimsby DN37 0QT

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Approval

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LIBERTY CHURCH UK
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Income receipts						
Donations and grants		88,390			88,390	64,063
Gift aid receipts		15,880			15,880	11,733
Income from charitable activities		-			-	1,056
Total Receipts		104,270	-	-	104,270	76,852
Payments						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	70,053			70,053	84,857
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	5,295			5,295	5,242
Total payments		75,348	-	-	75,348	90,099
Net of receipts/(payments) before transfers		28,922	-	-	28,922	(13,247)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
		28,922	-	-	28,922	(13,247)
Net movement in funds		28,922	-	-	28,922	(13,247)
Cashfunds as at last year end		16,245	-	-	16,245	29,492
Cash funds at this year end	A	45,167	-	-	45,167	16,245

The notes on page 8 forms part of these accounts

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GOVERNING DOCUMENT September 2008	Declaration of Trust dated
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1129945
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BANKERS	CAF Bank Ltd
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
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