



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/10/2023

Period start date To 30/09/2024

Period end date

Charity name: RIVER OF LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Charity registration number:1159005

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The charity is dedicated to fostering public understanding and practice of the Christian Faith, guided by its established "Statement of Faith." Its work spans spiritual outreach and humanitarian aid, aiming to ease hardship and support those in need. This is carried out through direct financial assistance to individuals and by delivering faith-based services, pastoral care, counselling, and educational materials.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	To ensure RLCC continues to operate in line with its Public Benefit Intent (PBI), Trustees and senior leaders remain up to date with their obligations through guidance and communications from the Charity Commission. All Trustees have completed relevant online training made available by the Commission. Additionally, safeguarding training and policy support are provided by Thirtyone:eight, an external organisation that helps us uphold effective safeguarding standards across our activities.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>We continued to hold our regular public gatherings, including Sunday services, Tuesday house group meetings, and Thursday prayer sessions. We also hosted occasional men's and women's meetings, all open to the public. Additionally, we launched our first couples' meeting, designed to bring couples together for prayer and mutual encouragement in navigating everyday relationship challenges.</p> <p>Special "bring and share" Sunday services were held, where meals were shared with the aim of strengthening connections among congregants and with the wider community. These events proved successful, enabling us to minister to individuals from diverse social and faith backgrounds.</p> <p>Our Tuesday online Bible study remained active, specifically engaging those in the community who may not otherwise attend church or are unable to do so regularly. This platform continues to reach individuals beyond our city, contributing to a notable increase in in-person Sunday attendance, and Baptisms. Our virtual gatherings now connect with people across and beyond the UK, many of whom reach out via email or phone for prayer and spiritual support.</p> <p>We maintained regular communication and pastoral care within our congregation and the wider community. This included practical support such as hospital visits, collecting prescriptions, and shopping for an elderly member who lives alone and became bed-bound after suffering a stroke.</p>

		<p>We also continued to provide transportation to and from all meetings for both congregants and members of the public.</p> <p>House visits, hospital visits, and counselling, whether in person, by phone, or via FaceTime, remained a key part of our care, especially for the bereaved and those with terminal illnesses.</p> <p>For our outreach programme, “Leading Soles”: the usual donations of shoes, clothing, scarves, sleeping bags, and toiletries were lower this past year. However, a financial gift from a member of the congregation was passed on to Sheffield Community Church, with whom we have long partnered. They prepare meals, while we wrap and deliver Leading Soles gifts as Christmas presents during the festive season.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At the end of September 2024 we had, £413 cash funds available
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The Trustees have no concerns about any material uncertainties that could impact the charity's ability to continue operating.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The charity's ongoing work relies on financial contributions from church members and other supporters.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The current trustees assess all prospective trustees to ensure they meet eligibility requirements. Applicants are required to submit written confirmation of their eligibility and disclose any current or potential conflicts of interest. They are also made aware of any disqualifying factors. Where the charity's work involves children or vulnerable adults, appropriate background checks are carried out through the relevant authorities.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION (CIO)
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	In accordance with Charity Commission guidance, trustee nominations require candidates to show a strong alignment with the Charity's mission and demonstrate suitable governance skills and experience. Appointments are made following a screening process and approval by existing trustees. All candidates must complete compulsory safeguarding training and maintain an up-to-date DBS check, supported through our relationship with Thirtyone:eight.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Trustees are provided with the charity's governing document, Vision and Mission statement, and the most recent Trustees' Annual Report and Statement of Accounts. New trustees also receive key guidance from the Charity Commission, e.g., 'Charity Governance Code,' outlining their roles and responsibilities. In addition, they are given the church's core policies, covering safeguarding, data protection, lone working, complaints, and volunteer management, which they are required to read and formally acknowledge by signing.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The charity is governed by a Board of Trustees, with a minimum of three members. The current Senior Minister holds an ex-officio Trustee role. Operational leadership is provided by a team comprising the lead minister, Associate Pastor, Chair of Trustees, Finance Director, Administrator, and Worship Director. All staff appointments are made by the Trustees. With only one part-time Minister employed, the charity depends heavily on volunteers who support worship, hospitality, and day-to-day functions. We encourage broad participation, believing everyone has a part to play in our mission. Since 2018, the charity has been affiliated with Churches in Communities International (CIC), a registered charity (no. 1139043) based in Bromley, Kent, offering accreditation and support to independent

