

CHURCH ON THE WEALD
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022



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Chartered Certified Accountants

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CHURCH INFORMATION

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Trustees' Report

The Trustees present their Annual Report and the Financial Statements of the Church for the year ended 31 March 2022.

1 Constitution

The church was formed by its constitution on 1 January 2015 and was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 24th February 2015 as Gateway Church on the Weald. The name of the charity was changed to Church on the Weald on 30 August 2016.

2 Objectives and activities

The objectives of the church are to advance the Christian religion, to advance education in particular in relation to the doctrines of the Christian religion and to relieve poverty and hardship.

3 Organisational structure

Elders ultimately lead the church and lay out the vision with support from the trustees.

4 The Trustees

Trustees are appointed by the existing trustees and are provided with appropriate training to undertake the role they will occupy within the church.

The trustees that served during the year were:

Alastair Lee Windus

Victoria Windus

Viji Sam

Marcia Mitchell

Darren Lea (resigned 1 January 2022)

5 Review of activities

It has been another unusual year for Church on the Weald as the church family and leaders continued to navigate the ongoing impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. However, it has also been a year of growth, for which we are very thankful.

Church meetings continued to be held mainly via Zoom until the summer, with some life groups and smaller groups meeting in person as and when government guidance permitted. Sunday morning meetings, including sessions for children and youth, socials, prayer meetings, the 'Deeper' teaching series and daily Bible studies continued to flourish on Zoom, often with great creativity. Through these challenging times, the continuity of meeting together even online at a variety of times throughout the weeks has been a great blessing, and we have seen many testimonies shared.

In September, the Sunday morning meetings moved to a new venue, Homewood School in Tenterden. This was a wonderful provision for us, and as trustees we are very grateful to all those who were involved in the discussions and arrangements behind the scenes, including not only the finances and logistics but new health and safety and safeguarding considerations for us. Initially we met on the upper floor of a school building block, with one large room for the church family meeting and the use of two smaller classrooms for children's and youth work. However, there were some challenges with transporting equipment and people to the second floor, and in early 2022 we were able to secure use of the ground floor in the same block instead, with the benefit of an additional room being available for the growing group of babies and toddlers in the creche! It has been wonderful to meet in person again to worship and learn together. We continue to learn from the pandemic and put provisions in place for those who are vulnerable or unable to meet in person, including having a 'safe' area to sit on Sundays and to stream the meeting on Zoom as well.

Trustees' Report (continued)

There is also the potential to add a storage container on the school site, which could help – again a thank you must go to the Stone family, who transport the church equipment each Sunday by trailer, and to Marcia Mitchell who continues to loan her garage to the church for storage.

Recruitment for a Children's, Youth and Families Worker took place through the summer, and we were delighted to appoint Alessandra Alexander to the role, starting in September 2021. Working flexibly at the equivalent of three days a week, she has really established herself in the role and has already developed the youth group to more regular Sunday meetings and social events – including an action-packed adventure weekend at Kingswood Centre in Ashford!

A Christmas Craftemorn was held at Tenterden Leisure Centre in December. As some Covid restrictions were still in place and there was inevitably caution about gatherings so close to Christmas, numbers were low, but the activities were very much enjoyed by all who attended and some good conversations were had and connections made with the local community.

Financially, the church has continued to be blessed by God's goodness and provision during this time. The church's reserves grew again throughout the year, partly as a result of very reduced expenditure for the first half of the year. This has been very beneficial in allowing us to invest in the Children's, Youth and Families Worker as well as the new premises, and as part of budget setting for the new year we continue to pray and work with the elders on how plans will develop for future years.

As always, the church family is dependent on and blessed by our team of amazing volunteers, who give up so much of their time and much of which is unseen. Thank you, on behalf of us all, for your Godly example, service and commitment. In particular, we say goodbye with gratitude to Eileen Masterson, who has been our volunteer administrator for over four years now. We wish her well in the next chapter of her service! For all the church family, we too look forward to the next chapter of our church life, united by Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

6 Public benefit

The trustees have complied with the duty in section 17(5) of the 2011 Charities Act to have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission and believe that the objectives and activities of the church are for the public benefit.

7 Review of financial position

There were net receipts for the year on General Funds of £27,403 (2021: £35,989).

