

WOOLWICH COMMUNITY CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1157291

Details

Other names	WCC
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2014-06-03
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT AS SET OUT IN THE BASIS OF FAITH STATEMENT OF THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE UK AND ANNEXED TO THIS DOCUMENT. IN FURTHERANCE OF THIS PURPOSE THE FOUNDATION MAY, WITHOUT LIMITATION TO THE FOLLOWING,;-SEEK NEW FOLLOWERS AND CONVERTS PROVIDE A PLACE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP PRAISE AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF CHRISTIAN BELIEF AND PRACTICE THROUGH THE PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS, INSTRUCTION AND STUDY UNDERTAKE MISSIONARY AND OUTREACH WORK IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND FURTHER A FIELD INCLUDING OVERSEAS AMONGST PEOPLE AFFECTED BY POVERTY OR NATURAL DISASTER NOTHING IN THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL AUTHORISE AN APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE CIO FOR THE PURPOSES WHICH ARE NOT CHARITABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH [SECTION 7 OF THE CHARITIES AND TRUSTEE INVESTMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005] AND [SECTION 2 OF THE CHARITIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2008].

Activities: Regular Sunday morning services, celebrations, house groups, children/youth work, bible studies & prayer meetings. Outreach activities to the local area including in Woolwich Town Centre. Make prison visits & also provide ongoing contact/support to those men after release. Provide personal financial planning through running the Money Course using materials/training provided by CAP.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Greenwich

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-05-30	£120,333	£146,665	-	-
2024-05-30	£153,933	£128,668	-	-
2023-05-30	£148,931	£117,086	-	-
2022-05-30	£120,935	£69,480	-	-
2021-05-30	£91,365	£78,325	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Elizabeth Mary West		2023-02-28
JANET MILLER		2025-07-17
Olushola Laguda		2022-01-17
Oluwatosin Omoniyi Oloyede		2022-11-21
Petruta-Elena Nila		2018-05-14

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For the year ended 31 May 2025

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Sue Peach

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West

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The location of WCC, the building and beyond

In the Autumn of 2024, the church relocated to Woolwich Central Baptist Church ("WCBC") which is situated in the centre of Woolwich town in Simmons Road, near Woolwich Central Square. The church holds the weekly Sunday meeting at WCBC at 1.30pm.

We have a great relationship with the leadership of WCBC and have joined together for a number of services including the 2024 Carol Service, Christmas and New Years Eve "Watchman" services.

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Prayer remains a mainstay of our church and in both September 2024 and April 2025, we held weeks of prayer and fasting, accompanied by zoom meetings throughout each day.

As well as the regular bible studies, we spent two separate months reading a chapter of the bible together daily, and feeding back on whatsapp to enlighten and encourage each other.

As well as regular Sunday morning services, zoom prayer meetings and bible studies, we hold regular youth groups, house groups, movie nights, training days and in person prayer meetings. The men' s group ("Ministry of Transformation" or "MOT"), launched in November 2022 continues to meet regularly.

In the Summer of 2024, WCC held church barbecues in Charlton Park and these were joyful events. On occasion during the gatherings, we were able to engage with other people in the park, starting conversations and sometimes praying with them.

As members of the Pioneer network of churches, a number of our trustees and members of the leadership team attended a residential women's leadership conference and also an annual leadership conference in the early part of 2025.

Some members of the Church have a prison ministry and lead a restorative justice course ("Sycamore Tree", a course devised by Prison Fellowship) in a local prison, HMP Thameside. Additionally, members undertake prison visits and also provide ongoing contact and support to those men when they are released. In some cases, ongoing pastoral contact and support may continue for several years.

Other WCC members help with Greenwich Night Shelter for street sleepers during the winter months. At present, two members of the congregation are still regular volunteers.

The Church maintains a Pastoral Fund which is available to those experiencing financial hardship, who can be either church members or non-members. Decisions on the allocation of these funds are made by our Leadership Team and the gifts are made on a strictly confidential basis. The Pastoral Fund is a Restricted Fund and is accounted for separately within the Church's accounts. WCC also supports the Greenwich churches foodbank through collecting food.

The open evangelism in Woolwich town centre continues, as we seek to spread the message of the gospel in the heart of the community. At each of these Saturday evangelism sessions, a number of people are spoken to and prayed for.

Employees

The Church has a full-time paid pastor (Kelly Cotterell).

In December of 2024, our long time administrator and finance officer, Verena Foster, stepped down from her role and was replaced by Leke Oloyede, who works for us part time. All staff are managed by Pastor Kelly.

In agreement with the Leadership team, we released our beloved Pastor Kelly to a sabbatical in September 2024 and she rejoined us for the Christmas celebrations three months later.

Workplace Pension

The Church has provided a Workplace Pension for its employees since August 2017 in compliance with the Workplace Pensions regulations. The pension provider is NEST, under a scheme which is used by many charities and similar organisations.

Volunteers

All the work of the church beyond the contribution of the paid employees is done by volunteers. Volunteers provide their time welcoming and stewarding, worship leading, maintaining the

website, and setting up and maintaining the P.A. systems and sound desk. Volunteers also make teas and coffees and refreshments, undertake children and youth work, give time providing administration, lead services and other meetings, oversee and organise finance and set up and clear away everything each Sunday. The Church could not function without volunteers and the Leadership Team and Trustees are very grateful for all their work.

Financial Review

The church had a financial deficit of £26,332 within the year. The balance from the previous year means that the Church carried forward a bank balance of £195,724 into the new year.

The Church's main source of funds is from its congregation members with occasional gifts from others. Many members give a regular gift using the principle of tithing (one tenth of their income). Members are encouraged to use the Gift Aid scheme for their giving which allows the Church to reclaim tax paid on that gift income from HMRC. Gift Aid claims are made quarterly.

Most of the church's income is applied to provide salaries for employees, and hall hire charges. Further details are provided within the accounts.

The church's insurances are provided by Kingdom Bank and these have been renewed for 2025 to 2026.

The church has an agreed Reserves policy based on an assessment of the main risks to its financial stability. The assessment allows for risks due to a reduction in giving by church members, unexpected expenditure, and temporary cash flow issues. The policy also allows for the Church's position of renting our property rather than owning which reduces the risk of unexpected high levels of property and maintenance related expenditure.

The policy effectively allows for a reserve to cover one month's gift income from members, plus an amount (£1,000) for unexpected expenditure which could not be deferred. The policy will be reviewed as required and the required balance compared to the free actual funds available. The reserve policy is subject to review if there are changes in circumstances, for example, if the church were to go ahead and acquire a new property.

