

CHURCH ON THE WEALD
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023



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CHURCH INFORMATION

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Victoria Windus
Viji Sam
William Trezise Buckley

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Independent examiner

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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 2023.

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

William Trezise Buckley

- appointed 20 March 2023

5 Review of activities

This year has been a complete return to 'normal' (or a new normal!) for Church on the Weald following the pandemic, and again we continue to give thanks to God for His faithfulness and provision in this new season.

Sunday morning meetings have continued at Homewood School in Tenterden, with the youth, children and creche using separate classrooms for their breakout groups. The meetings also continue to be streamed via Zoom, although with much lower numbers dialling in than previously. Although there is not the option to for the church to have storage at the school, the Stone family and Marcia Mitchell continue to support by lending their garages and transporting equipment each week, for which we are very grateful. We also enjoyed a (belated!) Christmas meal together and a church family meeting in October 2022.

Two children were also dedicated in October 2022, which was another special occasion in the life of the church family. A baptism is planned for April 2023, which all the church family is looking forward to, and we give our thanks to Trinity Baptist Church for use of their building and baptismal pool!

In terms of venues, the church leaders have begun exploring other options in the Tenterden area, prayerfully considering the questions of where to meet and what resources to invest in new projects.

The prayer life of the church family continues to be a priority, with fortnightly meetings in person and early morning prayer meetings once a week via Zoom, as well as our first 24-hour day of prayer held in December 2022.

Trustees' Report (continued)

Life groups continue to meet weekly: one in High Halden and one via Zoom, which bless their members through worshipping together, studying God's Word, praying, sharing food and fellowship, and simply enjoying life together.

The youth group has grown this year as some have 'graduated' from Sunday School, and the group has enjoyed working through teaching together on Sundays, including an evangelism course, as well as an exciting range of socials and other events.

Some families from the church went to the Big Church Festival and Wildfires conference in June 2022, which was a wonderful experience of collective worship and teaching for all ages. Thankfully the weather was good for camping! Part of the youth group also went to an international youth week away in Capernwray in Carnforth in summer 2022, where we saw the youth digging deeper into the book of Hebrews. They also had a day trip to Liverpool and lots of fun on site with youth from other countries.

Ben Stone joined Carl Maidment and Nelson Sam as an elder in April 2022, bringing his Godly experience and wisdom to that team. Mike and Gill Peters have also recently begun supporting the elders with providing pastoral care to the church family, and we look forward to seeing this develop in the months ahead.

With the return to meeting in person and a full programme of events this year as well as the first full year of having two paid members of staff, the church's expenditure has been higher this year. However, the growth in reserves over the previous years has provided for this, and the trustees continue to trust in God's guidance as we seek to wisely steward the financial resources of the church.

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 example, service and commitment.

Trustees' Report (continued)

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 £2,138 (2022: £27,403).

The balance on funds carried forward at 31 March 2023 was £137,661 (2022: £136,501) of which £27,306 (2022: £28,284) 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.

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 2023, 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: 18 January 2023

Receipts and Payment Account

	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	2023 £	2022 £
Receipts					
Donations (Gift aid)	67,081	-	-	67,081	69,111
Donations (Non Gift aid)	9,217	-	6,250	15,467	16,215
Gift aid reclaimed	18,238	-	-	18,238	16,557
Event and other income	852	-	-	852	814
Total receipts	95,388	-	6,250	101,638	102,697
Payments					
Ministry costs	56,047	-	-	56,047	45,547
Training & conferences	1,100	-	-	1,100	699
Publicity	180	-	-	180	721
Computer and website costs	1,830	-	-	1,830	1,617
Insurance	596	-	-	596	546
Independent Examination Fee	864	-	-	864	864
Catering	623	-	-	623	444
Venue hire charges	12,364	-	-	12,364	5,054
Events	2,217	978	4,950	8,145	582
Children and Youth work	517	-	-	517	604
Child Protection	277	-	-	277	215
Youth Trips	1,561	-	-	1,561	1,139
Pastoral expenses	1,608	-	1,300	2,908	4,218
PA and Worship	864	-	-	864	2,245
Supporting Others/Gifts and Tithes	9,121	-	-	9,121	12,066
Sundry expenses	-	-	-	-	437
Admin/Travel	2,908	-	-	2,908	-
Hospitality	573	-	-	573	-
Total payments	93,250	978	6,250	100,478	76,998
Net receipts/ (payments)	2,138	(978)	-	1,160	25,699
Funds brought forward 1 April 2022	108,217	28,284	-	136,501	110,802
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Funds carried forward 31 March 2023	110,355	27,306	-	137,661	136,501

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

Statement of Assets and LiabilitiesAT 31 MARCH 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
<u>ASSETS</u>		
<u>Monetary Assets</u>		
Cash at Bank and in hand - Current Account	<u>137,661</u>	<u>136,501</u>
Represented by -		
General Fund	110,355	108,217
Reserve Fund	16,800	16,800
Designated Fund	<u>10,506</u>	<u>11,484</u>
	<u>137,661</u>	<u>136,501</u>
 Gift aid reclaim pending	 <u>2,699</u>	 <u>4,136</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES</u>		
<u>Creditors</u>		
Accountancy Fee/Independent Examination	900	840
Outstanding Tithe	<u>5,659</u>	<u>4,926</u>
	<u>6,559</u>	<u>5,766</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 14/01/2024

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 (2022: £nil).

3. Related party transactions

Donations received from trustees and their related parties amounted to £19,050 (2022: £18,175). 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	3,484	-	(978)	-	2,506
Legacy fund	8,000	-	-	-	8,000
Reserve Fund	16,800	-	-	-	16,800
	<u>28,284</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(978)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,306</u>

5. Restricted funds

	Brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried forward £
Specific gifts	<u>-</u>	<u>6,250</u>	<u>(6,250)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>