

COTTAGE LANE MISSION

England & Wales · Charity number 1163611

Details

Other names CLM

Status Registered

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Registered 2015-09-17

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CHURCH ARE:1) THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF FAITH APPEARING IN THE SCHEDULE.2) SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS SHALL, IN THE OPINION OF THE CHARITY TRUSTEES, FURTHER THE WORK OF THE CHURCH.

Activities: CLM is an independent church in Ormskirk that offers practical expression of the Christian faith for our members through worship services, educational and recreational activities and opportunities for service. We run programmes that aim to meet needs in the local community, offer a space for local community activities and support international Christian development initiatives in other locations.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Lancashire

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2024-12-31 | £97,988 | £103,133 | - | - |
| 2023-12-31 | £90,263 | £80,087 | - | - |
| 2022-12-31 | £77,330 | £75,727 | - | - |
| 2021-12-31 | £74,794 | £72,559 | - | - |
| 2020-12-31 | £83,416 | £67,228 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|----------------------------|------|------------|
| Jacqueline Currie | | 2022-04-05 |
| Martin Conway | | 2016-04-15 |
| Matthew Bentley | | 2025-11-01 |
| Philip Walker | | 2022-04-05 |
| Rev Paul Stephen Griffiths | | 2021-10-01 |

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CLM Annual Update Meeting

Tuesday
20th May 2025

Senior Leader's Report:

And as quickly as that, here we are looking back on another 12 months at CLM. There is so much activity on a weekly basis at CLM, and for that we give God thanks. But we never forget that we do all of it for His glory and to make Jesus known to more people. Our motto for the year was 'We all have gifts'. God not only gives us all gifts, but also equips us to use them. Our heart was to see everyone using their God-given gifts.

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Sunday teaching series were varied in 2024. Initially we concluded our series on Ephesians before following 'Mission Shaped Living' topics and covering topics like 'Being Sent', 'Compassion', 'Courage' and 'Continuing' among others. We also covered some Bible characters learning important lessons from them for the way we live, behave and think today. Over the summer we covered a few of the parables 'The kingdom of heaven is like...', 'The Lost Sheep/Coins', 'The Rich Man & Lazarus', 'The Good Samaritan' and the 'Wise & Foolish Builders'. In the Autumn we looked at the '7 Letters to the Churches' in Revelation.

We had Andy Barclay-Watt from the Life Centre in Sale and Tristan Sherwin from Metro Christian Centre in Bury speaking on Sundays. Andy leads the Maximise family of Churches and 'Metro' are part of it too. Sue Latham came and led worship for us.

Easter is always special for us as followers of Jesus Christ and a packed weekend of events started with the Maundy Thursday meal when we also had communion together. Eating together features a lot in the Bible and we've tried our hardest at CLM over the decades to keep that tradition going! Fellowship, just being together but not in a 'service', is important for us all (see Acts 2).

For Father's Day we were grateful to a few people for bringing 'vintage' cars for people to view in the Car Park and to give 'Fathers' something to look at and do. Can't remember who won the darts competition but it's the taking part that counts! Mei was baptised and Joanna and Brandon got married (in Sheffield).

We have been part of the 'Maximise' group of churches for a few years now and we attended events over the year mainly at the 'Life Centre' in Manchester. Matt and I participated in the fortnightly Leadership meetings and I continued to serve on the 'Core Team' of Maximise Churches meeting once a month. I have also served as the Chair of 'Churches Together in Ormskirk' for the last 12 months.

Luke was formally invited to become part of the Leadership Team. It's always sad when people who have been a big part of us move out of the area, and Luke and Kylie moved to Northwich towards the end of the year. We pray that they will find a great spiritual home where they're now living. We were also delighted to see new

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people across all age ranges joining us and for getting involved in the life of the church so quickly. Thank you. We continued to enjoy some students attending from Edge Hill University, and then the hard part, saying goodbye to those who have finished their course. To see them playing an active part in the life of the church was wonderful.

While Matt and I are the ones who write reports about Church Leadership, there is a 'Leadership Team' who work tirelessly to ensure everything works as smoothly as possible. A big 'thank you' from me to Jackie, Geoff, Pam and Luke, and of course Matt for all that you do for the Lord. We meet fortnightly and the first item on our agenda is 'The spiritual life of the church', when we talk about what's happening and what God is doing and saying to us here at CLM. We are so encouraged by his faithfulness to us and for answered prayers. Let's not forget to give him thanks for everything.

Paul Griffiths

Associate Leader's Report:

Overview

It is truly amazing to see God continue to bless CLM. I am very proud of the church as we welcome exciting growth, in numbers, in their own faith journey, and grasped new opportunities to serve.

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CLM is a very active and growing church. There are lots of activities and groups and various opportunities to be part of.

Leadership

I have continued to take on further leadership responsibilities for the church over this last year and I am grateful for the ongoing support and blessings. I continue to attend a weekly leadership Bible course all day on Thursdays and to grow in ministry. I have enjoyed exploring God's Word in a deeper context.

Maximise and Further Faster Network

It's been great to establish our relationship further over the last 12 months and be part of the Maximise sessions, days out, Quinta 2024 weekend away, and to meet other churches as we walk together and learn from each other. I continue to preach at churches within Maximise.

In September 2024, I was blessed to travel to Bulgaria with other leaders from Maximise. This was a powerful and humbling experience.

Matt Bentley

Worship Report:

Our Church, Our Body of Christ, Our Weekly Gathering. We love to praise and we love to worship. Thanks to a few faithful musicians and singers, and to the tech team, as we continue to do this in our Sunday Service.

*Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty,
the King of Creation.*

Praise God for all He gives us now, and pray that He will continue to bless us in the future.

Roger Currie

Prayer:

Personal and group prayer underpins all activities at CLM and requests for individual prayers are regularly sent out through the broadcast group.

*Invisible but
Invaluable!
Access to God in
Prayer!*

Friday/Sunday Morning Prayer

A faithful few pray on a Friday Morning and Sunday Morning, before the Service. We welcome God's presence as we ask for God to bless and to intercede for others.

Too busy not to pray, or too busy to pray? **All are welcome.**

Roger Currie

Missions:

Helen informed us about a need to build a house in Bukoyani, Kenya, where CLM has a long term relationship. The generosity of the church was so great that more than enough money came in and it was a real joy to see both its building and completion. We also responded to the earthquake in Turkey and sent out funds via the 'Taits' who are based there and were active in the relief programme. We continued to support Lynn and Neil in Spain and the 'Taits' in Turkey and then Northern Cyprus on a regular basis. We maintained contact with Dereje in Ethiopia and plan to actively support the evangelistic events he has planned. A gift was also sent to Julie Noble, Angel Tree Project, Oruro, Bolivia, to purchase track suits for the children's Christmas Camp.

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Church's Charity, Community Lives Matter:

'Community Lives Matter' was registered as a charity in May 2020 by CLM Church in order to access a broader range of funding and to grow our work in the community.

Areas of current activity remain supporting those with dementia and their families/carers, luncheon club, asylum seekers, and financing one-to-one reading sessions for children who would benefit from it at Asmall Primary School.



We receive lots of small grants from a wide range of sources which helps enormously to do what we do. Jo McGonigal leads it as Manager and in developing it as well. Salaries are harder to secure funding for and for the last three years have been met by 'The Community Fund'. A big challenge in 2024 was that this 3 year funding came to an end. Jo did a wonderful job, and secured more funding than we'd previously received for an additional member of staff, and for four more years, from The Community Fund.

Moving forward we are very clear that the path ahead in regards to funding is to only secure it from Trusts who are sympathetic to our Christian faith. We want Community Lives Matter to be a wonderful example of what it means for Christians to be active in their community as a demonstration of their faith in Jesus Christ.

We look forward to how this takes place over the next four years.

Paul Griffiths

Church Structure

The Trustees have legal oversight of the charity, with the day-to-day running of the church delegated to the 'Leadership Team'.

Numerous people then take responsibility for areas of the church on behalf of the Leadership Team.

Trustees' Report:

Trustees provide governance of the church and are a requirement to ensure we stay true to what we are founded to do. We strive to ensure that the best available resources are available for its mission and practices, resources of property, policies and leadership. Generally this is a monitoring and guiding role but the need for critical decisions also arises from time to time.

Major changes in the team happened during the year; We were sad to accept resignations from Ted and Jenny Whitfield. John Roberts came to the end of his nine year tenure. Matt was invited to attend trustees meetings, pending his election in 2025.

Philip Walker, Chair of Trustees

Cottage Lane Mission 2025 Financial Statements 1

Financial Report 2024

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Overall, in 2024, expenditure exceeded income by £5K compared with a budget overspend of £29K, a very healthy and welcome out-turn. Our funds total £76K, compared with a budget of £52K.

I make no apology for repeating yet again my pleas of previous years for folk to consider legacies to CLM in their wills. If you do decide to leave CLM a legacy, it is important that you let me know. Legacies to CLM are something we should prayerfully consider; they make a real difference as we have seen in the past. Of course, anybody can leave a legacy to CLM but, as far as I am aware, nobody has done so.

| Cottage Lane Mission | Financial Statements 1 | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2024 Income & Expenditure | Full Year | Full Year | Full Year | Actual |
| 20 May 25 | Actual | Budget | Actual | B/(W) than |
| | 2023 | 2024 | 2024 | Budget |
| Admin/ Audit | 1,763 | 700 | 1,005 | -305 |
| Audiovisual | 0 | | 0 | 0 |
| Catering | 227 | | 1,213 | -1,213 |
| Family Care Fund | 0 | | 0 | 0 |
| Insurance | 3,463 | 2,500 | 2,383 | 117 |
| Maintenance | 15,960 | 25,000 | 19,098 | 5,902 |
| Ministry Resources | 1,656 | 2,500 | 2,889 | -389 |
| Photocopier/ Printing | 2,411 | 5,200 | 2,229 | 2,971 |
| Salaries | 21,449 | 48,640 | 48,765 | -125 |
| Training | 593 | 1,000 | 550 | 450 |
| Utilities | 4,644 | 6,000 | 6,320 | -320 |
| Visitors' expenses | 500 | 600 | 200 | 400 |
| Youth Work | 2,482 | | 377 | -377 |
| MCYC Child Sponsorship | 155 | 200 | 0 | 200 |
| Contact with community events | 550 | 500 | 171 | 329 |
| Junior Church | | 400 | -548 | 948 |
| Purchase of Property | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 0 |
| Maximise | 3,000 | 3,000 | 2,820 | 180 |
| Bank Charges | 96 | | 85 | -85 |
| Sundry | 81 | 250 | 1,135 | -885 |
| General Expenditure | 64,030 | 101,490 | 93,694 | 7,796 |
| Missions | 16,057 | 15,000 | 9,439 | 5,561 |
| | 80,087 | 116,490 | 103,133 | 13,357 |
| Income Full Year | | | | |
| General (incl. Leadership) | 57,526 | 59,850 | 66,746 | 6,896 |
| Legacies | | | | 0 |
| Donations | 7,000 | | 6,000 | 6,000 |
| Community Lives Matter | 8,271 | 9,000 | 8,424 | -576 |
| Rent excl Co Lives Matter | 4,093 | 3,000 | 2,362 | -638 |
| Coffee Machine | 367 | | -149 | -149 |
| Gift Aid received | 12,493 | 14,875 | 13,903 | -972 |
| Interest | 513 | 400 | 701 | 301 |
| Grants incl CJRS | | | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 90,263 | 87,125 | 97,988 | 10,863 |
| Excess income over expenditure | 10,176 | | | |
| Excess expenditure over income | | 29,365 | 5,145 | 24,220 |
| Closing Funds £K | 81 | 52 | 76 | 24 |

Cottage Lane Mission 2025 Financial Statements 2

Financial Report Budget 2025

The 2025 budget was prepared last November and was approved by our trustees at the end of that month. Again, we can praise God that, as at May 2025, we are on track to end 2025 in a much healthier position than predicted.

The budget schedule compares our 2025 budget with our actual income & expenditure for 2024.

Total income is budgetted at £95K.

1. General giving is predicted to total £64K.
2. Rental income is budgetted at £2K plus £10K from Community Lives Matter.
3. Gift Aid is expected to generate £14K.
4. £4K grant income is included to support building repairs.

Total Expenditure is budgetted at £120K, £17K in excess of 2024.

5. Maintenance budget at £20K provides for routine maintenance, £5K for replacing windows and front door, £3K for resurfacing the car park, £2K for technical issues and £2K for renewals.
6. In addition, £3K is set aside for much needed improvements to audio/ visual equipment
7. The budget assumes our continued participation in Maximise, and provides for an increase in the rate of member contributions.
8. Missions giving at £10K reflects our continuing commitments.

The total deficit assumed in the 2025 budget of £25K, although significant, is sustainable. Funds are now predicted to fall to £50K by the end of 2025, comfortably above the minimum required to meet our commitments.

GE Maitland, Treasurer

Cottage Lane Mission

Financial Statements 2

2025 Budget

Full Year

Full Year

Actual

20 May 25

Actual

Budget

B/(W) than

2024

2025

Budget

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Admin/ Audit | 1,005 | 1,000 | 5 |
| Audiovisual | | 3,000 | -3,000 |
| Catering | 1,213 | | 1,213 |
| Family Care Fund | | 1,000 | -1,000 |
| Insurance | 2,383 | 2,800 | -417 |
| Maintenance | 19,098 | 20,000 | -902 |
| Ministry Resources | 2,889 | 2,000 | 889 |
| Photocopier/ Printing | 2,229 | 2,200 | 29 |
| Salaries | 48,765 | 58,000 | -9,235 |
| Training | 550 | 1,000 | -450 |
| Utilities | 6,320 | 7,000 | -680 |
| Visitors' expenses | 200 | 500 | -300 |
| Youth Work | 377 | 1,000 | -623 |
| MCYC Child Sponsorship | 0 | 200 | -200 |
| Contact with community events | 171 | 1,000 | -829 |
| Junior Church | -548 | 500 | -1,048 |
| Purchase of Property | 5,000 | 5,000 | 0 |
| Maximise | 2,820 | 3,500 | -680 |
| Bank Charges | 85 | 100 | -15 |
| Sundry | 1,135 | 500 | 635 |
| General Expenditure | 93,694 | 110,300 | -16,606 |
| Missions | 9,439 | 10,000 | -561 |
| | 103,133 | 120,300 | -17,167 |
| Income Full Year | | | |
| General (incl. Leadership) | 66,746 | 64,000 | -2,746 |
| Legacies | | | 0 |
| Donations | 6,000 | | -6,000 |
| Community Lives Matter | 8,424 | 10,000 | 1,576 |
| Rent excl Co Lives Matter | 2,362 | 2,000 | -362 |
| Coffee Machine | -149 | | 149 |
| Gift Aid received | 13,903 | 14,000 | 97 |
| Interest | 701 | 600 | -101 |
| Grants for repairs | 0 | 4,000 | 4,000 |
| Total | 97,988 | 94,600 | -3,388 |
| Excess income over expenditure | | | |
| Excess expenditure over income | 5,145 | 25,700 | -20,555 |
| Closing Funds £K | 76 | 50 | -26 |

The objectives of the church are:

The advancement of the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the statement of faith appearing in the schedule.

Such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, further the work of the church.

Pastoral Report:

It is a privilege to be part of the body of Christ with each one bringing the gifts we have into the fellowship.

Those gifts are many and varied. One being pastoral support. This can take the form of a gentle inquiry after the Sunday service of 'how are you?' to recognise after a conversation that someone might need some extra time of sharing.

Telephone conversations, cups of coffee, home visits all provide that network of support within the fellowship that are so crucial to us functioning as the body of Christ within this current generation as the Lord intended.

Undergirding it all is to bring the reality of the Word of God and the Lord Jesus Christ into our lives demonstrable by practical means, prayerful support and sharing one another's burdens.

How blessed we are to be in such a wonderful church!

Marion Walker

Life Groups:

2024 started with five life groups running weekly, each with ten-fifteen people involved. Three groups met in people's homes, one at CLM, prior to luncheon club, and one for young people. They studied various Bible topics, allowing deeper searching into the passages studied and giving opportunities to ask questions and learn together.

Those attending a group got to know each other better and were able to share joys and tears, praying for one another. The small groups joined together at CLM once a month for our All Together.

Life groups are about real life, living as a Christian beyond Sundays. This is made easier with the love



and support of other believers. I would encourage anyone who is not yet part of a group to consider joining one. You will be very welcome.

Pam Smith

Young People's Activities

Toddler Group

It was 1989 when CLM opened its doors to Toddler group and is still popular with an average of between twelve & sixteen families attending each week. The Christmas events, which run over two weeks are very much appreciated and we made over forty-two parcels for our 'Breakfast with Santa' morning.

We are a team of 6 people, We also appreciate occasional help from others. Sadly though, In December, we had to say goodbye to Mauren, who after many years retired, and Ann, who had been with us for 2 years. A big thank you to both ladies, also to John Roberts, who continues to put the toys out each week.

We pray that God continues to bless this group and ask for you to pray that we continue to bless our community

Dorothy Rawsthorne

CLM Kids

Sunday work

We are grateful for the leadership of the kids work at CLM. CLM kids is during the service on Sundays (excluding toast) when the children have been exploring the Bible using a resource called, **The Greatest Story Ever**. This resource helps children develop their Bible knowledge and understanding, but also allows them to grow and lean closer to God. There is a lot of hard work and discussion behind the scenes that goes in to the children's work.

Lego Club

In May 2024, we launched an after school Kids Lego Group, which is held once a month and involves games, Lego, as well as a Bible story and reflection time.

Kids' Events

CLM launched a **Light Party, Christmas party** and also ran a successful **Easter Egg Hunt**, open for the community. All these kids' events have been free to the community to bless families and with fun activities. These have all

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been enjoyed by the community and we will continue to develop these further for 2025/2026.

Youth

Youth club

It's been great to see the youth work go from strength to strength. We were blessed to see numbers increasing (age 11-16) and to increase sessions from running monthly to twice a month. The youth are building friendships and growing in faith. The Christmas youth party went really well.

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Sunday Youth Work

Youth currently explore the Bible with Youth for Christ's **Rock Solid** resource. This uses games, videos and topic-based discussions to help them understand and explore further. These sessions aim to be fun and enjoyable.

Students/Young Adults

Young Adults

The Young adults (Ages 18-30), meet together as **Encounter**. These are bi-weekly sessions run by Becca Hughes. The sessions are split into Spirituals and Socials. Currently, during the spiritual session, they watched '**The Chosen**' and had an opportunity for discussion. The group continues to enjoy fellowship together and has fun on their socials!

Encounter
Young Adults Christian Group

Student Programme

We enjoyed having students from Edge Hill University with us and we look forward to an increased Student programme in 2025.

Matt Bentley

Social Activities:

Walking Group

In 2024, up until May, we had some good walks. These included going to Croston, Southport, Ladies Walk to Ruff Woods in Ormskirk, New Brighton and Burscough Warf to the Ring of Bells.

They were well attended and enjoyable and always finish with fellowship and a chat over coffee.

Regrettably after, ten years running the CLM Walking Group, it was time to hang up my walking boots, in May 2024.

I would like to thank everybody for their support in making the walks so enjoyable.

Ginny Salkeld



Ladies' Craft Meeting

Throughout 2024 we have produced some good crafting. We always start off the evening with a prayer before we get on with the activity which has been planned. The ladies who come don't all attend church, so it is our aim to share God's love as we get alongside them and help them with the craft.

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Numbers seem to fluctuate from month to month, but on the whole about eight ladies attend regularly, and we can get up to fifteen. Some of the things we have made are, Wind Chimes, Suncatchers and Decorated Tiles with Mosaics, which they all enjoyed making.

We had to have a break as from September but look forward to starting up again in 2025.

Ginny Salkeld, Jane Durban & Ruth Morris

Women Rock:

'He is my rock and my salvation'. Psalm 62 verse 6

Women Rock (WR) is a Christian women's event that takes place at CLM four times a year, usually on the fourth Friday of the agreed month.

It is a combination of a wellbeing theme, worship and teaching session. Usually an outside female speaker brings God's word alive to us relating to the relevant theme.

For example, this year we've looked at perfume, how it's made, and its uses, and were challenged about the fragrance of our lives- are they pleasing to God?

Themes this year

January we looked at hair - a big thank you to Joanne and Deb for bringing our wellbeing talk and giving fabulous spiritual input.

April we looked at perfume - a big thank you to Tina for asking us what we smell like to God

July we looked at wellbeing of the mind - thank you Charlotte for an excellent thought-provoking evening

October we looked at being a women - Sarah and Myra brought great insight to encourage us and the importance of being a women in God's image



God's word is vital to encourage and speak to Christian women in today's society, so we can all say 'He is **my** rock and **my** salvation' in all of life's ups and downs and bits in-between. This is the main purpose of WR.

It is open to all Christian women within the surrounding areas.

We have been running the event for 3 years now and a big thank you to those who stand beside us to make this event happen and the success it has been. We want to serve Jesus in all we do.

Diane Griffiths & Pam Smith

Administration:

There are many different aspects to church administration, all equally important and all come under the umbrella of the Leadership Team.

We persevere to try and communicate church activities through social media sites, noticesheets, flyers, broadcast group, rolling notices on the screens in the Hub & Cafe Leaf and even by taking DVD's out to those who can't attend church.

We are in the process of introducing a new church programme called 'Church Suite' which will help to alleviate time spent on administration and hopefully this will be fully operational in 2025.

Church rotas, of which there are many, are also part of the smooth running of our Sunday Services and we are always looking for people to serve on these. Please speak to me if you want to find out more.

Other areas on administration include DBS checking, data protection control, keeping on top of church policies, annual service checks, food hygiene certificates to name but a few.

We thank the many people who carry out these tasks.

There are other areas which have not been mentioned. This is just a window into the many areas of life a busy church. We thank the many people who carry out these tasks and ask for your prayers as we endeavour to keep Jesus central to all that we do so that it is His name which is glorified.

Jackie Currie

Building & Technical:

This year has seen a concerted effort to spruce up parts of the church and make it feel warmer and more welcoming. The re-designation of the Meeting Room as The Hub with living wall, wall text and media screen has created a more interesting and flexible meeting space. Café Leaf has been renovated with new chairs and a media screen, and the new (heavy – I know, I fixed it on the wall!) mirror has created an illusion of more space. The “welcome” script sign in the foyer, like the media screens, comes on automatically when it monitors someone entering the church and turns off again after the last person has left.

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Our commitment not only to our members but very much to the community has been demonstrated by the defibrillator erected on the outer front wall of the church. Check it out if you haven't done so already; you never know when you may need to offer vital assistance to someone else.

Our Sunday services, streamed to YouTube are increasing in popularity. To my critical technical judgement we could still make improvements but I think it's serving its purpose well enough. Please see this as an outreach ministry and support it by subscribing to our channel and giving our broadcasts a Like.

