

Registered Charity Number 1140500

THE CROSSING CHURCH
REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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Chartered Accountants

**THE CROSSING CHURCH
REPORT OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL
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The Church Council present their report along with the financial statements of The Crossing Church for the year ended 31 August 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the accounts.

Objectives and Policies

The purpose of the Charity is to advance the Christian faith in the area of benefit in accordance with the principles and practices of the participating Churches.

To achieve its purpose, the Charity will engage in a range of activities, either on its own or with others, including (but not restricted to):

- a) the celebration of public worship
- b) the teaching of the Christian faith
- c) mission and evangelism
- d) pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved
- e) the provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community, including (but not restricted to) the elderly, the young and other groups with special needs
- f) the support of other charities in the UK and overseas

The Church Council is aware of the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit in the "Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit" and has regard to it in the administration of The Church

The Church Council believes that The Church provides benefit to the public by:

Providing resources and facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development both for the congregation and for anyone else who wishes to benefit from what the church offers.

Promoting Christian values and service by members of the congregation to the community, for the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Providing significant access to the building to community organisations, charities and other organisations whose own works contribute to public benefit.

Review of the year

Revd Julie Coates

I commend to you the articles in this report. As ever it is encouraging to read through the articles and to be reminded of all that we have experienced during the last year.

Thank you to everyone who has submitted a report. Thank you too to the volunteers, who as you will see, have contributed many hours of service to the work that is described in this report. The report mentions those who faithfully served God through this church community and who have now been promoted to glory. We owe a great deal to those whose vision and leadership enabled the building and flourishing of The Crossing. It is our task now to honour their memory and add to their legacy.

I look forward to our annual church meeting which gives us an opportunity to engage in conversation about the work of God at The Crossing and to see what we learn from one another as we grow in our faith and discipleship.

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Deacon Emily Hoe-Crook

This year has, from my perspective, been a positive one where The Crossing Church congregation has knitted still closer together, engaged in community events and deepened in its discipleship collectively and individually.

The Visionaries group has discerned the way forward, beginning events and opportunities for children and families in a prayerful and care-full way, not diving in unprepared but taking each step at a time. Encouragingly we have started to get young families coming sporadically to worship services and we have sought to make them feel a tangible sense of welcome and belonging, in part through the purchase of a children's trolley with toys, books and games which is available in the new children's area each Sunday.

The Crossing, for the first time, hosted a stall at July 2023's PRIDE event, leading to helpful conversations and a few expressions of interest in our events and the fact that we offer same-sex marriage services. Following that three people came to the newly re-launched Café Church service the following day. I am deeply encouraged by the Visionaries assertion that we are called to take the love of God into the community, not simply expecting folks to come to us. On the back of the successful PRIDE stall, we have been invited to provide similar at Worksop's Charter Day in October and for subsequent events. We are gaining a reputation for openness and inclusion.

The first Family Film Night saw 12 people welcomed for the first time into the Café space for craft activities, pizza and Disney's 'Encanto'. There is much enthusiasm to continue these events with increased publicity through schools.

Our involvement with Priory Primary School has deepened over this year, with us hosting their Christmas Concert and they have booked again for this year. I take monthly assemblies and for the first time organised an 'Experience Easter' event in school which saw the entire school over the course of a day, engage with the complexities of an Easter story and respond with interactive prayer activities. The school was extremely positive about the event and would welcome further input.

Relationships with the uniformed organisations who meet at The Crossing have continued to flourish, with Brownies and Scouts receiving their Faith Badges and celebrating a Christingle service in the lead up to Christmas, I look forward to the same this year.

On a sadder note we have hosted several funerals through the last year, including four of our own beloved members. We continue to hold their loved ones in prayer. We have also celebrated numerous baptisms this year with a truly lovely atmosphere and new family contacts made and conducted a wedding which was a real joy.

Thanks to your prayers and ongoing support we continue to be a presence for good in the local community, which I aim to spread still further over the coming year. Thank you so much to everyone who works so hard to make all of the above possible, you are much appreciated.

Environmentally Friendly Church

At The crossing Church we are working hard to increase our "Eco-Friendly" activities.

In the official accreditation system, we have achieved a Bronze certificate and we are working towards Silver.

We have a number of collection points for items that can be recycled or re-used, including used plastic milk bottle tops (Yorkshire Cancer Research), used glasses (Vision Aid Overseas), toothpaste tubes and brushes (Terracycle scheme) and empty crisp packets (Terracycle scheme).

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Pastoral Support Team (previously Pastoral Visitors)

Since the last AGM report we have had 4 members join our church, sadly also four have passed away. Two of these had played a major part in the life of The Crossing Church, prior to and since its opening in May 2006. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of their families at this time of loss, they will be sadly missed.

