

# **ASPLEY CHRIST CHURCH**

**UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS**

**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

**Registered Charity No 1156269**

## **Aspley Christ Church – Trustees' Report and Accounts for Year ended 31st March 2024**

The Trustees present their annual report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2024.

### **Reference and administrative details**

<b>Registered charity name</b>	Aspley Christ Church
<b>Charity registration number</b>	1156269
<b>Principal office</b>	531 Aspley Lane Aspley Nottingham NG8 5RW
<b>The Trustees</b>	Mr A I Coward Mr M A Clowes Mr P K Riisnaes Mr D W Pigott Mr N Cruickshank Mr M J Walker
<b>Independent examiner</b>	Mr D Cottingham

## **Aspley Christ Church – Trustees' Report for the Year ended 31st March 2024**

### **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 8 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
Mrs D E May	- Treasurer

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.

## **Aspley Christ Church – Trustees' Report for the Year ended 31st March 2024**

### **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 regularly see new people coming into our services and activities each week, including an increasing number from Asia and Africa.

During the year there was a change in the Eldership, with Noah Noutch being appointed as a new Elder. This brings the Eldership to 5 in number.

As planned in last year's report we completed the car park changes at the front of the Church, installed extra fire alarms and extend CCTV within the building as well as installing a safety hand rail in the café area. We also installed a hearing loop and fire exit doors in the Kitchen and lounge areas

Following completion of the above fire safety installations the Church did multiple fire drills to test and review our processes and to familiarise volunteers and the congregation with our fire safety procedures.

During the year a decision was taken by the Trustees not to install fire escape from the first floor. A suite of further mitigation measures was put in place at the same time.

### **Plans for the Future**

With the growth in numbers we see resource in the church stretched in many areas. This year we started to explore the possibility of employing another church worker. It is expected that in early 2025 we will appoint a new resource with responsibility for Community and Children's work.

The heating in the building does not appear to be operating satisfactorily and we are looking to explore ways to improve this.

### **Financial Review**

Income for the year amounted to £154,035 (2023: £165,920). Expenditure amounted to £173,252 (2023: £135,002) leaving a deficit of £19,217 (2023 surplus of £30,918). The cash held in the bank and at hand at the year-end was £34,583 (2023: £53,800).

The general fund had a deficit of £6,053 at the year end. This was due to slightly less income than the previous year and increased costs in line with inflation.

The Building fund (restricted) had a deficit of £13,913 at the year end. This was due to spend refurbishing the car park and updating heating.

Expense headings in the financial statements were updated to better reflect expenditure.

## Aspley Christ Church – Trustees' Report for the Year ended 31st March 2024

### **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 2025.

The Trustees' annual report was approved on 16 January 2025 and signed on behalf of the board of Trustees by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. A. R.' followed by a stylized flourish.

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 2024.

## **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:



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Address: 93 Hilcot Drive  
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Nottingham  
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Date:

29/12/24

**Aspley Christ Church - Financial Statements for Year ended 31 March 2024****Receipts and Payments Account****Summary**

	In	Out		Balance 23/24	Balance 22/23
General Fund	99,101	105,154		<b>28,051</b>	34,104
Compassion	417	907		<b>1,870</b>	2,360
Orgs & Mission	23,936	22,698		<b>-400</b>	-1,638
Building Fund	30,581	44,493		<b>5,063</b>	18,975
Total	<b>154,035</b>	<b>173,252</b>		<b>34,584</b>	53,801

**Balance of Funds**

			Cash In Hand Mar 2024	
Bal B/F 22/23	53,801		Natwest	27,328
In	154,035		Co-operative	7,256
Out	173,252			
Bal C/F 23/24	<b>34,584</b>			<b>34,584</b>

**General Expenditure**

		23/24	22/23	21/22
Wages & Salaries		67,478	62,619	55,247
Pastor Expense		0	604	
Church Worker Expense		0	544	
Print & Stationery		905	1,305	2,375
Training & Conference		2,669		
Toddlers		174	3,075	142
Sun School		570		
Youth Work		6,842		
Adult Work		2,942	3,621	1,498
Visiting Speakers		1,708	916	1,103
Refreshments	Lunches etc	2,963	902	350
Pastoral		0	2,194	
Licences & Subscriptions		5,687	4,280	4,015
Gen Building		12,581	10,948	9,858
Admin		0	605	1,844
IT		635	2,467	
Total		<b>105,154</b>	<b>94,080</b>	<b>76,432</b>

**Income**

		23/24	22/23	21/22
General Fund		99,101	103,707	78,526
Compassion		417	3,444	769
Organisations & Mission		23,936	24,017	20,557
Building Fund		30,581	32,942	74,556
Youth 259ers		0	1,810	
Total		<b>154,035</b>	<b>165,920</b>	<b>174,408</b>

**Balance of Loans from Church Members**

B/F 01/04/2023		69,500
Repaid 23/24		13,000
C/F 31/03/2024		56,500

Approved at a meeting of the Trustees on

16 January 2025

Signed

