

Company Ltd by Guarantee No. 06326889

Registered Charity Number: 1145323

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024
FOR
LIVINGWELL COMMUNITY CHURCH LTD

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LIVINGWELL COMMUNITY CHURCH LTD
COMPANY AND CHARITY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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REGISTERED NUMBER	06326889 (England and Wales)
REGISTERD CHARITY NUMBER:	1145323
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**LIVINGWELL COMMUNITY CHURCH LTD
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

The Directors, who are also trustees for the purposes of the Charity Act, present their annual report and independently reviewed Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2024

OBJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

As set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association the objects of the charity are:

(I) FAITH FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEACHINGS, STATEMENTS OF THE BELIEF APPEARING IN THE TEACHING OF THE BIBLE.

(II) TO ADVANCE COMMUNITY COHESION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC

(III) TO SECURE THE ESTABLISHMENT, MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A COMMUNITY CENTRE IN FURTHERANCE OF THE ABOVE OBJECTS

SUMMARY

As Chair of the Livingwell Community Church, I am proud to reflect on the positive impact we have made in our community over the past year. Our mission has remained steadfast—not only to provide a welcoming, inclusive space where individuals of all ages and backgrounds can find support, connection, and opportunities for personal growth, but also to share the gospel through all our activities, demonstrating Christ's love in action.

At the heart of our work is our commitment to spreading the message of Jesus Christ through service. Every initiative, from our community lunches to our youth programs, is rooted in our Christian faith and our desire to bring hope, love, and transformation to those we serve. We believe that by meeting practical needs, we also create opportunities to share the good news and offer spiritual support to those seeking faith and guidance.

One of our key commitments has been to reduce isolation among older adults. Through initiatives such as our Over 50s Bingo, which saw an average weekly attendance of 46 participants, and the Livingwell Café, we have provided vital social opportunities for our elderly community members. The café, in particular, has become a peaceful refuge where families and individuals can gather, fostering a greater sense of togetherness. Additionally, we have provided warm spaces with free teas, coffees, and a weekly lunch to help ease living costs while creating a welcoming environment.

Our free activities, including knitting and table-top games, have helped to build a sense of community, offering a chance for individuals to form new friendships while engaging in enjoyable and meaningful pastimes. The support from our Community Bridge Building Fund has also played a crucial role in strengthening these activities, enhancing social cohesion and wellbeing. Over the past year, more than 150 individuals have participated in these activities, demonstrating their growing popularity and importance.

The Livingwell Youth Club has continued to be a cornerstone of our work with young people. Meeting weekly and on Sundays, we have provided a safe and structured environment for youth to build confidence, gain educational support, and develop positive social behaviours. Attendance has steadily increased, with an average of 61 young people participating across our weekly youth sessions. Through business enterprise projects, music production, and team-building workshops, our young people have acquired essential life skills, all while strengthening relationships with mentors and peers. Through these

programs, we also aim to encourage biblical values such as kindness, integrity, and purpose, guiding young people in their faith journey.

In response to the growing economic pressures faced by many in our community, we have facilitated initiatives to provide practical assistance. Our Local Giving Fund has enabled us to support individuals in accessing energy tariff advice, helping to reduce costs and promote financial well-being. We have also distributed 10 warm packs and offered 12 energy workshops, directly benefiting over 100 individuals, and equipping them with essential knowledge to manage their energy usage effectively.

We have been privileged to welcome individuals from diverse backgrounds, including new residents from Ukraine and Hong Kong. Through shared activities and events, we have fostered a strong sense of belonging, strengthening relationships between existing residents and newcomers. Our commitment to inclusivity ensures that people of all ages, ethnicities, and backgrounds feel valued and integrated within the community. Over the past year, more than 200 individuals from diverse backgrounds have participated in our community-building initiatives. As a church, we continue to embrace and support newcomers in both practical and spiritual ways, ensuring they feel part of a faith-centered family.

The social interactions facilitated by our weekly lunches and recreational activities have had a profound impact on mental and physical health. By providing over 500 nutritious meals annually and creating spaces for engagement, we have promoted healthier lifestyles while reducing stress and loneliness among our members. Surveys conducted among participants indicate that 85% reported an improvement in their overall well-being as a result of their involvement with the church.

As a board, we recognize the challenging economic times facing our community, particularly in light of the financial difficulties impacting local authorities such as Birmingham City Council. We are committed to strengthening Livingwell Community Church’s resilience by diversifying our funding sources, fostering stronger partnerships, and ensuring long-term sustainability. While headwinds may pose difficulties, we remain steadfast in our dedication to serving the community and adapting to evolving needs. Our focus will be on strengthening our governance, enhancing operational efficiency, and exploring innovative ways to expand our impact—all while remaining firmly grounded in our Christian mission.

As we move forward, we remain dedicated to sustaining and expanding our initiatives. The long-term impact of our efforts is evident in the growing social networks, the confidence built among residents, and the strong community framework we continue to foster. We are also committed to developing future projects that can serve as models for other communities looking to address issues of isolation and diversity, while ensuring that the gospel remains at the core of all we do.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated volunteers, staff, and community partners who have made these achievements possible. Together, we have created a thriving, supportive, and resilient faith-based community, and I look forward to another year of growth, service, and spiritual impact at Livingwell Community Church.