We still meet as a Pastoral Team of 7, on a regular basis and we thank our Deacon for her active involvement and for chairing our meetings. Taking into account how the role of Pastoral Visitor has developed, it was felt we should change our title from Pastoral Visitors to Pastoral Support Team as this seems to better reflect our role. As Pastoral Support Team we will continue to provide Pastoral Support to our membership. We continue to thank our Deacon for her time and willingness to do hospital and home visits as the need arises.

Worship Group

For a number of reasons this group has not met for quite some time and tends to be hastily convened when the 'Own Arrangement' term appears on the quarterly plan. Previously we were organised by setting a date for a planning meeting and then allocating roles for various willing folk to play in producing an act of worship for the designated Sunday. Of late the pattern of services has varied and the 'Café Church' group is doing a fine job planning and delivering some new expressions of worship.

There are still some 'Own Arrangement' services being planned from time to time and if required the Worship Group is reconvened.

Singing with Dementia

This has been an encouraging year in many ways. Our numbers have picked up again after Covid and we have a steady number of 25 to 35 members attending our events, mainly due to the loyal support of the activities co-ordinators at Victoria and Greenacres Care Homes.

Because of our Community Commitment evidence we are very proud to have been recognised as a Dementia Friendly Church by the Alzheimer's Society.

Our entertainers have varied from the usual support of Annie Fotheringham, Russ Weaver, Denise and Roger Marsden and our friends from u3a, to an appearance by Elvis and a special afternoon with Alison Carrington from our own congregation.

We held a Christmas Party at the end of November and were fortunate to gain a grant from the Foresters Friendly Society to fund this. The highlight of the year was the Coronation Special. The room was packed with people singing patriotic songs whilst wearing crowns, tiaras, face masks and other appropriate dress. It was very emotional at the close when everyone who was able stood to sing God Save the King and wave their flags.

Although the Dementia Café followed by the Memory Café and Worship did not attract the numbers we hoped for and therefore were not viable we are still trying new ways to encourage people to join us. In June we held a film afternoon which proved to be more of an attraction. Summer Holiday starring Cliff Richard was enjoyed by more than 20 viewers.

Shoe Box Appeal

This year we once again supported Link to Hope. We managed to obtain a substantial donation from the Foresters Friendly Society and were able to fill 100 boxes. The generosity of our church congregation and supporters enabled us to send £300 towards the cost of transport.

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Thursday Group

The Thursday group started in the 1960's and has been ongoing in one form or another since that time, it is a friendship group for ladies of all ages. Our group meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday in the month, with a break during July and August and the last week in December.

We pay a subscription three times a year, we also have a voluntary charity collection at each meeting, this year we were able to support The Crossing, Bassetlaw Food Bank and the Lewy Body Society.

We alternate the meetings at the crossing with afternoon coffee/cake out at various places and occasionally a meal. This last year we had 4 different but very interesting speakers. We start with a short devotional/prayer and end with refreshments, usually cake.

Grumpy Men Luncheon

The Grumpy Men's Group was started by our much missed Griff several years ago and both in tribute to Griff and also because we all seem to enjoy this group we are continuing to meet in much the same way as it has always been.

This is one of those groups which have no agenda, programme or membership requirements save for the fact that all participants qualify as being 'Grumpy Men' according to others!

We meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 12.30pm and enjoy our regular diet of either sausage or bacon butties, chips and coffee/tea. This monthly diet shuts us up for about ten minutes after which the conversation can vary from local issues, international politics, finances, aches and pains, bin lorries, mining engineering, council business or even buses and trains! The subject matter is not preplanned but just evolves.

The monthly gathering usually lasts for about an hour and a bit and the attendance has reached 13 or 14 at times and we fit neatly into the café space around the comfy chairs. It is a fun group, is very therapeutic and tummy enhancing.

The Art Group

This group meets on a Friday morning from ten to mid-day. We are a keen but fun loving group who produce some beautiful work, some of which can be seen on display in the café.

Some members may say that they cannot draw or paint etc. and they then surprise themselves with their efforts. Each works at their own pace and enjoys a challenge (after a groan).

Annual Model Transport Exhibition

We have now held 6 model transport exhibitions at The Crossing and even through the years of Covid restrictions we managed to continue the pattern though we changed the time of year from January to September and this has been much appreciated by helpers and exhibitors alike, though the 2023 event hit what felt like the hottest day of the year, but thanks to regular supplies of water and air conditioning units, we coped and had another successful event.

These events are really enjoyable as it gives an opportunity for those of us that are afflicted with enthusiasm for model transport in its many forms to see them on display. We see members of the Model Bus Federation attending our event from as far afield as South Shields, Bishop Auckland, Stafford, Harrogate, Nottingham, Huddersfield and Dewsbury. This year we had visitors from much further including one member normally resident in Australia, but who made Worksop part of his UK itinerary on his six week visit.

