

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LEICESTERSHIRE

ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1139356

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YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

CHARITY INFORMATION

- 1/. The Charity is governed by the Constitution adopted 13 November 2003 as amended 16 November 2010 in which its object was stated as "The advancement of the Christian Religion for the public benefit and other purposes which are charitable according to the Law of England and Wales as the Trustees may determine".
- 2/. The Trustees of the Charity are:

MICHAEL HOCKADAY
MAUREEN JONES
SUZANNE KELLY
JANET PERRY
STANLEY MACKLEY
- 3/. The Charity supports Christian Church groups in the County of Leicestershire as stated in Clause 5 of the Constitution.
- 4/. The Charity provides means of consultation between denominations, churches, local Councils and Groups of Churches, Local Ecumenical Partnerships and those in Local Covenants.
- 5/. The charity facilitates common witness to Christ by the member churches.
- 6/. The charity is the Sponsoring Body for all Local Ecumenical Partnerships in the area.
- 7/. The charity seeks to enable the churches to respond to the needs of the whole community and of the world and to witness the Gospel together.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LEICESTERSHIRE

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 TRUSTEES REPORT

The Trustees present their report and the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

Charity Registration This is the thirteenth Formal Report as a Registered Charity.

Summary of activities The Trustees have continued to support denominations, churches, local Councils and Groups of Churches, Local Ecumenical Partnerships and those in local Covenants. The work is co-ordinated by the County Ecumenical Development Officer (CEDO), .

Lubbesthorpe Lubbesthorpe is a very large housing development to the west of Leicester and a Pioneer Community Worker (PCW) was appointed (for six years) funded by four Church Groups (Anglican, Baptist, Methodists and United Reformed Church). The Charity took on the responsibility of managing the Lubbesthorpe Account, paying the PCW on behalf of these Church Groups and paying for various community activities as they were developed. The monies involved were ring fenced as a separate sub-account and shown in a separate column on the Receipts and Payments Summary pages.

Church Media (CM) During 2019 the Charity agreed to manage this (small) account which had been running independently. It is a ring fenced sub-account and thus has a separate column on the Receipts and Payments Summary pages. CM finance the publicity surrounding "Sing Christmas" which has been broadcast by BBC Radio Leicester just before Christmas each year up to 2022. However, due to the BBC's major reorganisation it was not broadcast Christmas 2023. Future years are to be discussed so CM are maintaining their websites for the moment thus incurring a small cost. It relies on specific occasional donations but did not receive any during 2023.

Development and future plans As noted previously, "Lubbesthorpe Alive" (a Community Interest Company) became active during 2020 and at the start of 2021 it assumed responsibility for all the community activities for which previously CTIL was responsible. The main Lubbesthorpe account was thus restricted to supporting the PCW until the end of her contract which was 31st August 2022. Just over half of the restricted monies still held by CTIL in the Lubbesthorpe account were transferred to a Lubbesthorpe Alive account during 2023. The remaining monies (£8K) were retained since it is possible that at some time in the not too distant future there may be another organisation at Lubbesthorpe which is church orientated and this will need financing. This money was transferred to the Deposit Account to earn interest. There are no other immediate plans to alter the way in which the Charity is run nor the way in which the income is expended.

Fresh Expressions Area Strategy Team (FEAST) Since 2013 the Charity has accepted the responsibility of managing the (small) FEAST Account. The Income and Expenditure goes through the Main Account but since this is a specific ring fenced sub-account the details are shown in a separate column on the Receipts and Payments Summary pages. However, there has been no movement in or out during 2023.

Reserves All of the Charity's basic income is derived from donation: from denominations and membership donations/subscriptions from local Councils and Groups of Churches. It is ring-fenced where necessary. It is considered prudent to have, as a minimum, sufficient reserves to allow for a redundancy payment to the CEDO should forward projections suggest that the contract needs to be terminated.

Summary of Results Other than assisting the build up of Lubbesthorpe Alive finances the Trustees have made no special grants during the year. The major expenditures were directed towards maintaining the CEDO in his post and in his work,

The Trustees are satisfied with the Charity's affairs.

