

**Mount Chapel**

**Accounts and Independent Examiners Report**

**Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

**Accountant and Independent Examiner**

**David R S Welch FCA, DChA  
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## Company, Legal & Charity Information

### **Mount Chapel**

**Registered Address:-** 32 Eccles Old Road, Salford, United Kingdom, M6 7AF

**Working Name:-** Mount Chapel Christian Fellowship

**Charity Registered:-** 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2013

**Charity Number:-** 1154080

**Company Formed:-** 25<sup>th</sup> July 2013

**Company Number:-** 08624944

**Church Website:-** <http://www.mountchapel.com>

**Church Email:-** [mountchapelsalford@gmail.com](mailto:mountchapelsalford@gmail.com)

### **Reporting Accountant & Independent Examiner:-**

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*Hazel Grove, Stockport, Cheshire. SK7 5LS*

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**Bankers:-** *Barclays Bank plc*

**Treasurer:-** *John A Platt*

**Trustees of Charity:-** *John A Platt, Raymond J Joseph,  
Bernadette M Cousins, Leslie L Griffiths,  
Abigail C Cooper  
(Abigail C Cooper was appointed a Trustee during 2023)*

## TRUSTEES REPORT

### Legal

- Mount Chapel was founded in 1966. It was registered as a Charity with the Charity Commission in England & Wales on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2013 under Charity Number 1154080 in order to comply with changes in the relevant statutory requirements.
- Mount Chapel Limited was formed as a legal company on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2013 at Companies House, with a company number of 08624944.
- The limited company began operating as a 'Not for Profit' company, limited by guarantee on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014.
- Mount Chapel's Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023, with 2022 comparatives, are attached.
- Ownership of the Mount Chapel Church and buildings, fixtures and equipment, was transferred from Mount Chapel Trust to Mount Chapel Limited during 2015.
- The working name of Mount Chapel is Mount Chapel Christian Fellowship
- The church address and registered office address are the same, and is:-  
32 Eccles Old Road, Salford, United Kingdom, M6 7AF

### Trustees

- The Trustees serving the church during the year were:- *Raymond J Joseph, John A Platt, Bernadette M Cousins, Leslie L Griffiths and Abigail C Cooper.*  
(Abigail C Cooper was appointed a Trustee during 2023)

### Church and Charity Objectives

- The charity's objects are, for the public benefit, to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs, in Salford, Manchester and in such other parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit.
- Mount Chapel Purpose and Vision statements:-  
Our Purpose statement, to **"Enjoy Jesus in Word, Spirit and Mission"** answers the question "Why are we here?"  
Our Vision statement, to **"Build Up Others in The Life God Gives"** answers the question "What do we do next?"

## TRUSTEES REPORT (continued)

### Public Benefit:

The church seeks to proclaim and teach the Christian faith at home and overseas and to engage in relief and support work in the community and further afield. It seeks to assist others to grow and mature in their Christian Faith by providing a variety of services, activities and ministries which are open to church members and members of the public and aims to reach peoples of all ages through the following:-

- **Public Services:** Held on Sunday mornings to preach, teach and reach the members and others who attend and be available to interested members of the public.
- **Kids' Church:** On Sunday mornings, concurrent with the morning service for ages 3-10 years. Provides teaching and a fun time for children of church members and from the local community.
- **"Mouteens" – Teenagers' Work:** On Sunday mornings, concurrent with the morning service for ages 11-17 years. Provides teaching and a fun time for young people from families of church members and from the local community. The young people also engage in a number of other activities at other times – social trips, Christian events and social action projects.
- **Mission Focus Meetings:** Mount Chapel supports full time missionaries in France, India, Zimbabwe and the UK while some of our members undertake short term mission work from time to time. Mission Focus is a platform for our community to learn about what God is doing in the world.
- **Prayer meetings:** Prayer is important to the church, and the church is made available for people to come and pray for individual, church, community, national and global needs.
  - **Prayer Meetings:** As arranged
  - **Prayer & Worship Evenings:** Monthly
  - **Deborah Arise Prayer:** A weekly ladies' prayer group, praying for young people and those who have wandered from their faith.
  - **Prayer Chain:** Mount Chapel operates a prayer chain through which items for prayer are communicated to the church.
- **Alpha & Christianity Explored Courses:** Provided as required for those who wish to enquire about the Christian faith.
- **Church Weekend Away:** Arranged as required for teaching and development of friendship and fellowship.
- **Food Bank:** Collection of food items is promoted within the church and regular donations are made to the local Salford Central Food Bank.

