

Northern Lights Church
Statement of Accounts
For the Year Ended 30 April 2024

Charity Registration Number 1161494

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Charity Information

For the Year Ended 30 April 2024

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Report of the Trustees For the Year Ended 30 April 2024

Structure, Governance & Management

Northern Lights Church was established as a registered Charity in April 2015 and is affiliated with a family of churches known as 'CRC Churches International'. The Church also works with other church and mission organisations of similar vision, to pursue its objectives.

The governance of the Church is undertaken by a board of trustees who, with the leadership of the pastor, manage the affairs of the Church, and initiate and support the spiritual programme of the Church to fulfil its charitable purpose. There should be at least three trustees on the board at any one time.

Trustees can be appointed to and removed from the board upon the recommendation of the pastor with the concurrence of at least three fifths of the board. There is no minimum or maximum tenure.

Governing Document

The Constitution was adopted on 26th September 2013, and has been subsequently amended on 20th April 2015.

Objectives

The objectives of the Church are to advance religion in the provision and maintaining of places of worship, and to provide better understanding of Christ's Gospel.

Public Benefit

The Church aims to provide spiritual advice and counselling, reaching out to the unfortunate and needy of the community. The Church also supports the cohesion of society, by ministering directly to whatever definable segment of society it may be able to, whether by gender, age, religion, cultural background or socio-economic circumstances. Charitable, Christ-centred churches are set up to the betterment of the local community.

Activities & Achievements

The Church enjoyed a successful year as we consolidated meeting on Sunday afternoons at Heath URC in Halifax. This year we saw the benefits of the decisions made in previous years as key people were not overworked, and the church enjoyed growth and a good sense of positive momentum.

We had a number of baptisms and also continued to hold Northern Lights Youth Church on a Friday night in Todmorden.

There was no change to our staffing structure with Pastor Catherine employed 3 days per week throughout the year, although she gave far above and beyond her required hours.

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Activities & Achievements *continued*

Pastor Catherine also travelled to Moldova to kick start the ministry again after the pandemic. We now enjoy many good relationships in that country, including with Pastor Slava in the capital, Chisnau, as well as various ministry leaders in Balti.

The year finished on a sad note with the funeral of Santa Curry, who was baptised and married at Northern Lights church and passed away at just 36 years old. We were able to support Kevin through this very dark time.

Financial Review

Full details of the financial transactions are contained in the attached accounts and total income for the year was £48,128 (2023: £48,321), and after deducting total expenditure £48,753 (2023: £51,689) the net expenditure was £625 (2023: £3,368)

During the year the charity invested £Nil into a high interest deposit account (2023 : £NIL)

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on 31-01-25



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Mr J Warren
Trustee

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibility For the Year Ended 30 April 2024

Law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements giving a true and fair view the Trustees should follow best practice and:

- a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c) state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- d) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume the Charity will continue operating.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Northern Lights Church For the Year Ended 30 April 2024

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 30th April 2024, which are set out on pages 5 and 6

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity 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 Report

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 Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- (3) the accounts do 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.



S J Sutcliffe F.C.C.A.

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Date: 04-02-2025

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Statement of Financial Activities For the Year Ended 30 April 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
<u>Incoming Resources</u>					
Voluntary Income:					
General Donations		39,821	-	39,821	42,105
Gift Aid		8,307	-	8,307	6,216
Total Incoming Resources		48,128	-	48,128	48,321
<u>Resources Expended</u>					
Charitable Activities:	3	48,117	-	48,117	51,197
Other	4	636	-	636	492
Total Resources Expended		48,753	-	48,753	51,689
Total Resources for the year		(625)	-	(625)	(3,368)
Fund balances brought forward		6,033	-	6,033	9,401
Fund balances carried forward	5	5,408	-	5,408	6,033

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 30 April 2024

1. Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

2. Assets

During the year equipment amounting to £Nil (2023: £920) was purchased for the charities use.

3. Charitable Activities

	2024	2023
Wages	19,214	21,140
Training & conferences	87	179
Guest Ministries & Missions	11,756	3,795
Printing, postage and stationery	223	342
Administrative costs	12,685	18,797
Hospitality & travel	2,466	4,649
Equipment	-	920
Sundries	1,686	1,375
	<u>48,117</u>	<u>51,197</u>

4. Independent Examiners Fee

	2024	2023
Examiners' fee	636	492
	<u>636</u>	<u>492</u>

5. Bank Account - Cash Funds

At the end of the financial year 30 April 2024 the balance available to be withdrawn from the Virgin Money bank accounts was £5,408 (2023 : £6,033)

Northern Lights Church**Profit & Loss Account****For the Year Ended 30 April 2024**

	Year End 30th April 2024		Year End 30th April 2023	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Donations	39,821		42,105	
Gift Aid & Tax	<u>8,307</u>		<u>6,216</u>	
		48,128		48,321
Expenditure				
Wages	19,214		21,140	
Administration	7,200		6,960	
Rent & Room Hire	4,180		9,485	
Leaflets, Printing & Advertising	223		342	
Guest Ministries & Missions	11,756		3,795	
Insurance	432		790	
Subscriptions	163		379	
Refreshments & Hospitality	971		3,679	
Training	87		179	
Accountancy & Professional	1,346		1,659	
Travel & Accommodation	1,495		970	
Bank Charges	-		16	
Sundry	<u>1,686</u>		<u>1,375</u>	
		48,753		50,769
Net (Loss)/ Profit		(625)		(2,448)
 Equipment Purchased		-		(920)
 Loss for the Year		<u>(625)</u>		<u>(3,368)</u>