

Charity registration number 1139388

Company registration number 07294101 (England and Wales)

CONNECT CHURCH CHORLEYWOOD
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

CONNECT CHURCH CHORLEYWOOD

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	J Roberts	
	A Clark	
	N Allo	(Appointed 6 February 2023)
	M Kissell	(Appointed 20 February 2023)
Charity number	1139388	
Company number	07294101	
Registered office	91 Whitelands Avenue Chorleywood Hertfordshire WD3 5RQ	
Independent examiner	Summers Morgan First Floor, Sheraton House Lower Road Chorleywood Hertfordshire WD3 5LH	

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTOR'S REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, 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 the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are to advance the Christian faith in accordance with their statement of beliefs, to hold public services 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.

The policies adopted in furtherance of these objectives are to:
hold weekly public services at St Clement Danes School, Chorleywood, Hertfordshire and there has been no change in these during the period.

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

The charity ran weekly public meetings for worship every Sunday morning during the period covered by this report. There was also a public service held on Christmas Day.

Achievements and performance

Church meetings were held every Sunday during this period but numbers have significantly reduced over this period. This decline in numbers has had an effect on the finances.

The Senior Pastor took a three month Sabbatical from March to June but has resumed work full time for Connect. Adam Clark carried on as honorary Head of Finance and also has taken on a part time paid role as Church Manager. Adam assumed the role of Senior Pastor during the Sabbatical period.

The Thursday morning prayer meeting - Powerhouse - continues on Zoom as does the monthly prayer and worship evening, open to all, which meets in the local Baptist church in Chorleywood.

There were a number of activities run for church members and those outside the church including:

- Badminton (Women's) – Monday evenings
- Girls group – Thursday evenings (finished Summer 2022)
- Youth football – Monday early evening (finished Summer 2022)
- Restore Hope Lunchtime Meeting – Thursday lunch
- Chorleywood Christmas Festival – photo stand on 3 December
- Christmas Booklet deliveries
- Thursday morning Powerhouse on Zoom
- Worship and Prayer – twice monthly
- Home groups for adult church members
- Various social events and outreach events open to all
- Members volunteered for the Detonate Kids Holiday Club
- Connect members helped out and sponsored the Chorleywood Community Christmas Festival event in December.

Financial review

During the year, the charity's income from all sources amounted to £111,010 of which £5,391 were for Restricted Funds. A total of £136,077 was expended during the year, of which £23,714 was from Designated Funds. A total of £4,716 was held at the end of the year as Designated Funds, to be given as grants to Local Projects, the Global Poor and the Suffering Church.

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Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six months expenditure. The trustees consider 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 period. At the accounting date free reserves were £28,536 (2021: £55,166).

Structure, governance and management

The charity was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee on 24th June 2010 and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. It is registered as a charity.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the period were:

B Kissell	(Deceased 17 November 2022)
J Roberts	
A Clark	
L Dyer	(Resigned 20 May 2022)
S Woodhouse	(Resigned 21 October 2022)
A Marheineke	(Resigned 3 October 2022)
N Allo	(Appointed 6 February 2023)
M Kissell	(Appointed 20 February 2023)

The Trustees met twice in the year – 31 January and 1 August – due to the Pastor's Sabbatical and then the resignation of two Trustees towards the end of the year combined with the sad death of Rev Barry Kissell.

B Kissell and J Roberts were the first trustees to serve and were those persons named in the statement delivered pursuant to section 12(1) of the Companies Act 2006. Future trustees shall be appointed as provided in the Memorandum and Articles of Association. All trustees were issued with a copy of The Essential Trustee published by the Charities Commission. At the first meeting of the trustees, the roles and responsibilities were clearly set out.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £10 in the event of a winding up.

The Board of Trustees manages the affairs of the charity and meets three times a year. The Leadership Team undertake the day to day operation of the charity under guidance provided by the board of trustees. In addition to this the Leadership Team is responsible for the:

1. appointment and removal of pastors and other full-time or part-time employees of the Charity appointed to exercise pastoral or other ministry responsibility within the church ;
2. Membership of any congregation of the Charity;
3. All questions of doctrine;
4. All questions relating to the preaching of the gospel and;
5. Appointment and removal of Leaders

The Charity looks to St Mary's Bryanston Square, London for spiritual oversight, advice and friendship. 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.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTOR'S REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



J Roberts
Trustee

Date: 25 SEPT 23

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF CONNECT CHURCH CHORLEYWOOD

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 5 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees, who are also the directors of Connect Church Chorleywood for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The 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.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the financial statements 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 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:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - (ii) to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities;have not been met or
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



Nicholas Corden ACA

For and on behalf of Summers Morgan

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Chorleywood
Hertfordshire
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Dated: 25/07/2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
<u>Income from:</u>									
Donations and legacies		105,599	-	5,391	110,990	118,373	-	16,605	134,978
Investments		20	-	-	20	66	-	-	66
Total income		105,619	-	5,391	111,010	118,439	-	16,605	135,044
<u>Expenditure on:</u>									
Charitable activities	2	106,641	23,714	5,722	136,077	90,217	26,303	11,926	128,446
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers		(1,022)	(23,714)	(331)	(25,067)	28,222	(26,303)	4,679	6,598
Gross transfers between funds		(25,608)	25,608	-	-	(29,125)	29,125	-	-
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds		(26,630)	1,894	(331)	(25,067)	(903)	2,822	4,679	6,598
Fund balances at 1 January 2022		55,173	2,822	11,870	69,865	56,076	-	7,191	63,267
Fund balances at 31 December 2022		28,543	4,716	11,539	44,798	55,173	2,822	11,870	69,865