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Crafty Corner

The Crafty Corner meets each Wednesday 10.30 till 12.00 with a small charge to cover refreshments and contribute to church funds.

This group is going well at the moment, with 12 members joining us regularly. Most members are knitters and embroiderers and bring their own projects to work on, but there is also lots of chat.

Last Autumn the National Trust asked if we would make poppies for a display in Clumber Park Church. We contributed 90 poppies.

We also, over last summer, made a large collage for the McMillan cancer 'Eating Cakes Day' for last September. We made flowers in the purples and greens of the McMillan colours. It went on display at Hall Farm Weston. Throughout the year we knitted squares and made them into blankets for Warm Spaces and Shoe Box Appeal

Card Stall

It is situated in the middle of the café. We try to offer a good range of quality cards, at a good price. All of the profit goes to benefit the church and a card is much nicer than an email.

The Quizzes

As well as a monthly word search we try to produce three quizzes a year to raise funds. One is for Action for Children, the next is for Crossing funds and the third one is for Christian Aid.

Music at The Crossing

The Church Council decided, because of copyright laws, to limit the number of concerts we do to a maximum of 6 per year.

In 2022/23 we had 5 concerts. Ryton Chorale thrilled audiences with their November 2022 concert and then followed up with their annual Messiah concert in March 2023.

Anston Male Voice choir came in September 2022 and filled the hall. They returned in November 2022 along with the Major Oak Pop Choir. The Crossing was full of audience and choir members.

In July this year Simply Swing - the u3a swing band - came and entertained us with an afternoon of music through the years. Tea and coffee were available and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the performance.

There are two concerts in line for the rest of the year - Musicality Singers will be bringing their Christmas concert in December and we hope that The Major Oak Pop Choir will also return in December.

Church Fayres

It has become our regular pattern to hold two fayres during the year, these were on 5th November 2022 and 20th May 2023. These were both really busy events, bringing many people into The Crossing and raising much needed funds for the Church.

The stalls are usually a mix of local crafts people bringing their wares for sale, our own church folk who have special talents and many 'preloved' items looking for a new home, be they books, plants, jewellery, accessories, bric a brac etc. Not forgetting home made cakes and preserves, greetings cards and art work etc. We also have a number of our groups raising funds for their own activities (such as the Cubs and Scouts and Dementia Singing) and others raising funds for local charities (such as the MS Society).

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These events are an ideal time to open our café once again and provide refreshments for stallholders and attendees alike and although busy and tiring our fantastic team of catering volunteers all agree that it is lovely to have the café buzzing again and filled with the smell of cooking pork (hot pork rolls) or bacon.

Community Café

Our café space and kitchen has continued to be used for a variety of purposes throughout the year, some arranged by our own volunteer team and others by third parties and local charities.

The regular coffee morning from 10am - 12 noon every Friday morning has become more and more popular and we have a number of regular customers who meet up every Friday. It is manned by a wonderful team of volunteers who serve on a rota basis. We serve Fairtrade coffee and tea and lots of lovely homemade cakes.

During this year we were contacted by North Notts College Flex Team with a request to run a coffee morning on Wednesdays, with a start date in March. This has gradually built in popularity and is now getting busier. This is a "Partnership Project" with the church providing all of the supplies and the staff and students from North Notts College providing the volunteers. This is a valuable training activity for students who have additional needs, giving them skills that they will be able to use in the workplace once they leave college.

Our community café team have also provided drinks stations and buffets on occasions during the year, these have been for organisations using our rooms for meetings and conferences, training events etc. and for funeral teas.

The busiest days have been when we open the café for a full day in conjunction with our fundraising events (church fayres, model transport day etc.). On these days we plan light lunches as well as our usual coffee morning menu, we tend to be very busy and raise much needed funds for the ongoing work of the church.

In November 2022 we decided to keep our café space open on Friday afternoons as part of the "Warm Spaces" initiative. This has developed in the spring to "Friendship Afternoon Tea" with a team of volunteers serving hot drinks, cakes, snacks and sandwiches. This is all on a donation only basis as the main purpose is to provide safe space for anyone to attend, rather than a fundraising activity.

We are grateful to The Foresters Friendly Society who provided us with a grant of £200 which enabled us to purchase some new equipment: tea pots, toaster, cake covers etc.

Our café space has also been used for many valuable projects during the year:

Every Tuesday lunchtime we host the Methodist Homes for the Aged, older peoples luncheon club. This is a very welcome and well attended event.

BCVS and YMCA continued to organise a joint project around healthy eating and cookery lessons for the YMCA hostel users. This is a shorter project, usually in 6 week blocks and funding has been given.

Every Thursday we host the Notts MIND Wellness café.