Dated 29 March 2026

Signed: *Elizabeth West*

Elizabeth West

Chair of Trustees

WOOLWICH COMMUNITY CHURCH					Prev Year 2023/24	Prev Year 2022/23
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2025						
	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total	Total
Receipts		£	£	£	£	£
Gift Aid Giving	2 (i)	84,756		84,756	85,574	81,113
Non Gift Aid Giving	2 (i)	8,104		8,104	19,211	22,868
Gift Aid Tax Refund - GASDS		16,061		16,061	31,186	20,804
Conferences	3	9,173		9,173	12,767	4,836
Transfers to Missions	2 (ii)			0	0	(14,172)
Transfers to Pastoral Fund (G/Aid)	2 (ii)	(4,962)		(4,962)	(534)	(123)
Transfers to Building fund (G/Aid)	2 (ii)			0	(502)	(232)
Transfers to Prison Ministry	2 (ii)	(365)		(365)	(488)	(39)
Pastoral Fund inc.	2 (ii)		5,675	5,675	2,694	16,472
Prison Ministry Fund inc.	2 (ii)		745	745	488	39
Building Fund inc.	2 (ii)		350	350	3,010	2,355
Missions inc.			529	529	527	14,638
Misc inc.		-	267	267	0	372
TOTAL RECEIPTS		112,767	7,566	120,333	153,933	148,931
Payments						
People Costs	5	78,366		78,366	57,420	54,546
Media		12,746		12,746	7,311	2,515
Affiliation Subscriptions		3,760		3,760	3,965	3,820
Admin		272		272	369	413
Property hire	6	17,507		17,507	22,671	19,774
Children & Youth		245		245	939	1,121
Conferences	3	11,470		11,470	18,141	3,820
Training		3,103		3,103	1,594	4,565
Misc		2,225		2,225	1,056	903
Pastoral Fund	2 (ii)		6,171	6,171	5,770	16,173
Prison Ministry Fund	2 (ii)		745	745	488	408
Missions			10,053	10,053	8,945	9,028
TOTAL PAYMENTS		129,695	16,970	146,665	128,668	117,086
NET RECEIPTS		(16,928)	(9,404)	(26,332)	25,265	31,845
Balances Brought Forward		197,744	24,312	222,056	196,791	164,946
Balances Carried Forward 31 May		180,816	14,908	195,724	222,056	196,791
Page 1	The notes on pages 1-4 form part of these accounts					

WOOLWICH COMMUNITY CHURCH					Prev Year 2023/24	Prev Year 2022/23	Prev Year 2021/22
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31ST MAY 2025							
	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total	Total	Total
ASSETS							
Cash Funds		£	£	£	£	£	£
Cash Balances (Petty Cash)		-	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Current Account		180,816	14,908	195,724	222,056	196,791	164,946
Total Cash Funds		180,816	14,908	195,724	222,056	196,791	164,946
Other monetary assets							
Estimated gift aid tax refund due	8	15,801	75	15,876	3,288	22,076	20,774
Total Monetary Assets		15,801	75	15,876	3,288	22,076	20,774
LIABILITIES							
Property	9	-	-	-	1,794	1,905	426
Amounts due to HMRC	10	-	-	-	722	730	675
Pension	11	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Liabilities		-	-	-	2,516	2,634	1,101
Approved by Woolwich Community Church and signed on its behalf by							
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST MAY 2025

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and on the Receipts and Payments basis.

2 ANALYSIS OF FUND MOVEMENTS FOR THE YEAR

- (i) **UNRESTRICTED FUNDS** may be used by the Church for any of its ordinary purposes. The movements in the fund are shown in the Receipts and Payments Account
- (ii) **RESTRICTED FUNDS** represent donations and gifts received for a specific purpose. The funds may only be spent on the specific purpose for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent must be carried forward as a balance on that fund and cannot be absorbed into General Funds. Receipts include Gift Aid on specific giving for the Pastoral Fund and, Prison Ministry and the Building Fund as per below.

FUND NAME	PURPOSE	Bal B/f	Receipts	Payments	Bal 31st May
Building Fund	Identifying and acquiring a new building for the Church	£32,234	£350	£0	£32,584
Prison Ministry	Resources for prison ministry	£0	£745	£745	£0
Pastoral Fund	Relief of financial hardship	£497	£5,675	£6,171	£0
		£32,730	£6,770	£6,916	£32,584

3 Analysis of Receipts and Payments Items

These are shown in the Receipts and Payments Account on Page 1. **Conferences** is various retreats (for women, men and mixed groups).

5 PEOPLE COSTS - consists of:-

Paid Employees	
Gross salaries and wages	£54,984
Employer's National Insurance costs (small employer scheme)	£15,330
Pensions	£4,107
	£74,421
Visiting preachers/worshippers	£1,206
Other costs	£2,739
Total People Costs	£78,366
Average number of employees	2.0

6 PROPERTY COSTS - Consist of costs for:-

Woolwich Common Community Centre/WCBC hire charge	£17,354
Other costs - storage, worship etc.	£153
Total	£17,507

- Payments to Trustees** - No expenses were paid to Trustees, however as the Church Leadership Team make confidential payments from the Pastoral Fund it is possible that such payments may include those to a Trustee.
- 7**
- 8** **Gift Aid** tax refund due for May 2025
- 9** Hire charge due for use. No outstanding cost is at the end of the FY
- 10** Amount due to HMRC for payroll deductions but not yet paid over. No employer's NI cost is shown due to the credit for small employers.
- 11** The Church has started a workplace pension for its employees with **NEST**. The Church complies with the Pensions Regulator's requirements for employer's contribution. No outstanding liability for YE 2024/2025.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Woolwich Community Church

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31 May 2025, which are set out on pages 1 to 4.

Respective responsibilities of the Church's Trustees and Examiner

The Church's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 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 Church 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 you as 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
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 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.



Ms. Sue Peach
Independent Examiner
Relevant Professional Qualification: CPFA

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As members of the Pioneer network of churches, a number of our trustees and members of the leadership team attended a residential womens' leadership conference and also an annual leadership conference in the early part of 2024.

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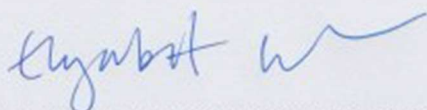
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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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Signature

Elizabeth West

Chair of Trustees

Date: 16 March 25

WOOLWICH COMMUNITY CHURCH
Annual Report and Financial Statements|
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For the year ended 31 May 2024

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Church Leader

Pastor Kelly Cotterell

Bank:

Barclays Bank

Independent Examiner:

Ms. Sue Peach

Charity Number:

1157291

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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2024								
	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
Receipts		£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Gift Aid Giving	2 (i)	85,574		85,574	81,113	76,967	74,485	67,753
Non Gift Aid Giving	2 (i)	19,211		19,211	22,868	4,815	3,373	8,349
Gift Aid Tax Refund - GASDS		31,186		31,186	20,804	18,566	2,000	17,876
Conferences	3	12,767		12,767	4,836	4,074	4,558	2,844
Transfers to Missions	2 (ii)	0		0	(14,172)	(770)	-	(122)
Transfers to Pastoral Fund (G/Aid)	2 (ii)	(534)		(534)	(123)	(654)	-	(128)
Transfers to Building fund (G/Aid)	2 (ii)	(502)		(502)	(232)	(462)	-	(2,607)
Transfers to Prison Ministry	2 (ii)	(488)		(488)	(39)	-	-	-
Pastoral Fund inc.	2 (ii)		2,694	2,694	16,472	3,619	5,645	3,608
Prison Ministry Fund inc.	2 (ii)		488	488	39	650	50	692
Building Fund inc.	2 (ii)		3,010	3,010	2,355	1,182	962	6,766
Missions inc.			527	527	14,638	1,070	440	
Misc inc.		-		0	372	1,000	(148)	695
TOTAL RECEIPTS		147,214	6,719	153,933	148,931	110,057	91,365	105,726
Payments								
People Costs	5	57,420		57,420	54,546	53,226	50,590	48,809
Media		7,311		7,311	2,515	8,764	5,157	1,870
Affiliation Subscriptions		3,965		3,965	3,820	3,880	3,039	3,100
Admin		369		369	413	506	552	5,817
Property hire	6	22,671		22,671	19,774	9,120	5,174	12,891
Children & Youth		939		939	1,121	940	30	637
Conferences	3	18,141		18,141	3,820	8,220	2,693	2,556
Training		1,594		1,594	4,565	4,575	1,090	1,408
Misc		1,056		1,056	903	1,570	1,676	848
Pastoral Fund	2 (ii)		5,770	5,770	16,173	2,825	3,674	4,430
Prison Ministry Fund	2 (ii)		488	488	408	317	354	636
Missions			8,945	8,945	9,028	6,681	4,297	2,580
TOTAL PAYMENTS		113,465	15,203	128,668	117,086	100,625	78,325	85,582
NET RECEIPTS		33,749	(8,484)	25,265	31,845	9,433	13,040	20,143
Balances Brought Forward		163,995	32,796	196,791	164,946	155,514	142,474	122,331
Balances Carried Forward 31 May		197,744	24,312	222,056	196,791	164,946	155,514	142,474
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31ST MAY 2024								
	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
ASSETS								
Cash Funds		£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cash Balances (Petty Cash)		-	-	-	-	-	-	200
Bank Current Account		197,744	24,312	222,056	196,791	164,946	155,514	142,274
Total Cash Funds		197,744	24,312	222,056	196,791	164,946	155,514	142,474
Other monetary assets								
Estimated gift aid tax refund due	8	3,281	8	3,288	22,076	20,774	19,868	1,263
Total Monetary Assets		3,281	8	3,288	22,076	20,774	19,868	1,263
LIABILITIES								
Property	9	1,794	-	1,794	1,905	426	426	250
Amounts due to HMRC	10	722	-	722	730	675	675	667
Pension	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Liabilities		2,516	-	2,516	2,634	1,101	1,101	917
Approved by Woolwich Community Church and signed on its behalf by								
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WOOLWICH COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST MAY 2024

