

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date
From 01 Feb 2022 To 31 Jan 2023
Period end date

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

The Church in Great Notley

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1143093

Charity's principal address

Bridge end lane,

Great Notley

Braintree

Postcode

CM77 7GN

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1 Lisa Scott	Treasurer		Members at AGM
2 Emma Gibson		Appointed April 2023	Members at AGM
3 June Frisbee			Members at AGM
4 Suzanne Gillingham			Members at AGM
5 Catherine Jarvis			Members at AGM
6 Ann Waters			Members at AGM
7 Valerie Spouge			Members at AGM
8 Rev David Sebley			N/A
9 Rev Rachel Prior			N/A
10 Rev Roman Kukiewicz			N/A
11			

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Amanda Miller	Resigned at AGM April 2023

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser

Name

Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

By trust with Annual Nominations of Trustees

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

By election at Annual AGM

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

All policy & procedures are decided by the members at the AGM, usually held in April

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Provide Ecumenical worship to the local area. Provide support and spiritual needs of the community.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Our worship is open to everyone.

The building is utilised during the week by local organisations who provide support or facilities to the local and wider community.

The building is also used as a nursery who run 8 session a week.

We have been working closely with the local community helping those in need.

We also operate as a foodbank distribution point one day a week, which is in connection with the Braintree Area Foodbank and governed by the Trussell Trust.

The church also has various outreach projects, like ladies oasis, Snackanory, who let the dads out, Messy Church and a monthly youth group.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

The church is run and survives due to the exceptional volunteers we have, although they have depleted over the last couple of years, those who do volunteer do so with enthusiasm and gusto.

We have one paid youth worker and the ministry team who are paid by their denominations.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

**Summary of the main
achievements of the charity
during the year**

Please see the attached Annual Report.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity has worked hard to reduce our expenditure in the financial year (2022-2023). This has been aided by an increase in our hiring costs and also by an increase in donations and offerings. We have been successful in obtain various grants both restricted and unrestricted for the next financial year.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

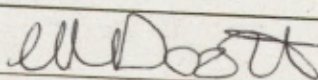
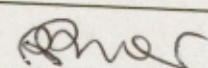
Other optional information

Section G

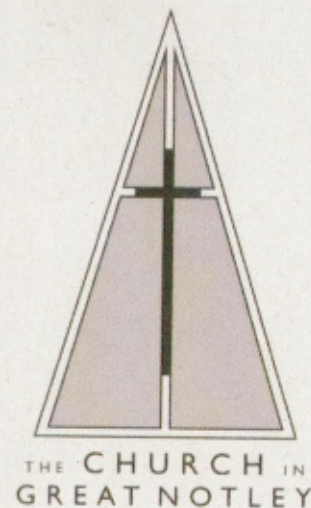
Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Lisa Margaret Scott	Rachel Prior
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Minister

Date 16 May 2023



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2023

MINISTRY TEAM REPORT

Another year has flown by, and it is time again to review what has been happening in the past twelve months. As the clergy team in Great Notley, we give so much thanks for the faithfulness of God and for all the dedication and service of you, His people.

However, this is our 25th Anniversary year and it is right to celebrate the life and ministry of this church over all those years. Indeed, the mission of this church remains the same now as it was then...

To show the love of Jesus in word and action so that others may come to know Him as Lord and Saviour

Earlier in the year, your Church Council looked at this statement and we came to the conclusion that when we work together on the first bit, the second part will happen naturally! When people witness the love of Jesus in word and action, they will want to know more about what it means to have Him as Lord and Saviour for themselves.

As we work together, it creates an environment where people's lives can be transformed by the love of God working in us and through us. 'Sort Your Life Out' is a programme on the BBC where a crack team, led by Stacey Solomon, help people transform their homes. With a life-changing declutter, they upcycle and recycle their way to a new home for people.

It sounds so simple, but when you see the total contents of people's homes spread across a large warehouse floor, you start to realise that it is a bigger task than first anticipated! However, having a good declutter can do wonders for the families involved and can free up space within their home.

The thinking behind the 'Sort Your Life Out' series is nothing new. Centuries ago, Jesus was doing the same thing, not for people's homes but for their individual lives.

