

THE ROCK CHURCH
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

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Mrs. H Evans
Mr. A James
Mr. C Gayle

Charity number

1130956

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Independent examiner

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in March 2005.

Structure, governance and management

The governing document is a trust deed dated 16th March 2009, and a deed of Variation dated 23rd June 2009. The charity is a trust as agreed by the Charity Commissioners.

Trustees of The Rock Church: the method of appointment is set out in the trust document.

The Rock Church operates through various committees, which meet between full meetings of the Trustees.

The Trustees who served during the year were:

Mr. Ian Evans

Mrs. Hannah Evans

Mr. Andrew James

Mr. Conrad Gayle

The Rock Church is an independent church with a registered address at 27-31 Lichfield Street, Walsall. The correspondence address is The Rock Church, Lichfield House, 27-31 Lichfield Street, Walsall WS1 1TJ.

The Rock Church is a religious charity registered with the Charity Commission. Registration number 1130956

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are:

- To advance the Christian Faith in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the Trustees think fit.
- To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship and to relieve the distress caused thereby, on such occasion as the Trustees think fit.

The Trustees have the responsibility of co-operating with the church leadership team in promoting the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical and has a number of active community programmes which are aimed at improving the lives of those in the local community.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Review of the Year

The Trustees met during the year; in addition to regular leadership meetings. We continue to serve the people of the Church and the local community through the pastoral offices. These make up a significant part of The Rock Church ministry.

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Work with, and in, the Local Community

Year Review

The year's activities expanded greatly, as the restrictions from the global COVID pandemic receded. Congregants returned to church, after participating on-line, and started to re-engage with activities. Several new members, who had discovered the Rock Church online during the lockdowns joined the church, with many new families becoming involved.

Internet broadcasting continued to provide a link, with pastoral input for those who preferred to remain online. Men's and Women's activities expanded as the year progressed, engaging church members in the advancement of the Christian Faith, and supporting each other's wellbeing. Family events like Pancake Day and a picnic in the local park, also provided support for families. Prayer and bible studies continued, and discipleship training took place throughout the year.

Two conferences for Christian Discipleship and training took place, with some involvement from other churches. Also a designated Women's Conference, entitled "Power, Purpose and Prayer", and Youth work continued to grow throughout the year, with the youth attending a national youth camp in the summer.

The conference and training facilities provided by the building were used by community organisations for roadshows and specific training for job seekers in Walsall. Local schools used the main hall for concerts and award ceremonies.

Local pastors met for prayer and fellowship each week at the Rock Church enabling connection and interaction with other local churches through Walsall Town Centre Ministries, and the Good Friday 'Walk of Witness' with the Rock Church actively involved in this event, engaging in evangelism into the community and providing refreshments in the town centre.

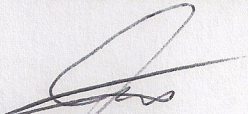
Food Bank continued to grow, as the 'Fuel Crisis' hit, and opportunities for volunteers from the community to both support and be involved in this work continued. Several schools that we have built up good relationships with, brought their harvest contributions and donated them to the food bank. Members of the church filled gift-boxes with children's toys and supplies connected with an international relief organisation, Samaritan's Purse. This was rolled out to community organisations, and was very well received. The Rock Coffee shop was open for the general public to call in for a drink and chat in a warm space. This continued to be run by volunteers, some on job-seeker allowance, to provide job training experiences. Other job-seekers were engaged within the Rock Centre, to provide other short-term training opportunities.

A further church grade 2 listed building has been purchased to expand the capacity of our congregation which at the moment allows 200 people but the new building raises that to 450 people. Some renovation is taking place before it can be used.

Financial review

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained above a level equivalent to six month's expenditure. The Trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

On behalf of the board of Trustees



Mr. Ian Evans
Chair of Trustees

Date: 10 December 2024

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ROCK CHURCH

We report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 4 to 6.

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 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

Our 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

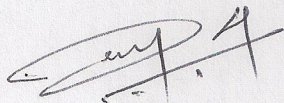
In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

- (a) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act;have not been met; or
- (b) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent Examiner

Anup Somarajan, 28 Cherry Tree Road, Brereton, Rugeley West Midlands, WS15 1AY

Signed



Dated: 9 December 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<u>Incoming resources from generated funds</u>				
Voluntary income	105,209	5035	110,244	72,290
Investment income	213,035		213,035	135,469
	318,244	5035	323,279	207,660
Other incoming resources – Insurance Claim	0		0	1,817
Total incoming resources	318,244	5035	323,279	209,479
<u>Resources expended</u>				
Charitable activities	490,690	1,131	491,821	136,093
Total resources expended	490,690	1,131	491,821	136,093
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds	-172,446	3904	-168,542	73386
Fund balances at 1 April 2023	406,750	3,732	410,482	337,096
Fund balances at 31 March 2024	234,303	7,636	241,939	410,482

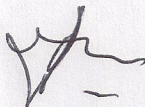
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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets - Lichfield House, WS11TJ		40,000		40,000
- Rock Chapel, WS11DA		350,000		
Current assets				
Cash at bank and in hand	241,939		410,482	
Net current assets		241,939		410,482
Total assets less current liabilities		631,939		450,482
Income funds				
Restricted funds		7,636		3,732
Unrestricted funds		234,303		406,750
		<u>241,939</u>		<u>410,482</u>

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 10 December 2024



Treasurer
Andrew James

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in March 2005 and the Charities Act 2011.

The receipts and payments basis has been adopted in preparing the accounts.

1.2 Incoming resources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the Rock Church. Planned giving received under Gift Aid is recognised only when it is received. Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid is recognised when the income is received. Funds raised by the various social events are accounted for gross.

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the Rock Church.

Rental income from the Letting of church premises is recognized when payment is received.

1.3 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

No depreciation is provided in respect of freehold land

2.. Employees

There were no employees during the year.