## TRUSTEES REPORT (continued)

- **New Frontiers, Christ Central** – Mount Chapel is a member of New Frontiers, Christ Central, an informal network of churches with similar theology and objectives. Several visiting speakers from within that network helped with the Sunday morning service ministry during the year.
- **Fountain of Life Church**  
Mount Chapel provides the use of its building, rent-free, to the Fountain of Life Church which holds French-speaking services weekly on Sunday afternoons. There is a considerable demand for this in the area and attendance is regularly in excess of 30 adults and children.

### Summary of Main Highlights in 2023:

#### Church Services & Events

- **Teaching Programmes** included a series on the Holy Spirit and a short series on Advent through December on the run up to Christmas as well as a number of sermons on individual topics from visiting speakers.
- **Other Services and Events** included Good Friday, Christmas Carol Service, Christmas Day, Harvest and Kids' Church Prize-giving.
- **Into The Word** – A course of study to gain an overall perspective on the main themes of the Bible was held over 10 sessions, monthly on Saturday mornings.
- **The Annual Church Meeting** was held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023
- **Baptisms, Marriages & Funerals** – One baptismal service took place when four people were baptised. One marriage ceremony took place at Mount Chapel in 2023. No funerals were held during the year.
- **Salford Church Network** – Mount Chapel engages with other local churches of various denominations through the Salford Church Network, including regular Leaders' Lunches and networking meetings and the "Salford Week of Prayer" held from 8<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

## TRUSTEES REPORT (continued)

### Financial

- In 2023 there was a **Deficit of £ 3,104** (2022: **Deficit of £ 7,034**)
- There were no Capital Additions in 2023 (2022:- £0)
- Depreciation charged for building and improvements in 2023 and 2022 amounted to £11,918, (2022: £11,916) per year, and this was the main reason for the deficit in both years.
- A 10 year loan of £45,000 was acquired from Stewardship Services (UKET) Ltd. to help fund the modernisation and improvement of the Chapel and its facilities. Repayment of this loan began in January 2019. This had been reduced to **£ 20,770** at year end 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 (£29,102 @ 31.12.2022).

### Health & Safety

- The 5-Star Food Hygiene Rating was retained. All personnel supervising food preparation in the kitchen area are required to hold a current Level 2 Food Safety Certificate.
- The Fire Risk Assessment was reviewed according to the annual schedule.
- Ongoing review of Risk Assessments for all activities continued periodically as per schedule.
- Basic Life Support training (including operation of the portable defibrillator) and Fire Marshal training is required for all authorised key-holders and is an ongoing programme including refresher training.

### Safeguarding

- The Safeguarding Policy was updated during 2023 incorporating the latest changes in legislation and including the necessary safeguards for on-line meetings with particular reference to children and adults at risk.
- Training on the Policy and updated regulations has been carried out for all DBS checked personnel – both employees and volunteers – and is an ongoing programme of refresher training.

### **Reporting Accountant & Independent Examiner**

The church appointed and has been served by David R S Welch FCA, DChA, as their Reporting Accountant and Independent Examiner since the incorporation of Mount Chapel Limited, from its previous Trust status in July 2013.

**John A Platt**  
**Trustee and Treasurer**



**Date: 12 August 2024**

**Independent Examiners Certificate & Report  
To the Trustees and Members of Mount Chapel**

*I report on the accounts of the Church for the Year Ended to 31st December 2023, as shown on pages 9 – 14 attached.*

**RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF 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 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 particular matters have come to my attention*

**BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

*My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 the 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:*

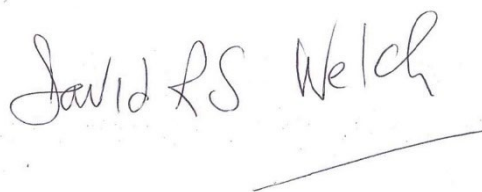
*(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements*

- *to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act and*
  - *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 to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.*

