



## **DEVA CHURCH**

**Charity Reg . No. 1152350**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

**For Year Ended 31st March 2024**

The trustees present their report with financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2024.

The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) Accounting and reporting by Charities issued in March 2005.

#### **1.0 PRINCIPAL ADDRESS:**

Deva Church Ffordd Pant y Celyn Prestatyn Denbighshire LL19 8YE

#### **2.0 TRUSTEES AND CHURCH ELDERS:**

Andrew Dalton Trustee and Elder  
David Jones Trustee and Elder  
Eric Payne External Trustee  
Phillip Shepherd External Trustee

#### **MEMBER TRUSTEE:**

Ron Cutting

All Trustees were appointed upon the adoption of The Constitution on 4th May 2012 except for Phillip Shepherd who was appointed on 7th July 2016 and Andrew Dalton who was appointed on 6th July 2017.

#### **3.0 INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:**

Salisbury's & Co. Accountants, Irish Square, ST. ASAPH Denbighshire LL17 0RN

#### **4.0 STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT:**

4.1 Governing Document. The charity is controlled by its governing document, a constitution adopted on the 4th May 2012.

4.2 Governance The day to day management of the Church is overseen by the 2 Elders assisted by 3 Deacons and appointed Leaders of specific works.

In addition, many other areas of The Church's work are undertaken by Volunteers whose assistance is much appreciated.

## **5.0 RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF NEW TRUSTEES:**

New trustees are appointed by the current Trustees.

## **6.0 OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES:**

### **6.1 Overview**

The objectives of Deva Church are to communicate the life changing Gospel of Jesus Christ to as many people as possible and also to provide a Christian Church Fellowship. To be able to reach this objective the Church carries out a number of varied activities including regular Sunday Services held for worship and the preaching of the Gospel which include crèche and special classes for children if they attend. Outreach to and support for the local community is through weekday activities providing for needs of older people and activities for ladies.

Church is also involved in providing a Local Authority "Warm Hub" and its own "Deva Hub" and/or coffee morning. The church building is also used for a number of community activities, organised by The Church and others including Neighbourhood Watch, and 'Surgeries' for local Councillors and community Police Officers. On Tuesdays a Midweek Prayer and Bible study meeting is held providing information on local and world issues for prayer information along with Bible ministry. Regular reports are given on worldwide missionary work to inform and provide an opportunity to give financial support.

6.2 Information At 31st March 2024 the Church had a formal Membership of 38 augmented by a number of regular attendees to its Services.

## **7.0 ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE:**

### **7.1 Overview:**

The Church is committed to demonstrating the love of Christ in its neighbourhood and has adopted ideas to fulfil its aims.

### **7.2 Information:**

The updating of its website and provision of recorded sermons provides a valuable contact with those unable to attend services on a regular basis. The Church's financial giving to Mission has been reviewed to ensure cost effective use of resources.

## **8.0 FINANCIAL REVIEW:**

8.1 Reserves Policy It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds which are the free reserves of the charity at a level which provides sufficient funds to enable the charity to continue in operation while it addresses any unforeseen expenses or shortfall in long term resources.

### **8.2 Accounts April 2023 to March 2024**

Income for the for year ending 2024 has slightly decreased to £26,721 from £29,957 in the year ending March 2023.

## **9.0 PUBLIC BENEFIT:**

The trustees have considered the guidance produced by the Charity Commission on the provision of public benefit and they confirm that public benefit has been provided by the following:

- 1) Providing regular public worship open to all.
- 2) Conducting pastoral work including visiting the sick and the bereaved.
- 3) Teaching Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups when circumstances allow.
- 4) Providing activities for children when such are required.