Finally, I was saddened to lose Luke from my team as he and Kylie moved away for pastures new. Luke's great gift was he always saw technical problems as challenges and remained cool until together we found solutions. He was a real support.

Philip Walker, Property Manager and Technical Team Leader

Health & Safety:

Over this past year we have seen a growth in people coming through the doors into CLM. This has meant that systems we had in place had to be looked at to ensure we were still keeping everyone safe when moving around the site.

When on the church site we all need to be aware of our own safety and also of others, so that if you see something unsafe, please report it to me, a trustee, or someone on the leadership team. Never ignore anything which could be deemed as an unsafe item or an unsafe practice. Always err on the side of caution and report it. We have a lot more cars around particularly on a Sunday morning.

Points to consider:

If parking in CLM car park, please ensure your car is parked between the white lines. Also, is the car parked safely and such that people can get past it in the event of an emergency. We have quite a few older & disabled members who need a space in the church car park. The Farm car park is available for others to use. (please speak with Roger Currie.)

John Roberts, Health & Safety Officer



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| Cottage Lane Mission | Financial Statements 1 | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| 2024 Income & Expenditure | Full Year | Full Year | Full Year | Actual |
| 20 May 25 | Actual | Budget | Actual | B/(W) than |
| | 2023 | 2024 | 2024 | Budget |
| Admin/ Audit | 1,763 | 700 | 1,005 | -305 |
| Audiovisual | 0 | | 0 | 0 |
| Catering | 227 | | 1,213 | -1,213 |
| Family Care Fund | 0 | | 0 | 0 |
| Insurance | 3,463 | 2,500 | 2,383 | 117 |
| Maintenance | 15,960 | 25,000 | 19,098 | 5,902 |
| Ministry Resources | 1,656 | 2,500 | 2,889 | -389 |
| Photocopier/ Printing | 2,411 | 5,200 | 2,229 | 2,971 |
| Salaries | 21,449 | 48,640 | 48,765 | -125 |
| Training | 593 | 1,000 | 550 | 450 |
| Utilities | 4,644 | 6,000 | 6,320 | -320 |
| Visitors' expenses | 500 | 600 | 200 | 400 |
| Youth Work | 2,482 | | 377 | -377 |
| MCYC Child Sponsorship | 155 | 200 | 0 | 200 |
| Contact with community events | 550 | 500 | 171 | 329 |
| Junior Church | | 400 | -548 | 948 |
| Purchase of Property | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 0 |
| Maximise | 3,000 | 3,000 | 2,820 | 180 |
| Bank Charges | 96 | | 85 | -85 |
| Sundry | 81 | 250 | 1,135 | -885 |
| General Expenditure | 64,030 | 101,490 | 93,694 | 7,796 |
| Missions | 16,057 | 15,000 | 9,439 | 5,561 |
| | 80,087 | 116,490 | 103,133 | 13,357 |
| Income Full Year | | | | |
| General (incl. Leadership) | 57,526 | 59,850 | 66,746 | 6,896 |
| Legacies | | | | 0 |
| Donations | 7,000 | | 6,000 | 6,000 |
| Community Lives Matter | 8,271 | 9,000 | 8,424 | -576 |
| Rent excl Co Lives Matter | 4,093 | 3,000 | 2,362 | -638 |
| Coffee Machine | 367 | | -149 | -149 |
| Gift Aid received | 12,493 | 14,875 | 13,903 | -972 |
| Interest | 513 | 400 | 701 | 301 |
| Grants incl CJRS | | | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 90,263 | 87,125 | 97,988 | 10,863 |
| Excess income over expenditure | 10,176 | | | |
| Excess expenditure over income | | 29,365 | 5,145 | 24,220 |
| Closing Funds £K | 81 | 52 | 76 | 24 |

Cottage Lane Mission 2025 Financial Statements 2

Financial Report Budget 2025

The 2025 budget was prepared last November and was approved by our trustees at the end of that month. Again, we can praise God that, as at May 2025, we are on track to end 2025 in a much healthier position than predicted.

The budget schedule compares our 2025 budget with our actual income & expenditure for 2024.

Total income is budgetted at £95K.

1. General giving is predicted to total £64K.
2. Rental income is budgetted at £2K plus £10K from Community Lives Matter.
3. Gift Aid is expected to generate £14K.
4. £4K grant income is included to support building repairs.

Total Expenditure is budgetted at £120K, £17K in excess of 2024.

5. Maintenance budget at £20K provides for routine maintenance, £5K for replacing windows and front door, £3K for resurfacing the car park, £2K for technical issues and £2K for renewals.
6. In addition, £3K is set aside for much needed improvements to audio/ visual equipment
7. The budget assumes our continued participation in Maximise, and provides for an increase in the rate of member contributions.
8. Missions giving at £10K reflects our continuing commitments.

The total deficit assumed in the 2025 budget of £25K, although significant, is sustainable. Funds are now predicted to fall to £50K by the end of 2025, comfortably above the minimum required to meet our commitments.

GE Maitland, Treasurer

Cottage Lane Mission

Financial Statements 2

2025 Budget

Full Year

Full Year

Actual

20 May 25

Actual

Budget

B/(W) than

2024

2025

Budget

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Admin/ Audit | 1,005 | 1,000 | 5 |
| Audiovisual | | 3,000 | -3,000 |
| Catering | 1,213 | | 1,213 |
| Family Care Fund | | 1,000 | -1,000 |
| Insurance | 2,383 | 2,800 | -417 |
| Maintenance | 19,098 | 20,000 | -902 |
| Ministry Resources | 2,889 | 2,000 | 889 |
| Photocopier/ Printing | 2,229 | 2,200 | 29 |
| Salaries | 48,765 | 58,000 | -9,235 |
| Training | 550 | 1,000 | -450 |
| Utilities | 6,320 | 7,000 | -680 |
| Visitors' expenses | 200 | 500 | -300 |
| Youth Work | 377 | 1,000 | -623 |
| MCYC Child Sponsorship | 0 | 200 | -200 |
| Contact with community events | 171 | 1,000 | -829 |
| Junior Church | -548 | 500 | -1,048 |
| Purchase of Property | 5,000 | 5,000 | 0 |
| Maximise | 2,820 | 3,500 | -680 |
| Bank Charges | 85 | 100 | -15 |
| Sundry | 1,135 | 500 | 635 |
| General Expenditure | 93,694 | 110,300 | -16,606 |
| Missions | 9,439 | 10,000 | -561 |
| | 103,133 | 120,300 | -17,167 |
| Income Full Year | | | |
| General (incl. Leadership) | 66,746 | 64,000 | -2,746 |
| Legacies | | | 0 |
| Donations | 6,000 | | -6,000 |
| Community Lives Matter | 8,424 | 10,000 | 1,576 |
| Rent excl Co Lives Matter | 2,362 | 2,000 | -362 |
| Coffee Machine | -149 | | 149 |
| Gift Aid received | 13,903 | 14,000 | 97 |
| Interest | 701 | 600 | -101 |
| Grants for repairs | 0 | 4,000 | 4,000 |
| Total | 97,988 | 94,600 | -3,388 |
| Excess income over expenditure | | | |
| Excess expenditure over income | 5,145 | 25,700 | -20,555 |
| Closing Funds £K | 76 | 50 | -26 |

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Section B Disclosure

(see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners)

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name: COTTAGE LANE MISSION

On accounts for the year ended

31.12.2024

Charity no (if any)

1163611

Set out on pages

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(optional - to include the page numbers of suspect matters)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31.12.2024

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's 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 statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of (insert name of applicable listed body)]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
the accounts did 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

5-6-25

Name:

PETER BRIAN SLATER

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

INSTITUTE OF BANKERS.

COTTAGE LANE MISSION

England & Wales - Charity number 1163611

Accounts

CLM Annual Update Meeting

Wednesday
22nd May 2024

Senior Leader's Report:

I always think we need to give the Lord thanks far more than we do for all that He does for us. And while the 'Annual Update Meeting' is an opportunity to do that we should remember to do it constantly and in all situations.

That was put to the test in January 2023 when Carolyn was promoted to glory to be with her Lord and Saviour. Such a core part of the life of CLM, and one who just got on with it. I said previously about how she was always saying, 'Let's pray about it'. Of course, her family felt her loss most keenly but as a church it impacted us enormously for many months and as a 'Leadership Team' too. Her faith and trust in her Lord in those closing days and weeks were inspiring. She also talked about being sorry to miss on what she had prayed to see at CLM and believed the Lord was now doing at CLM. A woman of faith and prayer who will always be missed but who leaves a wonderful legacy.

There were other farewells over the year, but with people moving out of the area with Mike & Charlotte leaving in March and Alan & Hannah in July. We pray that they will find a great spiritual home where they are both now living. We were also delighted to see new people across all age ranges joining us and the sense of excitement among us that God is doing something special.

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A real challenge faced by all Churches today is how do we teach enough of the Word of God into what is often one slot for many people on a Sunday morning when there is so much for us all to learn. That's where 'Life Groups' are important along with personal Bible reading and study at home. Over the year we covered many topics on a Sunday, including 'The Holy Spirit', 'The Gospel of John', 'Ephesians', and the 'The Fruit of the Spirit. We did the 'A-Z Memory Verses' ...(if you can remember!). Midweek we stopped Life Groups for a season to do both a Discipleship Course and 'The Bible Course' from the Bible Society.

Of course, a big part of the year was our excitement as we started the search for an 'Associate Leader' as we looked to the future. A number of people expressed an interest and a couple of them attended on a Sunday to see what life was like at CLM. It became clear very quickly to the Leadership Team that Matt Bentley was the candidate we would love to work with and after discussions over the next few months with Trustees and the Church it was confirmed that we would offer him the role. We were absolutely delighted when Matt accepted and he, Zoe, Josiah and Leo joined us at CLM in November 2023.

Matt, Zoe and family were thrown in at the deep end as just four days after Matt started with us we went on our Church Weekend away at Quinta. To have so many with us from CLM was wonderful as were the main Bible

teaching sessions taken by Andy Barclay-Watt and Dave Latham, along with Sue Latham leading us in worship. There were great times of fellowship, and new life in Jesus Christ experienced. There was some drama in the form of a 'Murder Mystery' night, and as always when we're together, excellent food. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make it an amazing success.

We have been part of the Maximise group of churches for a few years now and we attended events over the year mainly at the 'Life Centre' in Manchester. I participated in the fortnightly Leadership meeting and continued to serve on the 'Core Team' of Maximise Churches meeting once a month. I have also served as the Chair of 'Churches Together Ormskirk' for the last 12 months. With the Churches in 'CTO' we hosted the 'Family Fun Day' in Coronation Park in June which was blessed with incredible weather and fantastic attendance. A lot of hard work went into making it such a success by so many people but Jackie Currie more than anyone, with help in both raising the funds needed along with overseeing the administration of the event which was attended by thousands of people. There were many highlights but one which we probably didn't anticipate was the number of young people who took a Bible from the Gideon (now 'Good News') stand. On the day 200 Bibles were freely given away across all age groups to people expressing an interest.

Other events included the Safeguarding Training by an external Trainer covering working with both Children and Vulnerable Adults, Matt speaking at the Ormskirk Christmas Lights switch on, Morgan and Dylan getting baptised, Luke & Kylie going on Mission to Tanzania.

We were delighted to welcome more Edge Hill Students while at the same time sad to say goodbye to some whose course had finished. To see them playing an active part in the life of the church was wonderful. They add so much and we are 'richer' for having them with us.

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Luke was invited to meet with the leadership Team for 12 months as part of his growth and development and to see if this is something the Lord may be calling him to. Finally, I want to acknowledge the devotion and support of the Leadership Team. Working alongside you has been both a joy and a privilege. Thank you.

Paul

Associated Leaders Report:

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Associate Leader since commencing at CLM Church in November. As a family, we have received the most beautiful, warm welcome in to the Church family. I really do feel very blessed to be serving at this Church.

We thoroughly enjoyed being away as a family with the Church at Quinta in November. It was a brilliant opportunity to spend quality time away and build on relationships with the congregation. It was great to see the Church enjoy each other's company, as well as witness fantastic fruits and encounters with God.

I have been part of leading and preaching in the Sunday services. I have also thoroughly enjoyed the teaching of others and learning the gifts within the church and how we build on those as a congregation. Looking back, over the Christmas period at CLM, we gathered as a church and the wider Ormskirk community, to celebrate the birth of Jesus. As a church, we have also been able to welcome and see some new faces visit and commit to CLM, which has also been a blessing.

As we promptly approached 2024, I shared with the leaders some ideas to start groups to provide opportunities for the church and community. This has included a Youth group (11–18-year-olds), Lego Group, Young Adult Work and Alpha. I have been fully supported and humbled by so many of the congregation who are always willing to volunteer and excited to see what CLM has in store for 2024.

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Finally, I am very excited to see what God has in store for the future.

Matt

Worship Report:

Our purpose as a worship team is to serve God by offering Him our sung worship as part of our lives and to lead others into God's presence through sung worship.

In 2023 we continued to see some changes in personnel, but it is mostly the same group of musicians and singers. However, we have used a music App (I Sing Worship) for our monthly 'Toast' Services instead of a live band.

Please pray for God's blessing on our team and what we do, also pray for new people to come along to the Worship Ministry.

Thank you to all who serve the Lord and the Church in this way.

'Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.' Psalm 150

Roger Currie

Prayer:

It's invisible but invaluable. It can be done individually or communally. It can be silent or aloud. It can be done directly to God because Jesus opened up the access to the Father for us when He suffered and died on the cross.

Prayer is the key to harnessing God's power in our life. Prayer develops our relationship with God and is for everyone.

Jesus taught us how to pray.
The Lord's Prayer
Matthew 6: 9-13

We are a praying Church, let us continue and get even better at it.

Roger

Mission:

We continued to support the missions that are familiar to us at CLM. After the earthquake in Turkey we took a further offering which was matched by giving in the 'Missions' account to help churches there reach out very practically to their communities. We were able to encourage Luke & Kylie in their missions trip to Tanzania and hear what they got up to on their return.

We want to encourage people at CLM to go on short-term mission trips to see what the Lord is doing in other countries. It will change your life. A further offering was taken to build a new house in Bukoyani.

'Rejoice always....pray continually...give thanks for everything'

1 Thessalonians 5

Paul

Church's Charity Community Lives Matter:

What a year we had in 2023! With a focused goal... to improve the lives of local people in the community including disabled people, those experiencing loneliness and isolation, those with long-term health conditions and those with dementia. We also wanted to provide much needed support for asylum seekers and refugees.

We have sought new ways to improve lives, and have pushed the boundaries of our capabilities to provide new experiences for as many people as possible.

Paul

Church Structure

The Trustees have legal oversight of the charity, with the day-to-day running of the church delegated to the 'Leadership Team'.

Numerous people then take responsibility for areas of the church on behalf of the Leadership Team.

Trustees' Report:

Obviously the most important event in the life of CLM over the last year has been the induction of Matt as Associate Leader. Obviously, too, this decision has been the subject most discussed by trustees. Paul has been active at each stage of the recruitment of the right candidate and this has added considerably to his own leadership workload. As trustees we would like to take this opportunity to record our appreciation for Paul's commitment to ensuring that CLM's future leadership is in Godly hands. Accordingly, as trustees, we welcome Matt and Zoe and assure them of our full support for an effective, safe and enjoyable ministry.

Can a church ever have enough storage?! With what appears to be a growing membership and, certainly, more diverse range of activities, there is a constant demand for more space. Actually we do have an area of the building designated as a storeroom though much of it has been reclaimed for church activities rather than storage. The trustees have been trying to think their way through a sensible facilities management policy, one that will provide the best space for activities and space for optimal storage. Please talk to any of us if you have some strong views on this subject.

Philip, Chair of Trustees

Finance:

Cottage Lane Mission 2024 Financial Statements 1

Financial Report 2023

The Income & Expenditure Account shows a breakdown of our sources of unrestricted income and the analysis of our areas of expenditure, both compared with the budget for 2023. The actual figures for 2022 are also presented.

Income for the year at £90K was £17.5K better than budget. Regular giving to CLM was £57.5K, a very slight increase over 2022 and £5.5K better than budget. In addition, one off donations, totalling £7K, to our leadership fund were gratefully received. Rent was £2K better than budget and 2022, as was gift aid.

Total expenditure in 2023 was £80K, £11.4K less than budget, the main reasons being:

1. The recruitment of an associate leader in November, seven months later than the budget assumption, saving £14K in salaries.
2. The budget provided £5K for a youth worker and associated expenditure. Actual cost was £2.5K.
3. The budget provided £2K for community initiatives including the biennial Park praise. Only £550 was spent.
4. The budget included £1.5K for national advertising for an associate leader which was not required.

Offsetting the above, maintenance costs totalled £16K, £6K in excess of budget.

Overall, in 2023, income exceeded expenditure by £10K compared with a budget overspend of £19K. Our funds total £82K, compared with a budget of £53K.

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| Cottage Lane Mission | Financial Statements 1 | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 2023 Income & Expenditure | Full Year | Full Year | Full Year | Actual |
| 14 May 23 | Actual | Budget | Actual | B/(W) than |
| | 2022 | 2023 | 2023 | Budget |
| Admin/ Audit | 1,755 | 500 | 1,667 | -1,167 |
| Audiovisual | 4,667 | | | 0 |
| Catering | -214 | | 227 | -227 |
| Family Care Fund | | 500 | | 500 |
| Insurance | 2,105 | 2,800 | 3,464 | -664 |
| Maintenance | 18,790 | 10,000 | 15,960 | -5,960 |
| Ministry Resources | 902 | 500 | 1,656 | -1,156 |
| Photocopier/ Printing | 1,485 | 2,000 | 2,411 | -411 |
| Stationery | 583 | 200 | 95 | 105 |
| Salaries | 15,001 | 36,000 | 21,449 | 14,551 |
| Training | | 500 | 593 | -93 |
| Utilities | 3,920 | 5,000 | 4,644 | 356 |
| Visitors' expenses | 380 | 600 | 500 | 100 |
| Youth Work | 1,741 | 5,000 | 2,482 | 2,518 |
| MCYC Child Sponsorship | 330 | 200 | 155 | 45 |
| Contact with community events | 2,047 | 2,000 | 550 | 1,450 |
| Weekend | | 500 | -441 | 941 |
| Junior Church | | 400 | | 400 |
| Purchase of Property | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 0 |
| Maximise | 2,600 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 0 |
| Bank Charges | 103 | | 96 | -96 |
| Sundry | -389 | 1,750 | 522 | 1,228 |
| General Expenditure | 60,806 | 76,450 | 64,030 | 12,420 |
| | | | | |
| Missions | 14,843 | 15,000 | 16,057 | -1,057 |
| | 75,649 | 91,450 | 80,087 | 11,363 |
| Income Full Year | | | | |
| General (incl. Leadership) | 56,463 | 52,000 | 57,526 | 5,526 |
| Legacies | | | | 0 |
| Donations | | | 7,000 | 7,000 |
| Community Lives Matter | 6,597 | 7,000 | 8,271 | 1,271 |
| Rent excl Co Lives Matter | 3,896 | 3,000 | 4,093 | 1,093 |
| Coffee Machine | -159 | 200 | 367 | 167 |
| Gift Aid received | 10,482 | 10,500 | 12,493 | 1,993 |
| Interest | 51 | 15 | 513 | 498 |
| Total | 77,330 | 72,715 | 90,263 | 17,548 |
| Excess income over expenditure | 1,681 | | 10,176 | 28,911 |
| Excess expenditure over income | | 18,735 | | |
| Closing Funds £K | 72 | 53 | 82 | 29 |

Cottage Lane Mission 2023 Financial Statements 2

Financial Report Budget 2024

The budget schedule compares our 2024 budget with our actual income & expenditure for 2023.

Total income is budgetted at £87K.

1. General giving is predicted to total £60K.
2. Rental income is budgetted at £3K plus £9K from Community Lives Matter.
3. Gift Aid is expected to generate £15K.

These are stretching but achievable targets.

Total Expenditure is budgetted at £116K(!!!), £36K in excess of 2023.

4. Maintenance budget at £25K provides for routine maintenance, £6K for replacing windows and front door, £2K for technical issues and £2K for renewals.
5. Salaries provide for our leader and associate leader for the whole of 2024.
6. Photocopying costs exceed £5K, the full year effect of the new lease contract entered into in 2023. We have introduced controls over colour printing/ copying since colour costs 10 times as much as black/ white.
7. Our gas and electricity fixed price contracts expired on 31 March 2024, hence the significant increase in utilities costs.
8. The budget assumes our continued participation in Maximise.
9. Missions giving at £15K reflects our continuing commitments.

The total deficit assumed in the 2024 budget of £30K, although significant, is sustainable in the context of our surpluses of £16.2K in 2020, £2.2K in 2021, £1.6K in 2022 and £10.2K in 2023. Funds are predicted to fall to £53K by the end of 2024 and to £34K at the end of 2025, by which time we anticipate that Matt will have succeeded Paul. Thereafter, we aim to ensure that income covers expenditure. Rest assured that both income and expenditure will be closely monitored in order to ensure that our planned expenditure remains affordable and that our funds continue to sustain our viability.

GE Maitland, Treasurer.

| Cottage Lane Mission | Financial Statements 2 | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 2023 Income & Expenditure | Full Year | Full Year | Budget |
| 14 May 23 | Actual | Budget | B/(W) than |
| | 2023 | 2024 | Actual 2023 |
| Admin/ Audit | 1,667 | 500 | 1,167 |
| Catering | 227 | | 227 |
| Family Care Fund | 0 | | 0 |
| Insurance | 3,464 | 2,500 | 964 |
| Maintenance | 15,960 | 25,000 | -9,040 |
| Ministry Resources | 1,656 | 2,500 | -844 |
| Photocopier/ Printing | 2,411 | 5,200 | -2,789 |
| Stationery | 95 | 200 | -105 |
| Salaries | 21,449 | 48,640 | -27,191 |
| Training | 593 | 1,000 | -407 |
| Utilities | 4,644 | 6,000 | -1,356 |
| Visitors' expenses | 500 | 600 | -100 |
| Youth Work | 2,482 | | 2,482 |
| MCYC Child Sponsorship | 155 | 200 | -45 |
| Contact with community events | 550 | 500 | 50 |
| Weekend | -441 | | -441 |
| Junior Church | 0 | 400 | -400 |
| Purchase of Property | 5,000 | 5,000 | 0 |
| Maximise | 3,000 | 3,000 | 0 |
| Bank Charges | 96 | 100 | -4 |
| Sundry | 522 | 150 | 372 |
| General Expenditure | 64,030 | 101,490 | -37,460 |
| | | | |
| Missions | 16,057 | 15,000 | 1,057 |
| | 80,087 | 116,490 | -36,403 |
| | | | |
| Income Full Year | | | |
| General (incl. Leadership) | 57,526 | 59,850 | 2,324 |
| Donations | 7,000 | | -7,000 |
| Community Lives Matter | 8,271 | 9,000 | 729 |
| Rent excl Co Lives Matter | 4,093 | 3,000 | -1,093 |
| Coffee Machine | 367 | | -367 |
| Gift Aid received | 12,493 | 14,875 | 2,382 |
| Interest | 513 | 400 | -113 |
| Total | 90,263 | 87,125 | -3,138 |
| | | | |
| Excess income over expenditure | 10,176 | | |
| Excess expenditure over income | | 29,365 | -39,541 |
| Closing Funds £K | 82 | 53 | -29 |

The objectives of the church are:

The advancement of the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the statement of faith appearing in the schedule.