**DAVID R S WELCH FCA, DChA.  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT**

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**Date: 12 August 2024**



**Income & Expenditure Account**  
**Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
RESOURCES RECEIVED	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
Notes 1 & 2	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
<b>FROM MAIN CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>				
Gifts and Offerings	58,985	0	58,985	51,046
Gift Aid Income Tax Refunds-HMRC Charities	14,846	0	14,846	13,412
Use of Chapel	595	0	595	575
Bank Interest	105	0	105	6
In Memoria & Other Receipts	0	0	0	684
Project Fund	0	924	924	2,627
Other Gifts & Donations	0	2,070	2,070	2,140
<b>TOTAL INCOME FOR YEAR</b>	<b>£74,531</b>	<b>£2,994</b>	<b>£77,525</b>	<b>£70,490</b>
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
RESOURCES EXPENDED	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
Notes 3, 4, 5 & 6	2023	2023	2023	2023
	£	£	£	£
<b>FOR MAIN CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>				
Ministry & Fellowship Costs (incl. Staff)	38,330	0	38,330	33,863
Outreach and Missionary Support Costs	10,435	3,024	13,459	14,827
Mount Chapel Maintenance & Utility Costs	23,304	0	23,304	23,909
Building Maintenance Fund	2,967	0	2,967	2,891
Loan Interest Paid	1,824	0	1,824	1,309
<b>CHARITABLE ACTIVITY COSTS</b>	<b>76,860</b>	<b>3,024</b>	<b>79,884</b>	<b>76,799</b>
<b>GOVERNANCE COSTS</b>				
Independent Examination	745	0	745	725
<b>TOTAL COSTS FOR YEAR</b>	<b>£77,605</b>	<b>£3,024</b>	<b>£80,629</b>	<b>£77,524</b>
<b>SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR</b>	<b>£(3,074)</b>	<b>£ (30)</b>	<b>£(3,104)</b>	<b>£ (7,034)</b>
Trustees Funds b/forward	£458,217	£ 937	£459,154	£466,188
Transfer of funds	0	0	0	0
Trustees Funds c/forward	£ 455,143	£ 907	£ 456,050	£459,154

**Balance Sheet**  
**As at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	<b>7 &amp; 8</b>	<b>462,896</b>	<b>474,814</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Stocks	9	2,934	3,073
Gift Aid Debtor		3,228	3,390
Prepaid Expenses		136	69
Cash at Bank		15,510	11,620
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>£21,808</b>	<b>£ 18,152</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Creditors & Accrued Utility Charges		0	1,211
HMRC re PAYE & NIC		1,718	1,565
EDF Electric		1,421	1,209
Independent Examiner		745	725
Stewardship Loan due < 1 Year	10	4,026	4,192
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>£ 7,910</b>	<b>£ 8,902</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>£ 13,898</b>	<b>£ 9,250</b>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS BEFORE CREDITORS DUE &gt; 1 YEAR</b>		<b>£ 476,794</b>	<b>£ 484,064</b>
Stewardship Loan due > 1 Year	10	(20,744)	(24,910)
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>£ 456,050</b>	<b>£ 459,154</b>
<b>Represented by:-</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>£ 455,143</b>	<b>£ 458,217</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>		<b>907</b>	<b>937</b>
<b>TRUSTEE FUNDS</b>		<b>£ 456,050</b>	<b>£ 459,154</b>
<b>(DE)/INCREASE IN TRUSTEE FUNDS FOR YEAR</b>		<b>£ (3,104)</b>	<b>£ (7,034)</b>



