

THE LINK CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1157346

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Trust

Registered 2014-06-06

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY ("THE OBJECTS") ARE TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS CONTAINED IN ANNEX A, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY MEANS OF BROADCASTING CHRISTIAN MESSAGES OF AN EVANGELISTIC AND TEACHING NATURE.

Activities: To gather together to worship God and to hear the preached word of God. To gather together for fellowship and to support and encourage all members of the congregation. To raise funds in order to further the gospel, both in the West Midlands and in the country of Uganda, where we have a number of other Link Churches.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Uganda
- Birmingham City
- Sandwell
- Staffordshire
- Walsall
- Wolverhampton

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£25,357	£25,686	-	-
2024-03-31	£25,686	£28,857	-	-
2023-03-31	£24,996	£29,347	-	-
2022-03-31	£37,117	£29,926	-	-
2021-03-31	£28,243	£25,918	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
DOUGLAS JOHN MILLER	Chair	2014-06-06
MR JAMES WESTCOTT		2014-06-06
MRS JULIE GRACE		2014-06-06

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2025

2025 has been a good year for the Church, with the Trustees pleased to report that there have been no restrictions or interruptions to our weekly Sunday Services. It has been a real blessing for the body of Christ to be able to worship as we are called to in the Bible. These times of fellowship have been a real benefit to our spiritual and mental health, at a time when many still continue to struggle in terms of loneliness and isolation.

As the number of Church attendees is small and predominantly young families, there are no immediate plans to add a midweek meeting to our schedule. We have, however, had some prayer meetings at the homes of our members, which has been a real source of encouragement to those taking part. Also, we had two Outreach events around the Christmas period, with the members involved in extensively leafletting the local area to advertise the events. The first was a Crafts and Cake afternoon which brought one visiting family to the Church and our evening Carol Service brought in two visiting families.

Earlier in the year, the Pastor and his wife attended a Church Leaders Conference in Amsterdam, where they made and renewed friendships with many leaders from across Europe and the US. This was of great benefit with relationships built and many words of encouragement spoken and received.

The Church continue to meet at the Scout Hall in Aldridge who rent the premises to us at the cost of £45/ 3 hour session. We have been meeting there since October 2022, and whilst there, have sole use of the premises. We are able to advertise our meetings with banners outside the property and this has resulted in people visiting us. There can be difficulties over parking when there are football matches taking place across from the premises. However, it is our intention to remain there for the foreseeable future, whilst always looking out for a more permanent solution, i.e. our own building, should circumstances allow in the future. At a time when many churches are seeing a decline in numbers, the Trustees are pleased as to the general health of the Church, with numbers remaining steady.

Following previous difficulties in communication that the Charity experienced with Barclays Bank, we have now completely closed our Barclays Accounts and the Church now has their bank account solely with Charities Aid Foundation, (CAF) Bank. There have been no problems with this new account. Following a Mandatory Bank Review in October to understand our objectives and operations, the Bank appear satisfied with our response and there has been no further contact regarding this.

Following the setting up of a new Church in Uganda, this Church continues to do well and to grow in numbers. We continue to support the Church by paying the rent for the land on which the Church stands, as well as other equipment, support and guidance. One of our members visits on a yearly basis and is encouraged by the progress they are making. This year he is to be joined by one of our Trustees, who will be tasked with seeing how we can best support them, as well as assist in the setting up of a new PA System. As in the previous year, the Church in the UK recently took an offering for the Church in Uganda in order to provide the Church members with bibles in their local language. This has proved to be very beneficial as many of the members are limited in their understanding of English.

We continue to financially support Christian Concern on a monthly basis and enjoy a good relationship with the organisation, with the Pastor having been involved in various prayer events with them.

As part of our Outreach programme, we continue to operate a "You Tube" Channel with Blogs and Sermons videoed and put on the Channel, in an attempt to reach out to those who currently do not attend Church. Every Sunday, our sermons are videoed for this purpose. This has been ongoing for over two years now and we have over 60 subscribers. We also run a very active "Facebook" page, all in an attempt to raise our profile and attract new members to the Church. We also continue to tape our sermons, which are then downloaded onto our Website for the public, and members to enjoy.

