

Registered Charity (1160152)

**Report of the Trustees and  
Financial Statements For The Year Ended  
30 April 2024  
for  
Oasis Community Church (Retford)**

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**Oasis Community Church (Retford)**

**Charity Information**

**Charity Number** 1160152

<b>Trustees</b>	S Williams	Chairman
	Alan Green	Treasurer
	Richard Sullivan	Secretary
	John Berry	
	Alan Helliwell	

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**Oasis Community Church (Retford)**  
**Trustees' Report**  
**For the year ended 30 April 2024**

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2024.

**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 and look towards future plans.

**Volunteers**

We are blessed with great members and workers who are all volunteers and 23 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 was a challenging one for many in the community of Bassetlaw because of the increased Cost of Living crisis hitting people hard. The Cost of living crisis has meant many people have needed help and support in so many ways. We 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 working with our sister charity OASIS in Worksop on OPERATION OASIS (Food Box project) and OASIS BEFRIEND (One to one Befriending project) and have delivered these projects to people across the Retford and Bassetlaw area. We have raised significant funding between the two charities and have given out over 25,000 food and essentials parcels in the area between us. 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 on Mondays at Westhill have been reaching many new children and young people. Joshua Williams has been running this project with small teams. We see many children and families attending and also do special events, community events and our Holiday playscheme project.

**OASIS Café Project**

Our Wednesday afternoon Recovery Café project is bringing many 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 and Marina do a good job in running this with a team of volunteers. We also took a very successful trip to Skegness with over 45 people from the group last Summer.

**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 change due to less work or age and other givers have sadly passed away. We always have 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 were available to step in when illness or other circumstances prevent the Pastor from fulfilling his role. Steve had blood clots in his leg twice and high blood pressure which concerned the church. 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 21st February 2025 and signed on their behalf by



Chairman  
Stephen M Williams

**Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of  
Oasis Community Church (Retford)  
30 April 2024**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Oasis Community Church (Retford) (the Trust) for the year ended 30 April 2024.

**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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19 The Square  
Retford  
Nottinghamshire

Date: 21st February 2025

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Statement of Receipts and Payments for  
the year ended 30 April 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024	2023
<b>Receipts</b>				
Tithes and offerings	19,857	-	19,857	15,119
Sundry income	2,603	116	2,719	3,154
Building Fund	-	-	-	-
Donations	100	-	100	-
Grants	-	1,000	1,000	6,250
Gift Aid recovered	3,416	-	3,416	2,977
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>25,976</b>	<b>1,116</b>	<b>27,092</b>	<b>27,500</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Pastoral payments	18,000	-	18,000	18,000
Rent	3,435	-	3,435	4,989
Insurance	339	-	339	326
Repairs and maintenance	-	-	-	126
Cost of events	-	-	-	5,648
Computer costs	156	-	156	1,094
Printing, postage and stationery	93	-	93	59
Advertising	-	-	-	-
Donations & Gifts	39	-	39	1,593
Sundries	93	-	93	87
Legal fees	-	-	-	-
CRB checks	-	-	-	-
Accountancy	330	-	330	300
Operation Oasis	-	4,938	4,938	-
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>22,486</b>	<b>4,938</b>	<b>27,423</b>	<b>32,222</b>
Net movement in funds	3,490 -	3,822 -	332	- 4,722
Transfers between funds	12,947 -	12,947	-	-
Total funds brought forward	20,216	76,539	96,755	101,477
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>36,653</b>	<b>59,770</b>	<b>96,424</b>	<b>96,755</b>

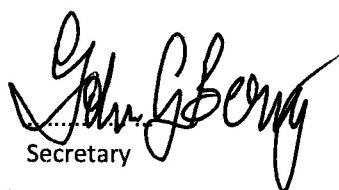


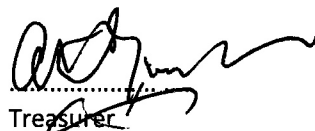
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities  
as at 30 April 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024	2023
<b>Cash Funds</b>				
Bank account	3,632		3,632	5,150
Instant Access Savings account	92,783		92,783	91,683
Petty cash	249		249	162
	<u>96,664</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>96,664</u>	<u>96,995</u>
<b>Creditors</b>				
Accrued expenses	240		240	240
	<u>240</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>240</u>	<u>240</u>
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>96,424</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>96,424</u>	<u>96,755</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 21st February 2025  
and signed on its behalf by:

  
Secretary

  
Treasurer