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and on the Receipts and Payments basis.

2 ANALYSIS OF FUND MOVEMENTS FOR THE YEAR

- (i) **UNRESTRICTED FUNDS** may be used by the Church for any of its ordinary purposes. The movements in the fund are shown in the Receipts and Payments Account
- (ii) **RESTRICTED FUNDS** represent donations and gifts received for a specific purpose. The funds may only be spent on the specific purpose for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent must be carried forward as a balance on that fund and cannot be absorbed into General Funds. Receipts include Gift Aid on specific giving for the Pastoral Fund and, Prison Ministry and the Building Fund as per below.

FUND NAME	PURPOSE	Bal B/f	Receipts	Payments	Bal 31st May
Building Fund	Identifying and acquiring a new building for the Church	£29,223	£3,010	£0	£32,234
Prison Ministry	Resources for prison ministry	£0	£488	£488	£0
Pastoral Fund	Relief of financial hardship	£3,573	£2,694	£5,770	£497
		£32,796	£6,192	£6,258	£32,730

3 Analysis of Receipts and Payments Items

These are shown in the Receipts and Payments Account on Page 1. **Ashburnham** is various retreats (for women, men and mixed groups) at Ashburnham Christian Centre.

5 PEOPLE COSTS - consists of:-

Paid Employees	
Gross salaries and wages	£43,320
Employer's National Insurance costs (small employer scheme)	£8,882
Pensions	£3,593
	£55,794
Visiting preachers/worshippers	£600
Other costs	£1,026
Total People Costs	£57,420
Average number of employees	2.0

6 PROPERTY COSTS - Consist of costs for:-

Woolwich Common Community Centre/WCBC hire charge	£22,449
Other costs - storage, worship etc.	£222
	£22,671

- Payments to Trustees** - No expenses were paid to Trustees, however as the Church Leadership Team make
- 7** confidential payments from the Pastoral Fund it is possible that such payments may include those to a Trustee.
- 8** **Gift Aid** tax refund due for May 2023
- 9** Hire charge due for use of Woolwich Common Community Centre for May 2023
- 10** Amount due to HMRC for payroll deductions but not yet paid over. No employer's NI cost is shown due to the credit for small employers.
- 11** The Church has started a workplace pension for its employees with **NEST**. The Church complies with the Pensions Regulator's requirements for employer's contribution. No outstanding liability for YE 2023/2024.

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WOOLWICH COMMUNITY CHURCH

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD 1ST JUNE 2022 TO 31ST MAY 2023

Woolwich Community Church (“WCC”)

The Church is a registered charity which operates principally in the Woolwich area of South East London within the borough of Royal Greenwich. Our membership is mostly drawn from the SE18 area and other parts of London.

The Church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and is registered with the Charity Commissioners. The Church's governing document is its Constitution. WCC is affiliated with the Pioneer network of Churches, a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

WCC's principal registered address as a Charity is **112 Ancona Road SE18 1AD**.

The Aims and Objectives of the Church are as set out in our Constitution - namely: -

- the advancement of the Christian faith for the public benefit as set out in the Basis of Faith statement of the Evangelical Alliance UK,
- to seek new followers and converts,
- to provide a place of Christian worship,
- to raise awareness and understanding of Christian belief and practice through instruction, and the study of the bible,
- and to undertake Missionary and outreach work in the local community and further afield including overseas - particularly amongst people affected by poverty or natural disaster.

Management by the Church Trustees

The Church has an active Board of Trustees who provide the overall management of the Charity in terms of governance, financial oversight, review of decision making and risk management. The Trustees have a broad range of skills and experience which include those of legal, financial, human resources, planning and administration. There has been a number of changes to the trustees. Three new trustees have joined the team – Richard Stringer, Tosin Oloyede and Elizabeth West. Neena Samuel – who acted as our Secretary, has stepped down from her role and no longer serves as a Trustee.

The Church has the following Trustees: -

Tania Smith	Chair of the Trustees #
Richard Stringer	Trustee
Tosin Oloyede	Trustee
Olushola Laguda	Trustee
Petruta Nila	Trustee and Finance Officer
Shan Rogbeer	Trustee
Elizabeth West	Trustee

The Charity can have up to ten trustees. New trustees are appointed by the Board of Trustees, as mentioned above. Each trustee is appointed for a specific time period.

The Trustees generally meet quarterly unless there are urgent matters requiring additional meetings; then they meet sooner. In line with the Church's constitution some trustee decisions are agreed using electronic communication i.e. email.

The Trustees also approve documents and policies that impact on the operation and governance of the charity including Child and Adult Protection (Safeguarding), Health and Safety, Covid-19 Government Guidelines and Finance and Reserves policies.

(# At the time of writing, 2024, our Chair of Trustees is Elizabeth West, who took on the role from Tania Smith in August 2023).

Church Leadership Team

The Leadership Team ("TLT") provides spiritual ministry and strategic and operational leadership of the Church. TLT consists of the Pastor of the Church, Pastor Kelly Cotterell, and other members of the congregation. From time-to-time church members who are not part of TLT attend TLT meetings for individual items for discussion.

The location of WCC, the building and beyond

The Church used the new building at the Woolwich Common Community Centre as its main location for church services and meetings. The use of this building is in partnership with Greenwich Council. As we moved to the new Community building, we no longer had an office. *(At the time of writing, in 2024, WCC is due to move again, to a new meeting place at the Woolwich Central Baptist Church building in Simmons road, near to Woolwich central square).*

The Church also uses other buildings and Churches as needed for outreach and services. During the year, the WCC Men's Group ("the Ministry of Transformation" or "MOT") met at Avery Hill Christian Fellowship and the women spent time at the Ashburnham retreat in Sussex.

Members of the congregation meet in house groups on a fortnightly basis and there are also other prayer meetings and Sunday fellowship gatherings in members' homes.

We are now a hybrid church in that we are no longer limited to meeting in a physical space. WCC continues to develop an online presence both for the benefit of church members and also to provide ongoing support to the local community. New equipment was purchased during the year to ensure the consistent provision of online services of a good technical quality. We record our Sunday services, which are held from 10.30 till 12.00. The services can be readily accessed online, either to be watched live or viewed later. Additionally, the church runs prayer sessions on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday mornings from 7- 8 am, via ZOOM. Many members of the congregation have used and have been enriched by this daily prayer resource. The early morning prayer zooms are open, friends of members are welcome to join in, and do so.