		churches. CIC is a member of the Evangelical Alliance, the Free Churches Group, and Churches Together in England. We are also members of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO), which provides us with access to up-to-date sector guidance and resources to support best practice in charity governance and operations.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	RIVER OF LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1159005
Charity's principal address	58 CROFT DRIVE MAPPLEWELL, BARNSELEY SOUTH YORKSHIRE S75 6AN

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Norman Muntanga	Chair of Trustees		
2	Anne Christine Hill	Administrator/Trustee		
3	Amira Stambuli	Treasurer/Trustee		
4	Ropa Muntanga	Trustee/Children's Lead		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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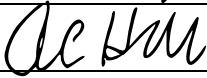
Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Anne Christine Hill	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Administrator /Trustee	
Date	23/07/2024	



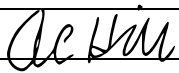
Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/10/2023		30/09/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
WEEKLY/MONTHLY OFFERINGS	18 822	215	-	19 037	21 004
DONATIONS	3 314	-	-	3 314	4 900
EMMAUS SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY	6 813	-	-	6 813	5 565
GIFT AID	2 681	-	-	2 681	-
BUILDING FUND	454	454	-	908	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	32 084	669	-	32 753	31 469
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	32 084	669	-	32 753	31 469
A3 Payments					
STAFF LIVING ALLOWANCE	2 420	-	-	2 420	3 800
STAFF SALARY, NI, SUPERANUATION	17 068	-	-	17 068	16 369
GIFT FOR FUEL COSTS	100	-	-	100	-
PENSION	598	-	-	598	598
RENT OF PREMISES	3 025	-	-	3 025	2 930
CIC SUBSCRIPTION	360	-	-	360	360
PRINTING & STATIONARY	340	-	-	340	148
VISITING SPEAKERS	500	-	-	500	370
BANK CHARGES	151	-	-	151	621
WEBSITE COSTS 123 & GODADDY	857	-	-	857	621
CIC SUBSCRIPTIONS	360	-	-	360	360
ONLINE STREAMING	167	-	-	167	167
CCLI SUBSCRIPTIONS	132	-	-	132	123
318 SAFEGUARDING SUBSCRIPTIONS	145	-	-	145	145
INSURANCE	336	-	-	336	323
EQUIPMENT	600	-	-	600	652
EVENTS/GRADUATION	425	-	-	425	1 087
DONATIONS	675	-	-	675	60
TRAINING COSTS	73	-	-	73	40
GENERAL OUTGOINGS	250	-	-	250	149
ZOOM	208	-	-	208	-
TEACHING COSTS	2 550	-	-	2 550	2 150
TRANSFERRED TO MAIN ACCOUNT	500	500	-	500	300
Sub total	31 840	-	-	31 840	31 373
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	31 840	500	-	31 840	31 373
Net of receipts/(payments)	244	169	-	406	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	244	169	-	406	31 373

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	HSBC COMMUNITY ACCOUNT	200	-	-
	HSBC MONEY MANAGER		169	-
	EMMAUS SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY	44	-	-
	Total cash funds	244	169	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	MUSIC EQUIPMENT		-	7 000
	GENERAL EQUIPMENT		-	15 000
	CHAIRS		-	1 500
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		ANNE CHRISTINE HILL ADMINISTRATOR/TRUSTEE	23/07/2025	

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of River of Life Community Church
Charity number:

My report on my light examination of the accounts of the River of Life Community Church for the year ended 30 September 2025 will be made available to the Trustees of the same charity.

Responsibilities and basis of report

The charity trustees of River of Life Community Church are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my light examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination causing me to believe that in any respect the accounting records of the Charity were not kept in line with Charity Commission Guidelines.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Name: **PETER MDLULI**

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Currently Studying: MEng Aerospace Engineering

Address: **31 ROCKLEY CLOSE, GRANGE-WOOD, CHESTERFIELD**

Date: 23/07/2025