One of the greatest examples is the story of Zacchaeus, who needed a totally new approach to life. I [David] have often wondered how the conversation went in the tax-collector's home. What did Jesus say or do that totally sorted this very unpopular man's life out?

Whatever Jesus said or did – it worked!

People look at the church today and want to know one essential truth: Does what we proclaim really work? Does following Jesus change anything? Can lives be transformed by the teaching of Jesus? Is there power from God in the church today that can really make a difference? The answer is discovered in the lives of all of us at the Church in Great Notley who can testify that Jesus really does sort our lives out. As we reflect on another year, we want to say a huge 'Thank you' for all that you have done throughout the past twelve months [or perhaps the past twenty-five years!] to support the work and mission of this church. Can we also ask you to continue to pray for us as we serve you and so together introduce others to the King who is still in the business of sorting lives out!

With our love, and as always, thanks for your support,

David, Rachel and Roman

CAFÉ & CHAT

Since April 22, our monthly gatherings have catered for between 8-15 guests, but usually 10-12 each time. We continue to be blessed with a wonderful group of 7 regular volunteers, with offers of further support on special occasions, if needed. We have, up until end March 23, requested a suggested donation of £1 per person per session and our costs have been kept low due to the generosity of our volunteer cake bakers and occasional cash gifts from our guests and volunteers. June 22 was extra special, when we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with an extended session. We decorated part of the vestibule with our own homemade Jubilee banner which regular C & C guests had worked on at home for the preceding month (special thanks to Wendy for leading on this). We then shared a lovely buffet lunch which was 'crowned' with some super Jubilee Trifles (made and donated by volunteer Sandra Thomas), then some singing and quizzing. We used accrued funds to cover all our excess costs for this unique and memorable occasion.

In September, we started to organise donations for the *Link To Hope* Christmas shoeboxes 2022. This time, the need was starkly more urgent following Russia's invasion in Feb 22 of one of *Link To Hope's* partner

countries, Ukraine.

In October, we filled and wrapped Christmas shoeboxes for Link to Hope. Amazingly, we were able to drop off an astonishing 28 complete shoeboxes to the *Link to Hope* rep in Wivenhoe, transport fees paid, all made possible by the generosity of not only the folk connected with Café & Chat, but also from our friends within and outside of the Church. That generosity included a whopping £187.90 in cash.

Also in October, volunteers from Café & Chat kindly hosted the free Book Exchange at the Church. It was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon, with the 'mini café' offering homemade cakes and hot drinks, all proceeds to the Church. We had loads of books donated and all 'left-overs' were gladly accepted by St Helena Hospice shop in Stanway.

In November, we moved into *cold weather* mode, when we meet and end earlier, serve soup and bread light lunches, followed by the usual homemade cakes, hot drinks and quizzes.

In December, we celebrated Christmas with a special, seasonal buffet lunch. Again, the excess costs were funded from our accrued funds.

In January 23, in the midst of the winter energy crisis, we joined our Church's involvement in the UK Government's Warm Spaces initiative. We extended to two sessions per month with a soup lunch, and these were advertised along with our other Church groups, around Braintree. At the time of writing this report, we haven't yet had the opportunity to welcome any new faces under the scheme but our regular guests were grateful to meet twice a month during this difficult period.

We started this financial year with a fund of £97.12 (£59.88 held on our behalf by the Church, plus our accrued cash float of £37.24). After paying costs (mainly re the Jubilee and Christmas celebrations), we ended the financial year 31/1/23 with a credit balance of £9.08. This comprised £36.48 in our Church account, offset by a temporary cash shortfall of £27.40. This temporary cash shortfall was largely due to our stock of 30 cartons of fresh soup, bought in advance at a discounted price of £1.25 per carton, to be served in our Feb and March sessions. Regrettably, in line with the rising cost of living, we plan to increase our suggested session donation to £1.50 per person.

Finally, we are very grateful for the support of Church Council, our

ministers and our wonderful volunteers and helpers – Carol, Cecily, Jan, Martin, Mary, Paul F, Sandra T and Stephane.