Such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, further the work of the church.

Pastoral:

We all know that the church at CLM is a very caring and supportive one. People care.

“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another”. **John 13:35**

Sometimes they are not sure how best to show it. In certain situations it can be a help to coordinate a response to make sure the best outcome is achieved.

We are family. Members of a family try to support and encourage each other. That way the whole church is built up into a body that is honouring to the Lord.

Marion Walker

Life Groups:

2023 started with two life groups running weekly. Each with 10-15 people involved. Both groups met in people's homes and studied various Bible topics. It allowed for deeper searching into the passages studied and gave opportunities to ask questions and learn together. We got to know each other better and were able to share joys and tears, praying for one another.

In June, these groups continued running alongside the Start course. This was a small group who met to look at the basis of the Christian faith and consider where we stood with God.

Life groups are about real life, living as a Christian beyond Sundays.

Following on from this, small groups were stopped in September as we met together at CLM to follow the Discipleship Course as a church. It was very clear and helped all those who attended to gain a better understanding of the Bible, its purpose and relevance for our lives.

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. **Hebrews 10: 24-25**

Due to increased demand, three life groups were formed towards the end of the year. These met in homes weekly, joining together at CLM once a month for our All Together.

Life groups are about real life, living as a Christian beyond Sundays. This is made easier with the love and support of other believers. I would encourage anyone who is not yet part of a group to consider joining one. You will be very welcome.

Pam Smith

Young People's Activities

Toddler Group:

Looking back over 2023 the group remains strong in both Leadership and families which attend each week.

We are now in our 34th year at CLM. It is with some sadness that Maureen is stepping down from this work . She must have been involved for around 25-27 years with her commitment having been outstanding. She has been an encouragement to many, always enthusiastic doing the singing each week .So we are saying goodbye, we have many happy memories after such a long time of service.

“You who are young, be happy while you are young, and let your heart give you joy in the days of your youth. Follow the ways of your heart and whatever your eyes see, but know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment.” **Ecclesiastes 11:9**

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In November we organised a weekend away at Quinta Christian Conference Centre, Shropshire. Over 65 people attended and everyone enjoyed it enormously, so much so that booking has been made for October 2025.

Jackie Currie

Building & Technical:

Life is never boring when it comes to maintaining and improving our church building! True, it's hard to get enthusiastic about repairing a broken toilet roll holder but it is satisfying, nevertheless, to see a new one fixed firmly in place! With a similar emphasis, this time with our very young visitors particularly in mind, we decided to lower the skirtings in the annexe to eliminate a rather unhygienic gap which had appeared along the floor line.

We have made significant further improvements in church security, harnessing the power of the computer to control and log access to the building. This and other features are now supported by an enhanced communications centre installed behind the scenes.

My thanks to all those in my team who have helped in the on-going work of repairing and improving what we have as well as in the exciting challenges of designing and installing new things.

Continuing with the subject of communication, social media may well represent the greatest opportunity to our effective outreach. Streaming our services to achieve maximum impact is a tough challenge on both technology and human skill. My thanks to my team who make this possible every week. Please consider offering to join our team. You don't need to be a techie! In the meantime every member can do their part to broadcast the gospel. How? Subscribe to our YouTube channel and always give our videos a "Like".

Phillip, Property Manager

Health & Safety:

This last 12 months have seen quite a few changes within CLM's premises. Some of them are not seen by most of us. For example there have been upgrades to electrical wiring, the entrance lobby has been revamped to open up the space giving more room to come & go. Some of the concrete paths outside have been power washed to clean them up as they had become slippery under foot.

But we need to all be aware that what we do as individuals and as groups can impact on the safety of others. How and what can each of us do to do our bit to keep us all safe?

For example: Parking:- Am I parked between the white lines. Am I parked such that people can get past my car in the event of an emergency. If I am the last out of a room has it been left tidy & safe for the next group?

During this next twelve months I will be checking with all groups and issuing safety guide lines.

John Roberts

CLM Church
Motto for 2024

'We all have gifts' 1 Peter 4:10

CLM Annual Update Meeting

Wednesday
22nd May 2024

Senior Leader's Report:

I always think we need to give the Lord thanks far more than we do for all that He does for us. And while the 'Annual Update Meeting' is an opportunity to do that we should remember to do it constantly and in all situations.

That was put to the test in January 2023 when Carolyn was promoted to glory to be with her Lord and Saviour. Such a core part of the life of CLM, and one who just got on with it. I said previously about how she was always saying, 'Let's pray about it'. Of course, her family felt her loss most keenly but as a church it impacted us enormously for many months and as a 'Leadership Team' too. Her faith and trust in her Lord in those closing days and weeks were inspiring. She also talked about being sorry to miss on what she had prayed to see at CLM and believed the Lord was now doing at CLM. A woman of faith and prayer who will always be missed but who leaves a wonderful legacy.

There were other farewells over the year, but with people moving out of the area with Mike & Charlotte leaving in March and Alan & Hannah in July. We pray that they will find a great spiritual home where they are both now living. We were also delighted to see new people across all age ranges joining us and the sense of excitement among us that God is doing something special.

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Of course, a big part of the year was our excitement as we started the search for an 'Associate Leader' as we looked to the future. A number of people expressed an interest and a couple of them attended on a Sunday to see what life was like at CLM. It became clear very quickly to the Leadership Team that Matt Bentley was the candidate we would love to work with and after discussions over the next few months with Trustees and the Church it was confirmed that we would offer him the role. We were absolutely delighted when Matt accepted and he, Zoe, Josiah and Leo joined us at CLM in November 2023.

Matt, Zoe and family were thrown in at the deep end as just four days after Matt started with us we went on our Church Weekend away at Quinta. To have so many with us from CLM was wonderful as were the main Bible

teaching sessions taken by Andy Barclay-Watt and Dave Latham, along with Sue Latham leading us in worship. There were great times of fellowship, and new life in Jesus Christ experienced. There was some drama in the form of a 'Murder Mystery' night, and as always when we're together, excellent food. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make it an amazing success.

We have been part of the Maximise group of churches for a few years now and we attended events over the year mainly at the 'Life Centre' in Manchester. I participated in the fortnightly Leadership meeting and continued to serve on the 'Core Team' of Maximise Churches meeting once a month. I have also served as the Chair of 'Churches Together Ormskirk' for the last 12 months. With the Churches in 'CTO' we hosted the 'Family Fun Day' in Coronation Park in June which was blessed with incredible weather and fantastic attendance. A lot of hard work went into making it such a success by so many people but Jackie Currie more than anyone, with help in both raising the funds needed along with overseeing the administration of the event which was attended by thousands of people. There were many highlights but one which we probably didn't anticipate was the number of young people who took a Bible from the Gideon (now 'Good News') stand. On the day 200 Bibles were freely given away across all age groups to people expressing an interest.

Other events included the Safeguarding Training by an external Trainer covering working with both Children and Vulnerable Adults, Matt speaking at the Ormskirk Christmas Lights switch on, Morgan and Dylan getting baptised, Luke & Kylie going on Mission to Tanzania.

We were delighted to welcome more Edge Hill Students while at the same time sad to say goodbye to some whose course had finished. To see them playing an active part in the life of the church was wonderful. They add so much and we are 'richer' for having them with us.

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Luke was invited to meet with the leadership Team for 12 months as part of his growth and development and to see if this is something the Lord may be calling him to. Finally, I want to acknowledge the devotion and support of the Leadership Team. Working alongside you has been both a joy and a privilege. Thank you.

Paul

Associated Leaders Report:

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Associate Leader since commencing at CLM Church in November. As a family, we have received the most beautiful, warm welcome in to the Church family. I really do feel very blessed to be serving at this Church.

We thoroughly enjoyed being away as a family with the Church at Quinta in November. It was a brilliant opportunity to spend quality time away and build on relationships with the congregation. It was great to see the Church enjoy each other's company, as well as witness fantastic fruits and encounters with God.

I have been part of leading and preaching in the Sunday services. I have also thoroughly enjoyed the teaching of others and learning the gifts within the church and how we build on those as a congregation. Looking back, over the Christmas period at CLM, we gathered as a church and the wider Ormskirk community, to celebrate the birth of Jesus. As a church, we have also been able to welcome and see some new faces visit and commit to CLM, which has also been a blessing.

As we promptly approached 2024, I shared with the leaders some ideas to start groups to provide opportunities for the church and community. This has included a Youth group (11–18-year-olds), Lego Group, Young Adult Work and Alpha. I have been fully supported and humbled by so many of the congregation who are always willing to volunteer and excited to see what CLM has in store for 2024.

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Worship Report:

Our purpose as a worship team is to serve God by offering Him our sung worship as part of our lives and to lead others into God's presence through sung worship.

In 2023 we continued to see some changes in personnel, but it is mostly the same group of musicians and singers. However, we have used a music App (I Sing Worship) for our monthly 'Toast' Services instead of a live band.

Please pray for God's blessing on our team and what we do, also pray for new people to come along to the Worship Ministry.

Thank you to all who serve the Lord and the Church in this way.

'Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.' Psalm 150

Roger Currie

Prayer:

It's invisible but invaluable. It can be done individually or communally. It can be silent or aloud. It can be done directly to God because Jesus opened up the access to the Father for us when He suffered and died on the cross.

Prayer is the key to harnessing God's power in our life. Prayer develops our relationship with God and is for everyone.

Jesus taught us how to pray.
The Lord's Prayer
Matthew 6: 9-13

We are a praying Church, let us continue and get even better at it.

Roger

Mission:

We continued to support the missions that are familiar to us at CLM. After the earthquake in Turkey we took a further offering which was matched by giving in the 'Missions' account to help churches there reach out very practically to their communities. We were able to encourage Luke & Kylie in their missions trip to Tanzania and hear what they got up to on their return.

We want to encourage people at CLM to go on short-term mission trips to see what the Lord is doing in other countries. It will change your life. A further offering was taken to build a new house in Bukoyani.

'Rejoice always....pray continually...give thanks for everything'

1 Thessalonians 5

Paul

Church's Charity Community Lives Matter:

What a year we had in 2023! With a focused goal... to improve the lives of local people in the community including disabled people, those experiencing loneliness and isolation, those with long-term health conditions and those with dementia. We also wanted to provide much needed support for asylum seekers and refugees.

We have sought new ways to improve lives, and have pushed the boundaries of our capabilities to provide new experiences for as many people as possible.

Paul

Church Structure

The Trustees have legal oversight of the charity, with the day-to-day running of the church delegated to the 'Leadership Team'.

Numerous people then take responsibility for areas of the church on behalf of the Leadership Team.

Trustees' Report:

Obviously the most important event in the life of CLM over the last year has been the induction of Matt as Associate Leader. Obviously, too, this decision has been the subject most discussed by trustees. Paul has been active at each stage of the recruitment of the right candidate and this has added considerably to his own leadership workload. As trustees we would like to take this opportunity to record our appreciation for Paul's commitment to ensuring that CLM's future leadership is in Godly hands. Accordingly, as trustees, we welcome Matt and Zoe and assure them of our full support for an effective, safe and enjoyable ministry.

Can a church ever have enough storage?! With what appears to be a growing membership and, certainly, more diverse range of activities, there is a constant demand for more space. Actually we do have an area of the building designated as a storeroom though much of it has been reclaimed for church activities rather than storage. The trustees have been trying to think their way through a sensible facilities management policy, one that will provide the best space for activities and space for optimal storage. Please talk to any of us if you have some strong views on this subject.

Philip, Chair of Trustees

Finance:

Cottage Lane Mission 2024 Financial Statements 1

Financial Report 2023

The Income & Expenditure Account shows a breakdown of our sources of unrestricted income and the analysis of our areas of expenditure, both compared with the budget for 2023. The actual figures for 2022 are also presented.

Income for the year at £90K was £17.5K better than budget. Regular giving to CLM was £57.5K, a very slight increase over 2022 and £5.5K better than budget. In addition, one off donations, totalling £7K, to our leadership fund were gratefully received. Rent was £2K better than budget and 2022, as was gift aid.

Total expenditure in 2023 was £80K, £11.4K less than budget, the main reasons being:

1. The recruitment of an associate leader in November, seven months later than the budget assumption, saving £14K in salaries.
2. The budget provided £5K for a youth worker and associated expenditure. Actual cost was £2.5K.
3. The budget provided £2K for community initiatives including the biennial Park praise. Only £550 was spent.
4. The budget included £1.5K for national advertising for an associate leader which was not required.

Offsetting the above, maintenance costs totalled £16K, £6K in excess of budget.

Overall, in 2023, income exceeded expenditure by £10K compared with a budget overspend of £19K. Our funds total £82K, compared with a budget of £53K.

I make no apology for repeating my pleas of previous years for folk to consider legacies to CLM in their wills. If you do decide to leave CLM a legacy, it is important that you let me know. Legacies to CLM are something we should prayerfully consider; they make a real difference as we have seen in the past. Of course, anybody can leave a legacy to CLM but, as far as I am aware, nobody has done so.

| Cottage Lane Mission | Financial Statements 1 | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 2023 Income & Expenditure | Full Year | Full Year | Full Year | Actual |
| 14 May 23 | Actual | Budget | Actual | B/(W) than |
| | 2022 | 2023 | 2023 | Budget |
| Admin/ Audit | 1,755 | 500 | 1,667 | -1,167 |
| Audiovisual | 4,667 | | | 0 |
| Catering | -214 | | 227 | -227 |
| Family Care Fund | | 500 | | 500 |
| Insurance | 2,105 | 2,800 | 3,464 | -664 |
| Maintenance | 18,790 | 10,000 | 15,960 | -5,960 |
| Ministry Resources | 902 | 500 | 1,656 | -1,156 |
| Photocopier/ Printing | 1,485 | 2,000 | 2,411 | -411 |
| Stationery | 583 | 200 | 95 | 105 |
| Salaries | 15,001 | 36,000 | 21,449 | 14,551 |
| Training | | 500 | 593 | -93 |
| Utilities | 3,920 | 5,000 | 4,644 | 356 |
| Visitors' expenses | 380 | 600 | 500 | 100 |
| Youth Work | 1,741 | 5,000 | 2,482 | 2,518 |
| MCYC Child Sponsorship | 330 | 200 | 155 | 45 |
| Contact with community events | 2,047 | 2,000 | 550 | 1,450 |
| Weekend | | 500 | -441 | 941 |
| Junior Church | | 400 | | 400 |
| Purchase of Property | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 0 |
| Maximise | 2,600 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 0 |
| Bank Charges | 103 | | 96 | -96 |
| Sundry | -389 | 1,750 | 522 | 1,228 |
| General Expenditure | 60,806 | 76,450 | 64,030 | 12,420 |
| | | | | |
| Missions | 14,843 | 15,000 | 16,057 | -1,057 |
| | 75,649 | 91,450 | 80,087 | 11,363 |
| Income Full Year | | | | |
| General (incl. Leadership) | 56,463 | 52,000 | 57,526 | 5,526 |
| Legacies | | | | 0 |
| Donations | | | 7,000 | 7,000 |
| Community Lives Matter | 6,597 | 7,000 | 8,271 | 1,271 |
| Rent excl Co Lives Matter | 3,896 | 3,000 | 4,093 | 1,093 |
| Coffee Machine | -159 | 200 | 367 | 167 |
| Gift Aid received | 10,482 | 10,500 | 12,493 | 1,993 |
| Interest | 51 | 15 | 513 | 498 |
| Total | 77,330 | 72,715 | 90,263 | 17,548 |
| Excess income over expenditure | 1,681 | | 10,176 | 28,911 |
| Excess expenditure over income | | 18,735 | | |
| Closing Funds £K | 72 | 53 | 82 | 29 |

Cottage Lane Mission 2023 Financial Statements 2

Financial Report Budget 2024

The budget schedule compares our 2024 budget with our actual income & expenditure for 2023.

Total income is budgetted at £87K.

1. General giving is predicted to total £60K.
2. Rental income is budgetted at £3K plus £9K from Community Lives Matter.
3. Gift Aid is expected to generate £15K.

These are stretching but achievable targets.

Total Expenditure is budgetted at £116K(!!!), £36K in excess of 2023.

4. Maintenance budget at £25K provides for routine maintenance, £6K for replacing windows and front door, £2K for technical issues and £2K for renewals.
5. Salaries provide for our leader and associate leader for the whole of 2024.
6. Photocopying costs exceed £5K, the full year effect of the new lease contract entered into in 2023. We have introduced controls over colour printing/ copying since colour costs 10 times as much as black/ white.
7. Our gas and electricity fixed price contracts expired on 31 March 2024, hence the significant increase in utilities costs.
8. The budget assumes our continued participation in Maximise.
9. Missions giving at £15K reflects our continuing commitments.

The total deficit assumed in the 2024 budget of £30K, although significant, is sustainable in the context of our surpluses of £16.2K in 2020, £2.2K in 2021, £1.6K in 2022 and £10.2K in 2023. Funds are predicted to fall to £53K by the end of 2024 and to £34K at the end of 2025, by which time we anticipate that Matt will have succeeded Paul. Thereafter, we aim to ensure that income covers expenditure. Rest assured that both income and expenditure will be closely monitored in order to ensure that our planned expenditure remains affordable and that our funds continue to sustain our viability.

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| Weekend | -441 | | -441 |
| Junior Church | 0 | 400 | -400 |
| Purchase of Property | 5,000 | 5,000 | 0 |
| Maximise | 3,000 | 3,000 | 0 |
| Bank Charges | 96 | 100 | -4 |
| Sundry | 522 | 150 | 372 |
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| | | | |
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| | | | |
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We all know that the church at CLM is a very caring and supportive one. People care.

“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another”. **John 13:35**

Sometimes they are not sure how best to show it. In certain situations it can be a help to coordinate a response to make sure the best outcome is achieved.

We are family. Members of a family try to support and encourage each other. That way the whole church is built up into a body that is honouring to the Lord.

Marion Walker

Life Groups:

2023 started with two life groups running weekly. Each with 10-15 people involved. Both groups met in people's homes and studied various Bible topics. It allowed for deeper searching into the passages studied and gave opportunities to ask questions and learn together. We got to know each other better and were able to share joys and tears, praying for one another.

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And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. **Hebrews 10: 24-25**

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being a member of the Admin Team. Each member of the team is responsible for a specific area, Jackie, general administration; Beryl, catering; Gill, Social; and Ruth, DBS/ Database; but they also help and support in other areas when needed, therefore, working as a team.

The Admin Team is available to work with any other area in CLM to facilitate them in their ministry, though the provision of administration support.

We have arranged social events, many including a meal, a Christmas Lunch at Briars Hall, Solo lunches, Christmas Day meal for the community, Maundy Thursday Meal and as always, all are socials are well received.

In November we organised a weekend away at Quinta Christian Conference Centre, Shropshire. Over 65 people attended and everyone enjoyed it enormously, so much so that booking has been made for October 2025.

Jackie Currie

Building & Technical:

Life is never boring when it comes to maintaining and improving our church building! True, it's hard to get enthusiastic about repairing a broken toilet roll holder but it is satisfying, nevertheless, to see a new one fixed firmly in place! With a similar emphasis, this time with our very young visitors particularly in mind, we decided to lower the skirtings in the annexe to eliminate a rather unhygienic gap which had appeared along the floor line.

We have made significant further improvements in church security, harnessing the power of the computer to control and log access to the building. This and other features are now supported by an enhanced communications centre installed behind the scenes.

My thanks to all those in my team who have helped in the on-going work of repairing and improving what we have as well as in the exciting challenges of designing and installing new things.

Continuing with the subject of communication, social media may well represent the greatest opportunity to our effective outreach. Streaming our services to achieve maximum impact is a tough challenge on both technology and human skill. My thanks to my team who make this possible every week. Please consider offering to join our team. You don't need to be a techie! In the meantime every member can do their part to broadcast the gospel. How? Subscribe to our YouTube channel and always give our videos a "Like".

Phillip, Property Manager

Health & Safety:

This last 12 months have seen quite a few changes within CLM's premises. Some of them are not seen by most of us. For example there have been upgrades to electrical wiring, the entrance lobby has been revamped to open up the space giving more room to come & go. Some of the concrete paths outside have been power washed to clean them up as they had become slippery under foot.

But we need to all be aware that what we do as individuals and as groups can impact on the safety of others. How and what can each of us do to do our bit to keep us all safe?

For example: Parking:- Am I parked between the white lines. Am I parked such that people can get past my car in the event of an emergency. If I am the last out of a room has it been left tidy & safe for the next group?

During this next twelve months I will be checking with all groups and issuing safety guide lines.

John Roberts

CLM Church
Motto for 2024

'We all have gifts' 1 Peter 4:10



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name: COTTAGE LANE MISSION

On accounts for the year ended

31 - 12 - 2023

Charity no (if any)

1163611

Set out on pages

1 & 2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

20-5-24

Name:

PETER BRIAN SLATER

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

INSTITUTE OF BANKERS

Address:

146 COTTAGE LANE

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COTTAGE LANE MISSION

England & Wales - Charity number 1163611

Accounts

CLM Annual Update Meeting

Tuesday 3rd May 2022
@ 7pm

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Neil's Senior Leader's Report: January - September

2021 began with "more of the same" - managing the church through the ongoing and seemingly interminable pandemic. Conflicting feelings marked the first year anniversary of lockdown, ranging from weariness from the restrictions placed upon us, ongoing fear for many, to a desire to throw caution to the wind and just get "back to normal". Outdoor services in the car park gave welcome relief to the restrictions on indoor singing.

To sing or not to sing, masks or no masks, and different convictions in how to handle many things inevitably added some tension to relationships. But overall, the church has weathered this time well, not seeing people dropping out of church completely, but also not gaining members through online attendance - both of which have been the experience of some churches.

As restrictions were lifted, we stopped streaming Sunday services live to encourage people to begin to congregate again, though still made services available online later. Through the summer, our "Come, let us rebuild" series helped process events and refocus for the future. Life groups were encouraged to meet in person and Jon gradually moved from Zoom sessions to face-to-face activities with children and young people. Jon finished his work with CLM in the summer, and we are very grateful to him for his commitment to the children at CLM.