- 5) Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas.
- 6) Continuing to be involved in a local food bank.
- 7) Providing support and undertaking Funeral Services for those who are and are not Members of The Church.
- 8) Holding a monthly Communion Service with 'signing' for deaf attendees.
- 9) Updating the Church Website to provide more information to the Public and encourage more to come to our meetings.
- 10) Members actively involved in other charitable work including Good News for Everyone (formerly The Gideons UK), MEDCARE, Bible Society and SASRA.
- 11) Allowing the Church building to be used for Community activities such as Councillor's and Police Surgeries, Exhibitions, Prestatyn Town Council's Civic Service and as a Polling Station.
- 12) A review of our regular donations to Missionary works was undertaken and led to the system of regular amounts being given to specified works rather than based on a variable monthly offering.

## **10.0 STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES:**

11.1 The trustees are responsible for preparing the report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards(United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 1993 Charity(Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to: "Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently Observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP Make judgements and estimates that are responsible and prudent Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is appropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business".

11.2 The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993, The Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection and other irregularities.

Signed.....**David K Jones**  
**Trustee**

November 2024

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REGISTERED CHARITY No 1152350

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

**Deva Church**

**Accountant's Report**

In accordance with instructions given to ourselves, we have prepared the income and expenditure accounts for the Deva Church in Prestatyn for the year ended 31 March 2024.

We can confirm that appropriate records are being maintained for the church and no matters of concern have arisen.

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**Deva Church**  
**General Fund Account**  
**Income & Expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2024**

	Year		Year	
INCOME	31/03/2024		31/03/2023	
Total Offerings and Direct Credits	19,810		17,392	
Charity commission - Gift Aid refund	-		2,397	
Utility Refund	-		95	
Software Refund	-		25	
Prestatyn Council / Warm Hub	1,376		-	
Room Hire	-	1,376	350	470
TOTAL RECEIPTS	21,186		20,258	
Transfer from Reserve Account	5,000		9,500	
Bank Interest	535		199	
TOTAL INCOME	26,721		29,957	
EXPENDITURE				
Charitable Activities	11,010		-	
Gifts and Speakers expenses	1,880		1,660	
Church Activities total		12,890		1,660
Evangelism inc explorers and toddlers	-		-	
Photocopier, stationery and internet	1,108		687	
Evangelism Community total		1,108		687
Utilities	3,203		2,631	
Outreach work	25		-	
Caretaking, windows and cleaning materials	2,923		3,141	
Church Growth Trust - insurance	160		160	
Fee Protection insurance	-		260	
Building and contents insurance	1,258		1,162	
Building and grounds repairs and maintenance	3,358		7,543	
Premises and Utillites total		10,927		14,897
Legal fees, licences and audit	2,282		1,069	
Administration total		2,282		1,069
Sundries (Flowers, Wine, Taxis etc)	-		445	
Catering	853		556	
Sundries total		853		1,001
Capital Expenditure	-		-	
Poppy Appeal	-			200
Designation Gifts / Donations	-			1,930
TOTAL EXPENSES	28,060		21,444	
Bank Charges	-		12	
TOTAL OUTGOINGS	28,060		21,456	
Surplus/(Deficit)	-	1,339		8,501
Transfers to Missionary Account	2,000		6,600	
Transfers to Reserve Account	-		-	
	2,000		6,600	
Total Surplus/(Deficit)	(	3,339)		1,901

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**Bank Reconciliations**

	Balance @ 31/03/2023	Receipts CR	Transfers CR	Transfers DR	Payments DR	Balance @ 31/03/2024
Nat-West Current account - General Fund	6,044.00	19,168.50	5,000.00	2,000.00	26,034.57	2,177.93
Nat-West Business Reserve account	43,067.35	535.21	-	5,000.00	-	38,602.56
Missionary Fund	1,209.21	7,205.00	2,000.00	-	9,213.75	1,200.46
	<u>50,320.56</u>	<u>26,908.71</u>	<u>7,000.00</u>	<u>7,000.00</u>	<u>35,248.32</u>	<u>41,980.95</u>

**Nat-West Current account - Reconciliation**

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