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CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1147718

Living Faith Church
Company Limited by Guarantee
Unaudited Financial Statements
31 May 2024

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

Year ended 31 May 2024

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 May 2024.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name Living Faith Church

Charity registration number 1147718

Company registration number 08053260

Principal office and registered office Living Faith Church
25 Church Street
Orrell
Wigan
WN5 8TG

The trustees

Mrs R Houghton
Ms L Swadkins
Ms H Swadkins
Mr I Aspinall
Bishop S L Evans

(Appointed 8 January 2024)

Independent examiner Mr G Mattocks FCA
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Structure, governance and management

The main governing document of the charity is the trust deed dated 1st May 2012. The trustees are appointed to control and manage the charity by the society of the Living Faith Church.

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Year ended 31 May 2024

Objectives and activities

The Charity's objectives are to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs. The first objective of Living Faith Church involves preaching, teaching, and compassion ministries including promoting healing of various kinds into the church and community.

The charity continues to run traditional Christian prayer and worship meetings on Sundays, and at varying times during the week through multiple home groups. We also offer online services weekly and have established a Youtube Chanel, Facebook and Instagram accounts to help with these broadcasts. We conduct other Christian services such as baptisms, funerals, and marriages.

We are also involved in serving the wider community and offers various initiatives to that end, for example: An after school club, Youth Meetings, Parents and Toddlers, Coffee Morning, Various Charity events, Food Bank, Arts and Crafts. In addition, the charity offers help and care in practical ways such as at times providing charitable financial donations, furniture, food, and other essential needs to vulnerable people throughout the community. During the last year our weekly food pantry has grown into an important resource for people within the local community. Further afield there are close links with other churches and ministries in the United Kingdom such as Churches Together. The church has also developed active links with international ministers, churches, and missionary organisations. During the last year we also hosted and had significant dialogue with an important Muslim cleric from Algeria. Imam Youcef leads a Peace initiative which is recognised by the UN and Bishop Steven encouraged him to continue his work for tolerance and peace in the world.

The Lead Pastor, Bishop Dr. Steven Evans, continues as the presiding bishop of The International Charismatic Church Network (TICCN). He oversees the training of ministers, ordinations, church policies, appointments, and over the years has been the guest speaker at dozens of international conferences. Last year again we hosted a TICCN conference the culmination of the week saw a visit to the chapel that hosted the Welsh Revival of 1904. He is also the Director of New Life Bible College Europe.

How our activities deliver public benefit

The charity has continued to benefit from the work of Associate Pastor Mikah Evans who is the Manager of the Connect Center which is the Community building owned by the church. She has brought more people from the Community into the Center and has been promoting the group and the varying opportunities that our facility has. The trustees have been delighted in her diligent work and enthusiasm for people and her awareness of the importance that a well run Center can make for the community. In particular she has welcomed volunteers from a diverse cross-section of our community and networked with an array of funders to ensure that we not only grow but thrive in these difficult times. We continue to have a Cafe for the local community on the first Sunday of every month. We are aware of great needs within the community and it was felt that this would allow us to better communicate with people who otherwise wouldn't attend church. This buffet style service is aimed at the local community and has made a great impact into several peoples lives. In addition, our recently increased number of skilled volunteers allows us to now operate a Cafe for community use during the week on Thursdays which also has the Food Bank open at the same time.

We also run various voluntary groups that directly benefit the wider community, for example: An after school club, Parents and Toddlers, Coffee Morning, Various Charity events, Concerts, Food Bank, Arts and Crafts and Counselling services.

In addition to the above, the charity offers help and care in practical ways such as at times providing charitable financial donations, furniture, food, and other essential needs to vulnerable people throughout the community.

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Achievements and performance

The charity has continued to be a hub for the local community, distributing food and practical supplies and being open for people when times got really tough and they had nowhere else to turn. The previously highlighted examples continue to show how important this work is, for example the old lady who was only eating toast for a week, as she had been unable to leave home. Once we found out we set about making soups and providing her with several healthy meals and someone to talk with. She felt she was a nuisance to everyone but she was told by the church that she is a blessing. Mikah was able to arrange for soup to be made from vegetable donations that were given to the church.

