

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> MAY 2024  
FOR  
THE GATE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**Charity Registration Number: 1146562**

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## **THE GATE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

### **CHARITY INFORMATION**

#### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> MAY 2024**

<b>Trustees:</b>	Mr R D B Grimshaw Mr P J Warne Mrs J S Arrowsmith Mr J S Whitworth Mr M D Cross Mr N P Thompson
<b>Registered Charity Number:</b>	1146562
<b>Postal Address:</b>	3 Stanagate Clifton Preston Lancashire PR4 0ZB
<b>Independent Examiner:</b>	Rev'd AA Clements MA, ACIB, FCIE 15 Carleton Road Great Knowley Chorley Lancashire PR6 8TQ
<b>Bankers:</b>	HSBC Blackpool FY4 4YH

# **The Gate Community Church**

**Registered Charity No: 1146562**

## **Annual Report for the year ending 31/05/2024**

### **Objects & Activities**

The Gate Community Church is committed to the following objects:

1. To advance the Christian faith [in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs] in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit;
2. To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit; and
3. To advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit.

The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in their publication 'The Advancement of Religion for Public Benefit' and have given regard to it in their administration of the Charity.

Over the course of the last year we have continued to put regular postings on Facebook including a weekly link to the recordings of our Sunday services. A few members of the church have been unable to attend for some time and some of these do not have internet access so we have also continued to send out CDs each week.

We have continued to make regular monthly gifts to the Living Stones Church in Okara, Pakistan. We are also continuing to provide financial support to an asylum seeker who joined the church early in 2022

In addition to the regular overseas giving mentioned above, we have also given the following:

- £1400.00 to Living Stones Church in Okara, Pakistan to help families who lost their homes during a period of unrest.

We are part of a network of churches called "Maximise". The church leadership team receives support from the leadership of Maximise and the area leaders' meetings have been continued on a bi-weekly basis using Zoom. We have also been able to join with area-wide livestream meetings which are organised on a quarterly basis. The "Maximise Gatherings" are now held twice a year and members of the church have attended on each occasion. We are continuing to make a financial contribution to Maximise which we pay on a monthly basis.

### **Financial Review**

Total receipts for the year were £31,739.53 and total expenses for the year were £32,598.56. Details of these amounts are shown in the attached financial statements.

### **Reserves Policy**

Currently we do not have any financial liabilities and therefore we do not have any need for specific reserves. However, at the year end, £6,548.21 was held in a deposit account (£1,620.00 of this is designated for the Building Fund).

### **Pastors Remuneration**

Mr Robert Grimshaw has continued to receive £100.00 per week in recognition of the duties involved in being the senior leader of The Gate Community Church. (Mr Grimshaw is registered as self-employed and is

responsible for declaring this income for tax purposes). Mr Philip Warne has continued to receive £75.00 per week in recognition of the pastoral duties that he carries out within the church. (Mr Warne is also responsible for declaring this income for income tax purposes).

**Volunteers**

Apart from a payment of £100.00 per week to Mr Robert Grimshaw, and the £75.00 per week paid to Mr Philip Warne, The Gate Community Church is run on a volunteer basis and we would like to thank everyone for their support and hard work throughout the year. There is a Protection Policy in place in respect of children and vulnerable adults. Checks are made with the Disclosure and Barring Service in respect of persons dealing regularly with young people and vulnerable adults. Whilst it is impossible to eliminate all risks and their consequences, efforts are constantly made to minimise such occurrences. The appointed Protection Officer is Mr Philip John Warne.

**Data Protection and Privacy**

We contacted the Information Commissioners Office in the early part of 2018 and ascertained that we were not required to register. However, we recognise that we are required to comply with the law in regard to data protection and the new GDPR regulations and we therefore adopted a Data Protection Policy and a Privacy Policy in May 2018. Both of these are available on the church website.

**Administration**

The Gate Community Church is a charitable trust registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales and currently has six trustees:

- Mrs Janice Sylvia Arrowsmith
- Mr Philip John Warne
- Mr Robert David Grimshaw
- Mr James Stanley Whitworth
- Mr Myles Darren Cross
- Mr Nigel Thompson

It is considered that the Trustees and any others who could be understood to be ‘managers’ in the affairs and activities of the Charity are deemed to be ‘fit and proper’ persons under the terms of the Finance Act 2010. Where a new Trustee is appointed every effort is made by the current Trustees to brief the new Trustee on the present situation of the Charity at the time of their appointment.

Approved by the Trustees on 12/06/2024 and signed on their behalf by

 (Trustee)  
.....

**Independent Examiner's Report.**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Gate Community Church, CC Reg. no. 1146562.