Michael Hockaday

Trustee

Date: 7 March 2024

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
OF CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LEICESTERSHIRE

I report to the Trustees of the Charity (Reg-No- 1139356) on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on the next two pages,,

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that an audit is not required this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act") and that an independent examination is sufficient.

It is my responsibility to 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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did 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 this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



David Barnett FCA

7 March 2024

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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS SUMMARY PAGE 1

AS AT 31 DECEMBER

A C T U A L 2 0 2 3

Actual

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	General	Lub'thorpe	Feast	ChMed	TOTAL	2022
<u>Denominations</u>						
Church of England	9765	-	-	-	9766	9300
	9255	-	-	-	9255	4300
Methodist	3843	-	-	-	3843	3660
Baptist	2048	-	-	-	2048	1950
United Reformed	-	-	-	-	-	2637
Congregational	362	-	-	-	362	-
Salvation Army	-	-	-	-	-	630
Society of Friends	300	-	-	-	300	250
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>25573</u>	-	-	-	<u>25573</u>	<u>22727</u>
<u>Other Receipts</u>						
Donation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Local CT's	332	-	-	-	332	60
Interest	114	14	-	-	128	20
FEAST (Was Meth, Anglican each £800 URCE400)	-	-	-	-	-	-
CHURCH MEDIA	-	-	-	-	-	50
LUBBESTHORPE						
	-	14	-	-	14	<u>24333</u>
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	<u>26019</u>	<u>14</u>			<u>26033</u>	<u>47190</u>
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE (from page 2)</u>	<u>23969</u>	<u>8534</u>		<u>83</u>	<u>32586</u>	<u>43622</u>
<u>SURPLUS / DEFICIT</u>	<u>2050</u>	<u>-8520</u>		<u>-83</u>	<u>-6553</u>	<u>3568</u>
<u>BALANCE SHEET</u>						
Bank Balance Bus Rew Svr A/C (General)	7633	-	-	-	15647	15519
Bank Balance Bus Rew Svr A/C (Lub'thorpe)	-	8014	-	-		
Bank Balance Current A/C (General)	21556	-	327			
Bank Balance Current A/C (Lub'thorpe)	-	-	-	-	22193	28874
Bank Balance Current A/C (Sing Christmas)	-	-	-	310		
O/s cheques (Not yet paid in)	-	-				
Creditors						
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>29189</u>	<u>8014</u>	<u>327</u>	<u>310</u>	<u>37840</u>	<u>44393</u>
Opening Fund Balances	27139	16534	327	393	44393	40825
+/- Surplus/Deficit This Year	2050	-8520		-83	-6553	3568
Fund Balances at month end	29189	8014	327	310	37840	44393

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS SUMMARY PAGE 2

AS AT 31 DECEMBER

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Actual
2022**PAYMENTS**

General Lub'thorpe Feast ChMed TOTAL

GENERAL ACCOUNT

CEDO Stipend	19067	-	-	-	19067	14777
CEDO NI	1699	-	-	-	1699	1353
CEDO Expenses	440	-	-	-	440	557
CEDO Pension	1464	-	-	-	1464	1464
CEDO Insurance	397	-	-	-	397	429
Communications	352	-	-	-	352	464
Reviews	-	-	-	-	-	-
CTE	350	-	-	-	350	350
Administration	200	-	-	-	200	18
Training	-	-	-	-	-	215
Sundries	-	-	-	-	-	24
Forum	-	-	-	-	-	-
AGM	-	-	-	-	-	-
Room Hire for Meetings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contingency	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>GENERAL A/C TOTAL</u>	23969	-	-	-	23969	19651

FEAST

Room use at MONOS	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>FEAST TOTAL</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-

CHURCH MEDIA

	-	-	-	83	83	83
<u>CHURCH MEDIA TOTAL</u>	-	-	-	83	83	83

<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>23969</u>			<u>83</u>	<u>24052</u>	<u>19734</u>
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Tfr to Lub'thorpe Christians Together		8534			8534	23888
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