The Link Church still continues to enjoy support from Mike Hennigan, an established Ministers Fellowship International Pastor from the USA, and other Christian Ministers, and we meet up twice/yearly for Leader's meetings and to enjoy fellowship together and build stronger relationships. The Link Church continues to teach, support and guide both its members and those who are not currently of the faith, in order to help them to fulfil their full potential.

Finances

Church Income is similar to that of the previous year's figure of £25,686, fractionally lower at **£25,357** although Expenditure was down from £28,857 to **£25,630**. This resulted in a loss of £273, which was an improvement on the £3,171 loss last year. What has been encouraging in these difficult times, of rising food, fuel, energy costs and cost of living; is the commitment and faithfulness of our members and the strong relationships that exist between them. With no major changes in circumstances, we would expect to be slightly up in terms of our Income next year.

Regarding Expenditure; Pastors Remuneration remains unchanged, though Ministry Gifts is down by some £1,460. The Church continues to operate in keeping with its purpose as outlined in the Trust Deed, namely the advancement of Religion and the prevention/relief of poverty; for the public benefit. With this in mind, we expect that Ministry Gifts will increase again next year in keeping with the Charities goal of supporting those in need in this country and beyond. Children's Ministry is down £300 compared to last year, though this is also expected to rise. Travel Expenses are down slightly, although, in view of the visit to Amsterdam and an extra member visiting our Church in Uganda, this is expected to increase. Administration is fractionally up this year and Music/Worship costs down. Rent was almost identical to the last year as was Food and Hospitality costs. It is encouraging to note that Fees and Interest costs were down by £471 compared to last year.

All in all, an encouraging set of results with a minimal loss.

I now outline our **Statement of Values** which best describes what is important to the Church

Family

We are a family of believers who care and cherish our time together and with God.

As believers, family is what brings us together; no matter what, family will love and support you. As The Link Church, we are part of the same family, being sons and daughters of God and valuable members of His household. We encourage and support each other in all aspects of life, but we all have a part to play and a contribution to make. We value family as God's model for society to raise, equip and develop the next generation.

Teaching and the Bible

The Bible, as God's Word, is our foundation and we value its teaching.

As The Link Church we place our primary focus on the Bible as God's word and direction. It is the absolute truth, so we use it as the foundation to support and guide our lives. When we meet together, this takes place through our Preaching and Teaching; we also encourage personal study of the Word of God. Knowledge of the Bible (God's Word) enables us to stand firm in everything life brings.

Relationships

God desires relationship with us; we build our relationships with God and each other both in and out of Church. Relationships are what we all want, first with God and then with each other.

As The Link Church our relationships with one another are real. God created mankind to share his life with, he wants to walk with you in all things. The Link Church develops its members to build this God focused relationship, inside and outside of Church. We are joined together with Jesus at the centre of our lives; it is he who brings us together and keeps us together in the tough times.

Growth and Maturity

We look to grow in our faith and also welcome new members into the Church.

Every living thing has to grow and as Christians we are no different. Imagine a baby that doesn't grow, or one that grows and fails to mature - you'd be worried! The same is true in our Christian lives, we should all be growing and maturing in the ways of God. Church growth is an increasing in our understanding and likeness to God, as well as an increase in believers.

Godliness, Holiness and becoming like Christ

Jesus Christ is our perfect example.

To be a Christian means to become like Christ, but that is a journey, it doesn't happen overnight. The more we are obedient to God the more he can use us and the more he

changes us by the Holy Spirit. We please God as we become more like Christ. We therefore value and practice integrity, excellence and faith.

In **conclusion**; as well as seeking to increase our membership, the Church continues to focus on the development of each of its existing members whilst establishing a presence in Aldridge. The Trustees are happy with the health and direction of the Church, and from a financial point of view, would hope to 'break even' next year.

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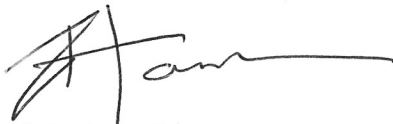
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FOR THE 12 MONTHS PERIOD TO 31st MARCH 2025

ACCOUNTANTS REPORT

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G M Harrison ACMA

Chartered Management Accountant

Registered Member on Practice Ref 1-N1L5

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Aldridge, Walsall

03/10/2025

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Income & Expenditure A/C For A Twelve Month Period From 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Balance Sheet

