

**THE CALON LAN CENTRE**  
**TRUSTEES REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2023**  
**REGISTERED CHARITY NO - 1155784**

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TRUSTEES:

Roy Church (Treasurer)  
Rev Grenville Fisher(Chair)  
Decd 19th Dec 2023  
Hannah Pickard (from 17<sup>th</sup>Dec 2023)

BANKERS:

Barclays Bank Plc  
Business Centre  
Cardiff  
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Lloyds Bank  
Morriston  
Swansea

SOLICITOR:

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Mr. G Thomas  
Victoria Gardens  
Neath

**THE CALON LAN CENTRE  
(incorporating Mynyddbach Chapel)  
TRUSTEES REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

The Trustees are pleased to present their annual report and financial statement for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023, but sadly this year has seen the passing of our founder Trustee, the Reverend Grenville Fisher who died on the 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023 after a short illness.

**1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Calon Lan Centre was established as a Charitable Trust in January 2013. A Deed of Constitution was adopted on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2013 and the Charity was entered onto the Charity Register on the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2014 under number 1155784.

The purpose of the Charity is to promote the advancement of religion, education and social facilities at Mynyddbach Chapel Swansea and to educate, inform and preserve for the benefit of the public the buildings, grounds and graveyard at Mynyddbach Chapel, together with the story behind the hymn Calon Lan written by Daniel James (who lived from 1848-1920) an adherent of the Chapel and is buried here in his family Tomb. The Calon Lan Centre will preserve for future generations the history and story of non-conformist beliefs in Wales and the concept of CALON LAN (pure heart) together with its place in welsh cultural identity and heritage. The Calon Lan Centre will seek to achieve these aims by ensuring that the Buildings and grounds at Mynyddbach Chapel are open for the benefit of the Public. All Local and other Visitors to the Site will be informed about the historical story of Calon Lan and the life of its composer Daniel James, also known by his Bardic name of Gywrosydd.

**2. FINANCIAL REVIEW AND REPORT**

During the current year the Charity continued to recover from the Corona virus pandemic. The Centre has been available for use during most of 2023 and has received hire income from users. During the year the Centre has used its capital endowment gifts and other income and donations to continue with repair works to the Chapel Buildings, grounds, House, Schoolroom and Graveyard. The investment income and gifts received have been allocated to immediate repairs during the year and various other capital improvements to the grounds. The HLF Project to set up an exhibition about the life and work of Daniel James remains on display on the Chapel school room. The Project involved creating display panels in partnership with Swansea Museum and also creating digital outputs of some of the work of Daniel James. Some Events to celebrate this were held during the year in conjunction with local choirs and other groups.

The Trust has continued to instruct Investec Wealth and Investment Ltd to manage the endowment gifts which is held by them on a discretionary investment basis.

During the year some funds were spent on promotional Events in the Chapel. Donations and collections were also received during the year to help the Centre continue its Charitable purposes. The Chapel was used by other community groups and other churches during the year including choirs such as the Morryston Orpheus, Swansea Philharmonic, a Samba Band, Swansea Concert Band, other local choirs and schools. Regular welsh language services were held most Wednesdays until the illness of Rev Grenville Fisher. The Centre also continued its collaboration with Liberty Church of Siloh Chapel and Tawe Valley Church continued with their regular Sunday services.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's trust deed and in accordance with the accounting policies of the Charities Act 2011 as amended and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities.

### 3. EXPENDITURE INCURRED

The main operating costs of the Charity and Chapel during the year have related to the organising and administration of meetings, maintenance of the Chapel Buildings, grounds, graveyards, cottage and seeking funding sources for future plans. Substantial improvements have continued to be made to the Grounds and the continuing work to eradicate Japanese Knotweed and restore the main older graveyard. Expense has also been incurred in promoting the use of the Chapel for the Local Community and in continuing with the Heritage Lottery Funded Project to set up an Exhibition about the Life and Work of Daniel James. A gardening project was continued with a local dementia group. Further repair and restoration work was also agreed on for the organ to be undertaken next year.

### 4. ACCUMULATIVE SURPLUS

During the year the Charity has received a surplus of income over expenditure in the sum of £1605.03 ( Last year surplus 1153.92 ).

### 5. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives, in planning future activities, and setting policy for the future year. The Charity has made no significant beneficial payments or donations to anyone in its financial year other than local charities and has also made its facilities available for several groups during the year including a local Dementia group who have established a vegetable garden in the grounds of the Chapel House.

The Charity's mission is to preserve and interpret to the widest possible audience, the history and heritage of Calon Lan and Mynyddbach Chapel and to enrich the visitors experience with demonstrations, talks, events and innovative educational programmes. The Trustees review the activities of the Charity against its aims on an ongoing basis and are satisfied that all activities continue to be related to these goals. Some larger events have been held by choirs using the Chapel and School room. As the Trustees seek to find funding to help with future plans they have concentrated efforts on repairs to the Buildings and grounds to ensure better access and facilities at the site as a whole for all visitors. Regular services in the Chapel have been restarted and the Charity continues to work with other Congregations in planning future uses of the Chapel. In addition the Charity has been working with Liberty Church at Siloh Chapel Swansea on joint promotions and also facilitating use of the buildings by Tawe Valley Church. There is increasing use of the facilities by local groups and future interest is increasing.

### 6. TAXATION

The Charity is exempt from taxation.


## 7. AUDIT

The Charity has received income, grants and donations of £103299.31 in its financial year, and has appointed an Independent Examiner of the Accounts, Mr. Gareth Thomas to examine the accounts and report to the Trustees in accordance with the General Directions given by The Charity Commission.

