

LARKBEARE CHRISTIAN TRUST  
TRUSTEES REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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**A charitable incorporated organisation 'CIO'**  
**Charity registration number: 1161666**

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**LARKBEARE CHRISTIAN TRUST**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

The Trustees present the report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

Charity Name:	Larkbeare Christian Trust
Charity registration number:	1161666
Date of formation:	14 May 2015
Principal office:	25 Fleming Way Exeter Devon EX2 4SE

**Trustees**

The Trustees who served during the period are as follows:

Mrs. Anna-Catherine Boddington (resigned 28 August 2022)  
Dr. Simon J. Brown (resigned 8 March 2022)  
Mr. George H. Meredith  
Rev. Christian J. Keane (Chairman)  
Mr. Nigel K. Warren (Treasurer)  
Dr James P Gould (appointed 20 September 2022)  
Mr Huw G Parry (appointed 7 November 2022)  
Ms Sarah L Richards (appointed 7 November 2022)

**Bankers**

The Trust's bank is CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing Document**

Larkbeare Christian Trust is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) and was registered as a charity on 14 May 2015. The Charity was established under a Constitution dated 14 May 2015 (as amended on 9 May 2018) which established the objectives and powers of the CIO.

**Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees**

The Trustees are charity trustees for the purposes of charity law. Under the requirements of the Constitution the Trustees are elected to serve until retirement or removal. All Trustees are also members of the CIO.

All Trustees give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the Charity.

**Trustee Induction and Training**

All Trustees are familiar with the practical work of the Charity and three have been involved as Trustees from the establishment of the CIO. All Trustees are encouraged to volunteer in practical ways.

Additionally, all Trustees are actively engaged with the Charity and are familiar with the context within which it operates, including:

- The obligations of Trustees.
- The main documents which set out the operational framework for the Charity including the Constitution.
- Resourcing and the current financial position.
- Future plans and objectives.

## **Risk Management**

The Trustees have conducted a review of the major risks to which the Charity is exposed. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the Charity faces.

## **Organisational Structure**

The Trustees meet biannually (or more as required) and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the Charity. At present, there are six Trustees from a variety of professional backgrounds relevant to the work of the Charity.

A scheme of delegation is in place. Day to day responsibility for administration rests with Rev Christian Keane (Chairman) and Nigel Warren (Finance).

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

With the aid and support of its supporters and volunteers, the Charity raised donations of £79,752 for the year (2021 - £85,381). In addition, the Charity received Gift Aid refunds of £15,656 (2021 - £15,270).

The Trustees made grants totalling £96,050 (2021 - £99,750) to St Leonard's Exeter PCC to support the lay Ministry Assistant Programme and other non-stipendiary ministry posts. The deficit for the year was £717 (2021 – a surplus of £794).

As at 31 December 2022, the Charity's only asset was Cash at Bank of £1,717 (2021- £2,434).

In addition to the above, the Charity received a Gift Aid refunds from HMRC totalling £3,881.75 in respect of donations received up to the year ended 31 December 2022 on 18 February 2023. The refunds will be included in the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The Trustees intend to continue to support lay ministry in St Leonard's Parish and will make further grants to St Leonard's PCC during the year ended 31 December 2023. It should be noted that there was an overall decrease in donations (c£5,600) during the year compared to 2021.

## **Principal Funding Sources**

The only funding sources for the Charity are gifts from supporters.

## **Investment Policy**

All of the Charity's funds are to be applied in the short term and no funds are held for long term investment.

## **Reserves Policy**

The Trustees have examined the Charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation.

The Charity receives donations from supporters and makes voluntary grants to approved bodies. The Charity does not have any regular financial commitments or liabilities, other than Bank Account fees of



£82.00 (2021 - £96.00) and a small annual internet domain fee (currently £6.23 inclusive of VAT per annum). It does not hold any tangible assets other than cash.

In the event of a significant fall in funding, the Trustees would have to reduce the voluntary grants made by the Charity. However, the Trustees are confident that they would be able to manage the current activities of the Charity in an orderly manner in the event of a significant drop in funding.

The Trustees have therefore established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the Charity should be nil.

### **Plans for Future Periods**

The Charity will continue to seek donations and make grants to Christian Churches and charities in order to advance the Christian faith in accordance with its objects.