	2025	2024
<u>Income</u>		
Tithes & Offerings	20,183	20,164
Special Gifts	224	0
HMRC	4,950	5,521
Total Income	25,357	25,686
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Pastor Remuneration	15,000	15,000
Travel/Motor Expenses	1,031	1,674
Youth Costs/Child Ministry	0	0
Children	498	797
Ministry Gifts & Donations	2,913	4,376
Repairs & Maintenance	0	0
Building/Premises Exps	0	0
Admin Costs	1,668	1,427
Music/Worship Resources	139	419
Food/Subsistance/Ent/Accom	1,163	1,149
Subs, Conference Costs Training	33	0
Int Rec	-39	-31
Rent	2,370	2,381
Training	0	77
Depreciation	794	1,058
Sundries	0	0
Youth/Tuck Shop	0	0
Fees, Bank & Interest Paid	61	532
Total Expenses	25,630	28,857
Surplus/(Deficit) of Income	-273	-3,171

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Balance Sheet

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Fixed Assets				
Plant and Equipment	2,381		3,175	
Dep'n to Date	0	2,381	0	3,175
Current Assets				
Business A/C	0		0	
Business Premium A/C	1,018		1,018	
CIF Account	20,334		19,813	
Barclaycard	0		0	
Cash in Hand	100		100	
		21,452		20,931
Current Liabilities				
Trade Creditors & Accruals	455		455	
		455		455
Net Current Assets		23,378		23,651
Represented By				
Op Bal	23,651		26,822	
Surplus(Deficit) from Income & Expendit	-273		-3,171	
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Notes to the Accounts

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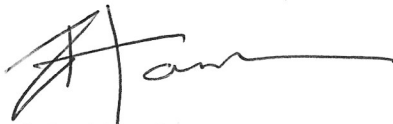
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This year we have had a number of visitors to the Church. One new adult joined us and attended regularly, though it appears she has now left. At a time when many churches are seeing a decline in numbers, the Trustees are pleased as to the general health of the Church, with numbers remaining steady. In the last year we have had 2 new births, increasing to 7 the number of children now attending.

Following difficulties in communication that the Charity experienced with Barclays Bank over a number of months, and in proving that the information requested had, indeed, been provided to them; it was decided by the Trustees to open an alternative Bank Account. Although the difficulties with Barclays were eventually resolved and we still have a small amount both in Savings and in the Current Account; the Church now has their main bank account with Charities Aid Foundation, (CAF) Bank. There have been no problems with this new account.

There have been significant developments over the churches work in Uganda. Following concerns back in early 2023 as to the beliefs and teaching of the Apostle of The Link Church, Uganda, a letter was sent by the Trustees expressing our concerns over his unbiblical teachings. Despite this, there was no effort by the Uganda Pastors to curb these messages and Apostle Timothy Kizito continues to preach and teach heresy. A follow up letter was sent but, sadly, to no effect. The Church subsequently broke off all contact and support with these churches. However, the Church has now set up its own Church in Uganda; land is rented and a substantial tent structure erected under which the Church meets. Much equipment has been purchased and a Pastor known to us, put in place. One of our members, who has now visited the Church on two occasions to provide support and guidance, recently brought back an encouraging report as to its progress. We need now to explore how we can best support the Church, especially with regard to teaching materials. We here in the UK recently provided the church members with bibles in their local language

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Church *giving* has increased slightly from a low last year of £25,000, to approximately £25,700. Although expenditure was reduced by some £500 to approximately £28,850, this resulted in a loss of almost £3,200 over the year. What has been encouraging in these difficult times, of rising food, fuel, energy costs and cost of living; is the commitment and faithfulness of the members and the strong relationships that exist between them. With no major changes in circumstances, we would expect to be slightly up in terms of our Income next year.

Expenses are about £500 down on last year. Pastors remuneration remains unchanged. Ministry gifts increased by some £2,400, which is in keeping with the Charities goal of supporting those in this country and beyond. Although we no longer support The Link Church, Uganda, we have significant expenses in supporting our new Church Outreach in Uganda. Administration is down by some £1,100 with no major purchases this year. Rent was reduced by some £1,500 as forecasted. Spending on our children's work was up slightly as the Sunday School increases in numbers, and music and worship down around £500. Food and hospitality costs are similar to last year.