We began a recruitment process for the role of church leader at the beginning of the year. This led to positive contact with one external candidate but circumstances prevented them taking up the role. Paul Griffiths suggested making the post a half-time role that he would be prepared to take on. Paul was appointed to the role of church leader with effect from 1 October. A joint farewell service for Neil and induction service for Paul on 26 September marked the transition.

Paul's Senior Leader's Report: October - December

Well, even just prior to Easter 2021 I would never have anticipated what God had in store for us together from October 2021. I want to thank Neil for his service in the role as Senior Leader and all that he achieved in his time here. I count it as a total privilege to serve the Lord at CLM. Thank you for being willing to walk this path with Diane and me as we see what God has in store for all of us, our community, our nation and the world. Our passion is to see Jesus Christ revealed among us and for the church to become the dynamic group of people Jesus intended it be.

My first few weeks included speaking at Edge Hill University Christian Union and attending the Civic Service to represent CLM. We revamped how the Leadership Team functions, giving areas of responsibility in the life of the church to each person. I met fortnightly (on Zoom) with other church leaders from 'Maximise' to encourage, and support one another.

Thank you to everyone for using their gifts, whatever you do, for the glory of God. Let's continue to do everything to honour Him, to work in total unity, and to see people saved, added to the church, disciplined and maturing in Him.

We are so grateful to people for using their gift to preach on Sunday mornings. We gave people the opportunity to preach their heart over the last few months rather than follow a series. My heart is to make Sunday services a place that people really want to be at because they don't want to miss what God has to say to us. I want people to be excited again about being together as the church of Jesus Christ at CLM. We also introduced 'toast', a service for all ages, on the 4th Sunday of the month while we take a longer look at our children/youth provision.

Carolyn, Geoff & Jackie's Leadership Team Report:

Paul took on CLM Leadership role from Oct 1st 2021. He kept the leadership team of 3 of us, Jackie, Geoff and Carolyn and gave us each responsibilities within the fellowship, meeting with him regularly. We support each other and we value that.

We believe prayer is an essential part of our role as leaders--prayer for issues and each other.

We are here to support Paul, serve the fellowship and we are grateful for all the practical help so many of you provide.

Maximise:

A family of 7 churches located primarily in the North West of England and North Wales on mission together. Each church pursues its own vision while being part of a bigger picture working to support and encourage one another.

Paul Griffiths

Worship Report:

Lockdown started again on 5th January 2021, completely altering what we were able to do in church, so the worship via streaming and youtube took over.

The Live Worship began again in March and gradually progressed to two, three or four people bringing live worship back to the congregation, despite social distancing, masks and screens.

God holds the future but my vision would be to progress in worship in depth and knowledge and love of God, but also in numbers of worship personnel.

Roger Currie

Mission:

Along with most areas of church life we were unable to meet at all in 2021. As a result Missions giving was continued in line with the previous year. We continued to support Lynn Rees, Anna Tait & Lamie in Turkey, Ethiopia, International China Concern, Tearfund, Open Doors, Angel Tree in Bolivia, totalling £17,029. We look forward to meeting again in 2022 to carry on our support of world mission through people we know and have relationship with.

Mission Team

Church Structure

The Trustees have legal oversight of the charity, with the day-to-day running of the church delegated to the 'Leadership Team'. Numerous people then take responsibility for areas of the church on behalf of the Leadership Team.

Trustees Report:

With our role of strategic and legal oversight of the Church the trustees continued to meet during 2021, sometimes over Zoom and sometimes face-to-face. We have ensured that governance issues such as risk, health and safety, finance and safeguarding are discussed along with the purpose of CLM: to bring people into a relationship with Christ, shine His light in the local area and tend to His flock, our congregation. It is a balance we strive to maintain within our meetings.

It is with obvious sadness that we accepted the resignation of Neil Rees as our Principal Church Leader. We want to extend our thanks to him for his leadership over the past nine years – the freshness of approach, the building up of the church, reaching out to our local community, encouraging the development of so many of us, not to mention his teaching and sense of humour.

Simultaneously with this sadness, we were delighted to appoint Paul Griffiths as our new Senior Leader on a part-time basis. We welcome his willingness to serve the church here in Ormskirk, his heart for sharing the good news of Christ in new and different ways, and his dedication to getting to know all in our congregation. We pray blessings on both Neil and Paul as they follow God's prompting in their respective roles.

We have welcomed two new trustees, Ted Whitfield and Adrian Morris, and have benefited greatly from their wisdom, input and challenge to our deliberations. Paul has also joined this 'team', but we hope for our numbers to increase again in 2022.

We have been encouraged to see more people return to services within the Church building and new people join us, the adaptation of activities to cope with changes in guidance, and the introduction of new gatherings and ways to serve God locally.

As trustees responsible for providing an annual report to the Charity Commission, we thank everyone for their contribution to this booklet. We commend it to you as a demonstration of how CLM has continued to function and change during the second year of the coronavirus pandemic, and our vision and plans for the year ahead.

**Jenny Whitfield – 17 September 2015; John Roberts – 17 September 2015;
Linda Heaton 15 April 2016; Martin Conway 15 April 2016 ;
Ted Whitfield 14 July 2021; Adrian Morris 14 July 2021; Paul Griffiths 1
October 2021**

Finance:

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Financial Report 2021

The Funds Statement shows that total funds have increased year on year by £2K, from £69K to £71K.

The Income & Expenditure Account shows a breakdown of our sources of unrestricted income and the analysis of our areas of expenditure, both compared with the budget for 2021. The actual figures for 2020 are also presented.

Income for the year at £75K was £7K better than budget. Rent was £4K better than budget, due to Community Lives Matter's use of Neil's time and of our premises. Claims for support under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme amounted to £3K subsidising the salaries of the family worker and the cleaner who were furloughed/ part-furloughed for 2/3 of the year. General giving at £50.6K was £2.6K better than budget and £4K better than 2020. This is a very welcome reversal of the downward trend over the previous four years. However, Gift Aid was £2K down on budget.

Total expenditure in 2021 was £72K, £18K less than budget. The budget assumed a return to full operation by 1 April. This proved optimistic!

1. On 1 October, Paul, on a ½ time contract, replaced Neil. Salaries and expenses of PCL were £3K less than budget.
2. Jon Anelli's tenure as Family Worker ended on 31 July. Family Worker salary was therefore £4K less than budget.
3. Maintenance costs @ £10K were £5K lower than budget with no major repairs required, apart from £1.6K on a new fridge.
4. Missions giving was recommenced, £17K being donated in total. This was £4K less than budget but £7K higher than in 2020.

Overall, in 2021, income exceeded expenditure by £2K compared with a budget overspend of £23K. Therefore our finances remain healthy for the time being.

I make no apology for repeating my pleas of last year and the year before for folk to consider legacies to CLM in their wills. If you do decide to leave CLM a legacy, it is important that you let me know. Legacies to CLM are something we should prayerfully consider; they make a real difference as we have seen in the past year. Of course, anyone can leave a legacy to CLM.

Cottage Lane Mission June 2022 Financial Statements 2 Financial Report Budget 2022

The budget schedule compares our 2022 budget with our actual income & expenditure for 2021.

Total income is budgetted at £67.5K.

1. General giving at £50K is in line with 2021. Of course, no one off donations or legacies are assumed.
2. Rental income is budgetted at £1.5K plus £5K from Community Lives Matter.
3. Gift Aid is expected to generate £11K.

Total Expenditure is budgetted at £94K.

4. Audio/visual at £5K provides for a revamp of our website and new building signage.
5. Maintenance budget at £13K provides for routine maintenance and £5K for roof repairs.
6. Photocopying covers production of Mission Times every 2 months.
7. The budget provides for guest speakers.
8. The budget assumes the appointment of a youth worker from 1 April and a pastoral assistant from 1 October, an ambitious recruitment programme, now unachievable!
9. £11K is provided to stimulate contact with the community, half of which is our support for Neil in all he does including his Community Lives Matter role.
10. The budget assumes our continued participation in Maximise, although this is under review following Maximise's withdrawal from Salt & Light UK.
11. Sundry includes £1500 for recruitment advertising.
12. Missions giving at £15K returns us to our running target of £25% of general giving plus gift aid. It includes our continuing support of Lynn.

The total deficit assumed in the 2022 budget of £26.5K, although huge, is sustainable in the context of our surplus of £16.2K in 2020 and £2.2K in 2021, although of course both income and expenditure will be closely monitored in order to ensure that our planned expenditure remains affordable. The budget does have implications for the long term. Recruitment of both a family worker and a pastoral assistant this year would impact our finances significantly in 2023, such that other areas of expenditure would have to be curtailed, unless income increased.

GE Maitland, Treasurer.

Financial Summary
2021

| | Actual 2020 | Actual 2021 |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Bank Balances | | |
| Deposit A/C 1 (Kenya Education) | 1,282.88 | 1,283.00 |
| Deposit Account 3 | 33,594.99 | 33,598.35 |
| Total Deposit Accounts | 34,877.87 | 34,881.35 |
| Current Account | 34,416.84 | 36,635.47 |
| Total | 69,294.71 | 71,516.82 |
| Increase in Funds | | 2,222.11 |

| Cottage Lane Mission 2021 Income & Expenditure 24 Mar 22 | Full Year Actual 2020 | Full Year Budget 2021 | Full Year Actual 2021 | Actual B/(W) than Budget |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Admin/ Audit | 520.92 | 1,000.00 | 1,466.15 | -466.15 |
| Audiovisual | 0.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 |
| Catering | 279.46 | -375.00 | 258.94 | -633.94 |
| Family Care Fund | 0.00 | 750.00 | 0.00 | 750.00 |
| Insurance | 1,912.98 | 2,100.00 | 1,963.38 | 136.62 |
| Maintenance | 6,622.20 | 15,000.00 | 9,726.30 | 5,273.70 |
| Ministry Resources | 1,766.23 | 750.00 | 1,016.86 | -266.86 |
| Photocopier/ Printing | 1,465.05 | 2,250.00 | 1,351.85 | 898.15 |
| Stationery | 181.48 | 200.00 | 513.37 | -313.37 |
| Salaries | 23,527.36 | 24,000.00 | 21,028.75 | 2,971.25 |
| Training | 0.00 | 400.00 | 0.00 | 400.00 |
| Utilities | 3,304.97 | 3,800.00 | 2,580.80 | 1,219.20 |
| Visitors' expenses | 150.00 | 150.00 | 0.00 | 150.00 |
| Youth Work | -320.87 | | 75.00 | -75.00 |
| Family Worker | 8,306.48 | 9,000.00 | 4,368.00 | 4,632.00 |
| MCYC Child Sponsorship | 0.00 | 200.00 | 0.00 | 200.00 |
| Messy Church | 76.48 | 450.00 | 174.12 | 275.88 |
| Pastoral Assistant | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Contact with community | 357.11 | 750.00 | 1,657.50 | -907.50 |
| Weekend | 164.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Junior Church | 0.00 | 150.00 | 0.00 | 150.00 |
| Purchase of Property | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Salt & Light | 3,050.00 | 3,000.00 | 4,000.00 | -1,000.00 |
| Toilets Refurb | -27.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Legal & Professional | 630.57 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Sundry | -19.39 | 200.00 | 349.42 | -149.42 |
| General Expenditure | 56,948.03 | 68,875.00 | 55,530.44 | 13,344.56 |
| Missions | 10,280.46 | 21,630 | 17,029 | 4,601.01 |
| | 67,228.49 | 90,505.00 | 72,559.43 | 17,945.57 |
| Income Full Year | | | | |
| General (incl. Leadership) | 46,356.26 | 48,000.00 | 50,658.45 | 2,658.45 |
| Legacies | 5,450.00 | | | 0.00 |
| Donations | 8,000.00 | | | 0.00 |
| Community Lives Matter | 3,315.40 | 5,000.00 | 9,940.00 | 4,940.00 |
| Rent excl Co Lives Matter | 855.00 | 2,250.00 | 1,216.00 | -1,034.00 |
| Advertising | 800.00 | | | 0.00 |
| Coffee Machine | 138.08 | | -94.74 | -94.74 |
| Giff Aid received | 12,839.45 | 12,000.00 | 10,058.27 | -1,941.73 |
| Interest | 35.40 | 70.00 | 4.00 | -66.00 |
| Grants incl CJRS | 5,626.27 | | 3,012.25 | 3,012.25 |
| Total | 83,416 | 67,320 | 74,794 | 7,474.23 |
| Excess income over expenditure | 16,187.37 | | 2,234.80 | 25,419.80 |
| Excess expenditure over income | | 23,185.00 | | |

| Cottage Lane Mission 2021 Income & Expenditure 24 Mar 22 | Full Year Actual 2021 | Full Year Budget 2022 | Budget 2022 better/ worse than Actual 2021 |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Admin/ Audit | 1,466.15 | 500.00 | 966.15 |
| Audiovisual | 0.00 | 5,000.00 | -5,000.00 |
| Catering | 258.94 | | 258.94 |
| Family Care Fund | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | -1,000.00 |
| Insurance | 1,963.38 | 2,200.00 | -236.62 |
| Maintenance | 9,726.30 | 13,000.00 | -3,273.70 |
| Ministry Resources | 1,016.86 | 500.00 | 516.86 |
| Photocopier/ Printing | 1,351.85 | 1,500.00 | -148.15 |
| Stationery | 513.37 | 200.00 | 313.37 |
| Salaries | 21,028.75 | 17,000.00 | 4,028.75 |
| Training | 0.00 | 500.00 | -500.00 |
| Utilities | 2,580.80 | 5,000.00 | -2,419.20 |
| Visitors' expenses | 0.00 | 200.00 | -200.00 |
| Youth Work | 75.00 | 5,000.00 | -4,925.00 |
| Family Worker | 4,368.00 | | 4,368.00 |
| MCYC Child Sponsorship | 0.00 | 200.00 | -200.00 |
| Messy Church | 174.12 | 500.00 | -325.88 |
| Pastoral Assistant | 0.00 | 6,000.00 | -6,000.00 |
| Contact with community | 1,657.50 | 11,000.00 | -9,342.50 |
| Weekend | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Junior Church | 0.00 | 400.00 | -400.00 |
| Purchase of Property | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Salt & Light | 4,000.00 | 2,600.00 | 1,400.00 |
| Toilets Refurb | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Legal & Professional | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Sundry | 349.42 | 1,750.00 | -1,400.58 |
| General Expenditure | 55,530.44 | 79,050.00 | -23,519.56 |
| Missions | 17,029 | 15,000.00 | 2,028.99 |
| | 72,559.43 | 94,050.00 | -21,490.57 |
| Income Full Year | | | |
| General (incl. Leadership) | 50,658.45 | 50,000.00 | -658.45 |
| Legacies | | | 0.00 |
| Donations | | | 0.00 |
| Community Lives Matter | 9,940.00 | 5,000.00 | -4,940.00 |
| Rent excl Co Lives Matter | 1,216.00 | 1,500.00 | 284.00 |
| Advertising | | | 0.00 |
| Coffee Machine | -94.74 | | 94.74 |
| Gift Aid received | 10,058.27 | 11,000.00 | 941.73 |
| Interest | 4.00 | 3.00 | -1.00 |
| Grants incl CJRS | 3,012 | | -3,012.25 |
| Total | 74,794 | 67,503 | -7,291 |
| Excess income over expenditure | 2,234.80 | | |
| Excess expenditure over income | | 26,547.00 | 28,781.80 |

The objectives of the church are:

1. The advancement of the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the statement of faith appearing in the schedule.
2. Such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, further the work of the church.

Prayer:

During lockdown, prayer never stopped. We used WhatsApp, mobiles, land lines etc etc. Later in 2021 we were having prayer as normal in the services.

When Hannah was admitted to hospital as an emergency, she was aware that the prayers of others were answered... immediate and effective treatment. God hears & answers prayers.

Prayer is crucial to all we try and do at CLM. We will be endeavouring to introduce joint prayer times again in 2022

Prayer changes things. If you can talk, you can pray. Everyone of us can be part of growth through prayer in CLM.

Carolyn Hastings

Pastoral:

The buddy scheme developed to support members the previous year continued to operate in 2021.

It became obvious towards the end of the year that we needed to develop the buddy system to accommodate the changing needs of the church.

As we emerge from the pandemic we are now operating a hybrid pastoral model that retains the best of the buddy system supplemented by more personal contacts made possible by Sunday worship and life groups.

Marion Walker

Life Groups:

During Covid we zoomed and studied the Bible together in two groups. Then reshaped as soon as we could meet again, and studied the weekly sermons.

For 2022 we plan to increase the number of Life Groups and the aim is to support each other, pray for each other, as we study and learn from the Word of God.

...it's been a joy to share fellowship, prayer and Bible study... I was particularly blessed and encouraged by the communion service we shared together...

Carolyn Hastings

Social Activities:

CLM Walking Group

The walking group has been able to meet up each month throughout 2021 and we have had some lovely walks.

We have planned some interesting places for our walking group, so do join us as it is a lovely way to have fellowship together.

I personally enjoy seeing the beautiful sights and hearing sounds the great outdoors provides... getting to know some people better as well as spend time with friends.

Ginny Salkeld

Toddler Group:

Toddlers only opened on 5th November 2021 because of Covid. Parents (10 families) said they were very pleased to be back.

The Christmas event with Santa, was well attended with 28 children, all enjoying breakfast together first.

The leaders will promote Toddlers in 2022, but we will all wait and see where God is taking us in the future.

Dorothy Rawthorne

Ladies' Craft Meeting:

2021 began with ongoing social restrictions due to Covid 19, but by September we were able to restart Craft Club, supported by Ginny, Ruth and Jane, with Adrian as resident tea and coffee maker.

...for me living on my own and being a newcomer to the church I have found craft club a welcoming and friendly environment that has helped me socialise and meet new people...

Ladies from the church and local community met on the first Friday of every month in the Annex, appropriately socially distanced and ventilated, and enjoyed creating, stitching and card making. Numbers were low to start with, but by the December meeting we were back to normal, and the ladies were able to make Christmas wreaths and watch a flower arranging demonstration.

In 2022 and beyond we hope to continue to offer the opportunity to gather in a relaxed environment where all will experience the love of Christ.

Ruth Morris

Community:

Churches Charity - Community Lives Matter:

As some of our activities involve "support groups" that were allowed to operate in Covid-secure environments or online contact, these were not affected by Covid restrictions.

Others such as the luncheon club (LC) were able to restart as and when restrictions were reduced and people were willing to re-engage within social contexts.

LC... 3 Afternoon teas delivered

LC... New chef joined the team in September

Having obtained a National Lottery Community Fund grant, we are now looking forward to a new project manager and developer joining the team and being able to consolidate and expand our services to local residents and vulnerable members of our community.

L.C... Resuming our 5 day annual holiday

Neil Rees

West Lancashire Debt Advice Service

Because of Covid we couldn't offer face to face appointments as usual in 2019 so we tried to operate by letter, text and phone. Team meetings were held via zoom.

Our intention is to move towards normal face to face meetings and appointments in 2022.

Roy Wynne

Food Bank:

In January 2021 Ormskirk Foodbank reverted to a delivery service for those unable to afford to buy food. Numbers of clients reverted to pre-Covid levels by the end of 2021.

We look forward to building on the closer working with our friends at Skelmersdale and District Foodbank, and tackling the root causes of local people needing our services as part of the West Lancashire Food Insecurity Forum.

(Matthew 25:35
'For I was hungry
and you fed me,
thirsty and you
gave me drink, I
was a stranger
and you invited
me in...').

Linda Heaton

Administration:

In 2021 Administration took on a different role, there were no admin meetings but the admin team were very busy in contacting people via a broadcasting group, email, text messaging, running zoom meetings and these activities helped members of the congregation not to feel isolated and to be aware of prayer requests, zoom meetings, online church services etc.

Looking ahead to 2022 it is the intention to increase the number of members in the Admin Team, to update the web page and to purchase a new church laptop to enable church administration to be more coordinated.

Jackie Currie

Technical:

With the pandemic still impacting church attendance in 2021, we continued to build on previous sterling achievements to stream our services online, largely for the benefit of home-based members.

The Christian church has always taken advantage of technology to spread its message, so with restrictions and attitudes easing by year end, members returning to church and a new leader in post, we asked ourselves what next for our technical ministry.

The answer: for 2022, to speak more effectively to our communities using their own innovative and hugely influential media platforms, through our all-new website and substantial investment in our YouTube broadcasts.

Philip Walker

Health & Safety:

The year started with instructions to limit the congregation in the church to a minimum by social distancing, with no singing, no close interaction (open windows & doors in January) and a one way system on the church site. Instructions were issued to all groups meeting in the building.

By the end of the year there were some relaxations with the wearing of masks not being compulsory, singing was now allowed if you wore a mask, some leniency on seating distance and some limited interaction between folks.

A very big thank you to all who set out the chairs and got the church ready for the services, also those who regularly cleaned, sanitised and ensured that everything was done to keep us all safe in church.

John Roberts

Finance:

Cottage Lane Mission 2023 Financial Statements 1

Financial Report 2022

The Income & Expenditure Account shows a breakdown of our sources of unrestricted income and the analysis of our areas of expenditure, both compared with the budget for 2022. The actual figures for 2021 are also presented.

Income for the year at £77K was £10K better than budget. Your giving to CLM was £56K, an increase over 2021 and the budget for 2022 of £6K, better than 10%. Rent was £4K better than budget.

Total expenditure in 2022 was £75K, £18K less than budget, the main reason being the postponement of several initiatives which were included in the budget:

1. The recruitment of an associate was deferred and will be a year after the budget assumption at the earliest. This saved £6K in 2022.
2. The appointment of a youth worker occurred in the fourth quarter compared with the budgeted first quarter, saving £3K
3. The budget provided £11K for a reinvigoration of community initiatives. £2K was spent.

Other savings across the expenditure profile offset the higher than budgeted maintenance spend, of which the largest item was the replacement of the gutters, costing £3250.

Overall, in 2022, income exceeded expenditure by £2K compared with a budget overspend of £26K. Our funds total £72K, compared with a budget of £44K.

I make no apology for repeating my pleas of previous years for folk to consider legacies to CLM in their wills. If you do decide to leave CLM a legacy, it is important that you let me know. Legacies to CLM are something we should prayerfully consider; they make a real difference as we have seen in the past. Of course, anyone can leave a legacy to CLM.

Cottage Lane Mission 2023 Financial Statements 2

Financial Report Budget 2023

The budget schedule compares our 2022 budget with our actual income & expenditure for 2021.

Total income is budgetted at £72.7K.