Jacquie Fanchette & Wendy Potter

CATERING

Out two weekly coffee mornings are still well supported mainly by the walking group along with the Ministers after prayers on Tuesdays. It would be nice to see a few more members of our congregation though. We had a celebratory lunch for the late Queens Jubilee in June which was catered primarily by our friends from Rayne Church with our help. At Christmas we had the Tree Festival which was well supported and refreshments were enjoyed by all. We do offer a friendly atmosphere for the youngsters "Messy" events throughout the year.

My thanks go to Betty, Judith, Gina, and Sandra whose help is greatly appreciated.

Sandra Higby

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Our last Pumpkin Trail and All Hallows Eve event was a huge success. We gave out 140 trail bags and over 100 hot dogs and hot chocolates were consumed on All Hallows Eve.

This Easter we have had around 40 children take part in our Easter trail. We also added a Story Trail this year following in the steps of the two men on the Emmaus Road with Jesus.

At our Easter Messy Church we had 35 children in attendance.

Suzanne Gillingham

Children and Families Worker

CRAFTY CUPPA

Crafty Cuppa is a fun lovely crafty group. We have about 10 people who regularly attend. We bring our own craft materials, enjoy a cup of coffee together while doing our own crafts, also sharing the joys and the lows of crafting. We all make a donation each week to cover the cost of our coffee, tea, biscuits etc. We were also able to share a lunch together of jacket potatoes etc at the Church.

Four of us went to Ally Pally Crafterama show in March which was fun and good experience for us all.

Wendy Potter

FINANCIAL REPORT

We have had a much better year financially. Our hiring is back up to pre Covid figures with around £19,000 income, hopefully this should remain stable into 2023-24. Catering income has also increased significantly post Covid. In 2022-23, our offering also increase by £6,000, due to some people moving to standing orders and other generous back dated offerings. This figure is likely to revert back to around £12,000-£14,000 next year.

We were also successful in obtaining a grant from the URC of £7,800, which will see the Children's and Family's Worker role continue until end of 2023. The URC are also considering funding for another 2 years (2024/25). It is worth noting that the grant came towards the end of the financial year so any salary and pensions costs for the next financial year will show as a deficit. The URC are also considering funding for another 2 years.

Our gas and electricity costs have significantly increased as well, although we successfully obtained energy support grants from the Diocese, URC and Methodist partners. The Methodist monies were specifically for our Warm Spaces initiative and although we didn't have anyone actually attend out of the normal visitors, we have donated some money to the Café & Chat group and to the coffee morning sessions. The remaining money can be used towards our energy costs as we heated the building during those times. The grants for the increase in energy costs has been assigned as an unrestricted grant. I remain hopeful that the energy costs will return to normal levels in this coming year.

We have managed to save on our cleaning costs by changing the contract cleaning to twice a week and picking up cleaning the worship area ourselves. A big thank you to Sandra & Paul, Ron & Marie, Mike & Sandra, Betty & Peter, Suzanne & Wendy and Maggie.

The overall cash position for year ending 2022-23.

£

55,363

The year end bank balances are

Of this the amount set aside for the
fabric of the church

20,146

Leaving

35,217

However, this includes the Howard bequest balance £1,509 and the Youth Worker restricted reserve £7,800. This leaves cash for general purposes of approximately £25,908

Our new Independent Examiner is happy with the underlying books and records and how they are maintained. SAGE accounting system has a couple of oddities in the way it records income and expenditure and I am trying to see if they can be amended. These however do not have an impact of our overall financial position. In accordance with Charity Commission Guidance and Regulations the Independent Examiner is unable to finalise her report until the Trustee Annual Report and accounts are signed off at the AGM.