Rev Derrick Dunkley
Chair and Snr Pastor, Livingwell Community Church

APPROVAL

This report was approved by the directors on 13th December, 2024

and signed on their behalf:
Mr Derrick Dunkley, Trustee

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE TRUSTEES OF LIVINGWELL COMMUNITY CHURCH LTD

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 4 – 5 and 7 – 11.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the Charity's trustees I am responsible for preparation of the accounts; and consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5) (b) of the Charities Act and
- To state whether matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examination statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanation from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiners' statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- a. Which give me a reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - b. To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order not enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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LIVINGWELL COMMUNITY CHURCH LTD**Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an income and Expenditure Account)
for the year ended 31st March 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets		-	-
Tangible assets	7	7,228	11,700
Investments		-	-
		<u>7,228</u>	<u>11,700</u>
Current assets			
Stocks		-	-
Debtors	8	648	-
Prepayments and accrued income		-	10,548
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>2,826</u>	<u>7,364</u>
		<u>3,474</u>	<u>17,911</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(5,209)	(6,383)
Net current assets		<u>(1,735)</u>	<u>11,529</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>5,493</u>	<u>23,229</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	10	-	(5,486)
Provisions for liabilities		-	-
Net liabilities		<u>5,493</u>	<u>17,742</u>
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital		-	-
Share premium		-	-
Revaluation reserve		-	-
Profit and loss account	12	5,493	17,742
Shareholders' funds		<u>5,493</u>	<u>17,742</u>

For the year ending 31st March 2024, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Director's responsibilities:

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006

The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provision applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime. The accounts were approved by the board on 13th December 2024

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2024

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the financial reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Financial Reporting Standard Number 1

Exemption has been taken from preparing a cashflow statement on the grounds that the company qualifies as a small company.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Fixtures, fittings, computers and office equipment

25% per annum on the fixed instalment basis

Resources Expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all the costs, related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributable to headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price), less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts. Loans and other financial assets are initially recognised at transaction price including any transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts.

Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price). Loans and other financial liabilities are initially recognised at transaction price net of any transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Funding

Unrestricted Funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for the restricted purpose within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when the funds are raised for a particular restricted purpose. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

The notes form part of the financial statements

	2024 £	2023 £
2 INCOME FROM DONATIONS & LEGACIES		
Donations & legacies	5984	12468
3 GRANT		
Small Business Relief Grant	23590	2000
CJRS Covid Relief Grant	0	0
Awards for All Accrued Income	-	-
	15628	15628
4 INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		
Grant – Various Community Activities	19056	13970
5 INVESTMENT INCOME		
Interest receivable	1891	0
6 EXPENDITURE	2024	2023
Charitable Activities	£	£
Direct cost of activities	55114	40456
Premises costs	327	231
Independent Examiner's fee	-	0
	55441	40687

7 STAFF COSTS, TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

During the year, no remuneration for services as a director/trustee were payable, directly or indirectly, out of funds of the charity.

Trustee Stewardship insurance of £455 was paid during the year (PYR £482)

Employees	2024	2023
	Number	Number
The average monthly number of employees during the year was:	2	1
Employment costs:		
Wages and salaries	32,618	15166
Social security costs	0	0
Pensions costs	1,079	324
	33,697	18,086

There are no employees whose annual emoluments were £60,000 or more

8	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	Cost			
	At 31 March 2023	7,228	-	7,228
	Additions	0	-	0
	Disposals	-	-	-
	As at 31 March 2024	7,228	-	7,228
	Depreciation			
	At 31 March 2023	-	-	-
	Charge for the period	2,153	-	2,153
	Disposals	-	-	-
	As at 31 March 2024	2,153	-	2,153
	Net book value			
	At 31 March 2023	7,228	-	7,228
	At 31 March 2024	5,075	-	5,075

9	Debtors	At 31 March 2024 £	At 31 March 2023 £
	Trade debtors	-	-
	Prepayments and accrued income	(12,500)	0
	Other debtors	-	-
		<u>(12,500)</u>	<u>0</u>

10	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2024 £	2023 £
	Non-equity preference shares	-	-
	Bank loans and overdrafts	-	-
	Obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts	-	-
	Trade creditors	(803)	(5,209)
	Taxation and social security costs	(198)	-
	Accrued expenses	<u>(15,435)</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>(16,436)</u>	<u>(5,209)</u>
11	Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	-	(513)

			2024	2023
12	Analysis of net assets between funds	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	Fixed Assets	5,075	-	5,075
	Net Current Assets	11,933	-	11,933
	Long term Liabilities	0	-	0
		-	17,008	17,008
				5,493

13 Restricted funds

No restricted funds were held by the Charity at 31 March 2024

14 Commitments under operating leases

At 31 March 2024 the organisation had no annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases.

15 Related party transactions

There were no transactions with related parties during the year or previous year that require disclose in these accounts.

16 Other information

LIVINGWELL COMMUNITY CHURCH LTD is a CHARITABLE Company Limited by Guarantee and is a charity registered with the Charity Commissioners number 114323 and incorporated on 27 July 2007, with name change adopted as amended by special resolution dated 29 September 2011 in England. Its registered office is:

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