1. General giving is predicted to total £52K.
2. Rental income is budgetted at £3 plus £7K from Community Lives Matter.
3. Gift Aid is expected to generate £10.5K.
4. Total Expenditure is budgetted at £76K, in line with the actual for 2022.
5. Maintenance budget at £10K provides for routine maintenance and £500 for new blinds.
6. Photocopying costs are under pressure. Both lease rentals and print charges are rising. With that in mind, we have leased a new machine, thereby fixing our lease costs for 3 years.
7. The budget provides for guest speakers.
8. The budget assumes the appointment of an associate leader from 1 April.
9. A youth/ children's worker is included for the whole of 2023.
10. The budget assumes our continued participation in Maximise.
11. Sundry includes £1500 for recruitment advertising.
12. Missions giving at £15K on target of £25% of general giving plus gift aid. It includes our continuing support of Lynn.

The total deficit assumed in the 2023 budget of £18.7K, although significant, is sustainable in the context of our surplus of £16.2K in 2020, £2.2K in 2021 and £1.6K in 2022. The budget does have implications for 2024 and 2025. Recruitment of a pastoral assistant this year would impact our finances during the overlap with our leader, such that other areas of expenditure may have to be curtailed, unless income increased. Rest assured that both income and expenditure will be closely monitored in order to ensure that our planned expenditure remains affordable and that our funds continue to sustain our viability.

G E Maitland, Treasurer.

| Cottage Lane Mission 2022 Income & Expenditure 14 May 23 | Financial Statements 1 | | | |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | Full Year Actual 2021 | Full Year Budget 2022 | Full Year Actual 2022 | Actual B/(W) than Budget |
| Admin/ Audit | 1,466 | 500 | 1,755 | -1,255 |
| Audiovisual | 0 | 5,000 | 4,667 | 333 |
| Catering | 259 | | -214 | 214 |
| Family Care Fund | 0 | 1,000 | 0 | 1,000 |
| Insurance | 1,963 | 2,200 | 2,105 | 95 |
| Maintenance | 9,726 | 13,000 | 18,790 | -5,790 |
| Ministry Resources | 1,017 | 500 | 902 | -402 |
| Photocopier/ Printing | 1,352 | 1,500 | 1,485 | 15 |
| Stationery | 513 | 200 | 583 | -383 |
| Salaries | 21,029 | 17,000 | 15,001 | 1,000 |
| Training | 0 | 500 | 0 | 500 |
| Utilities | 2,581 | 5,000 | 3,920 | 1,080 |
| Visitors' expenses | 0 | 200 | 380 | -180 |
| Youth Work | 75 | 5,000 | 1,741 | 3,259 |
| Family Worker | 4,368 | | 0 | 0 |
| MCYC Child Sponsorship | 0 | 200 | 330 | -130 |
| Messy Church | 174 | 500 | 78 | 422 |
| Pastoral Assistant | 0 | 6,000 | 0 | 6,000 |
| Contact with community events | 1,658 | 11,000 | 2,047 | 8,953 |
| Weekend | 0 | | 0 | 0 |
| Junior Church | 0 | 400 | 0 | 400 |
| Purchase of Property | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 0 |
| Maximise | 4,000 | 2,600 | 2,600 | 0 |
| Bank Charges | 0 | | 103 | -103 |
| Sundry | 349 | 1,750 | -389 | 2,139 |
| General Expenditure | 55,530 | 79,050 | 60,885 | 18,165 |
| Missions | 17,029 | 15,000 | 14,843 | 157 |
| Income Full Year | 72,559 | 94,050 | 75,727 | 18,323 |
| General (incl. Leadership) | 50,658 | 50,000 | 56,463 | 6,463 |
| Legacies | | | | 0 |
| Donations | | | | 0 |
| Community Lives Matter | 9,940 | 5,000 | 6,597 | 1,597 |
| Rent excl Co Lives Matter | 1,216 | 1,500 | 3,896 | 2,396 |
| Advertising | | | | 0 |
| Coffee Machine | -95 | | -158 | -158 |
| Gift Aid received | 10,058 | 11,000 | 10,482 | -518 |
| Interest | 4 | 3 | 51 | 48 |
| Grants incl CJRS | 3,012 | | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 74,793 | 67,503 | 77,331 | 9,827 |
| Excess income over expenditure | 2,234 | | 1,603 | 28,150 |
| Excess expenditure over income | | 26,547 | | |
| Closing Funds £K | 71 | 44 | 72 | 28 |

| Cottage Lane Mission 2022 Income & Expenditure 14 May 23 | Financial Statements 2 | | |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | Full Year Actual 2022 | Full Year Budget 2023 | Budget B/(W) than Actual 2022 |
| Admin/ Audit | 1,755 | 500 | 1,255 |
| Audiovisual | 4,667 | | 4,667 |
| Catering | -214 | | -214 |
| Family Care Fund | 0 | 500 | -500 |
| Insurance | 2,105 | 2,800 | -695 |
| Maintenance | 18,790 | 10,000 | 8,790 |
| Ministry Resources | 902 | 500 | 402 |
| Photocopier/ Printing | 1,485 | 2,000 | -515 |
| Stationery | 583 | 200 | 383 |
| Salaries | 15,001 | 18,000 | -2,999 |
| Training | 0 | 500 | -500 |
| Utilities | 3,920 | 5,000 | -1,080 |
| Visitors' expenses | 380 | 600 | -220 |
| Youth Work | 1,741 | 5,000 | -3,259 |
| Family Worker | 0 | | 0 |
| MCYC Child Sponsorship | 330 | 200 | 130 |
| Messy Church | 78 | | 78 |
| Pastoral Assistant | 0 | 18,000 | -18,000 |
| Contact with community events | 2,047 | 2,000 | 47 |
| Weekend | 0 | 500 | -500 |
| Junior Church | 0 | 400 | -400 |
| Purchase of Property | 5,000 | 5,000 | 0 |
| Maximise | 2,600 | 3,000 | -400 |
| Bank Charges | 103 | | 103 |
| Sundry | -389 | 1,750 | -2,139 |
| General Expenditure | 60,885 | 76,450 | -15,565 |
| Missions | 14,843 | 15,000 | -157 |
| Income Full Year | 75,728 | 91,450 | -15,722 |
| General (incl. Leadership) | 56,463 | 52,000 | -4,463 |
| Legacies | | | 0 |
| Donations | | | 0 |
| Community Lives Matter | 6,597 | 7,000 | 403 |
| Rent excl Co Lives Matter | 3,896 | 3,000 | -896 |
| Advertising | | | 0 |
| Coffee Machine | -158 | 200 | 358 |
| Gift Aid received | 10,482 | 10,500 | 18 |
| Interest | 51 | 15 | -36 |
| Grants incl CJRS | | | 0 |
| Total | 77,331 | 72,715 | -4,616 |
| Excess income over expenditure | 1,603 | | |
| Excess expenditure over income | | 18,735 | -20,338 |
| Closing Funds £K | 72 | 53 | -19 |



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

COTTAGE LANE MISSION

On accounts for the year ended

31-12-2022

Charity no (if any)

1163611

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's 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 statement

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below*~~) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

15-7-23

Name:

PETER BRIAN SLATER

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

INSTITUTE OF BANKERS

COTTAGE LANE MISSION

England & Wales - Charity number 1163611

Accounts

CLM Annual Update Meeting

Tuesday 3rd May 2022
@ 7pm

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Neil's Senior Leader's Report: January - September

2021 began with "more of the same" - managing the church through the ongoing and seemingly interminable pandemic. Conflicting feelings marked the first year anniversary of lockdown, ranging from weariness from the restrictions placed upon us, ongoing fear for many, to a desire to throw caution to the wind and just get "back to normal". Outdoor services in the car park gave welcome relief to the restrictions on indoor singing.

To sing or not to sing, masks or no masks, and different convictions in how to handle many things inevitably added some tension to relationships. But overall, the church has weathered this time well, not seeing people dropping out of church completely, but also not gaining members through online attendance - both of which have been the experience of some churches.

As restrictions were lifted, we stopped streaming Sunday services live to encourage people to begin to congregate again, though still made services available online later. Through the summer, our "Come, let us rebuild" series helped process events and refocus for the future. Life groups were encouraged to meet in person and Jon gradually moved from Zoom sessions to face-to-face activities with children and young people. Jon finished his work with CLM in the summer, and we are very grateful to him for his commitment to the children at CLM.

We began a recruitment process for the role of church leader at the beginning of the year. This led to positive contact with one external candidate but circumstances prevented them taking up the role. Paul Griffiths suggested making the post a half-time role that he would be prepared to take on. Paul was appointed to the role of church leader with effect from 1 October. A joint farewell service for Neil and induction service for Paul on 26 September marked the transition.

Paul's Senior Leader's Report: October - December

Well, even just prior to Easter 2021 I would never have anticipated what God had in store for us together from October 2021. I want to thank Neil for his service in the role as Senior Leader and all that he achieved in his time here. I count it as a total privilege to serve the Lord at CLM. Thank you for being willing to walk this path with Diane and me as we see what God has in store for all of us, our community, our nation and the world. Our passion is to see Jesus Christ revealed among us and for the church to become the dynamic group of people Jesus intended it be.

My first few weeks included speaking at Edge Hill University Christian Union and attending the Civic Service to represent CLM. We revamped how the Leadership Team functions, giving areas of responsibility in the life of the church to each person. I met fortnightly (on Zoom) with other church leaders from 'Maximise' to encourage, and support one another.

Thank you to everyone for using their gifts, whatever you do, for the glory of God. Let's continue to do everything to honour Him, to work in total unity, and to see people saved, added to the church, disciplined and maturing in Him.

We are so grateful to people for using their gift to preach on Sunday mornings. We gave people the opportunity to preach their heart over the last few months rather than follow a series. My heart is to make Sunday services a place that people really want to be at because they don't want to miss what God has to say to us. I want people to be excited again about being together as the church of Jesus Christ at CLM. We also introduced 'toast', a service for all ages, on the 4th Sunday of the month while we take a longer look at our children/youth provision.

Carolyn, Geoff & Jackie's Leadership Team Report:

Paul took on CLM Leadership role from Oct 1st 2021. He kept the leadership team of 3 of us, Jackie, Geoff and Carolyn and gave us each responsibilities within the fellowship, meeting with him regularly. We support each other and we value that.

We believe prayer is an essential part of our role as leaders--prayer for issues and each other.

We are here to support Paul, serve the fellowship and we are grateful for all the practical help so many of you provide.

Maximise:

A family of 7 churches located primarily in the North West of England and North Wales on mission together. Each church pursues its own vision while being part of a bigger picture working to support and encourage one another.

Paul Griffiths

Worship Report:

Lockdown started again on 5th January 2021, completely altering what we were able to do in church, so the worship via streaming and youtube took over.

The Live Worship began again in March and gradually progressed to two, three or four people bringing live worship back to the congregation, despite social distancing, masks and screens.

God holds the future but my vision would be to progress in worship in depth and knowledge and love of God, but also in numbers of worship personnel.

Roger Currie

Mission:

Along with most areas of church life we were unable to meet at all in 2021. As a result Missions giving was continued in line with the previous year. We continued to support Lynn Rees, Anna Tait & Lamie in Turkey, Ethiopia, International China Concern, Tearfund, Open Doors, Angel Tree in Bolivia, totalling £17,029. We look forward to meeting again in 2022 to carry on our support of world mission through people we know and have relationship with.

Mission Team

Church Structure

The Trustees have legal oversight of the charity, with the day-to-day running of the church delegated to the 'Leadership Team'. Numerous people then take responsibility for areas of the church on behalf of the Leadership Team.

Trustees Report:

With our role of strategic and legal oversight of the Church the trustees continued to meet during 2021, sometimes over Zoom and sometimes face-to-face. We have ensured that governance issues such as risk, health and safety, finance and safeguarding are discussed along with the purpose of CLM: to bring people into a relationship with Christ, shine His light in the local area and tend to His flock, our congregation. It is a balance we strive to maintain within our meetings.

It is with obvious sadness that we accepted the resignation of Neil Rees as our Principal Church Leader. We want to extend our thanks to him for his leadership over the past nine years – the freshness of approach, the building up of the church, reaching out to our local community, encouraging the development of so many of us, not to mention his teaching and sense of humour.

Simultaneously with this sadness, we were delighted to appoint Paul Griffiths as our new Senior Leader on a part-time basis. We welcome his willingness to serve the church here in Ormskirk, his heart for sharing the good news of Christ in new and different ways, and his dedication to getting to know all in our congregation. We pray blessings on both Neil and Paul as they follow God's prompting in their respective roles.

We have welcomed two new trustees, Ted Whitfield and Adrian Morris, and have benefited greatly from their wisdom, input and challenge to our deliberations. Paul has also joined this 'team', but we hope for our numbers to increase again in 2022.

We have been encouraged to see more people return to services within the Church building and new people join us, the adaptation of activities to cope with changes in guidance, and the introduction of new gatherings and ways to serve God locally.

As trustees responsible for providing an annual report to the Charity Commission, we thank everyone for their contribution to this booklet. We commend it to you as a demonstration of how CLM has continued to function and change during the second year of the coronavirus pandemic, and our vision and plans for the year ahead.

**Jenny Whitfield – 17 September 2015; John Roberts – 17 September 2015;
Linda Heaton 15 April 2016; Martin Conway 15 April 2016 ;
Ted Whitfield 14 July 2021; Adrian Morris 14 July 2021; Paul Griffiths 1
October 2021**

Finance:

Cottage Lane Mission 2022 Financial Statements 1

Financial Report 2021

The Funds Statement shows that total funds have increased year on year by £2K, from £69K to £71K.

The Income & Expenditure Account shows a breakdown of our sources of unrestricted income and the analysis of our areas of expenditure, both compared with the budget for 2021. The actual figures for 2020 are also presented.

Income for the year at £75K was £7K better than budget. Rent was £4K better than budget, due to Community Lives Matter's use of Neil's time and of our premises. Claims for support under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme amounted to £3K subsidising the salaries of the family worker and the cleaner who were furloughed/ part-furloughed for 2/3 of the year. General giving at £50.6K was £2.6K better than budget and £4K better than 2020. This is a very welcome reversal of the downward trend over the previous four years. However, Gift Aid was £2K down on budget.

Total expenditure in 2021 was £72K, £18K less than budget. The budget assumed a return to full operation by 1 April. This proved optimistic!

1. On 1 October, Paul, on a ½ time contract, replaced Neil. Salaries and expenses of PCL were £3K less than budget.
2. Jon Anelli's tenure as Family Worker ended on 31 July. Family Worker salary was therefore £4K less than budget.
3. Maintenance costs @ £10K were £5K lower than budget with no major repairs required, apart from £1.6K on a new fridge.
4. Missions giving was recommenced, £17K being donated in total. This was £4K less than budget but £7K higher than in 2020.

Overall, in 2021, income exceeded expenditure by £2K compared with a budget overspend of £23K. Therefore our finances remain healthy for the time being.

I make no apology for repeating my pleas of last year and the year before for folk to consider legacies to CLM in their wills. If you do decide to leave CLM a legacy, it is important that you let me know. Legacies to CLM are something we should prayerfully consider; they make a real difference as we have seen in the past year. Of course, anyone can leave a legacy to CLM.

Cottage Lane Mission June 2022 Financial Statements 2 Financial Report Budget 2022

The budget schedule compares our 2022 budget with our actual income & expenditure for 2021.

Total income is budgetted at £67.5K.

1. General giving at £50K is in line with 2021. Of course, no one off donations or legacies are assumed.
2. Rental income is budgetted at £1.5K plus £5K from Community Lives Matter.
3. Gift Aid is expected to generate £11K.

Total Expenditure is budgetted at £94K.

4. Audio/visual at £5K provides for a revamp of our website and new building signage.
5. Maintenance budget at £13K provides for routine maintenance and £5K for roof repairs.
6. Photocopying covers production of Mission Times every 2 months.
7. The budget provides for guest speakers.
8. The budget assumes the appointment of a youth worker from 1 April and a pastoral assistant from 1 October, an ambitious recruitment programme, now unachievable!
9. £11K is provided to stimulate contact with the community, half of which is our support for Neil in all he does including his Community Lives Matter role.
10. The budget assumes our continued participation in Maximise, although this is under review following Maximise's withdrawal from Salt & Light UK.
11. Sundry includes £1500 for recruitment advertising.
12. Missions giving at £15K returns us to our running target of £25% of general giving plus gift aid. It includes our continuing support of Lynn.

The total deficit assumed in the 2022 budget of £26.5K, although huge, is sustainable in the context of our surplus of £16.2K in 2020 and £2.2K in 2021, although of course both income and expenditure will be closely monitored in order to ensure that our planned expenditure remains affordable. The budget does have implications for the long term. Recruitment of both a family worker and a pastoral assistant this year would impact our finances significantly in 2023, such that other areas of expenditure would have to be curtailed, unless income increased.

GE Maitland, Treasurer.

Financial Summary
2021

| | Actual 2020 | Actual 2021 |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Bank Balances | | |
| Deposit A/C 1 (Kenya Education) | 1,282.88 | 1,283.00 |
| Deposit Account 3 | 33,594.99 | 33,598.35 |
| Total Deposit Accounts | 34,877.87 | 34,881.35 |
| Current Account | 34,416.84 | 36,635.47 |
| Total | 69,294.71 | 71,516.82 |
| Increase in Funds | | 2,222.11 |

| Cottage Lane Mission 2021 Income & Expenditure 24 Mar 22 | Full Year Actual 2020 | Full Year Budget 2021 | Full Year Actual 2021 | Actual B/(W) than Budget |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Admin/ Audit | 520.92 | 1,000.00 | 1,466.15 | -466.15 |
| Audiovisual | 0.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 |
| Catering | 279.46 | -375.00 | 258.94 | -633.94 |
| Family Care Fund | 0.00 | 750.00 | 0.00 | 750.00 |
| Insurance | 1,912.98 | 2,100.00 | 1,963.38 | 136.62 |
| Maintenance | 6,622.20 | 15,000.00 | 9,726.30 | 5,273.70 |
| Ministry Resources | 1,766.23 | 750.00 | 1,016.86 | -266.86 |
| Photocopier/ Printing | 1,465.05 | 2,250.00 | 1,351.85 | 898.15 |
| Stationery | 181.48 | 200.00 | 513.37 | -313.37 |
| Salaries | 23,527.36 | 24,000.00 | 21,028.75 | 2,971.25 |
| Training | 0.00 | 400.00 | 0.00 | 400.00 |
| Utilities | 3,304.97 | 3,800.00 | 2,580.80 | 1,219.20 |
| Visitors' expenses | 150.00 | 150.00 | 0.00 | 150.00 |
| Youth Work | -320.87 | | 75.00 | -75.00 |
| Family Worker | 8,306.48 | 9,000.00 | 4,368.00 | 4,632.00 |
| MCYC Child Sponsorship | 0.00 | 200.00 | 0.00 | 200.00 |
| Messy Church | 76.48 | 450.00 | 174.12 | 275.88 |
| Pastoral Assistant | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Contact with community | 357.11 | 750.00 | 1,657.50 | -907.50 |
| Weekend | 164.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Junior Church | 0.00 | 150.00 | 0.00 | 150.00 |
| Purchase of Property | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Salt & Light | 3,050.00 | 3,000.00 | 4,000.00 | -1,000.00 |
| Toilets Refurb | -27.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Legal & Professional | 630.57 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Sundry | -19.39 | 200.00 | 349.42 | -149.42 |
| General Expenditure | 56,948.03 | 68,875.00 | 55,530.44 | 13,344.56 |
| Missions | 10,280.46 | 21,630 | 17,029 | 4,601.01 |
| | 67,228.49 | 90,505.00 | 72,559.43 | 17,945.57 |
| Income Full Year | | | | |
| General (incl. Leadership) | 46,356.26 | 48,000.00 | 50,658.45 | 2,658.45 |
| Legacies | 5,450.00 | | | 0.00 |
| Donations | 8,000.00 | | | 0.00 |
| Community Lives Matter | 3,315.40 | 5,000.00 | 9,940.00 | 4,940.00 |
| Rent excl Co Lives Matter | 855.00 | 2,250.00 | 1,216.00 | -1,034.00 |
| Advertising | 800.00 | | | 0.00 |
| Coffee Machine | 138.08 | | -94.74 | -94.74 |
| Giff Aid received | 12,839.45 | 12,000.00 | 10,058.27 | -1,941.73 |
| Interest | 35.40 | 70.00 | 4.00 | -66.00 |
| Grants incl CJRS | 5,626.27 | | 3,012.25 | 3,012.25 |
| Total | 83,416 | 67,320 | 74,794 | 7,474.23 |
| Excess income over expenditure | 16,187.37 | | 2,234.80 | 25,419.80 |
| Excess expenditure over income | | 23,185.00 | | |

| Cottage Lane Mission 2021 Income & Expenditure 24 Mar 22 | Full Year Actual 2021 | Full Year Budget 2022 | Budget 2022 better/ worse than Actual 2021 |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Admin/ Audit | 1,466.15 | 500.00 | 966.15 |
| Audiovisual | 0.00 | 5,000.00 | -5,000.00 |
| Catering | 258.94 | | 258.94 |
| Family Care Fund | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | -1,000.00 |
| Insurance | 1,963.38 | 2,200.00 | -236.62 |
| Maintenance | 9,726.30 | 13,000.00 | -3,273.70 |
| Ministry Resources | 1,016.86 | 500.00 | 516.86 |
| Photocopier/ Printing | 1,351.85 | 1,500.00 | -148.15 |
| Stationery | 513.37 | 200.00 | 313.37 |
| Salaries | 21,028.75 | 17,000.00 | 4,028.75 |
| Training | 0.00 | 500.00 | -500.00 |
| Utilities | 2,580.80 | 5,000.00 | -2,419.20 |
| Visitors' expenses | 0.00 | 200.00 | -200.00 |
| Youth Work | 75.00 | 5,000.00 | -4,925.00 |
| Family Worker | 4,368.00 | | 4,368.00 |
| MCYC Child Sponsorship | 0.00 | 200.00 | -200.00 |
| Messy Church | 174.12 | 500.00 | -325.88 |
| Pastoral Assistant | 0.00 | 6,000.00 | -6,000.00 |
| Contact with community | 1,657.50 | 11,000.00 | -9,342.50 |
| Weekend | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Junior Church | 0.00 | 400.00 | -400.00 |
| Purchase of Property | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Salt & Light | 4,000.00 | 2,600.00 | 1,400.00 |
| Toilets Refurb | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Legal & Professional | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Sundry | 349.42 | 1,750.00 | -1,400.58 |
| General Expenditure | 55,530.44 | 79,050.00 | -23,519.56 |
| Missions | 17,029 | 15,000.00 | 2,028.99 |
| | 72,559.43 | 94,050.00 | -21,490.57 |
| Income Full Year | | | |
| General (incl. Leadership) | 50,658.45 | 50,000.00 | -658.45 |
| Legacies | | | 0.00 |
| Donations | | | 0.00 |
| Community Lives Matter | 9,940.00 | 5,000.00 | -4,940.00 |
| Rent excl Co Lives Matter | 1,216.00 | 1,500.00 | 284.00 |
| Advertising | | | 0.00 |
| Coffee Machine | -94.74 | | 94.74 |
| Gift Aid received | 10,058.27 | 11,000.00 | 941.73 |
| Interest | 4.00 | 3.00 | -1.00 |
| Grants incl CJRS | 3,012 | | -3,012.25 |
| Total | 74,794 | 67,503 | -7,291 |
| Excess income over expenditure | 2,234.80 | | |
| Excess expenditure over income | | 26,547.00 | 28,781.80 |

The objectives of the church are:

1. The advancement of the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the statement of faith appearing in the schedule.
2. Such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, further the work of the church.

