



## **Wheatley Community Church**

Registered Charity 1163593

### **Trustees' Annual Report 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

#### **Charity's principal address:**

**128 Church Road**

**Wheatley**

**Oxford**

**OX33 1LU**

#### **Governance:**

The Charity is governed by a constitution and founded as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). New trustees are appointed by the trustee body.

We are presently an independent church with a leadership group drawn from people who have been active in the village and involved in ministry in other churches. Our position as an independent church is subject to annual review by the church membership.

Questions of affiliation have commenced and will be taken by church members in due course, informed by God. We are members of Wheatley Area Churches and the Evangelical Alliance.

We have the following policies in place:

- Health & Safety
- Safeguarding
- Finance
- Risk register
- Terms & Conditions (staff)
- Church handbook

We have the following guidance in place:

- Conflict of interest
- Training record

*\*A Data Protection/GDPR policy was written in 2023 and will be in next year's annual report.*

#### **Charitable Objective:**

To advance the Christian religion for the benefit of the public in accordance with the statement of faith found in the schedule to our constitution.

**Vision Statement: \***

We believe we are being called by God to be an accessible, inclusive, welcoming and nurturing church. Shaped by His word, we respond to His lordship, His love and to this call by seeking to be –

- A community that is journeying, evolving and learning together with the Bible central to our teaching and our values. (Romans 12v16)
- A praying church, a place of significant fellowship and trust where individuals are encouraged and supported to grow and develop spiritually in their walk with God. (Acts 2v42)
- An all-age church, welcoming and catering for children, young people and adults alike, sharing our lives informally through the week as well as through our organised meetings. (Romans 12vv9-13)
- A contemporary, lively and enthusiastic church, guided and equipped by the Holy Spirit and passionate about our faith and God's love for all people. (John 3v16)
- A church given to loving service, seeking to bring hope and practical support to those around us. (Galatians 6v10)
- A church committed to sharing our faith and inspiring others to discover the transforming love of Jesus. (Matthew 28vv18-20)
- A church concerned for the world we live in, seeking to bring God's justice, mercy and compassion (Isaiah 1 v 17).

*\* Our vision statement was amended in February 2023 and the revised statement will be in the Annual Report for 2023.*

**Church leadership:**

Wheatley Community Church (WCC) is led by a Core Leadership Team (CLT), each of whom is initially elected by the membership, whose responsibilities include –

- Spiritual and pastoral oversight of the church as a whole
- Teaching programme coordination
- Oversight of corporate worship
- Pastoral care & Small group coordination
- WCC support of Mission work beyond Wheatley, in all its forms
- Strategic and visionary planning

Members of the CLT must agree to the Church's statement of faith (What We Believe) and exhibit the characteristics of leaders outlined in 1 Tim. 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9. They will have relevant experience in church life and organisation and a heart for service to the Wheatley Community, for pastoral care, seeing people compassionately as individuals, and for mission and outreach.

The CLT is led by the WCC Pastor, who will initiate and lead annual reviews with each of the leadership team. The WCC Pastor is accountable in turn to the charity Trustees (see below).

**WCC Charity Trustees:**

Wheatley Community Church is a registered Charity. As such, matters of legal and financial compliance are managed by a board of Trustees. WCC Trustees must agree to the Church's statement of faith (What We

Believe). They should also have skills and experience relevant to the oversight of church, organisation and/or charity governance.

This board is made up as follows –

- Up to two representatives of the WCC CLT.
- The Church Treasurer.
- Other church members with relevant experience or expertise, through nomination by members and with appointment by the Trustee body.
- The Chair of Trustees will not be a member of the CLT and is proposed and elected by the other trustees from within their number.

**Trustees serving during all or part of period:**

- Gordon Ewbank
- Jill Ewbank
- Wendy Hill (treasurer) (w.e.f. 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022)
- Jane Showell-Rogers (Chair until July 2022, then left Trustees)
- Angela Smith (Trustee 2022 and Chair of Trustees w.e.f. July 2022)
- John Wolstenholme (w.e.f. 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022). John Wolstenholme is no longer a Trustee.

**Activities:**

- Holding services of worship, prayer and teaching
- Celebration of religious festivals
- Pastoral support through one to one and small group meetings
- Producing and sourcing materials to enlighten others about the basis of the Christian faith
- Children & Youth Work/Education
- Training programmes – young people & adults
- Community projects/development

**Achievements & performance:**

For information on the Charity's achievements and performance please visit the following site:

<https://www.wheatleycommunitychurch.org>

**Summary of Achievements and Performance:**

- Weekly services
- Fortnightly small Bible study group meetings
- Monthly prayer meetings
- Quarterly discussion forums
- Quarterly members' meetings
- Community meals and social events
- Youth Groups (weekly)
- Women's events

Some of these activities are run in partnership with others of like mind in our community.

