

ASPLEY CHRIST CHURCH

UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Registered Charity No 1156269

Aspley Christ Church – Trustees’ Report and Accounts for Year ended 31st March 2023

The Trustees present their annual report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	Aspley Christ Church
Charity registration number	1156269
Principal office	531 Aspley Lane Aspley Nottingham NG8 5RW
The Trustees	Mr A I Coward Mr M A Clowes Mr P.K Riisnaes Mr D W Pigott Mr N Birch – retired January 2023 Mr N Cruickshank – appointed March 2023 Mr M J Walker – appointed March 2023
Independent examiner	Mr D Cottingham

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Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) incorporated and registered as a charity on 19th March 2014.

The Trustees are all members of the CIO. There must be a minimum of at least three trustees but there is no maximum.

Trustees are given an appropriate level of induction and training. This is dependent on the individual's requirements and knowledge of the charity's activities. All trustees are reminded of their statutory obligations and given appropriate guidance and training on their responsibilities as trustees.

The Trustees form part of a wider Leadership Team which meets 9 times a year and manages the day-to-day operations of the charity.

The Trustees delegate day to day management of the charity to:-

Mr M A Clowes	- Pastor
Mr J Bass	- Assistant Pastor
Mr A Coward	- Site Manager
Mrs K Pigott	- Administration
Mrs B Courtney	- Pastoral Worker

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks. This includes the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. These procedures are annually reviewed to ensure that they meet the needs of the charity.

Under its constitution, the charity has the power to deposit or invest funds, employ a professional fund manager, and arrange for the investments or other property of the CIO to be held in the name of a nominee, in the same manner and subject to the same conditions as the trustees of a Trust are permitted to do by the Trustee Act 2000. The charity has power to employ and remunerate staff as are necessary for carrying out the work of the CIO. The CIO may employ or remunerate a charity trustee only to the extent that it is permitted to do so within the rules of the CIO or authorised by the Charity commission.

The Trustees consider key management personnel to consist of the charity Trustees. Trustees are required to disclose all relevant interests and in accordance with the charity's policy withdraw from decisions where a conflict of interest arises.

The Trustees are the custodians of the church property.

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

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Aims and Objectives

The church is set up for the benefit of attenders to the church and the local community in West Nottingham and the surrounding area, in order to share the message of the Christian Faith and provide practical support and friendship. In particular those benefiting in the community are families and young people, as well as national and international missionaries and mission organisations.

Activities and Achievements

The Church has continued to grow in number over the year. We continue to see new people coming into our services and activities each week. A significant proportion of the new people coming in are from minority ethnic backgrounds particularly from China/ Hong Kong and from Africa.

During the year there was a change in the Trustees with Nigel Birch stepping down and Nigel Cruickshank and Michael Walker joining the Trustees. There were no changes to the Church Staff team.

Following completion of the building we had a thanksgiving service for the building in October - combined with a community open day on the Saturday. Both events were well attended. As planned in last year's report we also kitted out some of the new rooms with new furniture and equipment including CCTV in key areas of the building.

We also remodelled the stage area at the front of Church to better reflect the way we are currently using the building. This included the construction of a drum cage so that we could manage sound better both in the room and on livestream

During the year we also put live a new website.

We also did an internal fire-safety course for the Leadership Team and for all activity leaders. We updated our safeguarding policy and followed this up with training for our volunteers. Both these training sessions were well attended.

Plans for the Future

With the growth in numbers we see resource in the church stretched in many areas. We are actively looking at ways to encourage and train more volunteers as well as considering whether we employ another church worker.

During the year 2023/4 we will be looking to complete the car park changes at the front of the Church, install extra fire alarms and extend CCTV within the building as well as installing a safety hand rail in the café area.

Financial Review

Income for the year amounted to £165,920 (2022:£174,408)), which includes donations towards the church redevelopment project. Expenditure amounted to £135,002 (2022:£224,120) leaving a surplus of £30,918 (2022 Deficit£49,712). The cash held in the bank and at hand at the year-end was £53,803 (2022: £22,885).

The general fund had a surplus £9,627 at the year end. This was mainly due to a move to claim gift aid quarterly rather than annually.

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Reserves Policy

Aspley Christ Church was established in 1931 and is currently experiencing a period of growth. The charity is a going concern and the Trustees have deemed it necessary to retain reasonable reserves for salaries, running costs and general maintenance. The agreed level of reserves that the Trustees have agreed to retain is the equivalent of 3-6 months running costs. To retain this level of reserves the Trustees will periodically discuss the balance of reserves held. The Treasurer will report any significant changes to levels of reserves to the Trustees as appropriate. If the level of reserves has dropped the Trustees will consider whether this is due to reduction of income or increase in expenditure or both and what action should be taken. The Trustees will conduct an annual risk analysis of the church's financial situation and its impact on reserves held.

This policy was adopted on 19th October 2021 and will be reviewed in October 2023.

The Trustees' annual report was approved on 23/1/24..... and signed on behalf of the board of Trustees by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. R. A.', written over a horizontal line.

Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF **ASPLEY CHRIST CHURCH TRUST**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Aspley Christ Church Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed:



Name: Dudley Cottingham

Address: 93 Hilcot Drive
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Nottingham
NG8 5HT

Date: 23/01/2024

Aspley Christ Church - Financial Statements for Year ended 31 March 2023**Receipts and Payments Account****Summary**

	In	Out		Balance 22/23	Balance 21/22
General Fund	103,707	94,080		34,101	24,474
Compassion	3,444	1,292		2,360	208
Orgs & Mission	24,017	22,030		-2,263	-4,250
Building Fund	32,942	16,420		18,975	2,453
Youth 259ers	1,810	1,180		630	0
Total	165,920	135,002		53,803	22,885

Balance of Funds

			Cash In Hand Mar 2023	
Bal B/F 21/22	22,885		Natwest	23,420
In	165,920		Co-operative	30,383
Out	135,002			
Bal C/F 22/23	53,803			53,803

General Expenditure

	22/23	21/22	20/21
Wages & Salaries	62,619	55,247	70,891
Pastor Expense	604		
Church Worker Expense	544		
Print & Stationery	1,305	2,375	1,124
Child & Youth Work	3,075	142	13
Adult Work	3,621	1,498	902
Visiting Speakers	916	1,103	480
Refreshments	902	350	36
Pastoral	2,194		
Licences & Subscriptions	4,280	4,015	3,301
Gen Building	10,948	9,858	10,140
Admin	605	1,844	1,132
IT	2,467		
Total	94,080	76,432	88,019

Income

	22/23	21/22	20/21
General Fund	103,707	78,526	73,283
Compassion	3,444	769	3,985
Organisations & Mission	24,017	20,557	20,872
Building Fund	32,942	74,556	130,539
Youth 259ers	1,810		
Total	165,920	174,408	228,679

Balance of Loans from Church Members

B/F 01/04/2022	81,500
Repaid 22/23	12,000
C/F 31/03/2023	69,500

Approved at a meeting of the Trustees on 23/01/24

Signed