Prayer:

During lockdown, prayer never stopped. We used WhatsApp, mobiles, land lines etc etc. Later in 2021 we were having prayer as normal in the services.

When Hannah was admitted to hospital as an emergency, she was aware that the prayers of others were answered... immediate and effective treatment. God hears & answers prayers.

Prayer is crucial to all we try and do at CLM. We will be endeavouring to introduce joint prayer times again in 2022

Prayer changes things. If you can talk, you can pray. Everyone of us can be part of growth through prayer in CLM.

Carolyn Hastings

Pastoral:

The buddy scheme developed to support members the previous year continued to operate in 2021.

It became obvious towards the end of the year that we needed to develop the buddy system to accommodate the changing needs of the church.

As we emerge from the pandemic we are now operating a hybrid pastoral model that retains the best of the buddy system supplemented by more personal contacts made possible by Sunday worship and life groups.

Marion Walker

Life Groups:

During Covid we zoomed and studied the Bible together in two groups. Then reshaped as soon as we could meet again, and studied the weekly sermons.

For 2022 we plan to increase the number of Life Groups and the aim is to support each other, pray for each other, as we study and learn from the Word of God.

...it's been a joy to share fellowship, prayer and Bible study... I was particularly blessed and encouraged by the communion service we shared together...

Carolyn Hastings

Social Activities:

CLM Walking Group

The walking group has been able to meet up each month throughout 2021 and we have had some lovely walks.

We have planned some interesting places for our walking group, so do join us as it is a lovely way to have fellowship together.

I personally enjoy seeing the beautiful sights and hearing sounds the great outdoors provides... getting to know some people better as well as spend time with friends.

Ginny Salkeld

Toddler Group:

Toddlers only opened on 5th November 2021 because of Covid. Parents (10 families) said they were very pleased to be back.

The Christmas event with Santa, was well attended with 28 children, all enjoying breakfast together first.

The leaders will promote Toddlers in 2022, but we will all wait and see where God is taking us in the future.

Dorothy Rawthorne

Ladies' Craft Meeting:

2021 began with ongoing social restrictions due to Covid 19, but by September we were able to restart Craft Club, supported by Ginny, Ruth and Jane, with Adrian as resident tea and coffee maker.

...for me living on my own and being a newcomer to the church I have found craft club a welcoming and friendly environment that has helped me socialise and meet new people...

Ladies from the church and local community met on the first Friday of every month in the Annex, appropriately socially distanced and ventilated, and enjoyed creating, stitching and card making. Numbers were low to start with, but by the December meeting we were back to normal, and the ladies were able to make Christmas wreaths and watch a flower arranging demonstration.

In 2022 and beyond we hope to continue to offer the opportunity to gather in a relaxed environment where all will experience the love of Christ.

Ruth Morris

Community:

Churches Charity - Community Lives Matter:

As some of our activities involve "support groups" that were allowed to operate in Covid-secure environments or online contact, these were not affected by Covid restrictions.

Others such as the luncheon club (LC) were able to restart as and when restrictions were reduced and people were willing to re-engage within social contexts.

LC... 3 Afternoon teas delivered

LC... New chef joined the team in September

Having obtained a National Lottery Community Fund grant, we are now looking forward to a new project manager and developer joining the team and being able to consolidate and expand our services to local residents and vulnerable members of our community.

L.C... Resuming our 5 day annual holiday

Neil Rees

West Lancashire Debt Advice Service

Because of Covid we couldn't offer face to face appointments as usual in 2019 so we tried to operate by letter, text and phone. Team meetings were held via zoom.

Our intention is to move towards normal face to face meetings and appointments in 2022.

Roy Wynne

Food Bank:

In January 2021 Ormskirk Foodbank reverted to a delivery service for those unable to afford to buy food. Numbers of clients reverted to pre-Covid levels by the end of 2021.

We look forward to building on the closer working with our friends at Skelmersdale and District Foodbank, and tackling the root causes of local people needing our services as part of the West Lancashire Food Insecurity Forum.

(Matthew 25:35
'For I was hungry
and you fed me,
thirsty and you
gave me drink, I
was a stranger
and you invited
me in...').

Linda Heaton

Administration:

In 2021 Administration took on a different role, there were no admin meetings but the admin team were very busy in contacting people via a broadcasting group, email, text messaging, running zoom meetings and these activities helped members of the congregation not to feel isolated and to be aware of prayer requests, zoom meetings, online church services etc.

Looking ahead to 2022 it is the intention to increase the number of members in the Admin Team, to update the web page and to purchase a new church laptop to enable church administration to be more coordinated.

Jackie Currie

Technical:

With the pandemic still impacting church attendance in 2021, we continued to build on previous sterling achievements to stream our services online, largely for the benefit of home-based members.

The Christian church has always taken advantage of technology to spread its message, so with restrictions and attitudes easing by year end, members returning to church and a new leader in post, we asked ourselves what next for our technical ministry.

The answer: for 2022, to speak more effectively to our communities using their own innovative and hugely influential media platforms, through our all-new website and substantial investment in our YouTube broadcasts.

Philip Walker

Health & Safety:

The year started with instructions to limit the congregation in the church to a minimum by social distancing, with no singing, no close interaction (open windows & doors in January) and a one way system on the church site. Instructions were issued to all groups meeting in the building.

By the end of the year there were some relaxations with the wearing of masks not being compulsory, singing was now allowed if you wore a mask, some leniency on seating distance and some limited interaction between folks.

A very big thank you to all who set out the chairs and got the church ready for the services, also those who regularly cleaned, sanitised and ensured that everything was done to keep us all safe in church.

John Roberts

Finance:

Cottage Lane Mission 2022 Financial Statements 1

Financial Report 2021

The Funds Statement shows that total funds have increased year on year by £2K, from £69K to £71K.

The Income & Expenditure Account shows a breakdown of our sources of unrestricted income and the analysis of our areas of expenditure, both compared with the budget for 2021. The actual figures for 2020 are also presented.

Income for the year at £75K was £7K better than budget. Rent was £4K better than budget, due to Community Lives Matter's use of Neil's time and of our premises. Claims for support under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme amounted to £3K subsidising the salaries of the family worker and the cleaner who were furloughed/ part-furloughed for 2/3 of the year. General giving at £50.6K was £2.6K better than budget and £4K better than 2020. This is a very welcome reversal of the downward trend over the previous four years. However, Gift Aid was £2K down on budget.

Total expenditure in 2021 was £72K, £18K less than budget. The budget assumed a return to full operation by 1 April. This proved optimistic!

1. On 1 October, Paul, on a ½ time contract, replaced Neil. Salaries and expenses of PCL were £3K less than budget.
2. Jon Anelli's tenure as Family Worker ended on 31 July. Family Worker salary was therefore £4K less than budget.
3. Maintenance costs @ £10K were £5K lower than budget with no major repairs required, apart from £1.6K on a new fridge.
4. Missions giving was recommenced, £17K being donated in total. This was £4K less than budget but £7K higher than in 2020.

Overall, in 2021, income exceeded expenditure by £2K compared with a budget overspend of £23K. Therefore our finances remain healthy for the time being.

I make no apology for repeating my pleas of last year and the year before for folk to consider legacies to CLM in their wills. If you do decide to leave CLM a legacy, it is important that you let me know. Legacies to CLM are something we should prayerfully consider; they make a real difference as we have seen in the past year. Of course, anyone can leave a legacy to CLM.

Cottage Lane Mission June 2022 Financial Statements 2 Financial Report Budget 2022

The budget schedule compares our 2022 budget with our actual income & expenditure for 2021.

Total income is budgetted at £67.5K.

1. General giving at £50K is in line with 2021. Of course, no one off donations or legacies are assumed.
2. Rental income is budgetted at £1.5K plus £5K from Community Lives Matter.
3. Gift Aid is expected to generate £11K.

Total Expenditure is budgetted at £94K.

4. Audio/visual at £5K provides for a revamp of our website and new building signage.
5. Maintenance budget at £13K provides for routine maintenance and £5K for roof repairs.
6. Photocopying covers production of Mission Times every 2 months.
7. The budget provides for guest speakers.
8. The budget assumes the appointment of a youth worker from 1 April and a pastoral assistant from 1 October, an ambitious recruitment programme, now unachievable!
9. £11K is provided to stimulate contact with the community, half of which is our support for Neil in all he does including his Community Lives Matter role.
10. The budget assumes our continued participation in Maximise, although this is under review following Maximise's withdrawal from Salt & Light UK.
11. Sundry includes £1500 for recruitment advertising.
12. Missions giving at £15K returns us to our running target of £25% of general giving plus gift aid. It includes our continuing support of Lynn.

The total deficit assumed in the 2022 budget of £26.5K, although huge, is sustainable in the context of our surplus of £16.2K in 2020 and £2.2K in 2021, although of course both income and expenditure will be closely monitored in order to ensure that our planned expenditure remains affordable. The budget does have implications for the long term. Recruitment of both a family worker and a pastoral assistant this year would impact our finances significantly in 2023, such that other areas of expenditure would have to be curtailed, unless income increased.

GE Maitland, Treasurer.

Financial Summary
2021

| | Actual 2020 | Actual 2021 |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Bank Balances | | |
| Deposit A/C 1 (Kenya Education) | 1,282.88 | 1,283.00 |
| Deposit Account 3 | 33,594.99 | 33,598.35 |
| Total Deposit Accounts | 34,877.87 | 34,881.35 |
| Current Account | 34,416.84 | 36,635.47 |
| Total | 69,294.71 | 71,516.82 |
| Increase in Funds | | 2,222.11 |

| Cottage Lane Mission 2021 Income & Expenditure 24 Mar 22 | Full Year Actual 2020 | Full Year Budget 2021 | Full Year Actual 2021 | Actual B/(W) than Budget |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Admin/ Audit | 520.92 | 1,000.00 | 1,466.15 | -466.15 |
| Audiovisual | 0.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 |
| Catering | 279.46 | -375.00 | 258.94 | -633.94 |
| Family Care Fund | 0.00 | 750.00 | 0.00 | 750.00 |
| Insurance | 1,912.98 | 2,100.00 | 1,963.38 | 136.62 |
| Maintenance | 6,622.20 | 15,000.00 | 9,726.30 | 5,273.70 |
| Ministry Resources | 1,766.23 | 750.00 | 1,016.86 | -266.86 |
| Photocopier/ Printing | 1,465.05 | 2,250.00 | 1,351.85 | 898.15 |
| Stationery | 181.48 | 200.00 | 513.37 | -313.37 |
| Salaries | 23,527.36 | 24,000.00 | 21,028.75 | 2,971.25 |
| Training | 0.00 | 400.00 | 0.00 | 400.00 |
| Utilities | 3,304.97 | 3,800.00 | 2,580.80 | 1,219.20 |
| Visitors' expenses | 150.00 | 150.00 | 0.00 | 150.00 |
| Youth Work | -320.87 | | 75.00 | -75.00 |
| Family Worker | 8,306.48 | 9,000.00 | 4,368.00 | 4,632.00 |
| MCYC Child Sponsorship | 0.00 | 200.00 | 0.00 | 200.00 |
| Messy Church | 76.48 | 450.00 | 174.12 | 275.88 |
| Pastoral Assistant | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Contact with community | 357.11 | 750.00 | 1,657.50 | -907.50 |
| Weekend | 164.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Junior Church | 0.00 | 150.00 | 0.00 | 150.00 |
| Purchase of Property | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Salt & Light | 3,050.00 | 3,000.00 | 4,000.00 | -1,000.00 |
| Toilets Refurb | -27.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Legal & Professional | 630.57 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Sundry | -19.39 | 200.00 | 349.42 | -149.42 |
| General Expenditure | 56,948.03 | 68,875.00 | 55,530.44 | 13,344.56 |
| Missions | 10,280.46 | 21,630 | 17,029 | 4,601.01 |
| | 67,228.49 | 90,505.00 | 72,559.43 | 17,945.57 |
| Income Full Year | | | | |
| General (incl. Leadership) | 46,356.26 | 48,000.00 | 50,658.45 | 2,658.45 |
| Legacies | 5,450.00 | | | 0.00 |
| Donations | 8,000.00 | | | 0.00 |
| Community Lives Matter | 3,315.40 | 5,000.00 | 9,940.00 | 4,940.00 |
| Rent excl Co Lives Matter | 855.00 | 2,250.00 | 1,216.00 | -1,034.00 |
| Advertising | 800.00 | | | 0.00 |
| Coffee Machine | 138.08 | | -94.74 | -94.74 |
| Giff Aid received | 12,839.45 | 12,000.00 | 10,058.27 | -1,941.73 |
| Interest | 35.40 | 70.00 | 4.00 | -66.00 |
| Grants incl CJRS | 5,626.27 | | 3,012.25 | 3,012.25 |
| Total | 83,416 | 67,320 | 74,794 | 7,474.23 |
| Excess income over expenditure | 16,187.37 | | 2,234.80 | 25,419.80 |
| Excess expenditure over income | | 23,185.00 | | |

| Cottage Lane Mission 2021 Income & Expenditure 24 Mar 22 | Full Year Actual 2021 | Full Year Budget 2022 | Budget 2022 better/ worse than Actual 2021 |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Admin/ Audit | 1,466.15 | 500.00 | 966.15 |
| Audiovisual | 0.00 | 5,000.00 | -5,000.00 |
| Catering | 258.94 | | 258.94 |
| Family Care Fund | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | -1,000.00 |
| Insurance | 1,963.38 | 2,200.00 | -236.62 |
| Maintenance | 9,726.30 | 13,000.00 | -3,273.70 |
| Ministry Resources | 1,016.86 | 500.00 | 516.86 |
| Photocopier/ Printing | 1,351.85 | 1,500.00 | -148.15 |
| Stationery | 513.37 | 200.00 | 313.37 |
| Salaries | 21,028.75 | 17,000.00 | 4,028.75 |
| Training | 0.00 | 500.00 | -500.00 |
| Utilities | 2,580.80 | 5,000.00 | -2,419.20 |
| Visitors' expenses | 0.00 | 200.00 | -200.00 |
| Youth Work | 75.00 | 5,000.00 | -4,925.00 |
| Family Worker | 4,368.00 | | 4,368.00 |
| MCYC Child Sponsorship | 0.00 | 200.00 | -200.00 |
| Messy Church | 174.12 | 500.00 | -325.88 |
| Pastoral Assistant | 0.00 | 6,000.00 | -6,000.00 |
| Contact with community | 1,657.50 | 11,000.00 | -9,342.50 |
| Weekend | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Junior Church | 0.00 | 400.00 | -400.00 |
| Purchase of Property | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Salt & Light | 4,000.00 | 2,600.00 | 1,400.00 |
| Toilets Refurb | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Legal & Professional | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Sundry | 349.42 | 1,750.00 | -1,400.58 |
| General Expenditure | 55,530.44 | 79,050.00 | -23,519.56 |
| Missions | 17,029 | 15,000.00 | 2,028.99 |
| | 72,559.43 | 94,050.00 | -21,490.57 |
| Income Full Year | | | |
| General (incl. Leadership) | 50,658.45 | 50,000.00 | -658.45 |
| Legacies | | | 0.00 |
| Donations | | | 0.00 |
| Community Lives Matter | 9,940.00 | 5,000.00 | -4,940.00 |
| Rent excl Co Lives Matter | 1,216.00 | 1,500.00 | 284.00 |
| Advertising | | | 0.00 |
| Coffee Machine | -94.74 | | 94.74 |
| Gift Aid received | 10,058.27 | 11,000.00 | 941.73 |
| Interest | 4.00 | 3.00 | -1.00 |
| Grants incl CJRS | 3,012 | | -3,012.25 |
| Total | 74,794 | 67,503 | -7,291 |
| Excess income over expenditure | 2,234.80 | | |
| Excess expenditure over income | | 26,547.00 | 28,781.80 |



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name: COTTAGE LANE MISSION

On accounts for the year ended

31-12-2021 Charity no (if any) 1136311

Set out on pages

1 & 2 (number to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD/MM/YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's 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 statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
the accounts did 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: [Signature]

Date: 25-8-2022

Name: PETER BRIAN SLATER

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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COTTAGE LANE MISSION

England & Wales - Charity number 1163611

Accounts



*The steadfast
love of the
LORD never
ceases*

Lamentations 3:22

2021

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CLM Annual Update
Meeting
2021

Whole Church Responsibility

Church Leader & Leadership:

It is impossible for any report on 2020 to not be dominated by the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on church life. Contrary to the conviction of some, churches function as part of a wider society and our Christian life together cannot be separated from all that goes on around us. Whilst not “of the world”, we are most certainly “in the world”, if we are where God wants us to be. The nation has suffered and experienced unanticipated restrictions; so have we. In this short look at 2020, I would like to focus on two aspects: my reflections as church leader on our church and our action over the last year; secondly and more briefly, my reflections on myself as church leader and what the impact of attempting to lead our response to the changing circumstances of 2020 has been on me.

Whilst we could not anticipate the events of 2020, our motto text for the year - *Above all, clothe yourselves with love* - defines how we are to behave and is appropriate for any circumstance. Living through a global pandemic is no exception. The external events of the last 12 months in no way take away our responsibility and calling to be people who are known by the love we demonstrate (not necessarily feel!) towards one another and our disinterested service of those we live amongst. We have had to explore creative ways to do this, but the words “And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love” remained as true in 2020 as at any other time in history. How have we done? Each of us will have to ask ourselves that question and find our own answer, but all of us will have experienced significant challenges as we have tried to remain faithful to our identity as Christians and our calling to love.



We are not alone in the experience of walking into the unknown. God’s people as they came out of Egypt also found an uncertain future ahead of them and had to trust the one who promised to go with them. It has been no different for us - though I suspect that the relative certainties and security of the modern world that we were accustomed to, leave us much less well equipped for uncertainty and the journey of faith we have been invited into.

Along with governments around the world, we were also ill-prepared for the severity and wide-scale, long-term impact of the pandemic. Asian nations that had lived through the SARS epidemics seemed better prepared, both in terms of scenario planning and people’s readiness to work with authorities to limit the spread. Here, we seemed caught hopping - or hoping! Initial awareness and caution started to be felt very early on in the year, but I don’t think that any of us were prepared for what was to transpire over the course of the coming months.

This meant that our initial response was inevitably conditioned by a short-term focus and an attempt to “keep things running”, more than stopping to consider how to position ourselves for the long-term. This was necessary, but did have certain implications later.

We were immediately faced with two main factors that impacted what we could do: government restrictions, and concerns about safety, both as leaders responsible for our decisions and people’s individual responses to the risk of contagion. (Some people are naturally more risk averse than others, others less so, and this affects the willingness of individuals to engage with activities even when allowed.)

I was keen for us to maintain as much of our church life and activity as possible. Yet, as far as I am aware, with the exception of Linda as a public health consultant, none of us have the medical understanding to be able to begin to consider ourselves qualified to take decisions on what is, or is not, appropriate to manage a pandemic. From the beginning, then, we decided to do everything that we could legitimately do whilst staying within the bounds of government guidance. I am particularly

grateful to John Roberts in his role as Health and Safety Officer for his work in translating guidelines into action plans, producing legally required risk assessments needed for us to claim to be a "Covid-secure" location and overseeing their implementation.

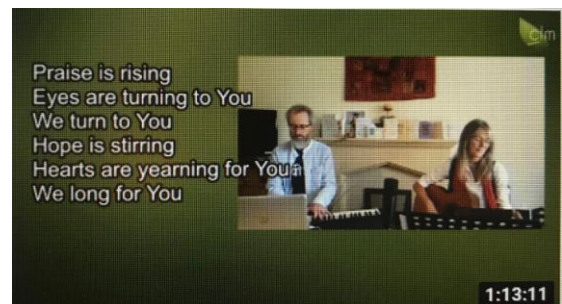
Navigating the restrictions has not been simple. To cover all that we do in church, I have had to keep up-to-date with four different sets of regulations - and no Readers' Digest version is published, nor is there a helpful "these are the most significant changes" leaflet. Regulations have been confusing and contradictory at times, some presented as legal obligations, some as strong advice. In addition, there has been disagreement amongst church members as to what extent we should even be abiding by government regulations - what right do they have to tell a church what to do? The need to balance safety and the welfare of individuals with the call to corporate worship and political convictions about the place of state intervention in church has been complex.

Initial lockdown meant a rapid transition to connecting with people in their homes, creating a structure for pastoral support and providing online resources. I am grateful to Marion for her work in putting together the "buddy" system that connected individuals with a couple of others and provided a first point of contact for everyone in church.

Sunday services became available as YouTube videos, and a month later additionally as DVDs which were distributed on a Sunday morning to those without internet access. There are definite pluses and minuses to all this. Videos kept a context of "our church" alive for members and provided continuity and personal content in the material that was produced. We were able to "see each other" (some more than others!) and in a sense "worship together". But...

At the same time, I think few people are conscious of the amount of time needed to create these resources. Whilst in theory all we needed to do was set up a camera and film a few of us leading singing or speaking, I was unwilling to do that. Putting things out on a public platform such as YouTube meant that we were effectively making ourselves viewable to the world, and content needed to be of a certain minimum standard. Given that we do not have many members experienced or wanting to learn the technical side of video production, that meant that a significant portion of my time was devoted to this. I am grateful to Luke and Michelle in particular for their support and involvement in putting our online services together.

Was this a wise use of time? Perhaps, perhaps not. We have to ask what this did to us, becoming accustomed to "watching" church (often from the sofa with a coffee), with little personal involvement. Is that what we needed? Church is not meant to be a spectator sport! It is also hard to measure the real engagement of church members with these - YouTube statistics suggest that levels of interest waned quite quickly and that many would not watch a full video. We chose this course wanting to retain and build our corporate identity and sense of being church together, hearing God together. But if we are not achieving that aim and members are not sensing "togetherness" through these resources, would the time have been better invested in other ways? For let's face it, if all people actually want is some spiritual input and the chance for corporate worship from home, "better" sermons and "worship" is available all over the internet!



For me, there is also the question of whether, in the desire to provide the best resource that we could for our church members, we missed the chance to approach online services in a more creative way that could have built connections into the wider community beyond church. Whilst aware of the fact that people outside church could view these resources, they were still designed primarily with the church in mind, and reproduced online something of what we would do in church. Hindsight would suggest that there are better ways to package online material.

