

Crossways Community Church

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 March 2023

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Trustees Annual Report 2022/23

Charity Name: Crossways Community Church

Registration Number: 1162619

Address: Darent Suite, Acacia Hall, Dartford, Kent, DA1 1DJ

Trustee Names:

Mr. Bruce Boateng (Treasurer) *

Mr. David Sinclair (Secretary)

Mr. Stephen Brindley (ex-officio)

Mr. Charles Lafe (Health and Safety Officer)

Mrs. Kehinde Boateng (People's Officer) *

** Resigned December 2022*

Annual Update

Crossways Community Church has had a change in two trustees this year. We accepted Bruce and Kehinde Boateng's resignations, and their responsibilities concluded at the end of December 2022. We were sad to see them both step down as trustees, but equally understand that the pressure of their work was causing them to feel like they were unable to commit to the level that was needed. We are so thankful that they helped us through the move to the new building, and we appreciated their insights and wisdom on that journey.

Crossways Community Church follows the constitution that was written when the charity was started. And on a day-to-day basis, it is run by the Senior Pastor, Stephen Brindley.

In April 2022 we were still meeting at Stone Pavilion, but after some very successful discussions and an accepted application, we had been agreed a new building in Dartford Town Centre. The building is owned by Dartford Borough Council, and we are pleased to say that we have now moved in and have contracts in place for not just one building, but two! The main building is for hosting our main church services, along with our new office space where our staff work out from. This meant that we also gave notice on, and vacated the office we rented in Crossways Business Estate.

The second building, which we call 'The Cottage' will be for our children's ministry, with the potential for either more office space or rentable small meeting rooms. The cottage is still a work in progress as we have been focusing on the main church building first.

We have also set up a new CIC called Crossways Community Projects CIC, which is to enable us to receive grants and put on community events and run community projects. We have started this project by opening a Café (called "The Lounge") which will open in May 2023 to the public.

Financial Update

The Church started the year with funds of £66,142 and ended the year on £57,637. As you can see, we have spent some of our savings on renovating, decorating and installing equipment into the new building.

Crossway's income continues to be generated by donations from our members, which for most of our members is via bank transfers with a small amount from our Sunday offerings. During the year we also received two grants the first from Dartford Borough Council (£8,000) towards our new building and the second grant was from Safer Communities (£1,200) towards running of a warm hub. Our biggest expenditures continue to be our new buildings and our employment of the Senior Pastors and our Social Media & Admin Assistant.

We continue to be members of the Living Wage Foundation. The real Living Wage is the only UK wage rate that is voluntarily paid by almost 10,000 UK businesses who believe their staff deserve a wage which meets every day needs.

Future Plans

We will continue to work on our new building. Plans include providing a secure outside space for us to enjoy; decorating and updating The Cottage in order for the Children's Ministry to use the space effectively and finishing the Café ready for its opening in May.

We also plan to grow our church activities – these will include bible studies, family events and community-based projects.

Independent Examiner's Report

This report on the financial statements of Crossways Community Church for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 6 to 10, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

As trustees of the Church you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirements of the Regulations and section 144 (2) of the Act does not apply 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
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under s.145 (5)(b) of the Act. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Church and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, 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 financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations;have 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.

Keith Scudder
42 Frobisher Way,
Gravesend,
Kent. DA12 4RA

18 September 2023

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Receipts and Payments

for the year ended 31st March 2023

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	funds	funds	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Voluntary Income	86,626	-	86,626	64,314
Other incoming resources	-	9,200	9,200	-
Total receipts	86,626	9,200	95,826	64,314
Payments				
Employment	33,368	-	33,368	21,474
Ministries	6,175	-	6,175	5,060
Events	6,989	1,200	8,189	3,504
Blessing	279	-	279	449
Training	2,315	-	2,315	1,256
Hospitality	808	-	808	694
Office	30,534	8,000	38,534	18,358
Venue	12,545	-	12,545	5,429
Utilities and Legal	2,118	-	2,118	2,413
Other	-	-	-	2,658
Total resources expended	95,131	9,200	104,331	61,295
Net incoming resources	(8,505)	-	(8,505)	3,019
Total funds brought forward	66,142	-	66,142	63,123
Total funds carried forward	57,637	0	57,637	66,142

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Balance Sheet

As at 31st March 2023

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Current Assets		
Bank current account	57,637	66,142
Debtors		
Debtors	-	-
Total assets	57,637	66,142
Current liabilities		
Loans	-	-
Creditors	-	-
Total Current liabilities	-	-
Total Net assets	57,637	66,142
Represented by funds		
Unrestricted		
General fund	57,637	66,142
	57,637	66,142
Restricted		
	-	-
	57,637	66,142

Approved by the Trustees on the 18 September 2023 signed on their behalf below

David Sinclair

Chairperson

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Analysis of income for the year ended 31 March 2023

	2023		2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Voluntary Income			
Gift Aid Donations	63,615	-	63,615
Non Gift Aid Donations	14,667	-	14,667
Gift Aid Reclaimed	8,344	-	8,344
	86,626	-	86,626
Other incoming resources			
	-	9,200	9,200
	-	9,200	9,200
Total Income	86,626	9,200	95,826

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Analysis of expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2023

	2023		2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Employment			
Employee Salaries	32,140		32,140
HMRC	292		292
Employment Aids	720		720
Payroll	216		216
	33,368	-	33,368
Ministries			
AV	5,437		5,437
Hosts	57		57
Kids	343		343
Mens	-		-
Pastoral Care	292		292
Communion	46		46
Youth			-
	6,175	-	6,175
Events			
Anniversary	52		52
Bowling			-
Christmas	3,096		3,096
Community Outreach	2,118		2,118
Easter	117		117
Fathers/Mothers Day	231		231
One Off Events	1,107		1,107
Warm Hub	268	1,200	1,468
	6,989	1,200	8,189
Blessing			
External	57		57
Internal	222		222
	279	-	279
Training			
Guest Speakers	1,810	-	1,810
Staff and Volunteers	505	-	505
	2,315	-	2,315
Hospitality			
External	509		509
Internal	299		299
	808	-	808

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Analysis of expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

	2022		2021	
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
	£	£	£	£
Office				
Advertising	350		350	653
Alarm	375		375	-
New Venue	14,706	8,000	22,706	360
Furniture and Equipment	267		267	547
Printing	954		954	926
Refreshments	971		971	574
Rent	5,066		5,066	9,408
Software & Hardware	6,843		6,843	2,717
Stationery	85		85	185
Venue Presentation	917		917	2,826
Website	-		-	162
	30,534	8,000	38,534	18,358
Venue				
Rent	12,545		12,545	5,429
	12,545	-	12,545	5,429
Utilities and Legal				
Audit	320		320	280
Banking/Credit Card Charges	54		54	44
Card Machine	473		473	187
CCPAS	258		258	527
Copyright Licences	123		123	-
First Aid	45		45	495
Garage Rent	450		450	600
Insurance	395		395	280
	2,118	-	2,118	2,413
Other				
Two Trees loan write off			-	2,658
	-	-	-	2,658
Total Payments	95,131	9,200	104,331	61,295