Lisa Scott
Treasurer

The Church in Great Notley
Receipts & Payments Account 1st February
2022 to 31st January 2023

	Unrestricted £	Youth worker £	Howard Bequest £	Total £	Previous Year £
Receipts	16,738.94			16,738.94	10,687.26
Collections	1,721.61			1,721.61	3,170.53
Gift Aid	19,223.90			19,223.90	15,674.55
Hire of Hall	1,848.54			1,848.54	585.77
Catering	875.70			875.70	148.33
Fund Raising (Donations)	0.00			0.00	368.34
Missy Church	3,172.99	21.50		3,194.49	496.20
Donations & Bequests	2,516.03	7,800.00		10,316.03	8,955.00
Grants Received	148.43			148.43	93.25
Interest Received				0.00	29.67
Youth & School Work	345.13			345.13	0.00
Misc Income					
Total Receipts	47,591.27	7,821.50	0.00	55,412.77	40,408.90
Payments					
Denominational Costs	12,599.00			12,599.00	13,680.00
Chelmsford Diocese	1,440.00			1,440.00	1,053.50
Methodist	5,880.00			5,880.00	5,248.00
URC	58.80			58.80	71.25
Baptist	565.59			565.59	0.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	310.50			310.50	248.45
Worship Expenses	851.55			851.55	671.54
Copyrights & Licences	568.60			568.60	668.81
Telephone Commos & WiFi	575.85			575.85	552.44
Council Tax	3,572.69			3,572.69	1,009.97
Gas	3,393.67			3,393.67	2,310.84
Electricity	1,054.13			1,054.13	311.81
Water	793.49			793.49	781.63
Insurance	235.00		797.00	1,032.00	3,720.08
Garden	0.00	8,343.47		8,343.47	7,481.29
Payroll	1,403.66			1,403.66	415.64
Misc & Property	143.96			143.96	70.22
Postage & Stationery	335.00			335.00	360.08
Donations	0.00			0.00	0.00
Write - off	0.00	461.60		461.60	313.81
Pension SG	400.00			400.00	400.00
Window Cleaning	6,968.84			6,968.84	8,170.79
Cleaning	224.64			224.64	224.64
Equipment Hire	41,374.97	8,805.07	797.00	50,977.04	47,274.78
Total Expenditure	£ 6,216.30	£ 983.57	£ 797.00	£ 6,415.73	£ 7,365.89
Net income					

The Church in Great Notley

Balance Sheet

For year end 1 Feb 2022 to 31 Jan 2023

	Unrestricted £	Youth worker £	Howard £	Total £	Previous Year £
Fixed Assets				140.40	140.40
Office Equipment	140.40			140.40	2,556.99
Furniture & Fixtures	2,556.99			2,556.99	2,697.39
Current Assets				33.75	1,694.00
Debtors	33.75			33.75	48,894.68
Deposits and Cash	49,855.72	6,715.26	1,509.63	58,080.61	50,588.68
Current Liabilities				-58.99	313.81
Credits: Short Term	-58.99			-58.99	313.81
Current Assets Less Current Liabilities	49,796.73	6,715.26	1,509.63	58,055.37	50,902.49
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities				58,055.37	53,599.88
Long Term Liabilities				0.00	
Total Assets Less Total Liabilities				58,055.37	53,599.88
Capital & Reserves					
Reserves	43,639.42	7,653.83	2,306.63	53,599.88	60,965.77
Net Income	6,216.30	-938.57	-797.00	4,480.73	7,365.89
	49,855.72	6,715.26	1,509.63	58,080.61	53,599.88

The Braintree Area Foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust and the Church in Great Notley is one of the Distribution Centres in this area.

TOTAL for the last 12 months Braintree Area

Total vouchers issued	3256
Adults	4802
Children	4059

Great Notley Distribution Centre

Vouchers issued	223
Adults	326
Children	356

So from this distribution centre we provided 3 meals per day for 3 days for 682 people, plus a couple of bags full of extras per voucher, plus fresh potatoes. We have also been giving Tesco gift cards to the value of £10 for a family of 1 or 2, and 2 x £10 for 3 or more.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who support us, and for our dedicated team of volunteers.

Maggie Ouwehand
Foodbank Manager

JUNIOR CHURCH

Our current Junior Church Sessions are running twice a month, term time. We have been working our way through the Jesus Storybook Bible by Sally Lloyd Jones. We are currently seeing an attendance of around 4-5 children on average, however there are 19 families that we have contact with on our WhatsApp group. There has been a slight drop in the age of our children so we are trying to keep the sessions fun, engaging and age appropriate.

Suzanne Gillingham
Children and Families Worker

LADIES OASIS

Ladies Oasis continues to run and meet each month. We have time to chat and share food while doing an activity or catching up on our own unfinished crafts. We currently have about 5-7 on average in attendance with 12 in our WhatsApp group.