Also some of our regular groups use our café space, which was not really possible when the café company was open.

Resource and Property Group (RAP)

The Resources and Property Group was formed in 2004, before The Crossing was completed and opened. The group acts on behalf of the Church Council in dealing with property based matters. Significant matters are reported to Church Council and decisions are requested from them when strategic, sensitive or policy issues arise. The group has also made decisions relating to the recruitment and employment of caretaking posts

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which are direct employees of the Church.

The Resources and Property Group operates within the several budget headings covering property and related matters. The group receives updates on the spending position relative to the budgets. Authority to spend outside the terms of an approved budget has to be obtained from Church Council.

For much of the year the group has functioned without formal meetings, to avoid taking up time of some busy people. Decisions have been taken via email discussions. Recent issues have included damage to the rear fire exit (an attempted break-in), water leaking in on the east wing landing, the heating boilers and related systems and air handling units.

Many aspects of the building are subject to regular inspection and maintenance with significant associated cost.

There is an ongoing process of balancing what we have to do and would like to do with resources available. Over the years various 'blue sky' ideas have been discussed around what we would do if we could. However impossible many things seem now, we should not lose the vision which led to the building of the Crossing in the first place.

Closure of The Crossing SEC Limited

Following on from the decision, made last year by the SEC board and the Church Trustees, to close the SEC and therefore simplify our governance structures, the practical tasks were put into place during this financial year.

Interested parties have all been informed and the appropriate paperwork has been signed and sent to Companies House and The Charity Commission to dissolve the SEC both as a company and a charity. The Company is now listed as dissolved via strike off on 3 October 2023.

All accounts were finalised and closed with the final balances and responsibilities being passed to the Church.

The final accounts were prepared for the period September 2021 to January 2023 and are available on The Charity Commission website. The final balances of £11,394 transferred to the Church Account were:

£8,117 general funds (including SEC projects remaining balances).

£2,277 restricted funds "Baking blokes" (this was an historic grant from Tesco and permission has been given to re-allocate this to warm spaces).

£1,000 restricted funds for the YMCA cookery lessons project.

Growth and Development

The Church 2017 review led us to revise our mission statement and through discussion in Church Council a new statement was drawn up and adopted by Church Meeting. A poster symbolising our aims was designed and is now displayed around the building. Alongside regular Sunday morning worship we have offered a range of services during the week.

As well as these regular services and Bible-based activities we enable our wider community to celebrate the special events of their life journey.

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Future Developments

As we approach the next year we are ready for the next chapter of our story with a strong team in place. Our Deacon who brings a caring, community focused, spiritual approach to ministry. The Visionaries group who seek to discern ways in which we can worship and serve God through The Crossing, our growing congregation, our small band of faithful volunteers, including the operations team. Support from Trinity Methodist Circuit, Sheffield Methodist District and the East Midlands Synod of The United Reformed Church. Plus a wide range of partnerships with community agencies.

We are committed to developing:

Worship - with a creative mix of inclusive accessible styles of services.

A discipleship and spirituality programme - with an emphasis on home groups and times of retreat. We will provide regular Morning Prayer sessions and a Prayer Space.

A ministry in the town centre - taking an active part in local events and working closely with our ecumenical and interfaith colleagues - being attuned to the social, physical and spiritual needs of our community.

The café space - this can be used to meet needs in the local community such as serving meals within school holidays and providing comfortable, warm space over the winter months in response to the cost of living crisis. The facilities are also available as a training base for cooking/nutrition support. We are a Fair Trade Church.

Outreach to those who are retired - by providing a range of events to which church members can confidently invite their friends. We will continue to strengthen our relationship with local residents living close to the church.

A key role as a Dementia Friendly Church - with special services, events, training and facilities. We are currently acting as ambassadors for this movement.

The use of our premises as a Centre of Wellbeing - building on the work already carried out with arts and crafts groups, exercise classes, counselling services, mental and physical health support groups, Women's Wellbeing sessions and Blood Donors.

Work with children and families - nurturing our links with our Toddler Group and Uniformed Organisations, as well as exploring connections with local schools. We also aim to provide a safe space for families to socialise at a Community Cinema project.

The recruitment, training and encouragement of volunteers - we will seek to find suitable roles for those who are able to support our welcome desk, back office administration, catering, gardening and work with children, families and older adults.

The aim to achieve and maintain Siler Eco Church status - which will include the development of our church wild life garden.

Inclusion - we welcome refugees. The venue is registered for same-sex marriage.

An online presence - through our website and our Facebook page. We will also share good news about the church and community via our magazine and the local press.

A site which is in the cultural quarter of Worksop - the church hosts Concerts and a Model Transport Exhibition, as well as supporting the neighbouring Acorn Theatre.