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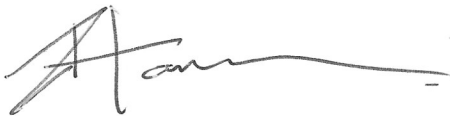
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Travel/Motor Expenses	1,674	1,692
Youth Costs/Child Ministry	0	0
Children	797	538
Ministry Gifts & Donations	4,376	1,982
Repairs & Maintenance	0	420
Building/Premises Exps	0	0
Admin Costs	1,427	2,518
Music/Worship Resources	419	959
Food/Subsistance/Ent/Accom	1,149	1,072
Subs, Conference Costs Training	0	0
Int Rec	-31	-37
Rent	2,381	3,891
Training	77	0
Depreciation	1,058	1,255
Sundries	0	11
Youth/Tuck Shop	0	0
Fees, Bank & Interest Paid	532	45
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Business Premium A/C	1,018		3	
CIF Account	19,813		0	
Barclaycard	0		0	
Cash in Hand	100		100	
		20,931		23,044
Current Liabilities				
Trade Creditors & Accruals	455		455	
		455		455
Net Current Assets		23,651		26,822
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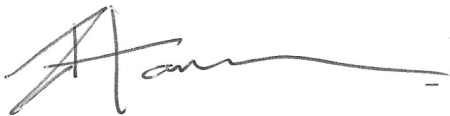
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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2022

The Trustees are pleased to report that 2022 has been a good year for the Church, with Covid pandemic restrictions at an end and a real sense of being able to get back to “normal” with no interruption to our weekly Services.

We had been meeting every week at Aldridge Community Centre throughout the year and my wife accepted as a Trustee for the Centre. However, a large religious group started to meet at the Centre in September 2022 despite us expressing concerns as to how busy the Centre would get and offering to rent out another large room, which would result in some extra income for the Centre. This group were renting out all the other rooms, for 6 hours/week making it more lucrative for the Centre, and so, they went ahead with the booking. Consequently, we made enquiries of the Scout Hall, which we had previously rented out for a couple of weeks, and they agreed to rent the premises to us at the cost of £45/ 3 hour session. This was agreed and, from October 2022, we have been meeting there, having sole use of the premises. It is our intention to remain there for the foreseeable future, whilst always looking out for a more permanent solution, i.e. our own building.

It has been a real blessing for the body of Christ to be able to worship as we are called to in the Bible, without distraction. The times of fellowship have been a real benefit to our spiritual and mental health, at a time when many still continue to struggle in terms of loneliness and over their mental health.

Church *giving* has significantly increased from last year and recent years, at approximately £37,100 compared to £28,200 the year before and £29,100 the year before that. What has been encouraging in these difficult times, of rising fuel, energy costs and cost of living is the commitment and faithfulness of the members and the strong relationships that exist between them. Although we have not had any new adults join us, and one adult leave, considering that many churches have lost up to a third of their congregants and made significant financial losses due to Covid and lockdowns, the Trustees are pleased as to the general health of the Church.

Expenses are up on last year (by around £4,000), with the reasons highlighted below. Pastors remuneration remains unchanged. Ministry gifts and donations have increased by around £4,300. This is due to a one-off gift to Full Life Church, Holmfirth, whose Pastor has been known to the Church for many years. With their soft play centre closed during lockdown, the church found themselves a month behind with their rent. The Link Church made a gift of a month's rent, namely £2,250. In addition, we held a large Outreach event at a local hotel, “Dedicating” 3 of our children, resulting in costs of £1250 and one-off gifts of £650 were made to 3 Christian organisations.

The Link Church continues to support the Pastor of the main Church in Kampala, Uganda; Pastor Livingstone, who received support of around £800 in this financial year.

We continue to support Christian Concern on a monthly basis and enjoy a good relationship with the organisation, and have been involved in a prayer event with them over “Zoom.”

We also advertised with King Alfred School, providing this Christian school which has recently been established, with support of £250.

Expenses on our children have increased by some £500, as we have been investing in good quality teaching materials from Answers In Genesis. We really do believe that it is vital to invest in our children, who are the future of the Church. Increased expenditure of over £1,200 in administration is mainly down to the purchase of a new Church computer.

Rent has decreased by around £1340. Whilst this was expected, we would expect this to reduce further next year as we establish ourselves at the Scout Hall.