Suzanne Gillingham

MEMBERSHIP

Membership currently stands at 45. Five people have recently attended membership sessions. After approval at Church Council they will be received into full membership at a service on 14th May.

The congregation were reminded at the last AGM that in order to keep their details on our files we require everyone to complete a General Data Protection Regulation form. Communication with specific Church Members regarding this resulted in two people resigning their membership and others are still being followed up. Amanda Miller and George Wafula are bravely completing this task.

We were very sad to hear of the sudden death of Marian Grieg in January this year.

I am very grateful to Sam Prior who undertook the completion of the denominational returns this year.

A copy of the 2023 Members Directory has been circulated. A complete directory for the whole congregation is being considered.

June Frisbee

PASTORAL

It has been encouraging to welcome a number of new people and families to the church. The Pastoral List is constantly being adjusted as people come and go. Some stay with us for just a few services, others come occasionally and many have happily joined us each week. Some on our list come to other activities during the week but are not able to join us for Sunday services. We do our best to stay in touch with as many on our list as we can. Others have said they will keep in touch with us. We are continuing to look at ways of maintaining a "hands off" approach with these people. As our adopted church hymn says "all are welcome in this place".

Several members of the congregation have undergone various medical procedures during the year. On the whole these have been successful. We are keeping in touch and rely on other people letting us know if help or visits are needed. We were sad to hear that Daphne Bartella had died. We had not been able to have very much contact with her during the whole of the pandemic and she had been unable to attend any activities at the church before her death.

The updating of the Church Family photo album continues. The album is

now kept in the worship area and available to anyone who would like to look through it. We are always happy to add or update photos.

We welcomed Julia in the autumn of 2022 when she came from Ukraine to stay with Maggie. Julia is now worshipping at the Braintree Baptist Church where she is very happy. Julia was part of the Baptist Church in Ukraine so this feels more familiar to her. We also welcomed Rosalind, an addition to the Prior family, and Ari a second grandson to June and Eddy.

We are so blessed that the congregation is growing. This has increased the work of the Pastoral Team so if you feel that God has given you the gifts to help with this June, Wendy or one of the ministers would be very pleased to talk to you about what is involved.

June Frisbee

PROPERTY AND MANAGEMENT OF THE BUILDING

Once again a very busy year caring for our wonderful building here in Great Notley.

We have had to have fencing replaced as it was damaged during the icy winter. Thanks go to community help for their work around the car park removing weeds, cutting hedges etc.

All contractual servicing i.e. boiler, intruder alarm, fire alarm and both retractable walls has been completed giving confidence that our Church is as safe as it can be.

The plumbing this year has been to say the least problematic but both Ron and myself were able to replace where required.

Damage to the wall in the small hall has now been repaired but will still need a little plastering that we can undertake ourselves.

My sincere thanks must go to both Marie and Ron for there continued dedication to our Church gardens but also thanks Ron for all the help he gives me in giving this Church the care it deserves.

Mike Higby

PURELY PRAYER

Purely Prayer has been set up for a while and takes place on the third Friday of each month, between 7 and 8.30pm. We generally meet at the Church and anyone is very welcome to join us. People are free to come

and go as they wish or need to. The group was set up in the hope of increasing the prayer life of the congregation. We pray about all manner of things, especially the life of the The Church in Great Notley, its ministers and leaders but also personal and world events. Anything that we feel prompted to pray about we pray about together. We also allow times of quiet so that we might hear from and be prompted by God. As there has generally only been three of us meeting it would be really great to welcome more people.

*June Frisbee
Rosemary Freeman*

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding at Great Notley is currently being reviewed as part of the Benefice group with Black Notley and Rayne. A new Safeguarding Policy has been adopted and Judy Spearman appointed as the Safeguarding Officer for the Benefice.

on behalf of Church Council

SNACKANORY

This group continues to grow and just be such a blessing, not just to the families that attend but to myself and the volunteers that keep it going. Our highest attendance over the last few weeks was 28 children!!! At an average session we are seeing between 18-20 children each week. Our Facebook page currently has 176 members. Praying they don't all turn up on the same day. :)

*Suzanne Gillingham
Children and Families Worker*

SOLO PARENTING

David and I have recently started a new monthly support group for Solo Parents. This has been a lifeline for myself and I know the other parents are feeling so blessed to have the support. It's a safe place to come together and swap tips, share in our issues and problems and help each other through them. We currently have 7 members.