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Financial Review

There was a net surplus in the movement of funds for the year of £13,532 (2022 - Deficit £21,953). This is after charging depreciation of fixed assets of £19,677 (2022 - £20,161). The total funds at 31 August 2023 was £1,643,065 (2022 - £1,629,533). Of this £1,548,099 (2022 - £1,567,776) is held as fixed assets, including the church building.

The total bank and cash balances held at 31 August 2023 were £106,863 including £14,360 reserve account and £10,300 other restricted funds. The designated flower fund balance of £55 is also included in the total cash and bank.

This positive cash flow enables us to be solvent through to the end of the 2023-24 financial year. Receipts from lettings, rent, Acorn and Community Café still do not cover property expenditure. The Church Council, operations manager and Methodist District continue to search for funding and ways to balance the budget and give long term security.

Within the cash held, there is money for flowers, gardening, singing with dementia, a grant from Notts County Council and money released from a TMCP fund which must be used for work with youth and children. The church continues to be supported by the Model Bus Exhibition and its members: especially donations from the restoration of models sold worldwide. Once again, The Church is incredibly grateful for all of the many donations it has received from the congregation, members and Church groups including our Guiding groups.

Budget and actual comparisons for the year show that congregational and property income were greater than budget - rental income increased above budget and previous years actual figures. Ministry spend exceeded budget, this now includes receptionist costs and seated exercise costs which had not been budgeted for in the church budget. Property spend continues to be high but was less than budget, some property repairs were carried over to the next financial year. Electricity was still on a fixed rate until the end of the year.

The Community Café has been successful financially, contributing to major repairs and maintenance within the café area.

With God's help and our prayers, I hope that we can continue to move forward, so that we can improve our work in the Church and community in line with our mission.

Risk Management and Reserves Policy

The Church Council regularly reviews the major risks which the charity faces. All operational procedures have been examined and policies are in place for Health & Safety, Data protection, Safeguarding of Children and Young People, Smoking, Older People and Disadvantaged People. The Crossing is complying with all relevant legislation.

The Church Council has a low risk approach to investment and invests all funds with The Methodist Church Finance Board. Bequest money is invested under Methodist law with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.

The Council is painfully aware that the level of financial reserves is insufficient for an organisation of this size and regrets that no significant transfers to reserves were made during the year.

Typically twelve months expenditure amounts to around £150,000 and unrestricted net current assets only stand at £91,208.

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Statement of the Church Council responsibilities

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Church Council to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Charity's financial activities during the year and of the financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the Church Council is required to:

- a. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b. make judgements and estimates that are responsible and prudent;
- c. state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- d. prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Church Council is responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy, at any time, the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Organisational Structure

The full Church Meeting sets and/or approves mission, vision, constitution and policy. It identifies priorities and elects the Church Council members. Policies include community relationships and engagement, in addition to pastoral, mission, worship and learning.

The Church Council, which is chaired by the Minister, has duties to devise strategies, including the allocation of resources to deliver various policies. It must monitor their achievements and being the Managing Trustees of The Crossing, ensure financial viability targets and commitments are met.

The following groups have responsibilities within the church organisational structure:

Resources and Property Group	Management of property and resources.
Finance Action Group	Overview of finance and sustainability.
Friends of The Crossing	Generate funds via events and activities.

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Reference and administrative details:

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Church Council:	Deacon Emily Hoe-Crook	
	Annette Barker	
	Iris Franks	
	Bob Heathcote	
	Anne Taylor	
	Griff Wynne	Passed away November 2022
	Kath Jordan	Appointed March 2023
	Richard Peake	Appointed March 2023
	Margaret Merrils	Appointed March 2023

Church Council

The Trustees of The Crossing Church are the "Church Council" who, in addition to the commitments to our Lord, the local church and it's wider councils, and to the local community, have statutory obligations as "Managing Trustees" and "Charity Trustees". We are grateful to those members of the church who have been prepared to accept these responsibilities as Church Council members during the year.

Status of the Crossing Church

The church is a Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) between Wesley Methodist Church, Worksop and Worksop United Reformed Church. The Crossing Church is a registered Charity - the charity number is 1140500.

The Crossing Church is in the Trinity Circuit of the Methodist Church. The church is also part of the East Midlands Synod of the United Reformed Church. The present title of the church - The Crossing Church - was adopted in May 2006 when the new building was opened. Previously it was known as Worksop United Church since the setting up of the LEP in 2001 and previously to that it was known as Wesley Methodist Church, Worksop.

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Statement of disclosure of information to independent examiner

The Church Council members who held office at the date of approval of this annual report confirm that:-

So far as they are aware, there is no relevant financial information, or other information needed by the Charity's examiners in connection with preparing their report, of which the Charity's examiner is unaware; and

They have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as Managing Trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant financial information, and to establish that the Charity's examiner is aware of that information.