### **Responsibilities of the Trustees**

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the Charity as at the balance sheet date and of its income resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is not appropriate to assume that the Charity will continue on that basis.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with Charity law. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### **Trustees' expenses**

During the year, one trustee was paid £6.23, being reimbursement for the internet domain fees of £6.23 per annum for 2022 paid by him on behalf of the Charity.

### **Related party transactions**

During the year, the Charity received donations totalling £4,746 from its Trustees and related parties. All the donations were unconditional.

## **OUR AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

### **Purposes and Aims**

Our Charity's purposes as set out in the objects contained in the Constitution are the advancement of the Christian faith in such ways as the Charity Trustees may from time to time decide.

The Trustees do not consider that any detriment or harm would arise from its charitable purposes.

### **Ensuring our Work Delivers Our Aims**

We review our aims, objectives and activities each year. This review looks at what we achieved and the outcomes of our work in the period. The review looks at the success of the key activities and the benefits they have brought to those groups of people we are set up to help.

The review helps us ensure our aims, objectives and activities remain focused on our stated purposes. We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public

benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the Trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

### **The Focus of our Work**

Our main objective for the period was to advance the Christian faith.

### **How our Activities Deliver Public Benefit**

Our main activities and who we try to help are described below.

### **Who used and benefited from our services?**

The Charity makes grants to Christian churches and similar organisations in order to advance the Christian faith.

The primary purpose of the grants is to enable them to engage Christian ministers and/or volunteer workers within their organisation including Youth and Women's Ministers and essential Administrative staff. Only ministers and workers providing their services to the public without charge to the public are supported. Workers include Ministry Assistants who support various activities within the local church, including student, youth, children and women's ministries.

The Charity would also consider making grants for part-time training in Christian ministry and the provision of items in connection with the Christian faith such as the purchase of Bibles and Bible commentaries for Christian workers' use.

The beneficiaries are people in the receiving organisations and the general public who are served by them.

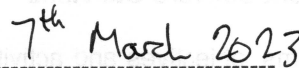
The schedule to the Constitution contains our Statement of Beliefs. The Statement of Beliefs in our Constitution could be described as broadly Christian Protestant orthodox belief. The moral and ethical framework described therein is that lives will exhibit the fruit of the Spirit and they will be brought into ever increasing conformity with the character of Christ.


The Charity may make grants to other churches or charities which do not have exactly the same beliefs. However, the receiving church or charity should have beliefs which are in all material matters the same as ours.

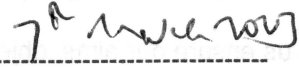
During the period under review, we met our objective by making grants totalling £96,050 (2021 – £99,750) to St Leonard's PCC in order to help fund the Ministry Assistant Programme and the costs of employing the Church Family Minister, the Church Manager and other Administrative staff in the Church Office in the Parish of St Leonard's. St Leonard's has a recognised need for support staff which are not funded by the Diocese or any other outside body.

Signed for and on behalf of the Trustees

  
----- (Chairman)

  
----- 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023

  
----- (Treasurer)

  
----- 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Larkbeare Christian Trust

1161666

## Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period  
from

1/1/22

To

31/12/22

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	79,752	-	-	79,752	85,381
HMRC Gift Aid refunds	15,656	-	-	15,656	15,270
Bank interest	13	-	-	13	2
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>95,421</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>95,421</b>	<b>100,653</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-0	-0	-0	-	-
	-0	-0	-0	-	-0
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-0</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>95,421</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>95,421</b>	<b>100,653</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Grants to St Leonards PCC Exeter	96,050	-	-	96,050	99,750
Bank fees	82	-	-	82	96
Internet IT fees	6	-	-	6	13
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>96,138</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>96,138</b>	<b>99,859</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-0	-0	-0	-	-
	-0	-0	-0	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-0</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>96,138</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>96,138</b>	<b>99,859</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 717</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 717</b>	<b>794</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>2,434</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,434</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>1,717</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,717</b>	<b>794</b>

### Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	CAF Cash Account	1,701	-	-
	CAF Gold Account	15	-	-
		-	-	-



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**A CIO registered charity no. 1161666**

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Larkbeare Christian Trust**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 1 to 2 of CC16a.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 12 July 2023