Attempting to provide an immediate response also reduced our capacity to stand back, assess, learn from what others were doing and plan and prepare accordingly. I have benefited from fortnightly contact with other Salt & Light leaders and have attempted to learn from the way other churches across the UK have responded to the pandemic. Some of this has been helpful, though in other aspects the age profile of our congregation made other ideas unworkable.

You will be aware that in my understanding of church, involvement in some small group or other is simply irreplaceable. I cannot envision Christian discipleship without the depth of relationship that is found in the setting of a small group. So, we quickly transitioned from the existing Life Groups to a couple of weekly Zoom groups - with the purpose of maintaining contact between people as well as providing a forum for spiritual growth, input and expression. There were some real positives to this, in particular enabling some people who had not been part of one of the Life Groups to participate. I am also grateful to all those who prepared and led sessions, choosing worship songs and planning meditation on Psalms. However, after a first flurry of interest — there were regularly 30+ participants between the two groups, and more than 40 in an online communion — engagement dropped significantly. By the end of the year, there were half that number of participants at most. Is this simply “Zoom fatigue”? After the initial novelty, did people just not consider it worth their while? In what other ways could we create a dynamic for small groups that would actually work? These are questions that remain unanswered.

It is clear from the previous paragraphs that “going online” demands a certain level of digital literacy. Whilst we were able to “fast-track” some people to the place where they could participate on Zoom, it was not possible for all, nor comfortable for others. Phone calls were able to plug a gap for a time, but these became harder to maintain with the passing of time. Doorstep visits helped greatly, though remained inevitably limited. Physical expressions of care and love were appreciated. Despite these efforts, though, it is clear that we have suffered a degree of disconnect and loss of corporate identity over the year.

We attempted to keep the church open within what was allowed by the government. So, the building was open Sunday mornings and for an hour in the afternoon for private prayer. It soon became clear though that what people want from church is not a place to pray by themselves, but a place to worship with others. So after a month with no one taking up the offer, we stopped. The Pentecost drive-in service in Morrisons car park pushed the boundaries of what was permitted but provided a meaningful forum for sung corporate worship and was a great afternoon - for our own church members who attended, as well as a good number of passers-by.

We resumed regular in-person services as soon as we practically were able to do so after lockdown restrictions were lifted. And we remained open for the rest of the year, with the exception of the period of the second lockdown when we were required to close. Even this, though, was somewhat unsatisfactory, with the limitation on singing, the prohibition of any social contact whilst on the premises, and the cold building due to keeping doors and windows open for ventilation. But still, it was God’s people meeting together to honour him and an important step. The number of those attending remained small but gradually grew over the last months of the year.

This was also when we transitioned from prepared DVDs or pre-recorded videos to a live-stream of the service being held at CLM. I do not feel that we always struck the right balance between addressing those present and those attending via the internet and always experience tension in how to do this well. Understanding and complying with different copyright regulations for streamed services present another challenge — and potential frustration for service leaders! But my thanks go to all who have been willing to lead services and have used their gifts to bless others. Choosing to stream services again required growth in our technical capacity and my thanks go to all who learned new skills and operated the audio-visual system and live-stream software. It has, however, cut down on the amount of work that had previously been needed to produce online resources - those recordings can be made, re-made and edited until satisfied with the result whereas a live-stream goes out “as is”, warts and all!

We also ran the Sunday afternoon informal service for some of this time. The aim with this was to create a more informal environment that would allow for better engagement with families, an experiment in opening the church more to people with little or no church background. The government restrictions on worship services presuppose a “top-down” model with people who stand at the front and address a seated, silent audience. This was not how the Sunday afternoon service was designed to function so, with the additional restrictions on what could be done with children, it was discontinued.

Children’s work has been hugely affected by the pandemic. Over the course of the year, regulations as to what can be done with children outside a school context changed repeatedly. During the initial stages of the pandemic, Kylie was furloughed as no work with children was possible. Later, when Kylie started her course and restrictions were reduced, Jon from Manchester joined us to take on the work with families, but this work was again impacted by the second lockdown and the tightened restrictions

that remained in place for the rest of the year. I am grateful to Jon for his initiative and willingness to explore new avenues and for the work he has done with the children through online activities and videos.

Another casualty of the pandemic was the planned final session in our series of dialogues on sexuality and inclusion. Whilst we had concluded the four content-based sessions, we had one final session scheduled to allow for more personal reflection and the chance to process together the implications for us as a church of what we had been considering. Inevitably, not being able to do this meant lost momentum and it will be easy when we return to “normal” for us also to return to a “default position” that does not benefit from the work done here. This would be a loss.

Our outreach into the wider community has also naturally been impacted through the upheaval of 2020. Some work has been continued by Community Lives Matter activities but the natural opportunities to relate to our neighbourhood have been curtailed. Understanding people’s nervousness, we decided not to distribute the magazine other than a Christmas special inviting people to attend car park carols and enjoy a mince pie outside. At Christmas we also hosted Simon and Rob for an evening of readings and carols, also available via YouTube.



Churches Together was pretty much mothballed for the year too. Easter events had to be cancelled. We had hoped to be able to run a couple of Christmas events but in the end it was decided that these should not go ahead.

Through all this year, I have continued to work with Geoff, Jackie, Kylie and Pam in our leadership team. I am very grateful for their input, advice, time and willingness to serve. Kylie left the team when starting her course and we do miss the younger person’s insight that she brought. With all that was going on in her family, Pam also stepped out of the leadership team at the end of the year and we will miss her encouragement, pragmatism and faith in addressing leadership questions. We have been glad of Andy Barclay-Watt’s involvement with us; it is very beneficial to us to have an outsider’s perspective and his experience in church leadership is invaluable.

I must also mention finance. Geoff’s financial report gives details, and my thanks go to him for his work in keeping the books in order. At the beginning of the pandemic, we could not predict either how long this would last or the potential impact on church finances. We took some immediate decisions to reduce expenditure but are glad that in the end we were a long way from a worst-case scenario. Thank you too to all who have continued to give to church over this year and, although our cash income from Sunday offerings has disappeared, regular giving through standing orders has remained constant. Being able to furlough staff other than myself and the reduction in other expenditure leaves us in a better position than we feared might be the case.

One further reflection on the impact of the pandemic on church this year. Already towards the end of 2019 I was growing in the conviction that it was time for someone else to take on leadership of the church. In hindsight, I should have initiated a process then. I have brought what I can to CLM but I do not have the skill set required for where the church needs to go. Someone else is needed, better able to take the church on the next stage of its journey and it is my responsibility to make this happen. With the beginnings of the pandemic, it was not the time to move that forward and the needs of the moment had to take priority. But towards the end of the year we were able to give time to this and set in motion a process to advertise the post and seek the appropriate person to take on the role in 2021. That process is underway and we look forward to God’s provision.

Finally, I said at the beginning of this report that I wanted to also share reflections of the impact of this year on myself as church leader. I was strangely encouraged by the following verse from Proverbs 24:10: *“If you falter in a time of trouble, how small is your strength!”* God does give resources for unusual times, and this last year has certainly been one of those.

At the same time, together with everyone else I have lost the security of the familiar and been forced to explore new avenues, but without the luxury of time to prepare properly. Alongside many church leaders I have found myself doing things I am not really prepared for; having to learn new skills whilst trying to keep church functioning; responding to more varied and numerous needs and requests for

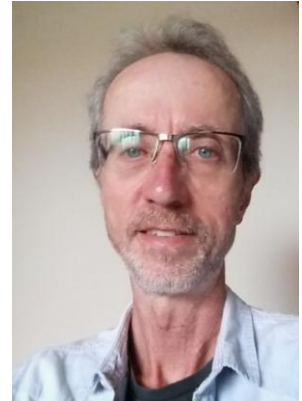
support; working in the artificial environment created by social distancing and lockdowns. And all of this, whilst to a large extent deprived of the feedback and stimulus that comes from working with people. (Yes, working with people can be draining, but the ongoing natural people contact that is part of ministry also provides significant energy and emotional reward for someone such as myself. That sense of connection with people and what God is doing in their lives provides motivation for many church leaders in our roles.)

Those are the external circumstances, to which must be added my own irrepressible (it seems) desire to explore new avenues for ministry, in particular into the wider community. The birth of the Community Lives Matter charity reflects this and has certainly added to the pressure on me during an already very demanding year.

All in all, it has not always been easy, and additionally it has been long; hopes for an end were quickly squashed and the relative lightness of the Spring lockdown gave way to a grey autumn and winter with no foreseeable end in sight. The cumulative impact of leading the church over this year has been significant.

I have carried that willingly, and ministry is a privilege that I cherish, so there is no regret or complaint in this. Rather, in an honest report I think it is important that this too is said. I am grateful for the support of those who I am closest to, the understanding of many, and the prayers of all.

Neil Rees



Salt & Light:

We continue to build relationship with the Salt & Light churches that we relate to. (Salt & Light operates most of its activities regionally, in what are referred to as “spheres”, We relate to the North West and North Wales sphere, led by Andy who is based in Sale, Manchester.) Most of our opportunities for meaningful connection have been put on hold - our planned visit to LifeChurch Manchester, the summer camp, weekend and other get-togethers were all cancelled.

I have been meeting fortnightly for an hour with the other church leaders. (This replaced the bimonthly in person meetings that had been held previously.) This has been very helpful, both on a personal level, and to strengthen the sense of belonging with others.

The sphere has worked to establish a clearer identity under the name “Maximise”. Andy has also been involved with our leadership team, helping us to think through decisions and our leadership strategy. We look forward to building stronger links across the sphere once out of the current pandemic.

Neil Rees



Maximise
STRONGER TOGETHER

Trustees:

As trustees responsible for providing an annual report to the Charity Commission, we thank everyone for their contribution to this booklet. We commend it to you as a demonstration of how Cottage Lane Mission has responded to the impact of the coronavirus pandemic and plans for the coming times, as well as the ‘usual’ activities that occurred pre-Covid.

Since the Annual Update in July 2020 the trustees have met on four occasions with one extraordinary meeting for the annual review of the Principal Church Leader, as trustees are the collective employer for Neil. As with so many activities we have held most of these meetings over Zoom, but managed to have one in the church building, when we also had time with Andy Barclay-Watt from Salt and Light. We appreciated learning more about Salt and Light and the reciprocal relationship from our joining of this ‘family’. We thank those who took advantage of the opportunity to meet Andy on the same day, whether in person or over Zoom.

It was with sadness that we accepted the resignation of Arthur Welch as trustee. We appreciated his prayerful and deliberate approach to issues, his heart for the vulnerable and his insight and comments during our discussions on various topics. We have welcomed Ted Whitfield as trustee, so he now has a dual role as our minute secretary and trustee!

In our role of strategic oversight, we have regular updates from Neil and the Leadership Team, and we discuss the vision for CLM and its outreach to the local community. This past year there has been a greater focus on the shorter-term and how CLM responds to and the impact of Covid-19. We echo Neil's concern that participation and engagement within the fellowship of CLM has changed over the past year, and how that can be addressed in 2021 as we come out of restrictions. How should CLM change both for our existing congregation and to draw more people to Christ in a time when there are more searching for 'meaning' in life?

We continue to receive financial updates and were encouraged that Covid-19 did not realise our worst-case scenario. You will see from the financial report, that although the healthy income versus expenditure of 2020 deferred by one year the risk of falling below recommended levels of reserves, all members of our church should continue to pray about church finances and their personal giving.

Our role as trustees also include fulfilling legal obligations such as risk. This has obviously been an area of greater importance in this past year! We have worked with the leadership team on decisions about how church responds to government guidelines during Covid-19, and particularly thank John Roberts for his diligence in the operational aspects of health and safety.

Finally, as our 2021 text states 'The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases'. We know this to have been true in 2020 for Cottage Lane Mission and trust in this promise for the future. We have permission to lament for what has been lost during this coronavirus pandemic and the loss of lives, yet we can see God moving in these times and are hopeful of spiritual growth amongst our membership and our local community.

Linda Heaton on behalf of all trustees



Sundays @ CLM

Preaching & Teaching:

Regular exploration of God's word together is a hallmark of God's people in his church. Sunday sermons by themselves aren't enough — our experience as Christians must be rooted in the discipline of personal devotion and study, and developed in small group discussion — growing in knowledge and finding practical application as a community. But in the church there are also "prophets and teachers", given by God to help his people understand and live out his Word. It's my privilege to work with a great team of others to do this together. Our speakers have worked hard to hear from God and think about how to pass on to the church what God has given them and I am grateful to each of them for what they bring to our church.



We started 2020 in Colossians, exploring our verse for the year, then setting that in the context of this marvellous letter to the church in Colossae. Little did we know that before we finished Colossians, our Sunday services would have been forced to move online and the building closed.

In this unfamiliar context, we worked hard to maintain life-giving input from God's word, even as we had to adapt and "armchair theology" became a reality, filming messages on mobile phones in the comfort of our own homes! Easter and Pentecost, key dates for our faith, were celebrated online. At the same

time, we tried to engage with the unexpected situation we found ourselves in, giving reflection to help us all navigate and keep our hearts and minds rooted in God. We also looked at racism in the wake of George Floyd's murder on May 25th and the demonstrations this sparked around the world.

When we began meeting in person again in the autumn, our series focused on building faith and bringing hope, calling us as believers to lift our eyes up to God rather than allow our hearts and minds to be consumed by the negativity and gloom that could so easily settle over us.

Finally, I would like to thank those who have led and participated in the Zoom group studies that have focused on the practical application of teaching received through Sunday talks. Personally, I have appreciated the chance together with others to "teach and admonish one another with all wisdom" (Colossians 3:16). The flipside of "teaching" is "learning", and there is no better context for this than small group dialogue and discussion.

Neil Rees

FlexiChurch:

I was disappointed that the pandemic prevented FlexiChurch from continuing in its original format. Even when meeting together in the church building was allowed, regulations were based on a top-down, led-from-the-front model that was incompatible with how FlexiChurch had been designed.

Other planned "non-traditional" activities that aimed to build additional contact with people not from a church background also had to be put on hold. It is my hope that effective activities such as these could be resumed in the future but the momentum lost has been significant and we may not find the capacity to run FlexiChurch in the same way in future.

Neil Rees



Worship:

2020 – sung worship like never before. The year started normally with plenty of input from the worship team but as lock-down started things changed and worship was done on zoom.

Throughout a year of changes we honoured God with the best we could do. We continued with zoom for the services on a Sunday and then when allowed live again in church, however, never getting back to 'normal'.

In this year we have lost several people who had previously been in playing or singing but are no longer available. We will survive, worship will continue in our hearts, in our lives and in our church.

We look forward to 2021 when we can return to normal, or the new normal. Please pray for all the worship team.



Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Psalm 150

Roger Currie

Junior Church:

Junior church restarted on January 5th 2020 with Jane Durban, Laura Hall, Elaine Maitland and Alison Hughes as leaders. Lin Vaughan, Emily Pearson, June Jones and Ginny Salkeld were the invaluable helpers. The sessions began with an exploration into the Old Testament starting with Genesis. The work carried on into February when we looked into Exodus.

During the year, Jane and Mike Durban moved from the Mission. We were very sorry to lose Jane as she was always a very good leader with the children and we shall miss her. We do wish her and Mike all the best in their new church.

Then the first lockdown came along closing the church for worship.

After a time of not meeting each other because of Covid, plans were put into place to arrange alternative sessions for the children. The church was very pleased to accept the services of Jon Anelli from 'Salt and Light' church in Manchester for six months, to provide work with the children from 1st October 2020.



Neil and Jon did a grand work with the children at the 4 o'clock sessions, plus time in the week doing craft work which was then videoed for the church to see the following Sunday morning. Then lockdown came again, closing the church for a second time.

We wish to thank Jon and Neil for their commitment and work they put into Junior Church.

Jenny Whitfield

Crèche:

Only a few sessions took place at the beginning of 2020. Unfortunately, due to the Covid virus and lockdown, the crèche sessions have been terminated until church can function again as normal.

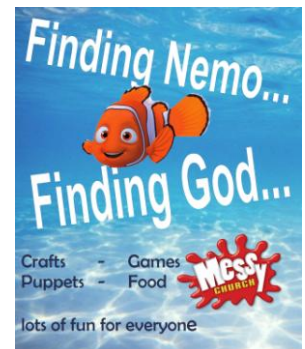
Jenny Whitfield

Messy Church:

We managed to meet monthly for January February and March with themes such as Toy Story and finding Nemo/God with a healthy number of children/parents.

However, it was not possible to meet beyond that due to COVID restrictions.

Messy Church Team



Prayer:

At the beginning of 2020, the Early Morning Prayer meetings continued on Tuesdays and Fridays at the Mission.

When lockdown arrived at the beginning of March, church was closed to all gatherings, and so we carried on individually within our own homes. A list of prayers was emailed to participants each Thursday evening.

When the church reopened the Prayer Meetings also restarted. We reduced the Early Morning Prayer time to Fridays only, from 8 to 8.30 a.m.

Then the second lockdown was imposed and we returned to home prayer once again.

In addition, the Missions' Prayer Meetings on the first Saturday of each month were only able to take place in January and February. Lockdown also stopped the Sunday evening prayer meetings.

But prayer continues: personally, with the aid of weekly prayer updates, in small groups on-line, and during weekly Zoom meetings.

Jenny Whitfield



Pastoral:

- *Alexander Graham Bell won the patent rights for the telephone in 1876.*
- *The DVD player was sold by Toshiba in 1996.*
- *Mark Zuckerberg considered WhatsApp was worth paying 19 billion dollars in 2014.*

I think it's fair to say we have really appreciated these during the last year. The phone has been an invaluable means of communication as people have cared and supported each other and alerted others if there has been a point of need. It has been a lifeline for those who have given generously of their time supporting each other.

Practical help with shopping, taking the initiative to show care and concern has been a hallmark of this time particularly at the beginning of the year.

Opportunities to meet together have fluctuated frustratingly as requirements have changed but there has been a greater understanding of fellowship and responding to the challenges has been a hallmark of this time.

Marion Walker



Life Groups

For January, February and the first part of March we met as Life Groups in person but due to COVID things changed from mid March.

We started meeting over Zoom on 2 occasions per week, one afternoon group and one evening group, studying the Psalms. This was good, although numbers did start to dwindle. September brought another change when we could meet up in person again at church. We ran three Small Groups, each having a different focus, Prayer/Worship, Word and Social.

This changed again towards the end of the year when we had to go back to Zoom meetings. There were some benefits however as we could attend more than one meeting without travelling.

Carolyn Hastings

Rog's Group:

Regular Life Study Meetings studying God's word changed in March to regular zoom meetings due to COVID restrictions, however, we did study Psalms in depth on a weekly basis before changing back to meeting in person in church in our small group following COVID guidelines. Then back again to zoom meetings. What a year!



Finally, *whatever is true, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, fix your thoughts on these things.* And as a group we did.

Martin's Group:

We started the year, as everyone else, totally unaware of what lay before us. Our small, but perfectly formed group, worked our way through sermon topics and other subjects as they arose. Still meeting together, enjoying Ted's cakes on occasions and other delights, as we continued with our prayer and bible studies.

Until it suddenly hit us (I think you know what I mean) but we kept on meeting in our homes apart but together via zoom.

Nobody had ever heard of zoom before late March last year, now it is almost second nature. We can see one another, we can communicate with one another, and that has been a life line. To be able to communicate has been a great source of blessing to many who otherwise might see nobody for days

at a time. We have been able to comfort one another, encourage one another and even at a distance give support to one another. Such encouragement can be vital to our wellbeing.

Our group is different, different people, different time, different topics but we remain united by one God who is in all and through all and keeping us together by the love which flows from Him through us.

We don't know what the future holds in the short or long term, but we DO know who holds the future and we can rest assured that he has the best in store for us.,



Adrian's Group:

Despite the limitations imposed upon us by lockdown we have continued to enjoy good fellowship as a home group. The New Year started with a meal at The Fat Italian in Burscough. We met weekly after that until prevented from doing so by government restrictions. Ruth especially, has enjoyed keeping in touch with Home Group members by telephone.

In the summer we met at church on Fridays for a weekly Bible Study which was open to all. After spending a few weeks on Romans chapter 5 we spent several weeks discussing the Ten Commandments. I was especially grateful for the support and input of John Packer during this time and to the many who contributed to the lively discussions.

The return of lockdown brought an end to us meeting in person. But new friendships had been made and existing ones strengthened. We look forward to meeting again in some form soon

Life Style Groups:

Walking Group:

This year we have not been able to do as many walks as usual! However we did get two walks in before lockdown in March. One was at Astley Hall where we had 20 people turn up for the walk. In February we went to Parkgate, which was a very cold and windy day, but enjoyable.

Our walks started up again on the 12 September when we were able to meet up to six people outdoors. We walked up Devil's Wall, which was lovely, not just for the views but the fact we were able to meet up with friends again.

In October I did two walks to Yarrow valley with two different groups and on the 31st of October we had a group of six who walked around Croston and got very wet indeed! Considering it was supposed to be dry!. The last walk before Christmas was again up Devil's Wall, with only four in the group. So we have managed to meet up and share each others company while walking which has been really good under the circumstances we have had to endure this year.



I am looking forward to when we are able to meet up again with all the group and explore more of the area around us. I have some nice walks ready to get us going.

Ginny Salkeld

Knit & Natter:

We found ourselves being called upon to help out various organisations with projects that they were doing. We did poppies for a Care Home for their Remembrance Day celebrations and daisies for the Alzheimer's Society to help decorate a venue for an exhibition to promote their work. Next came beanie hats for prem babies in South Africa that Carolyn took with her in January. This is continuing along with baby cardigans as and when we can.

Perhaps the most curious request was knitted food to accompany a petition being sent to Parliament to highlight food poverty. The sponsors wanted to give each MP a piece of food.

Doreen Williams was the only one who managed this in the time allowed. We trust you like her offering of egg on toast and a full English breakfast.

Maureen Venables



Ladies' Craft Meeting:

There had been two meetings before we had to stop, but I can't remember what we did! Hopefully we will start up again when we are able, as the ladies who came really enjoyed it.

Ginny Salkeld

Wednesdays @ CLM

Luncheon Club:

Fun, food, fellowship and friends were all there to enjoy in abundance on 8 January 2020 when over 60 members returned after the Christmas break. Always keen to resume Luncheon Club after a holiday period, little did they know then how short 2020 would be for their much-loved Wednesday get-togethers. Due to the lockdown we had to close from 18 March for the rest of the year. Not only did the Wednesday lunches stop, but so did the Luncheon Club holiday to Llandudno, the August afternoon tea and the Christmas festive meal plus the carol service.

So what happened instead?

Each Luncheon Club member was linked to someone from the Luncheon Club team, who would keep in regular telephone contact with them. The team members have been kept busy chatting to the members on their list, ensuring that their needs are being met. Letters and cards (birthday, Easter and Christmas) have been posted or delivered. On Saturday 16 December eighty Christmas afternoon teas were prepared and delivered to all the members. There was much appreciation expressed for this.