As the Church is growing and developing we considered moving to another larger facility. The Building Finding Group sought the views of church members on their visions and uses for a new building. Finding a new building continued to be a commitment and a major focus of prayer for the Church, and the Trustees were keen to ensure that any potential project could be managed within the resources available.*(As mentioned above, at the time of writing in 2024, WCC is due to move to a permanent home at Woolwich Central Baptist Church in the centre of town).* In February 2023, the church was able to purchase a new shed to deal with the immediate challenges from lack of storage space at the new community centre.

A Welcoming Environment

Our Church is charismatic and evangelical, and our services are lively. The members are from a diverse ethnic mix, which reflects the church's location. There is a wide age range from babies to people of 80 and over. The Church is locally based, and the majority of the congregation live in the general area.

The Church aims to provide a completely open and welcoming environment to newcomers and visitors at all of our activities. At present, numbers vary from week to week - the average attending each Sunday morning is around 65 -75, out of a total membership of around 100. We have a significant turnover of membership due to the

nature of the area and for this reason members place considerable importance on the greeting of new people as they come through the door.

The Trustees are aware of the responsibilities of the church for the safeguarding of both children and adults and continue to review our policies and procedures according to best practice. With the increase of the church's online presence the Trustees were also active in reviewing the church's technical infrastructure as well as the need for social media protocols.

Website and emails

Church members' details are held in compliance with General Data Protection Regulation 2018 (GDPR) requirements.

Pioneer

Although Woolwich Community Church is a wholly independent organisation, we have continued to develop our links with the Pioneer Church Network and come under their overall umbrella. The Pioneer network is a Federation of Churches which provides a relational network that connects, inspires, and equips Churches in the UK. Linking with the Pioneer Network provides us with far greater resources and support. We have known many of the Pioneer leadership team for many years, since the days when we were part of Ichthus Christian Fellowship and we believe that this linkage is beneficial to our work in WCC.

In addition, the Leadership Team meets and maintains relationships with Greenwich Evangelical Leaders, and iNet. WCC is a member with iNeT, which is a small mission agency working alongside multiple churches.

Main Activities During the Year 2022 – 2023.

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WCC emphasises the need for corporate prayer and In October 2022, we allocated a week of prayer and fasting, with the participation of the majority of the congregation.

In May of 2023, the extended Leadership Team, including spouses, spent one week in South of France to strengthen relationships within the team and to discuss the vision for the church. The group was based with a missionary couple that is being supported by WCC.

The Trustees

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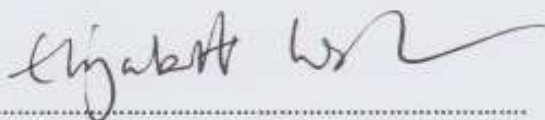
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Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustee's report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



Signature

Elizabeth West

Chair of Trustees

Date: 29 03 24

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WOOLWICH COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Transfers to Missions	2 (ii)	(14,172)		(14,172)	- 770	-	(122)	(730)
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Transfers to Building fund (G/Aid)	2 (ii)	(232)		(232)	- 462	-	(2,607)	(2,096)
Transfers to Prison Ministry Children & Youth i.c	2 (ii) 2 (iii)	(39) -		(39) 0		0	0	0
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Misc inc.		372		372	1,000	(148)	695	1,356
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Balances Brought Forward		140,045	24,901	164,946	155,514	142,474	122,331	70,874
Balances Carried Forward 31 May		163,995	32,796	196,791	164,946	155,514	142,474	122,331
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31ST MAY 2023									
	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
ASSETS									
Cash Funds		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cash Balances (Petty Cash)		-	-	-	-	-	200	200	200
Bank Current Account		163,995	32,796	196,791	164,946	155,514	142,274	122,131	70,674
Total Cash Funds		163,995	32,796	196,791	164,946	155,514	142,474	122,331	70,874
Other monetary assets									
Estimated gift aid tax refund due	8	20,927	1,149	22,076	20,774	19,868	1,263	1,542	1,444
Total Monetary Assets		20,927	1,149	22,076	20,774	19,868	1,263	1,542	1,444
LIABILITIES									
Property	9	1,905	-	1,905	426	426	250	1,000	992
Amounts due to HMRC	10	730	-	730	675	675	667	702	625
Pension	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	125
Total Liabilities		2,634	-	2,634	1,101	1,101	917	1,702	1,742
Approved by Woolwich Community Church and signed on its behalf by									
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WOOLWICH COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST MAY 2023

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and on the Receipts and Payments basis.

2 ANALYSIS OF FUND MOVEMENTS FOR THE YEAR

- (i) **UNRESTRICTED FUNDS** may be used by the Church for any of its ordinary purposes. The movements in the fund are shown in the Receipts and Payments Account
- (ii) **RESTRICTED FUNDS** represent donations and gifts received for a specific purpose. The funds may only be spent on the specific purpose for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent must be carried forward as a balance on that fund and cannot be absorbed into General Funds. Receipts include Gift Aid on specific giving for the Pastoral Fund and, Prison Ministry and the Building Fund as per below.

FUND NAME	PURPOSE	Bal B/f	Receipts	Payments	Bal 31st May
Building Fund	Identifying and acquiring a new building for the Church	£26,868	£2,355	£0	£29,223
Prison Ministry	Resources for prison ministry	£369	£39	£408	£0
Pastoral Fund	Relief of financial hardship	£3,274	£16,472	£16,173	£3,573
		£30,511	£18,866	£16,581	£32,796

3 Analysis of Receipts and Payments Items

These are shown in the Receipts and Payments Account on Page 1. **Ashburnham** is various retreats (for women, men and mixed groups) at Ashburnham Christian Centre.

5 PEOPLE COSTS - consists of:-

Paid Employees	
Gross salaries and wages	£40,495
Employer's National Insurance costs (small employer scheme)	£8,596
Pensions	£3,267
	£52,358
Visiting preachers	£948
Other costs	£1,241
Total People Costs	£54,546
Average number of employees	2.0

6 PROPERTY COSTS - Consist of costs for:-

Woolwich Common Community Centre hire charge	£18,943
Other costs - storage etc.	£831
	£19,774

- Payments to Trustees** - No expenses were paid to Trustees, however as the Church Leadership Team make
- 7 confidential payments from the Pastoral Fund it is possible that such payments may include those to a Trustee.
 - 8 **Gift Aid** tax refund due for Jun 2022 - May 2023 and GASDS
 - 9 Hire charge due for use of Woolwich Common Community Centre for May 2023
 - 10 Amount due to HMRC for payroll deductions but not yet paid over. No employer's NI cost is shown due to the credit for small employers.
 - 11 The Church has started a workplace pension for its employees with **NEST**. The Church complies with the Pensions Regulator's requirements for employer's contribution. No outstanding liability for YE 2022/2023.

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WOOLWICH COMMUNITY CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1157291

Accounts

WOOLWICH COMMUNITY CHURCH
Annual Report of the Trustees of the
Church

For the year ended 31 May 2022

Chair of Trustees

Tania Smith

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Barclays Bank, Woolwich

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WOOLWICH COMMUNITY CHURCH
(REG. CHARITY TO 1157291)

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD 1ST JUNE 2021 TO 31ST MAY 2022

Woolwich Community Church

The Church is a registered Charity which operates principally in the Woolwich area of South East London within the borough of Royal Greenwich. Our membership is principally drawn from the SE18 area and other parts of London.