Church equipment has been kept in storage facilities, costing us around £2,100 p.a. which is only set to increase. Following discussions with the Trustees, it was agreed that a Church office would be built in the Pastor's garden to allow all the books and study materials, office equipment to be moved from the garage and all the Church equipment currently in storage, to be kept in the garage. Although estimated to cost in the region of £7,000, this would pay for itself over the next 3 years, with storage costs set to increase. This figure will be reflected in next years accounts.

The Church has previously discussed the possibility of members visiting the elderly and of putting on a Carol Service in their Care Homes. With Covid restrictions slow to be removed, and church members having extremely busy personal lives at present, this venture has still to be pursued. This has also meant that the proposal to set up a "You Tube" Channel with Blogs and Sermons videoed and put on the Channel in an attempt to reach out to those who currently do not attend Church. Our sermons are being videoed in preparation for this launch. We also continue to tape our sermons, which are then downloaded onto our Website for the public, and members to enjoy.

The Link Church still continues to enjoy support from Mike Hennigan, an established Ministers Fellowship International Pastor from the USA, and other Christian Ministers, and we meet up twice/yearly for Leader's meetings and to enjoy fellowship together and build strong relationships.

The Church continues to teach, support and guide both its members and those who are not currently of the faith.

I now outline our **Statement of Values** which best describes what is important to us as a Church;-

Family

We are a family of believers who care and cherish our time together and with God.

As believers, family is what brings us together; no matter what, family will love and support you. As The Link Church, we are part of the same family, being sons and daughters of God and valuable members of His household. We encourage and support each other in all aspects of life, but we all have a part to play and a contribution to make. We value family as God's model for society to raise, equip and develop the next generation.

Teaching and the Bible

The Bible, as God's Word, is our foundation and we value its teaching.

As The Link Church we place our primary focus on the Bible as God's word and direction. It is the absolute truth, so we use it as the foundation to support and guide our lives. When we meet together, this takes place through our Preaching and Teaching; we also encourage personal study of the Word of God. Knowledge of the Bible (God's Word) enables us to stand firm in everything life brings.

Relationships

God desires relationship with us; we build our relationships with God and each other both in and out of Church.

Relationships are what we all want, first with God and then with each other.

As The Link Church our relationships with one another are real. God created mankind to share his life with, he wants to walk with you in all things. The Link Church develops its members to build this God focused relationship, inside and outside of Church. We are joined together with Jesus at the centre of our lives; it is he who brings us together and keeps us together in the tough times.

Growth and Maturity

We look to grow in our faith and also welcome new members into the Church.

Every living thing has to grow and as Christians we are no different. Imagine a baby that doesn't grow, or one that grows and fails to mature - you'd be worried! The same is true in our Christian lives, we should all be growing and maturing in the ways of God. Church growth is an increasing in our understanding and likeness to God, as well as an increase in believers.

Godliness, Holiness and becoming like Christ

Jesus Christ is our perfect example.

To be a Christian means to become like Christ, but that is a journey, it doesn't happen overnight. The more we are obedient to God the more he can use us and the more he changes us by the Holy Spirit. We please God as we become more like Christ. We therefore value and practice integrity, excellence and faith.

In **conclusion**; as well as seeking to increase our membership, the Church continues to focus on the development of each of its existing members and to permanently "put down roots" and establish a presence in the village of Aldridge. Now that the pandemic is over, we are in a good position both financially and spiritually to achieve these goals.

Pastor Douglas Miller

For the Trustees

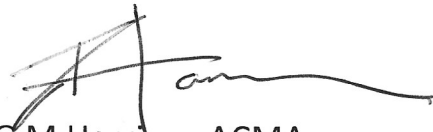
THE LINK CHURCH

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE 12 MONTHS PERIOD TO 31st MARCH 2022

ACCOUNTANTS REPORT

I have prepared the Income and Expenditure A/C and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st March 2022, from the records and explanations given to me and hereby certify these financial to be in accordance therewith.



