

Registered Charity No: 1160618

CHURCH ON THE WEALD

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024



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CHURCH INFORMATION

<u>Address</u>	17 Glebelands Biddenden Kent TN27 8EA
<u>Charity number</u>	1160618
<u>Charity trustees</u>	Marcia Mitchell Alastair Lee Windus Victoria Windus Viji Sam William Trezise Buckley
<u>Bankers</u>	Lloyds Bank plc 120 Lewisham High Street Lewisham London SE13 6JG
<u>Independent examiner</u>	J R Caladine FCCA CTA FCIE Caladine Limited Chartered Certified Accountants Chantry House 22 Upperton Road Eastbourne East Sussex BN21 1BF

Trustees' Report

The Trustees present their Annual Report and the Financial Statements of the Church for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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

5 Review of activities

The 2023-24 year started brilliantly for Church on the Weald, with a baptism in April 2023. Another baptismal service for four of our young people took place in September. We give thanks to God for each of their testimonies – and to Trinity Baptist Church for use of their building and baptismal pool as well as for joining with us to celebrate those special occasions.

Sunday morning meetings moved to Tenterden Junior School during the year, which has worked extremely well in terms of streamlining set-up and our use of space with classrooms for youth and children's work as well as the kitchen facilities for serving refreshments. Once a month, we also gather for lunch after the main meeting, which is a wonderful time of sharing food and fellowship together.

In terms of venues, a working group was set up during the year, chaired by Mike Peters, to prayerfully and practically explore a number of opportunities within Tenterden and the surrounding areas for extending Church on the Weald's presence. Some of these did not develop further, but at the time of writing there is a building that could serve as an office and community outreach base for the church. As church finances continue to be finely balanced, the elders and trustees recognise that any lease would have to be short-term initially as this will draw on the church's reserves, but we trust in God's guidance and provision as we continue to progress along this path.

Trustees' Report (continued)

Prayer underpins all of this, and members of the church family continue to meet weekly for early morning prayer via Zoom and fortnightly in person, as well as our 24-hours of prayer in November 2023 and March 2024. Life groups now meet in Ashford as well as High Halden and Biddenden, and these are a huge encouragement in the life of the church as we gather together during the week. Another 'touch point' has started in the form of a ladies' day-time life group, Closer, hosted by Jenny Buckley fortnightly on Mondays.

Another exciting new initiative is Baby Basics, which Gill Peters and Thia Maidment have set up in Tenterden. This national organisation aims to provide essentials to local, vulnerable families with newborns to support both mother and baby. Gill and Thia have connected with local midwives and health visitors, and have collected together donations from the church family to create a number of beautiful hampers which will be given out in the days and weeks to come – the first is being collected in early April!

As always, we have so many volunteers working hard in ways both seen and unseen, and it is not possible to name them all. We benefit from the commitment and Godly leadership of our elders, Carl, Nelson and Ben, and the wider team of deacons, as well as Alessy Alexander in heading up the youth, children's and families work, Marcia Mitchell in her role as lead for safeguarding and health and safety, and Mike and Gill Peters as pastoral leads. There are also our wonderful life group leaders, children's and youth workers, and many more. This year it has been a particular blessing to see the young people join the worship band and PA team as well in addition to their roles in serving refreshments and setting up and packing down each week.

We continue to give thanks to God for His faithfulness and provision and look forward in expectancy and faith for all that is to come in our next season.

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 £5,365 (2023: £2,138).

The balance on funds carried forward at 31 March 2024 was £140,664 (2023: £137,661) of which £24,943 (2023: £27,306) 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 12/5/2025

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 2024, 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.



J R Caladine FCCA CTA FCIE
Caladine Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
Chantry House, 22 Upperton Road
Eastbourne, BN21 1BF

Date: 21 January 2024

Receipts and Payment Account

	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	2024 £	2023 £
Receipts					
Donations (Gift aid)	72,001	-	-	72,001	67,081
Donations (Non Gift aid)	9,993	1,500	1,000	12,493	15,467
Gift aid reclaimed	17,450	-	-	17,450	18,238
Event and other income	-	-	-	-	852
Total receipts	99,444	1,500	1,000	101,944	101,638
Payments					
Ministry costs	58,638	-	-	58,637	56,047
Training & conferences	1,705	-	-	1,705	1,100
Publicity	213	-	-	213	180
Computer and website costs	2,273	-	-	2,273	1,830
Insurance	627	-	-	627	596
Independent Examination Fee	900	-	-	900	864
Catering	577	-	-	577	623
Venue hire charges	12,135	-	-	12,135	12,364
Church and Community Events	680	3,863	-	4,543	8,145
Children and Youth work	389	-	-	389	517
Child Protection	208	-	-	208	277
Youth Trips	1,966	-	-	1,966	1,561
Pastoral expenses	1,817	-	1,000	2,817	2,908
PA and Worship	651	-	-	651	864
Supporting Others/Gifts and Tithes	6,200	-	-	6,200	9,121
Sundry expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Admin/Travel	3,765	-	-	3,765	2,908
Hospitality	1,335	-	-	1,335	573
Total payments	94,079	3,863	1,000	98,941	100,478
Net receipts/ (payments)	5,365	(2,363)	-	3,003	1,160
Funds brought forward 1 April 2023	110,355	27,306	-	137,661	136,501
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Funds carried forward 31 March 2024	115,720	24,943	-	140,664	137,661

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

Statement of Assets and LiabilitiesAT 31 MARCH 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
<u>ASSETS</u>		
<u>Monetary Assets</u>		
Cash at Bank and in hand - Current Account	<u>140,664</u>	<u>137,661</u>
Represented by -		
General Fund	115,721	110,355
Reserve Fund	16,800	16,800
Designated Fund	8,143	10,506
	<u>140,664</u>	<u>137,661</u>
 Gift aid reclaim pending	 <u>3,254</u>	 <u>2,699</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
<u>Creditors</u>		
Accountancy Fee/Independent Examination	942	900
Outstanding Tithe	<u>3,715</u>	<u>5,659</u>
	<u>4,657</u>	<u>6,559</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 12 January 2025

Victoria WindusVictoria 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 (2023: £nil).

3. Related party transactions

Donations received from trustees and their related parties amounted to £20,000 (2023: £19,050). 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	2,506	1,500	(3,863)	-	143
Legacy fund	8,000	-	-	-	8,000
Reserve Fund	16,800	-	-	-	16,800
	<u>27,306</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>(3,863)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,943</u>

5. Restricted funds

	Brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried forward £
Specific gifts	<u>-</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>(1,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>