Suzanne Gillingham

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY GROUP

We are an informal group meeting to look at the readings for the following Sunday. We meet at the church on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7.30pm. All are very welcome to join us

Maggie Ouwehand

WHO LET THE DAD'S OUT?

Unfortunately, numbers have again dropped in this group, so Cath and I are taking some time to think it over and are looking at other options maybe a dad's breakfast or something similar.

Suzanne Gillingham
Children and Families Worker

4TH FRIDAY (YOUTH DROP-IN)

Last October we re-introduced and re-vamped our Youth Group. The children have an hour of free play then we come together for a group activity. We ask the children each month what they would like to do the following month. So far, we have made Scripture Cookies using the Bible, sweet and savoury pizzas and cupcakes. We have seen a definite rise in numbers , which is wonderful. At our first session we had 4 children and last month (March 23) we had 11 and there were 5 absent on holiday! So our numbers are currently at 16 children.

Suzanne Gillingham
Children and Families Worker

Amendment to Treasurer report 2022/2023

This report is an amendment to the TAR for 2022/2023.

The written report for the AGM was correct. I have identified that there were a couple of errors in the schedules and balance sheet included in the annual report. This was due to an excel error and a typing mistake by me.

Attached are the correct figures for 2022/2023.

These figures have been approved by the Church Council of The Church in Great Notley and will be presented at the next Congregational meeting being held on 23rd October 23.

Lisa Scott

Treasurer

19/08/2023

The Church in Great Notley

Balance Sheet

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Messy Church	0.00			0.00	368.34
Donations & Bequests	3,172.99	21.50		3,194.49	496.20
Grants Received	2,516.03	7,800.00		10,316.03	8,955.00
Interest Received	148.43			148.43	93.25
Youth & School Work				0.00	29.67
Misc Income	345.13			345.13	0.00
Total Receipts	47,591.27	7,821.50	0.00	55,412.77	40,408.90
Payments					
Denominational Costs					
Chelmsford Diocese	12,599.00			12,599.00	13,680.00
Methodist	1,440.00			1,440.00	1,653.50
URC	5,880.00			5,880.00	5,248.00
Baptist	58.80			58.80	71.25
Minister's Expenses	565.59			565.59	0.00
Worship Expenses	310.50			310.50	248.45
Copyrights & Licences	851.55			851.55	671.54
Telephone Comms & WiFi	568.60			568.60	668.81
Council Tax	575.85			575.85	552.44
Gas	3,572.69			3,572.69	1,039.97
Electricity	3,393.67			3,393.67	2,210.84
Water	1,054.13			1,054.13	311.81
Insurance	793.49			793.49	761.63
Garden	235.00		797.00	1,032.00	3,220.08
Payroll	0.00	8,343.47		8,343.47	7,481.29
Misc & Property	1,403.66			1,403.66	415.64
Postage & Stationery	143.96			143.96	70.22
Donations	335.00			335.00	360.08
Write - off	0.00			0.00	0.00
Pension SG	0.00	461.60		461.60	313.81
Window Cleaning	400.00			400.00	400.00
Cleaning	6,968.84			6,968.84	8,170.79
Equipment Hire	224.64			224.64	224.64
Total Expenditure	41,374.97	8,805.07	797.00	50,977.04	47,774.79
Net income	£ 6,216.30	-£ 983.57	-£ 797.00	£ 4,435.73	-£ 7,365.89

(Rev D Sebley)

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the Church in Great Notley

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Church in Great Notley (the Church) for the year ended 31 January 2023. The accounts are those presented in the Annual Report dated 23 April 2023 as updated and agreed by the Church Council via email in August 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As members of the Church Council 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 Trust'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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Church as required by section 130 of the Act.
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.

A handwritten signature in dark blue ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Prior', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Signed:

Name: Sarah Prior ACA
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Date: 28 August 2023