The Church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and is registered with the Charity Commissioners. The Church's governing document is its Constitution. WCC is affiliated with the Pioneer Churches who is a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

Woolwich Community Church's principal registered address as a Charity is **112 Ancona Road SE18 1AD**. The Aims of Woolwich Community Church

The aims and objectives of the Church are as set out in our Constitution - namely: -

- The advancement of the Christian faith for the public benefit as set out in the Basis of Faith statement of the Evangelical Alliance UK.
- Seek new followers and converts
- Provide a place of Christian worship
- Raise awareness and understanding of Christian belief and practice through instruction, and the study of the Bible.
- Undertake Missionary and outreach work in the local community and further afield including overseas - particularly amongst people affected by poverty or natural disaster.

Management of the Church Trustees

The Church has an active Board of Trustees who provide the overall management of the Charity in terms of governance, financial oversight, review of decision making and risk management. The Trustees have a broad range of skills and experience which include those of legal, financial, human resources, planning and administration. Debo Oluwatuminu who was Chair of Trustees has stepped down.

The Church has the following Trustees: -

Debo Oluwatuminu	Chair of the Trustees – Stepped down in September 2021.
Tania Smith	Trustees
Neena Samuel	Trustee and Secretary to the Trustees
Olushola Laguda	Trustee
Petruta Nila	Trustee and Treasurer
Shan Rogbeer	Trustee

The Charity can have up to 10 Trustees. New Trustees are appointed by the Board of Trustees. Each Trustee is appointed for a specific time period.

The Trustees generally meet quarterly unless there are urgent matters requiring additional meetings; then they meet sooner. In line with the Church's constitution some Trustee decisions are agreed using electronic communication i.e. email.

The Trustees will also approve documents and policies that impact on the operation and governance of the Charity including Child and Adult Protection (Safeguarding), Health and Safety, Covid-19 Government Guidelines and Reserves policy.

Church Leadership Team

The Leadership Team (TLT) provides spiritual ministry, strategic and operational leadership of the Church. The Leadership Team (TLT) consists of the Pastor of the Church and other senior members

of the congregation. From time-to-time other church members come to the meetings for individual items for discussion.

Where We Meet

The Church is using the new building at the Woolwich Common Community Centre as its main place for church services and meetings. We no longer have an office at the new Centre. There is in partnership with Greenwich Council. Woolwich Community Church has enjoyed a good working relationship with the Centre management.

The Church also uses other buildings and Churches as needed for outreach and services. Some meeting such as house groups and prayer meetings, are held in the homes of congregation members.

The Church is growing and developing and has been considering moving to another larger facility. The Building Finding Group has been active in seeking the views of church members on their visions and uses for the new building, developing business and project plans and researching various options. This continues to be a major piece of work and commitment for the Church, and the Trustees are keen to ensure that the project can be managed within the resources available.

When Covid-19 restriction was partly removed, risk assessments were in place and WCC continued to follow and implement all the new updates from UK Government's Public Health information. Safeguarding was reviewed. Meeting in person was happening every 2 weeks, with a maximum of 30 people. Otherwise, live streaming or rerun of recorded services was available to members of the congregation and a wider audience online. Online presence continued to be available and on-going support was offered to the local community. Members of the congregation and those further afield were able to access the on-line services every Sunday from 10.30 till 12.00. New equipment was purchased to continue providing online services.

WCC continues to provide pre-recorded on-line Services. Also, several Zoom groups have been established within the church for all members of the congregation, for example, the prayer groups on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

The Church aims to provide a completely open and welcoming environment to newcomers and visitors to all of our activities. The Church is locally based, and the majority of the congregation live in the general area.

After the pandemic, numbers varied from week to week - the average attending each Sunday morning being around 60 -70, out of a total membership of around 100. We have a considerable turnover of membership due to the nature of the area and this makes the greeting of new people important and we are often saying goodbye to old friends.

Life gathering's – Members of the congregation, are meeting in house groups on a fortnightly basis. As WCC has now developed into a hybrid church, we are no longer limited to meet in a physical place. Members and their friends are joining the online prayer session 3 times a week.

Our Church is charismatic and evangelical, and our services are lively. The members are from a diverse ethnic mix in this area. There is a wide age range from babies to people of 80 and over.

Website and emails

Church members' details are held in compliance with General Data Protection Regulation 2018 (GDPR) requirements.

Pioneer

Although Woolwich Community Church is a wholly independent organisation, we have continued to develop our links with the Pioneer Church Network and come under their overall umbrella. The Pioneer network is a Federation of Churches which provides a relational network that connects, inspires, and equips Churches in the UK. Linking with the Pioneer Network provides us with far greater resources and support. We have known many of the Pioneer leadership team for many years, since the days when we were part of Ichthus Christian Fellowship and we believe that this linkage is beneficial to our work in WCC.

Main Activities During the Year 2021 – 2022

Woolwich Community Church holds a range of activities. These include regular Sunday morning services, larger celebrations, house groups, children and youth work, bible studies, training days and prayer meetings. Some of our meetings draw people from different churches. Pre-recorded online Services continue to have an impact on the local community and further afield.

In addition, the Leadership Team meets and maintains relationships with Greenwich Evangelical Leaders and iNet. WCC is a member of iNet, which is a small mission agency working alongside multiple churches.

Some members of the Church undertake prison visits and also provide ongoing contact and support to those men when they are released. In some cases, ongoing pastoral contact and support may continue for several years.

WCC supports the Greenwich churches foodbank through collecting food.

Some of our members also help with Greenwich Night Shelter for the homeless during the winter months. At present, two members of the congregation are volunteers.

Throughout the year, Woolwich Community Church has engaged in a number of activities.

In July 2021, WCC was discussing the development of the new Community Centre with GCDA, and the need to access a number of rooms for different types of meetings and for storage. The leadership Team was searching for new trustees to join WCC. There was a number of activities during the Black History month.

Both Mitzi and Verena attended the church leaders' day at iNet conference at All Nations Christian College. Also, Pastor Kelly and Mitzi attended a Pioneer retreat at High Lee.

WCC gave a gift of £500 to the Samara appeal for widows in Syria.

During the summer months, WCC had a number of picnics at Charlton Park, followed by worshipping and prayers. Live streaming continued and Covid regulations, including risk assessment, were being updated. WCC was becoming more like a hybrid church and supporting those who could not attend physically. The Men's Group 'Ministry of Transformation', continued to meet, via ZOOM, every Sunday from 16.00. There was a week of prayer and fasting in September 2021, from 21 – 24.

In October 2021, DBS checks were being undertaken in order to start up a youth group. This was successful with a new group of young men and women. The Leadership Team had a weekend away at Little Stone. Also, the planned baptisms had to be cancelled because other churches with a baptismal pool were unable to host us due to Covid regulations. WCC was able to purchase new media equipment to improve the quality of online church.

For the months of November and December, the wider Leadership team had an away day. WCC became a full member of iNet. Also, the search for new trustees continued and the Leadership Team appointed two new members. The Covid-19 regulations and risk assessment were updated.

Before Christmas 2021, there was a fellowship meal at the Community Centre and then WCC had the Christmas carol service on 19th December 2021. The Community Centre was closed over Christmas and New Year. The need for WCC to have their own venue was being discussed. This has been on-going.

WCC welcomed the new year in January 2022 by having a joint meeting with the Leadership Team and all the Trustees. The search for new premises was discussed and will remain on the agenda as part of new developments for WCC. The Youth gatherings had great sessions and the group is growing in numbers.

Sadly, a member of the congregation passed away. The move to the new Community Centre was imminent and a new chair of trustees, Tania Smith, was appointed.

For the month of February 2022, there were a number of events, including training for media and PA and safeguarding. Mental health was discussed in a congregation ZOOM session. An iNet intern from America joined the youth team. There was another week of prayer and fasting on 21 – 25 February.