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup>. May 2024, which are set out on the attached pages.

**Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner.**

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

It is my responsibility to :

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;

follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity

Commissioner under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and

to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of the independent examiner's report.**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement.**

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements  
to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and  
to prepared accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with  
the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act  
have not been met. or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

.....*Alan A Clements*.....

.....*31st July 2024*.....

Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners.

Rev'd. A. A. Clements MA, ACIB, FCIE.  
15 Carleton Road,  
Great Knowley,  
Chorley PR6 8TQ

## Financial Statements for the year ended 31/05/2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT</b>						
<b>Receipts</b>						
Gifts and Offerings	26,434.33	2,310.00	-	-	<b>28,744.33</b>	21,796.22
Income Tax Reclaimed	2,873.68	-	-	-	<b>2,873.68</b>	2,378.23
	29,308.01	2,310.00	-	-	<b>31,618.01</b>	24,174.45
Donations for CDs etc	-	-	-	-	<b>0.00</b>	1.00
Investment Income	121.52	-	-	-	<b>121.52</b>	54.44
	29,429.53	2,310.00	-	-	<b>31,739.53</b>	24,229.89
<b>Payments</b>						
Church Activities (Note 1)	30,688.56	1,910.00	-	-	<b>32,598.56</b>	28,548.89
<b>Excess/(Shortfall) of Receipts over Payments</b>						
Transfers between funds	-1,259.03	400.00	-	-	<b>-859.03</b>	-4,319.00
	-	-	-	-	<b>0.00</b>	0.00
Total Funds as at 01/06/2023	7,813.03	1,220.00	-	-	<b>9,033.03</b>	13,352.03
Total Funds as at 31/05/2024	6,554.00	1,620.00	-	-	<b>8,174.00</b>	9,033.03

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES


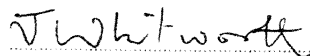
Bank Current Account	1,608.00	-	-	-	<b>1,608.00</b>	543.37
Bank Deposit Account	4,928.21	1,620.00	-	-	<b>6,548.21</b>	8,477.61
Petty Cash	17.79	-	-	-	<b>17.79</b>	12.05
	6,554.00	1,620.00	-	-	<b>8,174.00</b>	9,033.03

Assets recognised but not valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities include:

PA and recording equipment, catering equipment, two projectors, various musical instruments and two laptop computers.

The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Trustees on 12-6-2024 and signed on their behalf by:

 (Trustee) and 
  (Trustee)

# The Gate Community Church

## Financial Statements for the year ended 31/05/2024

### NOTES

#### 1. Payments Analysis

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Ministry gifts to visitors	500.00	-	-	-	<b>500.00</b>	60.00
Giving to other charities	50.00	-	-	-	<b>50.00</b>	150.00
Overseas giving	1,200.00	1,400.00	-	-	<b>2,600.00</b>	2,200.00
Grants to individuals	8,424.60	510.00	-	-	<b>8,934.60</b>	7,391.40
Recording & Books	91.05	-	-	-	<b>91.05</b>	34.08
Leadership Support	594.41	-	-	-	<b>594.41</b>	118.95
Pastors Remuneration	9,100.00	-	-	-	<b>9,100.00</b>	9,100.00
Maximise	2,049.92	-	-	-	<b>2,049.92</b>	2,109.92
Community Café	863.19	-	-	-	<b>863.19</b>	416.31
Outreach	449.04	-	-	-	<b>449.04</b>	0.00
Catering	932.51	-	-	-	<b>932.51</b>	765.97
CCLI Registration	238.72	-	-	-	<b>238.72</b>	223.30
CCPAS	145.00	-	-	-	<b>145.00</b>	145.00
Rent	5,039.00	-	-	-	<b>5,039.00</b>	4,760.50
Insurance	510.18	-	-	-	<b>510.18</b>	460.91
Equipment	91.30	-	-	-	<b>91.30</b>	189.35
Website hosting & domain registration	50.38	-	-	-	<b>50.38</b>	50.38
Publicity	-	-	-	-	<b>0.00</b>	18.00
Printing & Stationery	105.09	-	-	-	<b>105.09</b>	128.11
Postage	76.35	-	-	-	<b>76.35</b>	52.70
Audit & Accountancy	25.00	-	-	-	<b>25.00</b>	25.00
Bank Charges	139.32	-	-	-	<b>139.32</b>	126.53
Sundry	13.50	-	-	-	<b>13.50</b>	22.48
	<b>30,688.56</b>	<b>1,910.00</b>	-	-	<b>32,598.56</b>	<b>28,548.89</b>