G M Harrison ACMA

Chartered Management Accountant

Registered Member on Practice Ref 1-N1L5

3 The Downs

Aldridge, Walsall

12/07/2022

The Link Church

Income & Expenditure A/C For A Twelve Month Period From 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022

	2022	2021
<u>Income</u>		
Tithes & Offerings	28,217	23,175
Special Gifts	5,239	5,068
HMRC	3,661	
Total Income	37,117	28,243
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Pastor Remuneration	15,000	15,000
Travel/Motor Expenses	198	54
Youth Costs/Child Ministry	0	0
Children	682	174
Ministry Gifts & Donations	5,589	1,282
Repairs & Maintenance	0	0
Building/Premises Exps	0	14
Admin Costs	2,615	1,389
Music/Worship Resources	997	1,334
Food/Subsistance/Ent/Accom	703	769
Subs, Conference Costs Training	180	0
Int Rec	-2	-11
Rent	3,471	4,813
Training	0	0
Depreciation	0	0
Sundries	0	205
Youth/Tuck Shop	0	0
Fees, Bank & Interest Paid	494	895
Total Expenses	29,926	25,918
Surplus/(Deficit) of Income	7,191	2,326

The Link Church

Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022

Balance Sheet

	2022		2021	
Fixed Assets				
Musical Equipment	0		0	
Dep'n to Date	0	0	0	0
Current Assets				
Business A/C	10,503		3,314	
Business Premium A/C	21,025		21,023	
2nd A/C	0		0	
Barclaycard	0		0	
Cash in Hand	100		100	
		31,628		24,437
Current Liabilities				
Trade Creditors & Accruals	455		455	
		455		455
Net Current Assets		31,173		23,982
Represented By				
Op Bal	23,982		21,656	
Surplus(Deficit) from Income & Expendit	7,191		2,326	
		31,173		23,982

The Link Church

Notes to the Accounts

Y/E 31/03/2022

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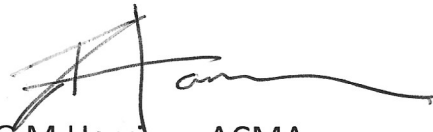
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Subs, Conference Costs Training	180	0
Int Rec	-2	-11
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2nd A/C	0		0	
Barclaycard	0		0	
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THE LINK CHURCH

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Accounts

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2021

The Trustees are pleased to report that 2021 has been a good, if challenging year for the Church, with the continuing Covid pandemic restrictions and lockdown making it difficult to carry out regular services and some plans having to be put on hold. As the pandemic now appears to be drawing to a close and restrictions all but removed, it is hoped that 2022 will bring some sense of “normality” and an opportunity to reach out more into our community.

With the exception of a couple of weeks during which we had to conduct the Church service via “Zoom,” we have been able to meet on a regular basis. Until mid- April, we were still meeting at Ledra house, though when Planning Permission was refused for a 2nd time, we had to find an alternative venue. We were able to meet at The Barons Court Hotel by the beginning of May, before the Aldridge Community Centre opened back up and we moved back there on 8th August. Apart from 2 services being held at the local Scouts hall, we have met every week at the Community Centre and are committed to remaining there for the foreseeable future.

It has been a real blessing for the body of Christ to be able to worship as we are called to in the Bible and the times of fellowship have been a real benefit to our spiritual and mental health, at a time when many have struggled in terms of loneliness and over their mental health.

Church giving is in line with the year previous, at approximately £28,200 compared to £29,100 the year before. What has been encouraging in these difficult times is the commitment and faithfulness of the members and the strong relationships that exist between them. Although we have not had any new adults join us, the Church is pleased to announce the arrival of 2 new babies born this year.

Expenses are down on last year (by around £3,500), with last years accounts also showing a decrease (of around £1,500). Pastors remuneration remains unchanged. Ministry gifts and donations have also reduced and are significantly down from around £6,400 to around £1,300. This reduction was as predicted as we have significantly reduced the amount of aid given to the churches in Uganda. As a small Church, it was not sustainable to be spending so much of our income on churches overseas. The Link Church continues to support the Pastor of the main Church in Kampala, Uganda; Pastor Livingstone who received support of around £800 in 2021. Although the pandemic has meant that we have been unable to visit the churches in Uganda to see for ourselves how they are progressing and to support them through Bible teaching, as well as general advice and counsel; it is hoped that a visit may be possible at the end of 2022. With no trip to Uganda and restrictions seriously curbing outreach events, our travel/motor expenses have been very low this year.

This year the Church was pleased to be able to raise money in order to send gifts to 3 worthwhile Christian Organisations; Barnabus Fund (£250), AIG UK (£200) and Christian Institute (£200). We continue to support Christian Concern on a monthly basis and myself and my wife were delighted to be invited to attend their Closing Banquet for the

Wilberforce Academy in Oxford. This gave us the opportunity to meet with senior figures within the organisation, as well as meeting many steadfast Christians who have been in the media as a result of standing firm against opposition from various organisations because of their Christian faith. I was also able to participate in a “virtual” prayer event organised by Christian Concern.