In March 2022, the Pioneer leadership conference was in Manchester and Pastor Kelly attended in person, while other leaders followed on-line. There was a joint Sunday service on-line for all Pioneer churches in UK.

During that month, WCC women met at Ashburnham for a retreat and this was a successful event. On the 27th March 2022, WCC moved into the new Community Centre. Prior to that, the Joint Trustees and Leadership Team had a meeting and policies were reviewed.

April was a popular month with a number of events taking place. The Leadership Team had a weekend away in Margate. Issues around the new hall were discussed with GCDA members. WCC agreed that all Leadership and Trustees needed to have DBS checks as well as all youth and children's workers. This was implemented. There was another Wider Leadership Team away day on 23 April 2022, and discussions on the impact of the new Community Centre were held.

For the month of May, WCC Youth work was growing and new young men were joining. It was agreed that there was a need for adult male mentors to attend Sunday sessions to support the youth. The open evangelism in Woolwich town centre was relaunched and reaching a number of people. This event was successful and a number of people were spoken to and prayed for.

Finally, the WCC Website was updated.

The Church maintains a Pastoral Fund which is available to church members and non-members who are experiencing financial hardship. During the lockdown, WCC Financial support was offered to those suffering hardships. These gifts are on a strictly confidential basis and the decision who will benefit from them is made by the Leadership Team. As the gifts from the Pastoral Fund need to be made on a confidential basis, it is possible that these may include Trustees – however, the Trustees themselves do not decide on which gifts are to be made. The Pastoral Fund is a Restricted Fund and is accounted for separately within the Church's accounts.

Employees

The Church has a full-time paid Pastor (Kelly Cotterell) and a part time administrator (Verena Foster). All staff are managed by Pastor Kelly.

Workplace Pension

The Church has provided a Workplace Pension for its employees as from 1st August 2017 in compliance with the Workplace Pensions regulations. The options were laid out in a report to the Trustees who then selected NEST to be the Pension Provider. NEST is used by many Charities and similar organisations.

The rest of the Church's work is undertaken by members on a volunteer basis, who provide everything from welcoming and stewarding, worship leading, maintaining the website, setting up and maintaining the P.A. systems and sound desk. It also includes making teas and coffees, children and youth work, service administration, leading services and other meetings, and setting up and down everything every Sunday. The Church could not function without volunteers and the Leadership Team and Trustees are very grateful for all their work.

Financial Review

The Church had a financial surplus of **£9,433** within the year, slightly lower than the previous year due to increased expenditure to meet the church's needs. The balance brought forward from the previous year of **£155,514** means that the Church carried forward a bank balance of **£164,946** into the new year.

The Church's main source of funds is from its congregation members with occasional gifts from others. Many members give a regular gift using the principle of tithing (1/10 of their income). Members are encouraged to use the Gift Aid scheme for their giving which will allow the Church to reclaim tax paid on that gift income from HMRC. Gift Aid claims are made quarterly.

The church's income primarily comes from gifts from members and is mainly used to provide salaries for employees, and hall hire charges. Further details are provided within the accounts.

The Church has a current account with Barclays Bank. In view of the very low returns available on deposit accounts currently - around 0.5% - the Church does not yet have any funds in a deposit or investment account. This will be reviewed if interest rates increase.

The Church's insurances are provided via Kingdom Bank and these have been renewed for 2021/2022.

The Church has an agreed Reserves policy based on an assessment of the main risks to its financial stability. The assessment allows for risks due to a reduction in giving by Church Members, unexpected expenditure, and temporary cash flow issues. The policy also allows for the Church's position of renting property rather than owning which reduces the risk of unexpected high levels of property and maintenance related expenditure.

The policy effectively allows for a reserve to cover one month's gift income from members, plus an amount (£1,000) for unexpected expenditure which could not be deferred. The policy will be reviewed as required and the required balance compared to the free actual funds available.

If the Church goes ahead with acquiring a new property that reserves policy will have to be reviewed.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustee's report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees Signature

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tania Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T'.

Full name: Tania Smith

Position: Chair of Trustees

Date: March 2023

WOOLWICH COMMUNITY CHURCH

Financial Statements of the Church

For the year ended 31 May 2022

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Cash Balances (Petty Cash)		-	-	-	-	200	200	200
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LIABILITIES								
Property	9	426	-	426	426	250	1,000	992
Amounts due to HMRC	10	675	-	675	675	667	702	625
Pension	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	125
Total Liabilities		1,101	-	1,101	1,101	917	1,702	1,742
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Pensions	£3,381
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Visiting preachers	£806
Total People Costs	£53,226
Average number of employees	2.0

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Woolwich Common Community Centre hire charge	£8,547
Other costs - storage etc.	£573
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WOOLWICH COMMUNITY CHURCH

Financial Statements of the Church

For the year ended 31 May 2022

Chair of Trustees

Tania Smith

Bank:

Barclays Bank, Woolwich

Independent Examiner:

Ms. Sue Peach

Charity Number:

1157291

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Woolwich Community Church

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31 May 2022, which are set out on pages 1 to 4.

Respective responsibilities of the Church's Trustees and Examiner

The Church's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 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 Church 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 you as 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 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.



Ms. Sue Peach
Independent Examiner
Relevant Professional Qualification: CPFA

Date: 5TH February 2023

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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2022							
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Non Gift Aid Giving	2 (i)	4,815		4,815	3,373	8,349	12,531
Gift Aid Tax Refund - GASDS		18,566		18,566	2,000	17,876	21,282
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Transfers to Missions	2 (ii)	(770)		(770)	-	(122)	(730)
Transfers to Pastoral Fund (G/Aid)	2 (ii)	(654)		(654)	-	(128)	(1,623)
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Pastoral Fund inc.	2 (ii)		3,619	3,619	5,645	3,608	1,623
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Building Fund inc.	2 (ii)		1,182	1,182	962	6,766	16,811
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Pastoral Fund	2 (ii)		2,825	2,825	3,674	4,430	290
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Accounts

WOOLWICH COMMUNITY CHURCH
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For the year ended 31 May 2021

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WOOLWICH COMMUNITY CHURCH
(REG. CHARITY TO 1157291)

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD 1ST JUNE 2020 TO 31ST MAY 2021

Woolwich Community Church

The Church is a registered charity which operates principally in the Woolwich area of South East London within the Borough of Royal Greenwich. Its main area of outreach is on the Woolwich Common Estate, and our membership is principally drawn from the SE18 area.

The Church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and is registered with the Charity Commissioners. The Church's governing document is its Constitution. WCC is affiliated with the Pioneer Churches who are a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

Woolwich Community Church's principal registered address as a Charity is 112 Ancona Road, Plumsted, SE18 1AD

The Aims of Woolwich Community Church

The aims and objectives of the Church are as set out in our Constitution - namely: -

- The advancement of the Christian faith for the public benefit as set out in the Basis of Faith statement of the Evangelical Alliance UK.
- Seek new followers and converts
- Provide a place of Christian worship
- Raise awareness and understanding of Christian belief and practice through instruction, and the study of the bible.
- Undertake Missionary and outreach work in the local community and further afield including overseas - particularly amongst people affected by poverty or natural disaster.

Management of the Church Trustees

The Church has an active Board of Trustees who provide the overall management of the Charity in terms of governance, financial oversight, review of decision making and risk management. The Trustees have a broad range of skills and experience, which include those of legal, financial, human resources, planning and administration.

The Church has the following Trustees:-

Debo Oluwatuminu	Chair of Trustees
Tania Smith	Trustee
Neena Samuel	Trustee and Secretary to the Trustees
Petruta Nila	Trustee and Finance Officer
Shan Rogbeer	Trustee

The Charity can have up to 10 Trustees. New Trustees are appointed by the Board of Trustees. Each Trustee is appointed for a specific time period.