Approval

This report was approved by the Church Council and signed on its behalf.

Church Council Member

Signed: A Westerbj

Name: ANNETTE WESTERBY

Church Council Member

Signed: ANTaylor

Name: Anne Taylor

Dated: 27.6.2024

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Crossing Church for the year ended 31 August 2023, which comprise of the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Accounting Policies and Notes to the Financial Statements.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trustee'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 respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- (3) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

N M Knowles A C A,
as principal of
Williams Knowles & Co
Chartered Accountants
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Date:

28 June 2024

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2023

	Notes	General Fund Unrestricted	Designated Funds Unrestricted	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022-23	Total 2021-22
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
1 Offerings		28,190	-	-	-	28,190	28,640
2 Donations & Grants	4a	52,382	-	2,603	-	54,985	12,948
3 Gift aid		7,440	-	-	-	7,440	8,661
4 Interest and investment income		1,073	-	512	-	1,585	377
5 Income from investment properties		-	-	-	-	-	-
6 Internal organisations		-	-	-	-	-	-
7 Other charitable income	4b	86,648	154	3,277	-	90,079	68,929
8 Total income		175,733	154	6,392	-	182,279	119,555
Expenditure							
9 Circuit assessment or share		30,900	-	-	-	30,900	30,900
10 Grants and donations		-	-	-	-	-	-
11 Property maintenance	5	34,605	-	-	-	34,605	27,756
12 Insurance, utilities etc	6	28,829	-	360	-	29,189	19,116
13 Depreciation		19,677	-	-	-	19,677	20,161
14 Office expenses	7	5,838	-	-	-	5,838	5,537
15 Other expenditure	8	47,477	329	732	-	48,538	37,556
16 Internal organisations		-	-	-	-	-	-
17 Total charitable expenditure		167,326	329	1,092	-	168,747	141,026
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		-	-	-	-	-	(482)
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties		-	-	-	-	-	-
20 Net income/(expenditure)		8,407	(175)	5,300	-	13,532	(21,953)
21 Transfers between funds		(1,600)	-	1,600	-	-	-
22 Other gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-	-	-
23 Net movement in funds for the year		6,807	(175)	6,900	-	13,532	(21,953)
24 Total funds brought forward		1,611,543	230	17,760	-	1,629,533	1,651,486
25 Total funds carried forward		1,618,350	55	24,660	-	1,643,065	1,629,533

Please see page 14 for full comparative figures.

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2022

	Notes	General Fund Unrestricted	Designated Funds Unrestricted	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2021-22	Total 2020-21
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
1 Offerings		28,640	-	-	-	28,640	32,640
2 Donations & Grants	4a	10,596	-	2,352	-	12,948	17,726
3 Gift aid		8,661	-	-	-	8,661	9,670
4 Interest and investment income		183	-	58	136	377	226
5 Income from investment properties		-	-	-	-	-	-
6 Internal organisations		-	-	-	-	-	425
7 Other charitable income	4b	68,540	80	309	-	68,929	37,775
8 Total income		116,620	80	2,719	136	119,555	98,462
Expenditure							
9 Circuit assessment or share		30,900	-	-	-	30,900	35,015
10 Grants and donations		-	-	-	-	-	15,728
11 Property maintenance	5	17,839	-	9,917	-	27,756	25,750
12 Insurance, utilities etc	6	19,116	-	-	-	19,116	16,027
13 Depreciation		20,161	-	-	-	20,161	20,860
14 Office expenses	7	5,537	-	-	-	5,537	4,651
15 Other expenditure	8	36,494	367	662	33	37,556	24,130
16 Internal organisations		-	-	-	-	-	-
17 Total charitable expenditure		130,047	367	10,579	33	141,026	142,161
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		-	-	-	(482)	(482)	1,288
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties		-	-	-	-	-	-
20 Net income/(expenditure)		(13,427)	(287)	(7,860)	(379)	(21,953)	(42,411)
21 Transfers between funds		1,137	-	10,428	(11,565)	-	-
22 Other gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-	-	-
23 Net movement in funds for the year		(12,290)	(287)	2,568	(11,944)	(21,953)	(42,411)
24 Total funds brought forward		1,623,833	517	15,192	11,944	1,651,486	1,693,897
25 Total funds carried forward		1,611,543	230	17,760	-	1,629,533	1,651,486