**John A Platt**  
**Director & Trustee**

**Date: 12 August 2024**

## THE BASIS OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND DEFINITIONS

- a) **THE ACCOUNTS** have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Charities Act 2011 and Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 2005.
- b) **GENERAL FUNDS** represent unrestricted funds that are not subject to any restriction regarding their use and are available for application towards their use for purposes of a general nature.
- c) **RESTRICTED FUNDS** represent funds restricted by the donor for a particular purpose.
- d) **DESIGNATED FUNDS** represent funds that have been allocated out of Unrestricted funds by the Trustees of Mount Chapel, for specific events or liabilities Mount Chapel is committed to.  
Any remaining balance is returned to unrestricted funds when events have been held.
- e) **INCOMING RESOURCES** are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:-
- Mount Chapel becomes entitled to the resources
  - The trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
  - The monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
- f) **GRANTS & DONATIONS** are included in the SoFA when Mount Chapel has unconditional entitlement to the resources.
- g) **INVESTMENT INCOME** is included in the SoFA when receivable.
- h) **RESOURCES EXPENDED** are recognised when costs have been incurred, or for designated or special gifts, in the same accounting period as the related gift is received.
- i) **TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS** are capitalised at cost when incurred. For assets bought in previous years, and included at valuation the resultant increase in value in assets from previous years will be identified as income, in Voluntary Incoming Resources.
- j) **DEPRECIATION OF TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS** is included in resources expended, to write off the assets over their useful life. See notes 3 and 6 for further details.
- k) **LIABILITY RECOGNITION** – Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources. Liabilities due in more than one year are shown separately, so Net Current Assets reflects only those liabilities payable within the next financial year.
- l) **GOVERNANCE COSTS** – The preparation and examination Mount Chapel's annual statutory accounts. It can also include AGM & trustee meeting expenses, and constitutional legal advice given to trustees.

## Notes to Income & Expenditure Account

	2023	2022
<b>1. Income to the General Fund:</b>	£	£
Offerings	58,985	51,046
In Memoria & Earmarked Gifts	0	492
Use of Chapel	595	575
Gift Aid Income Tax Refund	14,846	13,418
Bank Interest	105	0
Other Receipts	0	192
	<b>£74,531</b>	<b>£65,723</b>
<b>2. Restricted Income</b>		
Child Sponsorship Fund	2,070	2,140
Project Fund	924	2,627
	<b>£2,994</b>	<b>£4,767</b>
<b>3. Expenditure on Maintenance &amp; Utilities</b>		
Depreciation of Church Roof and Equipment (NON-CASH)	11,918	11,916
Electricity, Water, Telephone	7,831	7,521
Gardening & Window Cleaning, etc.	1,752	1,743
Repairs, Replacements, Consumables etc.	1,803	1,968
	<b>£23,304</b>	<b>£23,148</b>
<b>3 a) Governance – Charity Accounts &amp; I/E</b>	<b>£ 745</b>	<b>£ 725</b>
<b>4. Expenditure on Ministry &amp; Fellowship:</b>		
General Ministry - Flowers, Wine, Literature etc.	2,300	1,811
Printing, Stationery, Publicity Materials	398	152
Catering	693	291
Kids' Church & Other Groups	568	379
Speakers' Expenses & Gifts	1,890	1,640
Salaries & Staff Overheads	31,133	28,984
Fellowship	196	168
Other Ministry & Administration Expenses	1,152	438
	<b>£ 38,330</b>	<b>£33,863</b>
<b>5. Expenditure on Outreach:</b>		
Gifts to Homeworkers & Missionaries	9,190	8,540
Outreach Expenses, Gifts to Organisations etc.	1,245	1,600
Child Sponsorship ( <i>Restricted</i> )	2,080	2,080
Specific Projects ( <i>Restricted</i> )	944	2,607
	<b>£13,459</b>	<b>£14,827</b>
<b>6. Expenditure on Building Maintenance &amp; Insurance</b>	<b>£2,967</b>	<b>£3,652</b>
<b>Note re Balance Sheet Expenditure</b>		
<b>7. Expenditure on Zoom AV &amp; Computer (Capital)</b>	<b>£ 0</b>	<b>£ 0</b>
<b>8. Loan repayments to Stewardship {excl. interest}</b>	<b>£4,331</b>	<b>£4,234</b>

## 8. Fixed Assets

	Church & Buildings £	Fixtures, Roof, & Equipment £	Total Fixed Assets £
<b>COST/VALUATION @ 01.01.2023</b>	<b>£ 350,000</b>	<b>£ 189,138</b>	<b>£ 539,138</b>
Additions in Year	0	0	0
Disposals in Year	0	0	0
<b>COST/VALUATION @ 31.12.2023</b>	<b>£ 350,000</b>	<b>£ 189,138</b>	<b>£ 539,138</b>
<b>DEPRECIATION @ 01.01.2023</b>	<b>£ 0</b>	<b>£ 64,324</b>	<b>£ 64,324</b>
Charge - year (Computer & IT equipment) 33%	0	763	763
Charge - year (Building Improvements) 2%	0	1,882	1,882
Charge - year (Fixtures & Equipment) 10%	0	9,273	9,273
Eliminated on Disposals	0	0	0
<b>DEPRECIATION @ 31.12.2023</b>	<b>£ 0</b>	<b>£ 76,242</b>	<b>£ 76,242</b>
<b>NET BOOK VALUES @ 31.12.2023</b>	<b>£ 350,000</b>	<b>£ 112,896</b>	<b>£ 462,896</b>
<b>NET BOOK VALUES @ 31.12.2022</b>	<b>£ 350,000</b>	<b>£ 124,814</b>	<b>£ 474,814</b>

