

Registered Charity (1160152)

**Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements For The Year Ended
30 April 2023
for
Oasis Community Church (Retford)**

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Charity Information

Charity Number 1160152

Trustees	S Williams	Chairman
	Alan Green	Treasurer
	Richard Sullivan	Secretary
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Trustees' Report
For the year ended 30 April 2023

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2023.

Structure, governance and management

Recruitment and appointment of Managing Trustees

Management Trustees are appointed by existing members of the Management Team in accordance with the Church Constitution. Their appointment is approved by Church Members at a properly convened members meeting.

Trustee induction and training

Trustee induction takes place on appointment. The Trustees keep up to date with matters of Charity Law, the duties of trustees and community organisations.

Organisational structure

The Trustees look after the day to day management of the charity and the work of Oasis Community Church (Retford) which currently meets at the WestHill Community Centre in Ordsall for its main meetings. The Church meets in other various locations for different events and activities as they currently do not have their own premises.

Oasis Community Church (Retford) operates with the following structure: Pastor, Trustees, Ministry Team and Treasurer. The Pastor is the Chairman of the Trustees, who are responsible for overseeing financial, legal matters, child protection, protection of vulnerable adults, insurance and other leadership matters. The Ministry Team work together with the Trustees to oversee the various ministries and activities of the Church Fellowship and the pastoral and social care needs of individual members.

Staff

Pastor Steve Williams is self employed on a part time basis as Pastor and oversees the work of both Oasis Churches and also manages the Oasis Community Centre. Steve has been working consistently with the Management team to try and maintain the church and charity during this difficult time and also keep people safe and provided for as best we could.

Volunteers

We are blessed with great members and workers who are all volunteers and who work hard for the benefit of the charity, its members and the community. Our volunteers serve well not only the church family and Oasis community but the wider community wherever there are people with needs.

Objectives and activities

The objective of the charity is the advancement of the Christian Faith by the proclamation and furtherance of the Gospel. Many of the activities are evangelical, but some activities are educational, social and practical in focus, benefitting the local community of Ordsall and Retford and the surrounding villages in the wider community.

All our regular Church meetings and other activities are open to the public along with specialist age or interest related groups (e.g. children, youth, elderly etc).

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Challenging times

The year has been a challenging one again for the charity with challenges because of the Cost of Living crisis hitting people hard. Following hard after the Covid crisis, the Cost of living crisis has meant many people have needed help and support in so many ways. We again lost a number of our older members who passed away during this year which also proves difficult.

The Charity continued during these difficult times and have found ways to support individuals and families through increasingly difficult times.

Achievements and performance

We have achieved decent numbers of people in our church services and we have continued to try to make advances and progress with all aspects of our vision.

OPERATION OASIS

We have continued our Food Box project with our Worksop Oasis charity in delivering food boxes and toiletries across the Retford and Bassetlaw area. We have raised significant funding between the two charities and have given out over 20,000 food and essentials parcels in the area now. What started as a small project at the beginning of Covid is still continuing to grow and is more needed than it was during the covid period. We have a team of volunteers who create parcels, gifts and food boxes and deliver the parcels to people in the Bassetlaw area.

Children and Youth Work

Our Children's and youth work is back on Mondays and has been reaching many new children and young people. Joshua Williams has been running this project. We see many children and families attending and also do special events, community events and our Holiday playscheme project.

OASIS Café Project

We have established a Wednesday afternoon Café project which brings people together (mainly older people) and helps to support them in their lives, reduces isolation and loneliness and is a wellbeing check on many. It is working well and many people from the Community Bungalows behind Westhill attend weekly. Annette does a good job in running this with a team of volunteers. We also took a very successful trip to Whitby with over 45 people from the group and from another group from Leverton who joined us.

Prayer Connection

Terry has continued to keep people in touch with each other through the prayer chain phone line. He sent an encouraging word to everyone each day and he gave us prayer requests from people in the church and from the wider community. He did an excellent job as always.

Risk Management

The major risks faced by the fellowship are financial, operational and external. These are managed by the Trustees as and when required. Some people's financial situations changed because of the pandemic situation and other givers have passed away. We need to keep an eye on the situation as things progress.

Financial

The fellowships financial position is monitored weekly by the Treasurer and regularly by the Trustees. Financial risks are mitigated by control of spending and stimulation of income when necessary. We were able to claim a good amount of funding from gift aid which we have appreciated.

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Operational

Our leadership structure ensures that members of the Ministry team are available to step in when illness or other circumstances prevent the Pastor from fulfilling his role. Health and Safety, Child Protection and Vulnerable Adults policies are in place and active. Activities are risk assessed and appropriate insurance is in place.

External

External activities are risk assessed and insured as appropriate.

Reserves Policy

We currently do not have extensive reserves, but we are working to spend the charitable income on what we are doing and keep a reserve amount in the account for unforeseen circumstances.

Child and Vulnerable Adults Protection

Those applying to work with children or vulnerable adults are recruited safely and undergo DBS checks. These are updated every three years. Where individuals are unknown by the leadership team references are taken from previous pastors and/or employers.

Trustees

The Trustees who served during the year are set out on page 1.

Accountants

darbys limited have been appointed as independent examiners of the charity as they have served us and our sister charity well over many years.

The report is prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice; Accounting and reporting by Charities (issued March 2005 and updated 2007)

This report was approved by the Trustees on 8th February 2024 and signed on their behalf by



Chairman

Stephen M Williams

**Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of
Oasis Community Church (Retford)
30 April 2023**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Oasis Community Church (Retford) (the Trust) for the year ended 30 April 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act: or

the accounts did not accord with the accounting records

the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination

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.

A Mansell

Amanda Mansell ACA
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Date: 8th February 2024

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Statement of Receipts and Payments for
the year ended 30 April 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023	2022
Receipts				
Tithes and offerings	15,119	-	15,119	14,267
Sundry income	1,544	1,610	3,154	3,524
Building Fund	-	-	-	-
Donations	-	-	-	550
Grants	-	6,250	6,250	4,825
Gift Aid recovered	2,977	-	2,977	2,779
Total Receipts	19,639	7,860	27,500	25,944
Payments				
Pastoral payments	18,000	-	18,000	18,000
Rent	4,989	-	4,989	2,307
Insurance	326	-	326	326
Repairs and maintenance	126	-	126	38
Cost of events	-	5,648	5,648	-
Computer costs	1,094	-	1,094	144
Printing, postage and stationery	59	-	59	203
Advertising	-	-	-	-
Donations & Gifts	148	1,445	1,593	337
Sundries	87	-	87	83
Legal fees	-	-	-	-
CRB checks	-	-	-	-
Accountancy	300	-	300	300
Operation Oasis	-	-	-	2,388
Total Payments	25,129	7,093	32,222	24,127
Net movement in funds	- 5,490	768 -	4,722	1,817
Transfers between funds	855 -	855	-	-
Total funds brought forward	24,851	76,626	101,477	99,660
Total funds carried forward	20,216	76,539	96,755	101,477

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities
as at 30 April 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023	2022
Cash Funds				
Bank account	5,150		5,150	10,423
Instant Access Savings account	15,144	76,539	91,683	91,119
Petty cash	162		162	175
	<u>20,456</u>	<u>76,539</u>	<u>96,995</u>	<u>101,717</u>
Creditors				
Accrued expenses	240		240	240
	<u>240</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>240</u>	<u>240</u>
Net assets	<u>20,216</u>	<u>76,539</u>	<u>96,755</u>	<u>101,477</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 8th February 2024
and signed on its behalf by:

J.R.G. Sullivan

Secretary


Treasurer