The balance on funds carried forward at 31 March 2022 was £136,501 (2021: £110,802) of which £28,284 (2021: £29,988) has been designated for a particular purpose.

8 Risk management

The church has considered the risks it may face and confirm that systems have been established to mitigate them.

9 Reserves

The church endeavours to maintain cash resources to cover at least four months expenditure.

Trustees' Report (continued)

10 Independent examination

J R Caladine FCCA CTA FCIE was appointed during the year to undertake the Independent Examination.

Victoria Windus

Victoria Windus
Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Church on the Weald

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Church on the Weald ('the CIO') for the year ended 31 March 2022, which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 CIO's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the CIO as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



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Date: 30 December 2022

Receipts and Payment Account

	General	Designated	Restricted	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Donations (Gift aid)	69,111	-	-	69,111	56,260
Donations (Non Gift aid)	13,745	-	2,470	16,215	7,600
Gift aid reclaimed	16,557	-	-	16,557	13,279
Event and other income	814	-	-	814	1,591
Total receipts	100,227	-	2,470	102,697	78,730
Payments					
Ministry costs	45,547	-	-	45,547	30,900
Training & conferences	699	-	-	699	191
Publicity	721	-	-	721	-
Computer and website costs	1,617	-	-	1,617	1,197
Insurance	546	-	-	546	530
Independent Examination Fee	864	-	-	864	804
Catering	444	-	-	444	-
Venue hire charges	5,054	-	-	5,054	-
Events	-	582	-	582	-
Children and Youth work	604	-	-	604	175
Child Protection	215	-	-	215	154
Youth Trips	1,139	-	-	1,139	-
Pastoral expenses	3,218	-	1,000	4,218	2,224
PA and Worship	2,245	-	-	2,245	319
Supporting Others/Gifts and Tithes	9,474	1,122	1,470	12,066	6,544
Sundry expenses	437	-	-	437	467
Total payments	72,824	1,704	2,470	76,998	43,505
Net receipts/ (payments)	27,403	(1,704)	-	25,699	35,225
Funds brought forward 1 April 2021	80,814	29,988	-	110,802	75,577
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Funds carried forward 31 March 2022	108,217	28,284	-	136,501	110,802

The notes on page 8 form part of these Financial Statements.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities**AT 31 MARCH 2022**

	2022 £	2021 £
<u>ASSETS</u>		
<u>Monetary Assets</u>		
Cash at Bank and in hand - Current Account	<u>136,501</u>	<u>110,802</u>
Represented by -		
General Fund	108,217	80,814
Reserve Fund	16,800	16,800
Designated Fund	<u>11,484</u>	<u>13,188</u>
	<u>136,501</u>	<u>110,802</u>
 Gift aid reclaim pending	 <u>4,136</u>	 <u>3,414</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
<u>Creditors</u>		
Accountancy Fee/Independent Examination	840	840
Outstanding Tithe	<u>4,926</u>	<u>3,981</u>
	<u>5,766</u>	<u>4,821</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 11 / 12 / 2022

Victoria Windus
Victoria Windus
Trustee

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared as a Receipts and Payments account in accordance with section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

Funds

General funds represent monies received that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for applications on the general purposes of the church.

Designated funds represent monies set aside by the church for specific purposes.

Restricted funds represent monies donated to the church for specific purposes.

2. Trustee remuneration and expenses

The Trustees incurred no expenses in their role as Trustees (2021: £nil).

3. Related party transactions

The Wallrus, a business owned by Rachel Lea (wife of Darren Lea who was a trustee until 1 January 2022), was paid £430 (2021: £378) during the year for website and publicity work.

Donations received from trustees and their related parties amounted to £18,175 (2021: £18,273). This doesn't include any donations given in cash collections, which wouldn't be separately identifiable.

4. Designated funds

	Brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried forward £
Outreach projects	5,188	-	(1,704)	-	3,484
Legacy fund	8,000	-	-	-	8,000
Reserve Fund	16,800	-	-	-	16,800
	<u>29,988</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,704)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,284</u>

5. Restricted funds

	Brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried forward £
Specific gifts	<u>-</u>	<u>2,470</u>	<u>(2,470)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>