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

	Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals 2023	Totals 2022
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets							
Church building and other property	12	1,548,099	-	-	-	1,548,099	1,567,776
Investment properties		-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	13	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets		1,548,099	-	-	-	1,548,099	1,567,776
Current Assets							
Debtors and prepayments	14	12,407	-	-	-	12,407	17,706
Loans by the Churches		-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments with TMCP		-	-	-	-	-	-
Central Finance Board Deposits	15	67,477	-	24,660	-	92,137	57,151
Cash at Bank and in hand	15	14,671	55	-	-	14,726	12,425
Total current assets		94,555	55	24,660	-	119,270	87,282
Current liabilities							
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	16	3,402	-	-	-	3,402	3,423
Grants payable within 2021-22		-	-	-	-	-	-
Total current liabilities		3,402	-	-	-	3,402	3,423
Net current assets/liabilities		91,153	55	24,660	-	115,868	83,859
Total assets less current liabilities		1,639,252	55	24,660	-	1,663,967	1,651,635
Long term liabilities							
(due after more than one year)							
Grants payable after 2021-22		-	-	-	-	-	-
Loans to the Church		20,902	-	-	-	20,902	22,102
Net assets		1,618,350	55	24,660	-	1,643,065	1,629,533
Funds of the Church							
General Fund (Unrestricted)	18	1,618,350				1,618,350	1,611,543
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	18		55			55	230
Total Unrestricted Funds						1,618,405	1,611,773
Restricted Funds	18			24,660		24,660	17,760
Endowment Funds	18				-	-	-
Total Funds		1,618,350	55	24,660	-	1,643,065	1,629,533

Church Council Member

Signed: *Annesterby*

Name: ANNETTE NESTERBY

Date: 27/6/24

THE CROSSING CHURCH
NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The charity is an unincorporated organisation. The registered address is The Crossing Church, Newcastle Street, Worksop, S80 2AT.

2. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) - Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the financial statements are as follows:

a. Basis of preparation

The Crossing Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

The assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity.

b. Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

c. Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The nature of estimation means that the outcomes could differ from those estimates.

The most significant area of estimation uncertainty for the charity is in relation to the useful economic life of the fixed assets.

d. Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Church Council for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

e. Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

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- Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.
- Investment income is included when receivable.
- Incoming resources from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

f. Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT where it cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

- Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.
- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.
- All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SoFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis e.g. floor areas, per capita or estimated usage.

g. Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Building	1% straight line
Equipment	33% reducing balance basis
Organ	10% reducing balance basis
Fixtures & fittings	15% reducing balance basis

h. VAT

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

i. Fixed asset investments

The investments of The Crossing Church are held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) as custodian trustees. The valuations, at market value, are those provided by TMCP. The unrealised gains arising on investments at the end of the year are shown in the SOFA.

j. Realised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to the statement of financial activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year.

Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

k. Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

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4a. Donations & grants

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Donations & gifts	10,861	2,103	12,964	10,448
Legacies	39,426	-	39,426	-
Grants				
Notts County Council- Re energy	1,785	-	1,785	2,500
URC- Re energy	310	-	310	-
Methodist District - Warm spaces	-	500	500	-
	<u>52,382</u>	<u>2,603</u>	<u>54,985</u>	<u>12,948</u>

4b. Other charitable income

Fund raising	5,042	-	5,042	309
Lettings	55,041	-	55,041	52,096
Other	6,995	-	6,995	16,444
Transfer from The Crossing SEC Ltd	8,256	3,277	11,533	-
Flower fund (designated)	154	-	154	80
Seated exercise	3,597	-	3,597	-
Café	7,717	-	7,717	-
	<u>86,802</u>	<u>3,277</u>	<u>90,079</u>	<u>68,929</u>

5. Property maintenance

Service contracts	6,099	-	6,099	10,234
Repairs and renewals	22,619	-	22,619	12,717
Cleaning equipment & services	3,013	-	3,013	2,416
Window cleaning	438	-	438	312
Business waste	2,436	-	2,436	2,077
	<u>34,605</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,605</u>	<u>27,756</u>

6. Insurance, utilities etc

Light & heat	22,958	360	23,318	14,303
Insurance	4,399	-	4,399	4,157
Water rates	826	-	826	135
General rates	646	-	646	521
	<u>28,829</u>	<u>360</u>	<u>29,189</u>	<u>19,116</u>

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7. Office expenditure

Telephone	3,427	-	3,427	2,813
Stationery & postage	82	-	82	10
Printing expenses	2,329	-	2,329	2,714
	<u>5,838</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,838</u>	<u>5,537</u>

8. Other expenditure

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Service expenses	797	-	-	797	491
Sundries	1,081	132	-	1,213	1,287
Bank charges & interest	272	-	-	272	149
FOTC fundraising costs	240	-	-	240	1,303
Accountancy	1,939	-	-	1,939	2,166
Card sales	548	-	-	548	513
Café	1,767	23	-	1,790	3,172
Licences	493	-	-	493	319
I T & Equipment	1,727	577	-	2,304	2,777
Administration wages	11,589	-	-	11,589	4,900
Caretakers wages	21,264	-	-	21,264	18,006
Donations to external organisations	2,031	-	-	2,031	2,106
Seated exercise	3,225	-	-	3,225	-
Training	504	-	-	504	-
Flower fund (designated)	329	-	-	329	367
	<u>47,806</u>	<u>732</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,538</u>	<u>37,556</u>

9. Payment to Trustees

No payments were made to the Trustees for services or expenses.