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	7		7		7
Current assets					
Debtors	8	22,103		25,258	
Cash at bank and in hand		29,609		47,763	
		51,712		73,021	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(6,921)		(3,163)	
Net current assets			44,791		69,858
Total assets less current liabilities			44,798		69,865
Income funds					
Restricted funds	10		11,539		11,870
Unrestricted funds - designated	11		4,716		2,822
Unrestricted funds - general			28,543		55,173
			44,798		69,865

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

The director acknowledges his responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 25 Sept 23



J Roberts
Trustee

Company Registration No. 07294101

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

Company information

Connect Church Chorleywood is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 91 Whitelands Avenue, Chorleywood, Hertfordshire, WD3 5RQ.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees' continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

1.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on the accruals basis. Grants and donations paid are accounted for when paid. Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

3 Grants payable

	Church activities 2022 £	Church activities 2021 £
Grants to institutions:		
Light	-	1,335
St George's Church	212	-
Charis Tiwala Trust	3,600	3,435
CSW	-	500
Christians Against Poverty	3,325	3,000
Every Life (formerly Revelation Life)	6,925	7,200
Mountain Springs Ministries	7,073	9,000
The Trussell Trust	-	250
Allstars	3,600	4,936
Other	-	250
	24,735	29,906
Grants to individuals	4,701	8,323
	29,436	38,229

4 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year, other than J Roberts and A Clark. J Roberts received a salary of £31,125 (2021: £29,530) for his position as senior pastor together with pension contributions of £3,113 (2021: £2,953). A Clark, received salary of £17,160 (2021: £4,680) for his position as Church Manager with pension contributions of £1,656 (2021: £0). Additionally, as part of A Clark performing the role of senior pastor, in the absence of J Roberts for 4 months, he was provided with £1,040 in housing running costs.

The Charity rents a house from Mr and Mrs Roberts at arms length to provide accommodation to its senior pastor. Total rent and housing costs paid during the year amounted to £39,740 (2021: £37,920).

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

5 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Total	2	2
Employment costs	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	46,145	37,244
Other pension costs	4,769	2,953
Accommodation benefit	40,780	37,920
	91,694	78,117

6 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and machinery £
Cost	
At 1 January 2022	3,639
At 31 December 2022	3,639
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 January 2022	3,632
At 31 December 2022	3,632
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2022	7
At 31 December 2021	7

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

8 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year:	2022 £	2021 £
Other debtors	21,313	24,477
Prepayments and accrued income	790	781
	<u>22,103</u>	<u>25,258</u>

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Other taxation and social security	381	720
Other creditors	2,927	369
Accruals and deferred income	3,613	2,074
	<u>6,921</u>	<u>3,163</u>

10 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds as follows:

	Balance at 1 January 2021	Movement in funds		Balance at 1 January 2022	Movement in funds		Balance at 31 December 2022
	£	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	£	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	£
Hardship	5,213	14,533	(8,323)	11,423	4,750	(4,701)	11,472
CAP/Every Life	1,250	1,197	(2,062)	385	641	(1,021)	5
Mountain Springs Ministries	481	562	(1,043)	-	-	-	-
The Trussel Trust	247	-	(247)	-	-	-	-
Other	-	313	(250)	63	-	-	63
	<u>7,191</u>	<u>16,604</u>	<u>(11,925)</u>	<u>11,870</u>	<u>5,391</u>	<u>(5,722)</u>	<u>11,539</u>

The Hardship Fund represents monies collected for specific individuals facing financial hardship.

The CAP/Every Life Fund represents monies collected as gifts for two charities supported by the church members over the Christmas period.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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11 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds		
	Incoming resources	Resources expended ¹	Balance at January 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Local Projects	9,708	(9,708)	-	8,536	(7,412)	1,124
Global Poor	9,708	(8,137)	1,571	8,536	(9,229)	878
The Suffering Church	9,708	(8,457)	1,251	8,536	(7,073)	2,714
	<u>29,124</u>	<u>(26,302)</u>	<u>2,822</u>	<u>25,608</u>	<u>(23,714)</u>	<u>4,716</u>

30% of all gifts/tithe income is allocated for giving, as follows:

Local Projects designated fund to gift as financial support to other charities, organisations and individuals having the same or similar objects as the Charity that operate locally to the Charity.

Global Projects designated fund to gift as financial support to other charities, organisations and individuals having the same or similar objects as the Charity that operate globally.

Suffering Church designated fund to gift as financial support to other charities, organisations and individuals having the same or similar objects as the Charity that operate in areas where the Christian Church particularly suffer oppression or persecution.

Each designated fund above receives 10% of every net donation received, Gift Aid is not included as part of this calculation.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

12 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Designated funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total Unrestricted funds		Designated funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
				2022 £	2021 £			
Fund balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by:								
Tangible assets	7	-	-	7	7	-	-	7
Current assets/(liabilities)	28,536	4,716	11,539	44,791	55,166	2,822	11,870	69,858
	28,543	4,716	11,539	44,798	55,173	2,822	11,870	69,865

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13 Related party transactions

Other than those disclosed in note 4, related party transactions during the year were £0 (2021: £20) paid to a trustee for professional services.