The Trustees generally meet quarterly unless there are urgent matters requiring to meet sooner. In line with the Church's constitution, some Trustee decisions are agreed using electronic communication i.e. email.

The Trustees will also approve documents and policies that impact on the operation and governance of the charity including Child and Adult Protection (Safeguarding), Health and Safety, Covid-19 safety measures, Reserves policy and annual budget framework.

Church Leadership Team

The Leadership Team (TLT) provides spiritual ministry, strategic and operational leadership of the Church. The Leadership Team (TLT) consists of the Pastor of the Church and other senior members of the congregation. From time-to-time, other church members come to the LST meetings for individual items for discussion.

Where We Meet

The Church uses Woolwich Common Community Centre as its main place for work, church services and meetings. We enjoy a good working relationship with the Centre management. The Centre management is looking to refurbish the building in partnership with Greenwich Council, but the process has been very slow, and we have been awaiting further developments for some time.

The Church also uses other buildings and Churches as needed for outreach and services. Some meetings, such as House Group and prayer meetings, are held in the homes of congregation members.

The Church is growing and developing and has been considering moving to another larger facility. The Building Finding Group have been active in seeking the views of church members on their visions and uses for the new building, developing business and project plans and researching various options. This continues to be a major piece of work and commitment for the Church and the Trustees are keen to ensure that the project can be managed within the resources available.

Since the pandemic in March 2020, and because of Covid-19, the Church has followed and implemented all the new updates from UK Government's Public Health information and continues to use ZOOM for both teaching and worshipping. Online presence is being created by dedicated volunteers. Furthermore, on-going support is offered online to the local community where people are getting in touch through contact form. WCC continues to adapt to Covid-19 lockdown. This has been successful where all members of the congregation were able to access the on-line services every Sunday from 10.30 till 12.00. In addition, WCC has purchased new equipment to provide online presence for church members and the local community.

WCC continues to provide pre-recorded On-line Services every Sunday. Also, several Zoom groups are being established within the church for all members of the congregation.

Church Membership

The Church aims to provide a completely open and welcoming environment to newcomers and visitors to all of our activities. The Church is locally based, and the majority of the congregation live in the general area.

Since the pandemic, numbers vary from week to week - the average attendance each Sunday morning being around 50 out of a total membership of around 90. We have considerable turnover of membership due to the nature of the area, and this makes the greeting of new people important and we are often saying goodbye to old friends.

Life gatherings – During the pandemic, members of the congregation, have been asking when house groups will be starting up again. As WCC has now developed into a **HYBRID CHURCH**, we are no longer limited to meet in a physical place. Those who have been joining us online -only will also be able to be part of one of these groups; and anyone who would prefer not to meet in person can join in as well.

Our Church is charismatic and evangelical, and our services are lively. The members are from a very wide ethnic mix typical of this area, and there is a wide age range from babies through to people of 80 and over.

Website and emails

Church members' details are held in compliance with General Data Protection Regulation 2018 (GDPR) requirements.

Pioneer

Although Woolwich Community Church is a wholly independent organisation, we have continued to develop our links with the Pioneer Church Network and to come under their overall umbrella. The Pioneer network is a Federation of Churches which provides a relational network that connects, inspires, and equips Churches in the UK. Linking with the Pioneer Network provides us with far greater resources and support. We have known many of the Pioneer leadership team for many years, since the days when we were part of Ichthus Christian Fellowship, and we believe that this linkage is beneficial to our work in WCC.

Main Activities During the Year

As with all public meetings the Church made considerable changes to the way its activities to meet COVID Regulations during the year 2020 to 2021. Woolwich Community Church holds a range of activities. These include regular Sunday morning services, larger celebrations, house groups, children and youth work, bible studies, training days and prayer meetings. Some of our meetings draw people from different churches. Because of Covid-19, pre-recorded online Services were taking place every Sunday and WCC was able to continue with most activities, using On-line resources. Where possible a mix of reduced numbers meetings and on-line services was held with after service fellowship by way of Zoom.

In addition, the Leadership Team meets and maintains relationships with Greenwich Evangelical Leaders. Recently, WCC has joined iNet which is a small church based mission charity

Some members of the Church undertake prison visits and also provide ongoing contact and support to those men when they are released. In some cases, ongoing pastoral contact and support may continue for several years.

WCC supports the Greenwich churches foodbank through collecting food. Although foodbank activities were significantly curtailed during the reporting year due to COVID restrictions.

Some of our members also help with Greenwich Night Shelter for street sleepers during the winter months, and one of our members takes a very active role in its organisation. Again the night shelter activities were curtailed due to COVID restrictions.

In June 2020, a group of 25 women from WCC (Gathering of Eagles) met at Ashburnham; the meeting followed Covid regulations.

In addition, there were forums on Race issues and Racism - BLENDING OF TRIBES discussion -with both WCC Leaders and members of the congregation using ZOOM.

The Church holds Training Days for the congregation and any members of the public who wish to attend. Separately, the Church has Training Days for the Leadership.

in September 2020 there was a 'Gathering of Champions – Men's Day Away' held at Ashburnham.

Throughout the year, Woolwich Community Church has engaged in a number of activities. The Dream School on Saturday 12th and 19th September, from 10am to 12noon, on zoom, was a success.

In September 2020, the Men's Group was named as the 'Ministry of Transformation'; this group is meeting on ZOOM, every Sunday, from 16.00.

WCC started Live streaming 11th October 20, which involves creating a Risk assessment for the Centre. This was in place with implementing policies and procedures.

For the Black History Month, there was a forum called 'Blending of Tribes', via Zoom, on 25th October 2020. This event was making room for healing from trauma of racism. Members of the congregation shared stories in a safe environment, and non- white members were able to make practical suggestions to white people how they can change behaviour.

WCC Leaders had an away week-end at Ashburnham on 31st October 2020.

For the month November and December, the weekly online Discipleship course started. The 'Refreshing Waters' had their first meeting on 28th November, via ZOOM. This was held every other Saturday for everyone to have fellowship and to be able to encourage each other.

WCC started the new year 2021 with a Sunday Services only to be attended by the live streaming team.

The Women's Pioneer conference was attended by some WCC leaders online. Also, the 'Gathering of Eagles' was attended by 48 women online.

WCC had a number of discussions on 'Safeguarding', during Covid and after Covid, as well as Covid – Vaccine/ Fall-Outs after Lockdown.

The Pioneer Annual Conference in March 2021 was a success with 18 people participating on Zoom. This was followed by the Sunday Service, on 7th March, for all Pioneer congregations to join in.

Furthermore, Dave Alcindor has joined the Leadership Team.

WCC has had numerous discussions, with both the Trustees and the Leadership Team, about the option of having a part-time employment for a youth/children/family worker. Discussion is on-going.

Also, WCC has purchased new computers and other IT equipment's for live streaming. This has enabled the church to provide online church for the future.

Gift to Prison Ministry – WCC decided that we would like to support the ministry on a permanent basis. We will give £50 per month and will review in the next budget

Ashburnham Appeal – WCC responded to the appeal for £1000 to support the ongoing ministry of Ashburnham Trust which has been a great blessing for WCC for many years

After the end of lockdown and slow return to the Centre WCC was able to invite up to 30 people to attend(including team). All restrictions with social distancing, wearing masks, were implemented. There was no congregational singing, no hugging, and no refreshments

In May 2021, 22 people from WCC attended the Missional Toolkit training provided by REACH ministry online. Also, WCC has signed up with WELCOM CHURCHES network to welcome people from Hong Kong who want to find a church. We may also get referrals for refugees or asylum seekers from other countries.