## 8. ENQUIRIES

Further information about the Charity can be obtained from R K Church Solicitor at Mill Buildings, Parkmill, Swansea SA3 2EH.

Signed for and on behalf of the Trustees

.......... 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
Roy CHURCH (Treasurer)

## TRUSTEES DECLARATION

The account set out on pages 5 & 6 for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 and the statement of assets and liabilities at that date set out on page 6 are approved by the Trustees. This account and statement have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Charities Acts 2011 and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), using the receipts and payments basis.

Signed.......... 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Roy CHURCH

Trustee authorised to sign on behalf of all Trustees.

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT**

The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act), and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

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

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 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.

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 Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records to comply with the accounting requirements of the 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.

Signed.....*Gareth Thomas*.....Date...*29<sup>th</sup> April*.....2024.

Gareth Thomas

## THE CALON LAN CENTRE

## TRUSTEES REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

REVENUE ACCOUNT 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2023

		Year to date 2023	Year to date 2022
Receipts	Notes	£	£
Fees and hire income	(1)	16325.00	10166.00
Graveyard fees		600.00	7615.00
Restricted Donations		100.00	100.00
Unrestricted Donations		1558.99	8300.00
Revenue Grants		0.00	0.00
Investment Income and interest	(5)	84715.32	66001.20
<b>Total Income</b>		<b><u>103299.31</u></b>	<b><u>92867.20</u></b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Administration expenses	(2)	16663.50	17285.00
Property rates and charges		1687.58	4167.41
Telephone and IT		4383.53	5538.74
Chapel and Chapel House Repairs	(3)	30847.22	21091.45
Cost of Events		13200.00	10762.00
Travel costs		400.00	400.00
Insurance		1516.12	1361.81
Electric and Gas		14016.19	5291.16
Grounds and Graveyard Repair		4900.14	19113.21
Cleaning		3080.00	
Professional fees		11000.00	6700.00
<b>Gross Expenditure</b>		<b><u>101694.28</u></b>	<b><u>91713.28</u></b>
<b>Net Surplus/deficit for the year</b>		<b><u>1605.03</u></b>	<b><u>1153.92</u></b>



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**NET ASSET STATEMENT AND BALANCE SHEET**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

<b>Fixed Assets</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Year to date 2023</b>	<b>Year to date 2022</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Chapel buildings and Grounds	(4)	198030.00	172511.58
Additions in Year		25541.30	25518.42
Plant Machinery and Organ		132045.00	127092.65
Investments	(5)	883415.60	970892.27
			<b>1296014.92</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Bank and Cash		26145.96	14915.99
Debtors	(6)	0.00	720.00
Stock		2400.01	2400.01
		<b>28545.97</b>	<b>18036.00</b>
<b>Current and Contingent Liabilities</b>			
Creditors: Short Term		0.00	601.41
Net Current Liabilities		<u>28545.97</u>	<u>17434.59</u>
Creditors Long Term			
Capital Donations	(7)	168768.00	168768.00
Grants	(7)	73625.52	73625.52
HLF Grant		8400.00	8400.00
Total Long-Term Liabilities		(250811.52)	(250811.52)
<b>Total Assets Less Total Liabilities</b>		<b><u>1016766.35</u></b>	<b><u>1062637.99</u></b>
<b>Financed By</b>			
Accumulative Fund		1126247.54	1125093.62
Surplus/Loss Account		1605.03	1153.92
Revaluation Reserve		(111086.22)	(63609.55)
<b>Total</b>		<b><u>1016766.35</u></b>	<b><u>1062637.99</u></b>

Approved by the Trustees on

24<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Roy CHURCH (Treasurer)



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**YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> December 2023**

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities.

The account has been prepared on a receipts and payment basis and summarise the transactions of the Charity and the assets and short term liabilities at the year end.

1. RECEIPTS

These represent the gross amounts received and accrued from donations and other income.

2. GENERAL EXPENSES

These relate to day to day general costs in administration of the Centre.

3. BUILDING REPAIRS

This relates to expenses incurred in the upkeep and maintenance of Mynyddbach Chapel, Chapel, House and Grounds.

4. FIXED ASSETS

These are valued at acquisition costs plus any capital improvements and additions to the grounds and buildings.

5. INVESTMENTS

The Trust has engaged Investec Wealth and Investment Ltd to manage the endowment fund and they have discretion to invest in such stocks, shares, investments, and alternative assets as they see fit in accordance with a medium risk investment strategy. The objective is to increase the capital value of the fund whilst producing a sustainable and growing level of income with the potential for longer term growth of capital in real terms. Income arising from the endowment fund can be used in accordance with the objectives of the Charity and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on the investments form part of the fund. The Trustees have the power to convert the fund into income. Investec have been asked to report on a regular basis to the Trustees who will assess their performance against other benchmark indices.

6. STOCKS

This relates to the net cost of stocks of purchased items held at the year end for use in the Chapel.

#### 7. CAPITAL DONATIONS and GRANTS

This represents the balance of donations and grants received for the purposes of the Charity and for restoring the Chapel Buildings, Cottage and Grounds and include grants received from the Swansea SDF Fund, The Austin Bailey Trust, the Landfill Tax Scheme, Heritage Lottery Fund, Welsh Government CFAP, Welsh Churches Fund, The Morgan Trust and private donations, less any Grants now written off or transferred.

#### 8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURE

During the year the Charity received legal and administration services from R K Church Trustee acting in a professional capacity and as a Director of management firms engaged and expenses incurred by the Reverend Fisher as Minister were reimbursed as arms-length transactions.