Rent has significantly increased, from £1,775 in 2020 to £4,813 in 2021. This increase was predicted last year following our stay at Ledra House, which contributed £4,500 to the total figure. Now that we are back at the Community Centre, it is anticipated that this figure will reduce substantially this year.

With the Church committed to staying at the Community Centre for the foreseeable future; my wife became a Trustee of the Centre, giving the Church influence in the day to day running of the building. The Link Church has become affiliated to the Centre, resulting in a reduction of 25% on the cost of renting the premises, for only a nominal annual fee, depending on the size of the group.

Music/ worship costs have increased this year and are expected to be higher next year. This is due to our plan to develop a “You Tube” channel for the Church, where Blogs as well as complete Sermons would be videoed and put on the channel in an attempt to reach out to those who are currently not attending a Church. This year a new projector and lectern have been purchased and we are currently looking to add to this as the channel goes live in the next few months.

Church equipment is predominantly kept in storage and retrieved before each Sunday service. This will increase the amount of Admin costs we will incur in next years figures.

The Church has previously discussed the possibility of members visiting the elderly and of putting on a Carol Service in their Care Homes. Although one such home previously proved to be unsuitable, this venture has still to be fully pursued. The outbreak of coronavirus has meant that this, and most other possible outreach events have had to be postponed but it is hoped that these can be looked at again later in 2022.

We did have 2 outreach events, one of which was our successful Christmas Carol Service, with 2 visitors welcomed to the meeting. The main outreach event this year was on 29/08/21, when over 50 people, most of them visitors, attended our Dedication Service at Barons Court Hotel to witness the dedication of our 3 youngest congregants. It was a great service, with people travelling as far as from Scotland, Norfolk and Kent and the service live streamed to relatives in Spain.

Unlike in previous years, the Church has not been involved in outreach events with other churches in the area. The Link Church still continues to enjoy support from Mike Hennigan, an established Ministers Fellowship International Pastor from the USA, and other Christian Ministers, and I was able to meet with them for a Leaders meeting in Coventry.

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In **conclusion**; as well as seeking to increase our membership, the Church continues to focus on the development of each of its existing members and to permanently “put down roots” and establish a presence in the village of Aldridge. The year has been a challenging one for The Link Church and, indeed, for all Churches in this country. Nevertheless, we are in a good position both financially and spiritually and look forward to a positive and less restricted 2022.

Pastor Douglas Miller

For the Trustees

THE LINK CHURCH

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31st MARCH 2021



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15/12/2021

The Link Church

Income & Expenditure A/C For A Twelve Month Period From 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

	2021	2020
<u>Income</u>		
Tithes & Offerings	23,175	22,983
Special Gifts	5,068	6,115
Total Income	28,243	29,098
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Pastor Remuneration	15,000	15,000
Travel/Motor Expenses	54	2,312
Youth Costs/Child Ministry	0	0
Children	174	136
Ministry Gifts & Donations	1,282	6,402
Repairs & Maintenance	0	0
Building/Premises Exps	14	0
Admin Costs	1,389	1,296
Music/Worship Resources	1,334	296
Food/Subsistance/Ent/Accom	769	922
Subs, Conference Costs Training	0	266
Int Rec	-11	-36
Rent	4,813	1,775
Training	0	0
Depreciation	0	0
Sundries	205	0
Youth/Tuck Shop	0	0
Fees, Bank & Interest Paid	895	1,029
Total Expenses	25,918	29,397
Surplus/(Deficit) of Income	2,326	-298

The Link Church

Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021

Balance Sheet

	2021	2020
Fixed Assets		
Musical Equipment	0	0
Dep'n to Date	0	0
	0	0
Current Assets		
Business A/C	3,314	1,001
Business Premium A/C	21,023	21,013
2nd A/C	0	0
Barclaycard	0	3
Cash in Hand	100	100
	24,437	22,117
Current Liabilities		
Trade Creditors & Accruals	455	461
	455	461
Net Current Assets	23,982	21,656
Represented By		
Op Bal	21,656	21,954
Surplus(Deficit) from Income & Expendit	2,326	-298
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The Link Church

Y/E 31st March 2021

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