The Church maintains a **Pastoral Fund** which is available as gifts to church members and non-members who are experiencing financial hardship. During the lockdown, WCC Financial support was offered to those suffering hardships. These gifts are on a strictly confidential basis and the decision is made by the Leadership Team. As the gifts from the Pastoral Fund need to be made on a confidential basis, it is possible that these may include Trustees – however, the Trustees themselves do not decide on which loans/gifts are to be made. The Pastoral Fund is a Restricted Fund and is accounted for separately within the Church's accounts.

Employees

The Church has a full-time paid pastor (Kelly Cotterell) and a part time administrator (Verena Foster) who was appointed in July 2019. All staff are managed by Pastor Kelly.

Workplace Pension

The Church had to provide a Workplace Pension for its employees, as from 1st August 2017, in compliance with the Workplace Pensions regulations. The options were laid out in a report to the Trustees who then selected NEST to be the Pension Provider. NEST is used by many charities and similar organisations.

The rest of the Church's work is undertaken by members on a volunteer basis who provide everything from welcoming and stewardship, worship leading, maintaining the website, setting up and maintaining the P.A. systems and sound desk, making teas and coffees, children and youth work, service administration, leading services and meeting, finance and setting up and down everything every Sunday. The Church could not function without them and the Leadership Team and Trustees are very grateful for all their work.

Financial Review

The Church had a financial surplus of **£13,040** within the year, which is lower than previous year, but a healthy balance given that COVID-19 pandemic affecting this financial year. The surplus of **£13,040** for the year together with the balances brought forward from the previous year of **£142,474** means that the Church carried forward a bank balance of **£155,514** into the new year.

The Church's main source of funds is from its congregation members with occasional gifts from others. Many members give a regular gift using the principle of tithing (1/10 of their income). Members are encouraged to use the Gift Aid scheme for their giving which will allow the Church to reclaim tax paid on that gift income from HMRC. A Gift Aid claim was made during the reporting year.

The church's income primarily comes from gifts from members and is mainly used to provide salaries for employees and rent and hall hire charges. Further details are provided within the accounts.

The Church has a current account with Barclays Bank. In view of the very low returns available on deposit accounts currently - around 0.5% - the Church does not yet have any funds in a deposit or investment account. This will be reviewed if interest rates increase.

The Church's insurances are provided via Kingdom Bank and these have been renewed for 2020/2021.

The Church has an agreed Reserves policy based on an assessment of the main risks to its financial stability. The assessment allows for risks due to a reduction in giving by Church Members, unexpected expenditure, and temporary cash flow issues. The policy also allows for the Church's position of renting property, rather than owning, which reduces the risk of unexpected high levels of property and maintenance related expenditure.

The policy effectively allows for a reserve to cover one month's gift income from members, plus an amount (£1,000) for unexpected expenditure which could not be deferred. The policy will be reviewed as required and the required balance compared to the free actual funds available.

If the Church goes ahead with acquiring a new property that reserves policy will have to be reviewed.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustee's report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature 

Electronic Signature

Full name: Tania Smith

Position: Chair of Trustees (from October 2021)

Date: 28 March 2022

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Prison Ministry Fund	2 (ii)		354	354	636	447
Missions		3,857	440	4,297		
TOTAL PAYMENTS		73,858	4,467	78,325	85,582	69,480
NET RECEIPTS		10,411	2,629	13,040	20,143	51,456
Balances Brought Forward		116,899	25,575	142,474	122,331	70,874
Balances Carried Forward 31 May		127,311	28,203	155,514	142,474	122,331
Page 1		The notes on pages 1-4 form part of these accounts				

WOOLWICH COMMUNITY CHURCH					Prev Year 2019/20	Prev Year 2018/19	Prev Year 2017/18
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31ST MAY 2021							
	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total	Total	Total
ASSETS							
Cash Funds		£	£	£	£	£	£
Cash Balances (Petty Cash)		-	-	-	200	200	200
Bank Current Account		127,311	28,203	155,514	142,274	122,131	70,674
Total Cash Funds		127,311	28,203	155,514	142,474	122,331	70,874
Other monetary assets							
Estimated gift aid tax refund due	8	18,963	906	19,868	1,263	1,542	1,444
Total Monetary Assets		18,963	906	19,868	1,263	1,542	1,444
LIABILITIES							
Property	9	426	-	426	250	1,000	992
Amounts due to HMRC	10	675	-	675	667	702	625
Pension	11	-	-	-	-	-	125
Total Liabilities		1,101	-	1,101	917	1,702	1,742
Approved by Woolwich Community Church and signed on its behalf by							
Page 2		The notes on pages 1 to 4 form part of these accounts					

WOOLWICH COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST MAY 2021

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and on the Receipts and Payments basis.

2 ANALYSIS OF FUND MOVEMENTS FOR THE YEAR

- (i) **UNRESTRICTED FUNDS** may be used by the Church for any of its ordinary purposes. The movements in the fund are shown in the Receipts and Payments Account
- (ii) **RESTRICTED FUNDS** represent donations and gifts received for a specific purpose. The funds may only be spent on the specific purpose for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent must be carried forward as a balance on that fund and cannot be absorbed into General Funds. Receipts include Gift Aid on specific giving for the Pastoral Fund and, Prison Ministry and the Building Fund as per below.

FUND NAME	PURPOSE	Bal B/f	Receipts	Payments	Bal 31st May
Building Fund	Identifying and acquiring a new building for the Church	£24,726	£962	£0	£25,687
Prison Ministry	Resources for prison ministry	£339	£50	£354	£36
Pastoral Fund	Relief of financial hardship	£511	£5,645	£3,674	£2,481
		£25,575	£6,656	£4,027	£28,204

3 Analysis of Receipts and Payments Items

These are shown in the Receipts and Payments Account on Page 1. **Ashburnham** is various retreats (for women, men and mixed groups) at Ashburnham Christian Centre.

5 PEOPLE COSTS - consists of:-

Paid Employees	
Gross salaries and wages	£47,999
Employer's National Insurance costs (small employer scheme)	£0
	£47,999
Visiting preachers	£700
Volunteers expenses	£0
Total People Costs	£50,590
Average number of employees	2.0

6 PROPERTY COSTS - Consist of costs for:-

Woolwich Common Community Centre hire charge	£5,134
Other - studio hire	£40
	£5,174

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- Payments to Trustees** - No expenses were paid to Trustees, however as the Church Leadership Team make confidential payments from the Pastoral Fund it is possible that such payments may include those to a Trustee.

8 Gift Aid tax refund due for 2021

9 Hire charge due for use of Woolwich Common Community Centre for May 2021

10 Amount due to HMRC for payroll deductions but not yet paid over. No employer's NI cost is shown due to the credit for small employers.

The Church has started a workplace pension for its employees with **NEST**. The Church complies with the
11 Pensions Regulator's requirements for employer's contribution. No outstanding liability for YE 2020/2021 and YE 2019/2020.

WOOLWICH COMMUNITY CHURCH

Annual Report and Financial Statements

of the Trustees of the Church

For the year ended 31 May 2021

Chair of Trustees

DEBO OLUWATUMINU

Church Leader

Pastor Kelly Cotterell

Bank:

Barclays Bank, Welling

Independent Examiner:

Ms. Sue Peach

Charity Number:

1157291

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Woolwich Community Church

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31 May 2021, which are set out on pages 1 to 4.

Respective responsibilities of the Church's Trustees and examiner

The Church's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 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 Church 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 you as 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 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.



Ms. Sue Peach

Independent Examiner

Relevant Professional Qualification: CPFA

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Date: 24th February 2022