

**The Assembly of the Brethren in Christ's Church
Limited**

Company Limited by Guarantee

Unaudited Financial Statements

31 March 2023

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Year ended 31 March 2023

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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)

Year ended 31 March 2023

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name The Assembly of the Brethren in Christ's Church Limited

Charity registration number 1144906

Company registration number 07185047

Principal office and registered office 14 Sugden Grove
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The trustees

P Asgedom
S Iyob
S M Nuguse
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Structure, governance, and management

The Trustees are aware of their responsibilities for governance and will actively seek new members using a skill-based approach where necessary. None of the Members Council has any beneficial interest in the company

Objectives and activities

Christian Church including all community and social activities associated with our church work.

Achievements and performance

The Assembly of the Brethren aim is to advance society through the teaching of Christianity centred in the Bible's teaching. The church attendance has grown by 20%, and they reached the community by organising outings more than three times within Birmingham and to Cornwall and Northern Wales. Moreover, the church has grown in number of youth attendance and youth volunteering by 40%.

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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

Financial review

We are very grateful to all that donate to the Assembly of the Brethren in Christ's Church.

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds, which have not been designated for a specific use, should on the grounds of prudence, be maintained at a level between 6 and 12 months of expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level would ensure that, even in the event of a significant drop in funding, they would be able to continue the charity's current activities and meet obligations on staffing and buildings, whilst also considering ways in which additional funds could be raised.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 25 January 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P Asgedom', with a stylized, cursive script.

P Asgedom
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Assembly of the Brethren in Christ's Church Limited

Year ended 31 March 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Assembly of the Brethren in Christ's Church Limited ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the 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 matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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.



Steven Brown BA FCA
Independent Examiner
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25 January 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year ended 31 March 2023

		2023		2022
		Unrestricted	Total funds	Total funds
	Note	funds		
		£	£	£
Income and endowments				
Donations and legacies	5	62,445	62,445	51,144
Charitable activities	6	-	-	9,180
Total income		<u>62,445</u>	<u>62,445</u>	<u>60,324</u>
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities	7,8	<u>66,604</u>	<u>66,604</u>	<u>62,536</u>
Total expenditure		<u>66,604</u>	<u>66,604</u>	<u>62,536</u>
Net expenditure and net movement in funds		<u>(4,159)</u>	<u>(4,159)</u>	<u>(2,212)</u>
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>221,828</u>	<u>221,828</u>	<u>224,040</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>217,669</u>	<u>217,669</u>	<u>221,828</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 7 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	13	286,521	294,706
Current assets			
Debtors	14	145	416
Cash at bank and in hand		64,287	66,826
		64,432	67,242
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	8,414	10,033
Net current assets		56,018	57,209
Total assets less current liabilities		342,539	351,915
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	16	124,870	130,087
Net assets		217,669	221,828
Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds		217,669	221,828
Total charity funds	17	217,669	221,828

For the year ending 31 March 2023 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- 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 directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act 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 statement of financial position
continues on the following page.

The notes on pages 7 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position *(continued)*

31 March 2023

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 25 January 2024, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



P Asgedom
Trustee

The notes on pages 7 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2023

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is 14 Sugden Grove, Birmingham, B5 7DH.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

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

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

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.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

3. Accounting policies*(continued)*

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable, and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Tangible assets *(continued)*

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Freehold property	- 2% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% straight line

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Financial instruments *(continued)*

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

4. Limited by guarantee

The company is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital.

5. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations	<u>62,445</u>	<u>62,445</u>	<u>51,144</u>	<u>51,144</u>

6. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Other income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,180</u>	<u>9,180</u>

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7. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Charitable activities	<u>66,604</u>	<u>66,604</u>	<u>62,536</u>	<u>62,536</u>

8. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Total funds 2023 £	Total fund 2022 £
Charitable activities	<u>66,604</u>	<u>66,604</u>	<u>62,536</u>

9. Net expenditure

Net expenditure is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023 £	2022 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>8,185</u>	<u>9,300</u>

10. Independent examination fees

	2023 £	2022 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>852</u>	<u>845</u>

11. Staff costs

The average head count of employees during the year was 1 (2022: 1).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2022: Nil).

12. Trustee remuneration and expenses

One or more trustees has been paid remuneration or received other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity.

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13. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2023	<u>324,641</u>	<u>12,771</u>	<u>337,412</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2021	32,464	10,242	42,706
Charge for the year	<u>6,493</u>	<u>1,692</u>	<u>8,185</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>38,957</u>	<u>11,934</u>	<u>50,891</u>
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2023	<u>287,684</u>	<u>837</u>	<u>286,521</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>292,177</u>	<u>2,529</u>	<u>294,706</u>

14. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Prepayments and accrued income	-	181
Other debtors	<u>145</u>	<u>235</u>
	<u>145</u>	<u>416</u>

15. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Bank loan	5,318	4,141
Accruals and deferred income	1,937	1,887
Corporation tax	6	6
Social security and other taxes	1,153	2,518
Other creditors	-	1,481
	<u>8,414</u>	<u>10,033</u>

16. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Bank loan	<u>124,870</u>	<u>130,087</u>

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17. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 April 2022	Income	Expenditure	At 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>221,828</u>	<u>62,445</u>	<u>(66,604)</u>	<u>217,669</u>

	At 1 April 2021	Income	Expenditure	At 31 March 2022
	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>224,040</u>	<u>60,324</u>	<u>(62,536)</u>	<u>221,828</u>