Bishop Steven has continued to support many ministers within TICCEN (The International Christian Church Network) and beyond. This year he hosted the international conference, the keynote speaker was Bishop Michale Fleming and ministers and volunteers spent 4 days of fellowship and discussing the work of TICCEN. Alongside preaching on Sundays and Wednesdays he has continued to produce several pamphlets and books. He is also singing and recording various songs that will be used to reach people with a message of hope and love.

Associate Pastor Ruth Horton is an award winning local schoolteacher and has a passion for people and a tremendous ability to teach. She has continued to bring enthusiasm and a serious spiritual commitment into the new role and the trustees are delighted with her work.

Financial review

The financial results for the period under review show an overall surplus of £17,867, which has been in line with Trustees' expectations. The Trustees feel that, given the same economic conditions, the Church should again show a small surplus at the conclusion of the next financial period.

Plans for future periods

We plan to continue to reach our community as we have been doing and to also facilitate an expanding range of services.

Our online web activities are growing and we hope to continue to develop these to improve our connections with people on a local and international level.

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 13th/2nd/2025 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Bishop S L Evans
Trustee

Living Faith Church

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Living Faith Church

Year ended 31 May 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Living Faith Church ('the charity') for the year ended 31 May 2024.

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.



Mr G Mattocks FCA
Independent Examiner

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Statement of Financial Activities
(including income and expenditure account)
Year ended 31 May 2024

		2024	2023		
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	5	84,049	16,797	100,846	59,950
Total income		84,049	16,797	100,846	59,950
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	6,7	66,182	16,797	82,979	57,329
Total expenditure		66,182	16,797	82,979	57,329
Net income and net movement in funds					
		17,867	—	17,867	2,621
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		223,639	—	223,639	221,018
Total funds carried forward		241,506	—	241,506	223,639

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 14 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

31 May 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	12	188,370	188,818
Current assets			
Debtors	13	9,502	4,977
Cash at bank and in hand		46,265	32,258
		<u>55,767</u>	<u>37,235</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>2,631</u>	<u>2,414</u>
Net current assets		53,136	34,821
Total assets less current liabilities		241,506	223,639
Net assets		241,506	223,639
Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds		<u>241,506</u>	<u>223,639</u>
Total charity funds	17	241,506	223,639

For the year ending 31 May 2024 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.

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 13/27/2025 and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Bishop S L Evans
Trustee

The notes on pages 7 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

Living Faith Church
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Notes to the Financial Statements
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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 Living Faith Church, 25 Church Street, Orrell, Wigan, WN5 8TG.

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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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

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

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:

Equipment	- 25% reducing balance
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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.

Government grants

Government grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants are not recognised until there is reasonable assurance that the charity will comply with the conditions attaching to them and the grants will be received.

Where the grant does not impose specified future performance-related conditions on the recipient, it is recognised in income when the grant proceeds are received or receivable. Where the grant does impose specified future performance-related conditions on the recipient, it is recognised in income only when the performance-related conditions have been met. Where grants received are prior to satisfying the revenue recognition criteria, they are recognised as a liability.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the entity 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, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Defined contribution plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

4. Limited by guarantee

The Company is a Company limited by guarantee having no share capital.

5. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations			
Gifts & donations	84,049	—	84,049
Grants			
Lottery fund	—	9,750	9,750
Government grant income	—	6,347	6,347
Other grant income	—	700	700
	<u>84,049</u>	<u>16,797</u>	<u>100,846</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations			
Gifts & donations	59,827	—	59,827
Grants			
Lottery fund	—	—	—
Government grant income	123	—	123
Other grant income	—	—	—
	<u>59,950</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>59,950</u>

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6. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Direct charitable activities	64,880	16,797	81,677
Support costs	1,302	—	1,302
	<u>66,182</u>	<u>16,797</u>	<u>82,979</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Direct charitable activities	56,189	—	56,189
Support costs	1,140	—	1,140
	<u>57,329</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>57,329</u>

7. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2024 £	Total fund 2023 £
Direct charitable activities	81,677	—	81,677	56,189
Governance costs	—	1,302	1,302	1,140
	<u>81,677</u>	<u>1,302</u>	<u>82,979</u>	<u>57,329</u>

8. Net income

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024 £	2023 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	448	597

9. Independent examination fees

	2024 £	2023 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	846	780

10. Staff costs

The average head count of employees during the year was 2 (2023: 1). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2024 No.	2023 No.
Number of staff	2	1

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10. Staff costs *(continued)*

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2023: Nil).