10. Fees for examination of the accounts

	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	700	700
Other fees for accountancy services paid to the independent examiner	1,066	1,466

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11. Staff costs paid during the year

Previously the Church did not directly employ staff, amounts were paid to The Crossing SEC Limited in respect of management and administration, caretaking and cleaning.
During the current year staff have been transferred to be directly employed by The Crossing Church.

Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	32,853	23,615
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The average number of employees engaged by the charity amounted to 3 (2022 - 3).

12. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Church Building £	Fixtures fittings & equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 September 2022	1,836,164	110,572	1,946,736
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 August 2023	1,836,164	110,572	1,946,736
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION			
At 1 September 2022	275,400	103,560	378,960
Charge for the year	18,360	1,317	19,677
On disposals	-	-	-
At 31 August 2023	293,760	104,877	398,637
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 August 2023	1,542,404	5,695	1,548,099
At 31 August 2022	1,560,764	7,012	1,567,776

13. Investments

The monies that support the various funds are held by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited to the accounts each month. These are regarded as medium and long term investments. TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day

management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with Charity law and Methodist law and policy as determined by the Methodist Conference.

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17. Related parties

The Crossing SEC Ltd had directors who are also on the Church Council. The Crossing SEC Ltd provided staff and administrative services to The Church. This arrangement ceased during the previous year and all operations were transferred to The Crossing Church. When The Crossing SEC Ltd closed all of the remaining funds of £11,533 were transferred over to The Crossing Church.

The Crossing Church had a loan from Trinity Circuit when building the church, the amount still outstanding at the year end was £ 11,102 (2022 - £11,102) the loan is due on demand, however, there is no specific repayment date and no interest is being charged.

A further loan was received from the Trinity Circuit for £13,000 in December 2020 towards property repairs. This is being repaid at £100 per month. The amount outstanding at the year end was £9,800 (2022 - £11,000).

18. Analysis of funds

	Opening balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Revaluation £	Closing balance £
Restricted funds						
Designated gifts	1,397	47	(127)	-	-	1,317
Benevolence	91	3	-	-	-	94
Church reserve	12,301	459	-	1,600	-	14,360
Music	90	3	-	-	-	93
Singing with dementia	1,008	504	-	-	-	1,512
YMCA project	1,254	1,000	(120)	-	-	2,134
Youth & Children TMCP 1579	1,619	-	-	-	-	1,619
Warm spaces	-	4,376	(845)	-	-	3,531
	<u>17,760</u>	<u>6,392</u>	<u>(1,092)</u>	<u>1,600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,660</u>
Unrestricted funds						
General reserve	1,611,543	175,733	(167,326)	(1,600)	-	1,618,350
Flower fund	230	154	(329)	-	-	55
	<u>1,611,773</u>	<u>175,887</u>	<u>(167,655)</u>	<u>(1,600)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,618,405</u>
Total funds	<u>1,629,533</u>	<u>182,279</u>	<u>(168,747)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,643,065</u>

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Restricted fund purposes

Designated gifts: Small gifts received where the donors designate the use of the funds.

Benevolence: For benevolence to members.

Church reserve: To build up church reserves.

Music: Funds for the purchase of a grand piano.

Bequests: Funds held where the donors have specified the use of the funds.

Singing with dementia: For providing social interaction for dementia sufferers and their carers.

Youth & Children TMCP 1579: Amount transferred from TMCP Endowment to be used for the benefit of youth and children

Warm spaces: To provide a safe space where people can get a drink and snack.

Reasons for transfer between funds:

Net income from the Endowment funds is available for general use in accordance with the conditions set out by the fund and is transferred each year to the general fund.

Analysis of net assets between funds

	General fund unrestricted £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Fixed Assets	1,548,099	-	-	1,548,099	1,567,776
Current assets	94,555	55	24,660	119,270	87,282
Current liabilities	(3,402)	-	-	(3,402)	(3,423)
Long term liabilities	(20,902)	-	-	(20,902)	(22,102)
	<u>1,618,350</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>24,660</u>	<u>1,643,065</u>	<u>1,629,533</u>

19. Going concern

The church operates within the limits of its available cash resources and budgets are set by the church council each year. The church council has reviewed its position under the current difficult circumstances and has concluded that the organisation remains a going concern. Further work is needed, to evaluate and plan for the medium to long term in order to develop a strategy that will enable the church to provide an effective presence within the community and remain within its budgeted expenditure.