### **Morning Services:**

There is some variety in our Sunday meetings, but most of them include the following key elements:

- **Singing** - normally 4 or 5 songs over the course of the service. Words are put up on a screen, and the congregation are welcome to join in, or not to sing as preferred.
- **Prayer** - for local, national and international needs, as well as time to bring our own prayers to God. Most people will sit or stand, but people are welcome to kneel if preferred.
- **A talk** - someone will give a talk for 20-30 minutes on a passage or topic from the Bible.
- **Fellowship** - after the service, there is opportunity for refreshments and fellowship with other members of the church family and guests.
- **Children's Sunday school** – children and youth have their own Sunday School programme run by members of the church community who are DBS checked. Our youth stay in the main service on occasion.

Our style of meeting is quite informal, and kids are encouraged to join in with the singing as they feel comfortable. About 30 minutes into the service, the young people go to separate groups around the school building and have a mix of age-appropriate activities and discussions.

### **Public benefit:**

All Wheatley Community Church activities are designed to be accessible to all who take part. Children and youth activities adhere to Wheatley Community Church's safeguarding policy and are supervised by experienced adults. Children and young people's activities aim to help them to develop spiritually and morally in line with the Christian faith in order that they may better understand the bible and God's love for them. All community events aim to build social capital, to the benefit of all. Our activities are designed to reinforce the meaning that the Christian faith gives to our members' lives and the way in which it contributes to their spiritual well-being. It helps to develop their spirituality (including strengthening their relationship with God) as well as providing a moral or ethical framework to live by. This moral or ethical framework offers benefits to wider society, as well as individual comfort, hope and a sense of purpose.

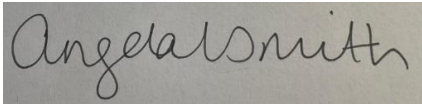
### **Financial review:**

During 2022 the church saw a shift in its giving practises as several founder members – and thus significant donors - move on to other Christian work. We have been blessed with new members although donations have not yet caught up to 2020/2021 levels. However, the Charity moves into 2023 with unrestricted reserves of £73.9K and total reserves of £82.3K. This represents 7 months of expenditure.

Our giving to Mission continues to be an important focus for the church and in 2022 represents a little over 30% of our income. Our healthy reserves position means that during 2022 we have been able to accept a reduction in our income without restricting our outgoings.

**Declaration:**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.



Signed on behalf of the Charity's trustees.  
Angela Louise Smith, Chair of Trustees



**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's  
report on the accounts**

**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
Wheatley Community Church

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31/12/2022

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1163593

**Set out on pages**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022

**Responsibilities and basis of  
report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

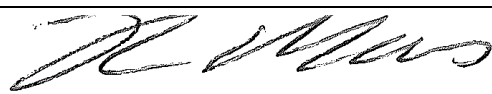
**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:**



**Date:** 09/10/2023

**Name:**

Rebecca Morris

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body (if  
any):**

ACA

**Address:**

89 Stanway Road, Headington, Oxford, OX3 8HY



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Wheatley Community Church

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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01/01/2022

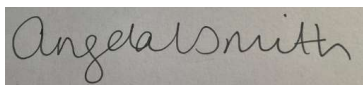

To

31/12/2022

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	70,506		-	70,506	94,692
Gift Aid Received	20,428		-	20,428	16,228
Other	9,172	4,767	-	13,939	3,190
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>100,106</b>	<b>4,767</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>104,873</b>	<b>114,110</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>100,106</b>	<b>4,767</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>104,873</b>	<b>114,110</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Staff Costs	70,477		-	70,477	78,114
Mission Gifts & Mission Donations	22,127		-	22,127	34,400
Church Services/ Meetings	5,806		-	5,806	3,573
Other	10,326	3,757	-	14,083	8,338
Local Outreach	3,781		-	3,781	3,071
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>112,517</b>	<b>3,757</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>116,274</b>	<b>127,496</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>112,517</b>	<b>3,757</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>116,274</b>	<b>127,496</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 12,411</b>	<b>1,010</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 11,401</b>	<b>- 13,386</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>			-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>86,359</b>	<b>7,312</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>93,671</b>	<b>107,057</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>73,948</b>	<b>8,322</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>82,270</b>	<b>93,671</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	CAF Current Account	596	8,322	-
	CAF Gold Account	70,352	-	-
	Stewardship Services Account	3,000	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>73,948</b>	<b>8,322</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
			-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	 	Angela Smith Wendy Taylor Hill	09/10/2023 10/10/2023	