### Notes on Fixed Assets:-

- The Trustees commissioned Stephen Peter Welch FRICS, of Byrom Clark Roberts, Surveyors & Valuers, to provide them with an up to date valuation of the church building and premises, to include in the 2015 accounts for MOUNT CHAPEL LIMITED, company number 08624944. **The valuation adopted was the Market Value valuation of £350,000.** A second valuation, the Asset Value of £490,000, was also provided by Byrom Clark Roberts. This was based on today's cost of replacing the asset, less an allowance for depreciation on the basis that the present building is 50 years old, having been built in 1966. However, the Directors and Trustees thought that the Market Value was more representative of what would be realised on the open market, should the building and site at any time be sold.
- The Mount Chapel Church Building is not being written off, but kept at valuation.** However, the church improvements are being depreciated at 2% on cost (£94,125); church equipment & fixtures (£92,730) continue to be written off over 10 years (10% on cost/valuation). **These amounts make up the Fixtures, Building Improvements, Roof and Equipment total of £186,855.**
- Biffa Grant Monies were claimed and received in the year ended 31.12.2018. totalling £73,000 towards capital expenditure incurred. These came from a Landfill Communities Fund, and any remaining monies left, if unspent, would be required to be transferred to another such scheme, and not a charity with a similar scheme, if the church were to close in the future.
- The Trustees can confirm that the grant monies have been spent, and there are no Grant Monies left within Trustee Funds, so no future contingent liability exists.**

	2023	2022
<b>9. Value, at cost of Stock at year end:</b>		
General Ministry Items	272	486
Maintenance, Lighting & Cleaning Materials	2,140	2,055
Catering Items	134	129
Printing, Stationery, Publicity Materials etc.	388	403
Bookstall Stock	0	0
<b>Total Stocks</b>	<b>£ 2,934</b>	<b>£ 3,073</b>

## 10. Creditors due in more than one year

- The Loan from Stewardship of £45,000 was received just before the 2018 year end. By the 2023 year end **£ 24,770** was still owing on the loan, to be paid over 5 years. In 2023 capital repayments amounted to £4,331, and interest charged on the loan was £ 1,824. **The balance owing at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 was £ 24,770 (2022:-£ 29,102).**
- It is to be paid off over 10 years, the first monthly repayment of £456 per month, including 4% interest, was made in January 2019. There is provision for the loan to be paid off earlier without financial penalty, if this is possible. In 2023 the monthly repayment was increased to £526 which reflects the higher interest being charged, and still enable the loan to be paid off by December 2028.
- **The accounts show the capital repayable within one year as £ 4,026.**
- **The loan repayable in over 1 year is now.....£20,744 and will be repaid as:-**  
1} £20,744 in 2-5 years
- **Total Loan repayable, excluding interest payable, is £45,000.**
- The above split assumes interest is calculated on the 'Rule of 78' basis, where interest in the early years is higher than the last few years.

## 11. Trustee Funds

		2023 £	2022 £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
<b>General Funds</b>		<b>32,143</b>	<b>35,217</b>
<b>Designated Funds</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Revaluation Reserve</b>			
<b>Value of Freehold Land</b>	<b>{Note 8}</b>	<b>350,000</b>	<b>350,000</b>
<b>Biffa Community Fund</b>			
<b>Contribution to Refurbishment</b>			
<b>&amp; New Equipment/Resources</b>	<b>{Note 8}</b>	<b>73,000</b>	<b>73,000</b>
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>		<b>£ 455,143</b>	<b>£ 458,217</b>
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>		<b>£ 907</b>	<b>£937</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>£ 456,050</b>	<b>£ 459,154</b>