11. Trustee remuneration and expenses

One of the trustees has been paid remuneration from employment with the charity.

12. Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 June 2023 and 31 May 2024	<u>187,026</u>	<u>12,992</u>	<u>200,018</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 June 2023	—	11,200	11,200
Charge for the year	—	448	448
At 31 May 2024	<u>—</u>	<u>11,648</u>	<u>11,648</u>
Carrying amount			
At 31 May 2024	<u>187,026</u>	<u>1,344</u>	<u>188,370</u>
At 31 May 2023	<u>187,026</u>	<u>1,792</u>	<u>188,818</u>

13. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other debtors	<u>9,502</u>	<u>4,977</u>

14. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	2,037	1,963
Social security and other taxes	594	451
	<u>2,631</u>	<u>2,414</u>

15. Pensions and other post retirement benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £826 (2023: £530).

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16. Government grants

The amounts recognised in the financial statements for government grants are as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Recognised in income from donations and legacies:		
Government grants income	<u>6,347</u>	<u>123</u>

17. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 June 2023	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 May 2024 £
General funds	223,639	<u>84,049</u>	<u>(66,182)</u>	<u>241,506</u>

	At 1 June 2022	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 May 2023 £
General funds	221,018	<u>59,950</u>	<u>(57,329)</u>	<u>223,639</u>

Restricted funds

	At 1 June 2023	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 May 2024 £
Building Fund	—	<u>16,797</u>	<u>(16,797)</u>	<u>—</u>

	At 1 June 2022	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 May 2023 £
Building Fund	—	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>

During the year, Living Faith Church received grants from the following funders, in furtherance of its charitable activities:

National Lottery Awards for All

Wigan Borough Council - Brighter Borough Fund

Wigan Borough Council - Household Support Fund

Wigan Borough Council - Community Fund

Forever Manchester

Feeding Britain

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18. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	188,370	188,370
Current assets	55,767	55,767
Creditors less than 1 year	(2,631)	(2,631)
Net assets	<u>241,506</u>	<u>241,506</u>

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	188,818	188,818
Current assets	37,235	37,235
Creditors less than 1 year	(2,414)	(2,414)
Net assets	<u>223,639</u>	<u>223,639</u>

19. Financial instruments

The company currently holds no financial instruments.

20. Related parties

Included in the wages and salaries in the financial statements is the amount of £25,502 which is the salary of one of the trustees, paid in his role as pastor.

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The following pages do not form part of the financial statements.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
Year ended 31 May 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Gifts & donations	84,049	59,827
Lottery fund	9,750	—
Government grant income	6,347	123
Other grant income	700	—
	<u>100,846</u>	<u>59,950</u>
Total income	<u><u>100,846</u></u>	<u><u>59,950</u></u>
Expenditure		
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Purchases	13,399	3,292
Wages and salaries	39,502	23,565
Pension costs	826	530
Rates and water	4,829	4,542
Light and heat	4,475	7,087
Repairs and maintenance	1,071	324
Insurance	668	679
Other motor/travel costs	4,447	2,142
Legal and professional fees	1,302	4,390
Other office costs	273	324
Depreciation	448	597
Other business costs	3,392	5,390
Gifts	725	675
Resources	1,181	—
Food	2,716	1,492
Missions	3,675	2,300
Advertising and promotion	38	—
Courses	12	—
	<u>82,979</u>	<u>57,329</u>
Total expenditure	<u><u>82,979</u></u>	<u><u>57,329</u></u>
Net income	<u><u>17,867</u></u>	<u><u>2,621</u></u>

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Notes to the Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

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	2024 £	2023 £
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Direct charitable activities		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Purchases	13,399	3,292
Wages and salaries	39,502	23,565
Pension costs	826	530
Rates and water	4,829	4,542
Light and heat	4,475	7,087
Repairs and maintenance	1,071	324
Insurance	668	679
Other motor/travel costs	4,447	2,142
Legal and professional fees	—	3,250
Other office costs	273	324
Depreciation	448	597
Other business costs	3,392	5,390
Gifts	725	675
Resources	1,181	—
Food	2,716	1,492
Missions	3,675	2,300
Advertising and promotion	38	—
Courses	12	—
	<u>81,677</u>	<u>56,189</u>
Governance costs		
Governance costs - accountancy fees	1,302	1,140
	<u>82,979</u>	<u>57,329</u>

