

Crossways Community Church

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 March 2024

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Trustees Annual Report 2023/24

Charity Name: Crossways Community Church

Registration Number: 1162619

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

Trustee Names:

Mr. David Sinclair (Secretary)

Mr. Stephen Brindley (ex-officio)

Mr. Charles Lafe (Health and Safety Officer)

Annual Update

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.

This past year has seen substantial growth in our new building. The church services are busier and well attended on a weekly basis, and our weekly activities have increased to include lots of community groups. The building itself, and our second building 'The Cottage' is now fully renovated to our standards, and we are enjoying using the spaces for our church activities (including the Children's and youth work) and community events.

Our community cafe, which is set up with our CIC, is drawing the community in too, and has had a very successful first year. Groups that regularly use the space include Chatter Matters, Knit N Natter, Le Leche League GB, Involve Kent and the walking groups. We then also have many regular customers and lots of walk-in customers too, who all enjoy the space and atmosphere – and our delicious drinks!

Financial Update

The Church started the year with funds of £57,637 and ended the year on £37,956. We are aware that the overall fund has decreased considerably over the last year. This was mainly due to the expense incurred when renovating the new building. Most of the renovation is now complete and going forward although the buildings will need to be maintained we are confident that we have the financial resources to do that.

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. 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

This coming year we aim to increase our activities and grow all areas of our church ministries to meet the growth needs that we have seen. With more Baptisms, New People's lunches and main events like Easter and Christmas being our priorities.

We also aim to increase our Trustee board by at least one more. Our thoughtful prayer into suitable candidates is ongoing but we hope to announce a new Trustee soon.

Independent Examiner's Report

This report on the financial statements of Crossways Community Church for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 5 to 9, 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

09 October 2024

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Receipts and Payments

for the year ended 31st March 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Voluntary Income	66,871	-	66,871	86,626
Other incoming resources	6,549	-	6,549	9,200
Total receipts	73,420	-	73,420	95,826
Payments				
Employment	38,459	-	38,459	33,152
Ministries	4,472	-	4,472	738
Events	4,515	-	4,515	8,189
Blessing	157	-	157	279
Training	1,733	-	1,733	2,315
Hospitality	864	-	864	808
Venue	34,944	-	34,944	47,313
Office & Professional Costs	7,957	-	7,957	11,537
Total resources expended	93,101	-	93,101	104,331
Net incoming resources	(19,681)	-	(19,681)	(8,505)
Total funds brought forward	57,637	-	57,637	66,142
Total funds carried forward	37,956	0	37,956	57,637

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Balance Sheet

As at 31st March 2024

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Current Assets		
Bank current account	37,956	57,637
Debtors		
Debtors	-	-
Total assets	37,956	57,637
Current liabilities		
Loans	-	-
Creditors	-	-
Total Current liabilities	-	-
Total Net assets	37,956	57,637
Represented by funds		
Unrestricted		
General fund	37,956	57,637
	37,956	57,637
Restricted		
	-	-
	37,956	57,637

Approved by the Trustees on the 09 October 2024 signed on their behalf below

David Sinclair

Chairperson

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Analysis of income for the year ended 31 March 2024

	2024		2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Voluntary Income			
Gift Aid Donations	38,531	-	38,531
Non Gift Aid Donations	14,125	-	14,125
Gift Aid Reclaimed	14,215	-	14,215
	66,871	-	66,871
Other incoming resources			
Other Income	6,549	-	6,549
	6,549	-	6,549
Total Income	73,420	-	73,420

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Analysis of expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2024

	2024		2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Employment			
Employee Salaries (inc. HMRC)	37,732		37,732
Employment Aids	727		727
	38,459	-	38,459
Ministries			
Hosts	50		50
Kids	1,058		1,058
Mens	-		-
Pastoral Care	117		117
Communion	17		17
Youth	329		329
Symphony	799		799
Operation Hope	2,102		2,102
	4,472	-	4,472
Events			
Anniversary	243		243
Baptism	993		993
Christmas	2,251		2,251
Community Outreach	677		677
Easter	173		173
Fathers/Mothers Day	39		39
One Off Events	139		139
Warm Hub	-	-	-
	4,515	-	4,515
Blessing			
External	-		-
Internal	157		157
	157	-	157
Training			
Guest Speakers	1,080	-	1,080
Staff and Volunteers	653	-	653
	1,733	-	1,733
Hospitality			
External	171		171
Internal	546		546
New Peoples Lunch	147		147
	864	-	864

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Analysis of expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

	2024		2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Venue			
Rent	17,231		17,231
Alarm	-		-
Repair & Maintenance	10,886		10,886
Furniture and Equipment	362		362
Venue Presentation	1,290		1,290
Audio Visual (AV)	3,614		3,614
Waste Management & Cleaning	1,561		1,561
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	34,944	-	34,944
Office & Professional Costs			
Advertising	216		216
Printing	992		992
Refreshments	526		526
Computer Hardware & Software	4234		4,234
Stationery	439		439
Professional Fees	650		650
Banking/Credit Card Charges	-		-
Card Machine	66		66
CCPAS	252		252
Copyright Licences	132		132
First Aid	-		-
Garage Rent	-		-
Insurance	450		450
	7,957	-	7,957
Total Payments	93,101	-	93,101