They are looking forward to the day we re-open but that joyful occasion will be tinged with sadness, as we have lost eight members while we have been closed. We treasure our memories of each one of them and thank God for the opportunities we had to minister to them.

Beryl Mackenzie



Luncheon Club Bible Study:

Last year we were only able to meet January, February and part of March. The few weeks when we were allowed to meet were enjoyed by all.

We still managed to keep the same format of coffee, tea and biscuits social time first. This was then followed by the Bible study.

As we cannot meet and have not been able to, we are continuing to keep in touch with the group every week to 10 days by telephone. As the pandemic continues we felt something more was called for so we now try to visit as many as possible as well.

John & Enid Roberts

Band of Cheer:

We were just getting back into the swing of things after the winter break, and once again enjoying each others company, singing our choruses, progressing through Mark's gospel when we were closed down by COVID19.

Those I have spoken to are missing the group very much and are compensating by still singing the choruses and saying the Band of Cheer prayer. They are really looking forward to the time when we can meet again. Sadly when this does happen we will be at least one member down as Audrey Howard passed away soon after lockdown.

Maureen Venables



Community

Community Lives Matter:

2020 saw the establishment of the charity Community Lives Matter which is now a separate legal entity, being registered as a CIO (charitable incorporated organisation) on 7 May. It is a non-religious charity, but linked to the church. It is funded through voluntary donations but also through grant applications and its status as a non-religious organisation facilitates applications for some grants. Building usage and some of my time is included in costings for activities which also contributes to the church's annual budget target. A separate financial and annual report is available for anyone interested.



The basic aim of the charity is to increase our impact and profile in the community, addressing and meeting some of the real needs that exist around us. It has taken on the running of some existing activities whilst also planning and running others. Like everything else, its work has been hugely affected by the pandemic. Some planned activities have not been able to be carried out, some only in limited ways and others have needed creative adaptation to continue. But right through the year, in many ways the pandemic has served to highlight the real needs of members of our community and we have done what we can to address these.

The main areas of our activity have been:

- Lonely and vulnerable older people: providing support, social contact and activities to older or otherwise vulnerable lonely people. Distributing meals has enabled contact and an expression of care and so begun to address issues arising from the Coronavirus pandemic, helping people

remain healthy mentally and emotionally. Our befriending scheme connects lonely people with volunteers.

- Asylum seekers and refugees: the pandemic was particularly hard for them, with no work, no social relationships and told to “stay at home” in a house with people they had not met. We provide support on the level of friendship, opportunities for social contact and meaningful interaction, support with paperwork (doctor’s registration, registration procedures...) as well as the chance to speak and practise English.
- Dementia support: people with dementia are told to “stay active, and social”. Clearly, the pandemic would only have a detrimental impact on those now having to stay at home. We have been able to run activities for a small group, providing opportunities to get out for people with dementia, also giving support to carers or opportunities for social contact with others or time for themselves, knowing that those they care for are in good hands.
- Educational support: the pandemic has left many children from disadvantaged backgrounds adrift educationally. Whilst the government has allocated finance to schools for additional tuition, this only covers about a third of the real needs. We planned work with A small CP school to provide individual tuition for those most in need, but the changing nature of the pandemic meant that this had to be postponed until 2021.
- Other vulnerable groups: we work with a couple of homeless people and others who, whilst not homeless, are in need of support for issues of addiction, bereavement or mental health. This is very varied but includes the provision of meals and administrative support.

We work with a fantastic team of trustees and volunteers who plan, oversee and carry out its activities. When you get the chance, do have a chat with any of us — you will get a much better picture of what we do through personal conversation than through a few written paragraphs.

Neil Rees

Street Pastors/Ormskirk Ambassadors:

The Street Pastors have only been out a couple of times this year because of the COVID restrictions. They don’t go out in the month of January because there is not too much activity on the streets of Ormskirk in the evenings after the Christmas & New Year celebrations have ended. Due to dwindling volunteer numbers they can only go out the first & last weekends in the month. Between the first & second lockdown when the bars & restaurants were only allowed to open until 10pm, they managed to get out early evening (7pm-10pm), and they met some people who they wouldn’t normally meet like families out for an evening meal who would usually be back home before the Pastors were out on the street. When the 2nd lockdown came this closed the bars & restaurants again, so no more Street Pastors because the streets were deserted.



After the first lockdown ended, when the market & non-essential shops started trading again Street & School Pastors were asked by WLBC to volunteer as Ormskirk Ambassadors. They were given a high viz jacket & asked to welcome people back into Ormskirk & help keep people safe by making sure that people in queues for shops or stalls were adhering to and keeping the safe distance apart. Also help to ensure that no-one was feeling anxious or afraid being around other people again after the lockdown. Most people they met were appreciative and happy to see the Ambassadors. Some people wanted prayers for loved ones who had either passed away or were ill with the virus, and felt the Pastors gave them some inner peace.

Sheila Gill

School Pastors:

During 2020 School Pastors have been on patrol two or three times a week at both St Bede's and Ormskirk Schools when they have been open.

We have continued to build good relationships with headteachers, staff, parents and children of both schools.

We gave Christmas Cards to all staff and pupils, 2500 in total.

Volunteers are still needed. Could you spare a couple of hours to reach the next generation for Christ? Free training and uniform provided.

Elaine Maitland



West Lancashire Debt Advice Service

West Lancashire Debt Advice service is one which offers free, confidential and (ordinarily) face to face debt advice to enable people to manage their debts and work towards becoming debt free.

The service is staffed by a team of trained, unpaid volunteers drawn mainly from churches in the local area. Recent access to grant funding will enable us to continue operations in the medium term. Running costs relate to stationery, postage, phone, room hire and fees payable to Community Money Advice, the national umbrella organisation which offers support, advice and necessary training.



Over the past year, face to face advice sessions have had to be curtailed on occasions due to Covid restrictions where we have not been able to use our base at Emmanuel Church, as is the case presently. However, we do maintain regular contact with clients and their creditors via phone, text, letters and email.

It is anticipated that demands on the service may increase significantly once the present crisis is over.

Roy Wynne

Food Bank:

How the foodbank operated changed in response to the coronavirus pandemic – switching to a delivery only system from March – September 2020 and then a restricted opening at New Church House for collection by clients.



We felt privileged to be able to continue this valuable service throughout the year, being classified as 'essential'. The number of people issued with emergency food in 2020 increased by 33% compared to the previous year (approximately 1500 people in total).

We were blessed with some new volunteers coming forward, but other volunteers stepped down. The generosity of local people and businesses has been overwhelming and greatly appreciated.

We pray that opportunities arise to share with individuals and organisations the reason why churches in Ormskirk provide the foodbank (Matthew 25:35 'For I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in...'). We support Trussell Trust's campaigning and advocacy to stop hunger in the UK, eventually taking away the need for foodbanks.

Linda Heaton

Asylum Seekers & Refugees:

Due to the lockdown the library in Skelmersdale was closed down and weekly contact suspended. Lawrence has kept contact with the asylum seekers. Hopefully the coming year will give some possibility of contact.

Alan & Hannah Mapstone



Children, Youth & Family

Toddler Group:

The Toddler Group managed to meet a couple of times in 2020 before going into lock-down due to COVID. However, the mums, toddlers and helpers alike were continuing to enjoy Friday mornings and were very disappointed having to close. Toddlers had been running for over 30 years, and never had to stop providing this very special activity.



We are all looking forward to being able to meet again in 2021 and still believe our God is in control and we know our future is secure in his hands.

Dorothy Rawsthorne

Families & Young People:

My name's Jon. Frustratingly, I won't have met the majority of you reading this. I started working for CLM as a family worker in October, when things were looking a little more optimistic. I started to get to know a few of the kids and families in the church and began putting together some activities and plans for them.

Then Lockdown number two hit us but we decided that it wouldn't be too much of a stretch to take some of our activities online. Over the Christmas period we hosted a weekly Zoom craft session which included baking, bauble making, puppet making and a Christmas puzzle zoom room. Since Christmas I've been producing content for the kids in the form of a weekly video and resource pack as well as hosting a zoom session so that I can still connect with the kids in some form. This is something that isn't so far away from my skill-set outside of a church setting and I really feel that this may be why God brought me to CLM for this period.



Also during this time the young people (teenagers) only managed to get together a few times, before lockdown prevented any further activities.

I'd really appreciate your prayers over the coming months as we assess what the new year is going to look like once restrictions begin to be lifted. It's been fun spending time with these kids virtually over the last few months, but it would be really great to get back out there into the community and find ways to engage with non-churched families.

Jon Anelli

Mission

It's good that we are mindful of the missions we support financially and pray for regularly and understand the new challenges they face in our ever changing world.



KENYA

Our much loved friend Bishop Simwa passed away in July 2020. He had visited the mission on two occasions and many of us were blessed by his preaching and his engaging personality. The education sponsorship programme continues and we support on a monthly basis the running of a local nursery class. Our friends at the Holy Spirit Church in Bukoyani struggle with failing crops and poor healthcare but they remain steadfast in the love of God and deeply value the support of their friends here.

OPEN DOORS

Please pray that the work of Open Doors continues to help those who are suffering unimaginably for their faith.

TURKEY

Anna and Nathan Tait and their two children have moved to Canakkale from Ankara where they had been living and working in the community for seven years. Please continue to pray that they will settle well in their new home and that their practical needs are met so that they can continue working in their local community and sharing the love of God with their neighbours and new friends.

INTERNATIONAL CHINA CONCERN

A recent update sent via Sandra and Ken brings to us a real insight into the inspiring work of ICC

TEARFUND AND TRAIDCRAFT

CLM continues to support Tearfund and have contributed to their global Coronavirus response reaching 1.5 million people, installing 1,788 handwashing stations and distributing 83,476 hygiene kits to the most vulnerable parts of the world. Lockdown fundraising event The Climb raised £326,000 and the Big Quiz Night raised £247,000. We can all contribute in supporting Traidcraft by buying products sold in our local supermarkets which helps those farming in the poorest countries to receive better working conditions and fairer prices for their produce. Please contact Linda and Allan Heaton if you wish to purchase goods from the Traidcraft catalogue.

ETHIOPIA

We continue to support the ministry that Dereje and the youth movement that he supervises are engaged in in Ethiopia. In 2020 this has involved:

- Dereje works mainly in the discipleship and training of Muslim followers of Jesus. (If anyone wants to know more about that term, and why they do not call themselves Christians or "ex-Muslims", speak to Neil.) He works with leaders and groups in different regions, particularly in the south and west of the country, also providing basic business training and community development
- during the restrictions imposed by the pandemic, he was supporting churches in the capital in local evangelism and social investment projects
- the Ethiopian Youth Mission Movement, run by young Ethiopian students, including Dereje's eldest son. They have mission discipleship groups in universities across the country. Neil and Lynn were with around 30 regional leaders in March for a week of leadership input
- we have facilitated access to further leadership training (in Kenya and Thailand respectively) and mission mobilization training for 4 of the leaders of EYMM and will continue to invest in their growth
- Dereje and the EYMM team very much appreciate the love, prayer and support of our church, without which their ministries would be more limited.

Liz and Jenny



General

Administration:

In the early part of 2020, the administration team met in January and March. No team meetings have taken place since then due to the restrictions of the pandemic. We organised a meal for Valentine's Day, which was well received. Those involved in the planning and the running of it worked hard and all the couples attending had an enjoyable evening with a delicious meal, live music and going home with a framed poem and red roses. Unfortunately, due to some last minute cancellations, we ran it at a loss. In future payment will have to be made when booking.



At the beginning of the year we started to have a dinner on the first Sunday of the month after the Sunday service for people who were on their own and going home to an empty house. It was very popular with around 30 people attending. Unfortunately, we were only able to fit two in before lockdown happened.

Another event we can't run at present is the monthly breakfast meeting for local church leaders. This was always very much appreciated with usually about 10 – 15 attending for their full English!

Through the help of CVS (Council for Voluntary Service), we have several ladies who have offered their services as befrienders. Two have been appointed and one is now working as a telephone befriender. Others are waiting for interviews, DBS checks and training. This is run as part of our charity, Community Lives Matter. We need someone to take responsibility for this important work of ministering to lonely, depressed or needy people.

Most of the church activities have been suspended since the first lockdown in March. Sadly, the Quinta church weekend planned for October had to be cancelled. Services on Zoom or on a DVD have been much appreciated. We have been able to keep in touch with one another through telephone calls and delivering gifts. All ladies in the fellowship received a pretty little potted pansy for Mothers' Day and then everyone in the church was given a flowering succulent plant at Christmas.

Beryl Mackenzie

Health & Safety Report:

Last year's report was the first one in the history of CLM. (as far as I know)

January, February and part of March were just "*normal old style run of the mill activities*" within the church. All I had to do was keep an eye on things to make sure we were staying safe. **Then we had the Covid-19 pandemic.**

Suddenly we realised that this was not covered in our H & S documents!! The church had to be shut etc etc.



As the leadership met to see what we could & couldn't do, we realised that a lot of thought and work had to be done to comply with government guidelines if we were to carry on having our church witness in the area during the pandemic.

Over the next few weeks several H & S documents were produced to allow us to stay open for services on a Sunday, also for other groups to be able to meet midweek.

After the documents were done the mission had to be transformed to physically comply with all the government & our H & S paperwork.

Throughout the year there have been many changes. Over the last year 16 documents have been produced, changed or updated. We have a one way system for different areas and hand sanitising stations situated around the building. Lots of signs on the walls & doors, marker tape on the floor to give social distance, seats spaced apart. We have Perspex screens behind which the singers sing and the speaker who is bringing God's Word talks.

I feel it is important that we as a church are seen to obey the rules laid down for religious organisations, to keep its members and any visitors to its church premises safe. We need to be seen to take all necessary precautions to keep us as safe as possible when on church premises.

All this H & S ensures is that the building is safe and that all who enter are safe whilst on the premises.
John Roberts

Building & maintenance:

We have not had anyone responsible for building maintenance in 2020. Thankfully, there have not been any major maintenance needs and no emergencies. Different people have picked up on issues that have been noticed and I have either asked someone in church to fix the problem noted or arranged for an outside person to do the work if needed

Ray stepped down as caretaker after many years of service and we are very grateful to him for the time, effort and care he has put into the role. Roger has taken on the responsibility of caretaker for now in a voluntary capacity and our thanks to him too. Clearly, during the pandemic the building was unused for much of the year and even when services were started, many of our other activities were still suspended and outside groups were not using the building. Faye was furloughed through much of the year but our thanks to her too for keeping the building spotless.

Finally, in order to use the building at all we have had to operate a "Covid-secure" environment, including managing attendance, entry and exit and usage arrangements. I would like to thank John for his thought in designing appropriate systems and then everyone who has used the building for your efforts to follow guidelines, observing social distancing and sticking to government regulations and advice.

Neil Rees



Cottage Lane Mission 2020 Financial Statements 1

Financial Report 2020

The Funds Statement shows that total funds have increased year on year by £15K, from £54K to £69K. The Income & Expenditure Account shows a breakdown of our sources of unrestricted income and the analysis of our areas of expenditure, both compared with the budget for 2020. The actual figures for 2019 are also presented, usually so that you can see year on year trends. However, 2020 was exceptional in that the restrictions to our normal activities caused by Covid-19 mean that the financial profile for 2020 is unique (so far!).

Income for the year at £83K was £4K better than budget. Rent and advertising income was £845 worse than budget, not surprising since we were unable to rent our premises for 9 months. Income received from Community Lives Matter for the use of our building and for Neil's time invested in charity activities was £3,315 compared with a budget of £9,000. Again, the closure of our building impacted this income stream. Claims for support under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme amounted to £4,601.50 subsidising the salaries of the family worker and the cleaner who were inevitably furloughed/ part-furloughed for most of the year. General giving at £46.4K was £7.6K worse than budget. The closure of our premises resulted in the loss of the majority of donations from those who give via the weekly offering. Those folk giving via standing order remained faithful, thereby ensuring our continued liquidity. Overall though, general giving fell for the fourth consecutive year. A key feature of 2020 income was the receipt of one off donations of £8,000 and legacies of £5,450. God certainly provided when most needed.

Total expenditure in 2020 was £67K, £21K less than budget. Expenditure on most activities were curtailed due to the pandemic.

1. Salaries and expenses of PCL and Family Worker were £5K less than budget. We continue to benefit from the government NI allowance of up to £4K.
2. Maintenance costs were £5K lower than budget with no major repairs required.
3. Calls on our Care Fund were covered by donations specifically for the purpose saving £1,000 versus budget.
4. Missions giving was severely cut during 2020 while our financial position was unclear. We have recommenced giving in 2021, catching up where appropriate.

Overall, in 2020, income exceeded expenditure by £16K compared with a budget overspend of £9K. Remember, though, that £13.5K of this came from one off gifts and legacies. Therefore our finances remain healthy for the time being. Compared with the profile I presented at the 2020 annual update, the risk of falling below the level of recommended reserves has receded from 2022 to 2023.

I make no apology for repeating my plea of last year and the year before for folk to consider legacies to CLM in their wills. If you do decide to leave CLM a legacy, it is important that you let me know. Legacies to CLM are something we should prayerfully consider; they make a real difference as we have seen in the past year. Of course, anyone can leave a legacy to CLM.

Cottage Lane Mission June 2020 Financial Statements 2

Financial Report Budget 2021

The budget schedule compares our 2021 budget with our actual income & expenditure for 2020. The 2021 budget is predicated upon a removal of all restrictions by 1 April 2021.

Total income is budgetted at £67.3K.

1. General giving at £48K reflects recent trends. Of course, no one off donations or legacies are assumed.
2. Rents/ Advertising income is budgetted at £2.2K plus £5K from Community Lives Matter.
3. Gift Aid is expected to generate £12K.

Total Expenditure is budgetted at £90.5K.

4. Maintenance budget at £15K provides for routine maintenance and for the replacement of windows at the front of the building but assumes no major roof repairs.
5. All salaries are assumed to equate to 2020 levels with no change to costs as a result of any changes in personnel.
6. Missions expenditure at £21.6K is budgetted to cover the 2020 shortfall. Expenditure in this area will be closely monitored to ensure that income levels can sustain our giving to missions.
7. We paid Salt & Light £3,050 in 2020, being £1,400 in respect of the second half of 2019 and £1,650 for 2020, a full year's subscription at only half rate, given the impact of Covid-19. We have budgetted £3,000 for 2021.

The total deficit assumed in the 2021 budget of £23.2K, although huge, is sustainable in the context of a surplus of £16.2K in 2020, although of course both income and expenditure will be closely monitored in order to ensure that our planned expenditure remains affordable.



GE Maitland, Treasurer.

Cottage Lane Mission
Financial Summary
2020

| | Actual 2019 | Actual 2020 |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Bank Balances | | |
| Deposit A/C 1 (Kenya Education) | 1,281.58 | 1,282.88 |
| Deposit Account 3 | 33,560.89 | 33,594.99 |
| Total Deposit Accounts | 34,842.47 | 34,877.87 |
| Current Account | 19,159.96 | 34,416.84 |
| Total | 54,002.43 | 69,294.71 |
| Increase in Funds | | 15,292.28 |

Cottage Lane Mission

 Income & Expenditure
 4 Feb 21

| | Full Year Actual 2019 | Full Year Budget 2020 | Full Year Actual 2020 | Actual B/(W) than Budget |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Admin/ Audit | 417.48 | 500.00 | 520.92 | -20.92 |
| Audiovisual | 110.22 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Catering | -3,069.87 | -500.00 | 279.46 | -779.46 |
| Family Care Fund | 168.00 | 1,000.00 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Insurance | 1,797.56 | 2,000.00 | 1,912.98 | 87.02 |
| Maintenance | 8,004.72 | 12,000.00 | 6,622.20 | 5,377.80 |
| Ministry Resources | 1,669.68 | 1,000.00 | 1,766.23 | -766.23 |
| Photocopier/ Printing | 3,004.14 | 2,000.00 | 1,465.05 | 534.95 |
| Stationery | 43.95 | 500.00 | 181.48 | 318.52 |
| Salaries | 23,764.79 | 27,000.00 | 23,527.36 | 3,472.64 |
| Training | 493.20 | 1,000.00 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Utilities | 4,588.08 | 4,500.00 | 3,304.97 | 1,195.03 |
| Visitors' expenses | 90.00 | | 150.00 | -150.00 |
| Youth Work | -532.09 | | -320.87 | 320.87 |
| Family Worker | 8,953.81 | 10,500.00 | 8,306.48 | 2,193.52 |
| MCYC Child Sponsorship | 150.00 | 200.00 | 0.00 | 200.00 |
| Messy Church | 1,494.26 | 1,200.00 | 76.48 | 1,123.52 |
| Pastoral Assistant | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Contact with community events | 685.30 | 1,500.00 | 357.11 | 1,142.89 |
| Weekend | 153.00 | | 164.00 | -164.00 |
| Junior Church | 0.00 | 300.00 | 0.00 | 300.00 |
| Purchase of Property | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Salt & Light | | 3,400.00 | 3,050.00 | 350.00 |
| Toilets Refurb | -204.34 | | -27.00 | 27.00 |
| Legal & Professional | 609.39 | 500.00 | 630.57 | -130.57 |
| Sundry | 55.92 | 1,000.00 | -19.39 | 1,019.39 |
| General Expenditure | 57,447.20 | 74,600.00 | 56,948.03 | 17,651.97 |
| Missions | 14,571.48 | 14,000.00 | 10,280.46 | 3,719.54 |
| | 72,018.68 | 88,600.00 | 67,228.49 | 21,371.51 |
| Income Full Year | | | | |
| Rent & Advertising | 3,822.00 | 2,500.00 | 1,655.00 | -845.00 |
| General (incl. Leadership) | 50,519.45 | 54,000.00 | 46,356.26 | -7,643.74 |
| Legacies | | | 5,450.00 | 5,450.00 |
| Donations | | | 8,000.00 | 8,000.00 |
| Coffee Machine | 464.49 | | 138.08 | 138.08 |
| Community Lives Matter | | 9,000.00 | 3,315.40 | -5,684.60 |
| Gift Aid received | 14,083.17 | 14,000.00 | 13,864.22 | -135.78 |
| Interest | 78.18 | 50.00 | 35.40 | -14.60 |
| Grants incl CJRS | 500.00 | | 4,601.50 | 4,601.50 |
| Total | 69,467.29 | 79,550.00 | 83,415.86 | 3,865.86 |
| Excess income over expenditure | | | 16,187.37 | 25,237.37 |
| Excess expenditure over income | 2,551.39 | 9,050.00 | | |

Cottage Lane Mission

Income & Expenditure

| | Full Year | Full Year | Budget 2021 |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| 4 Feb 21 | Actual | Budget | better/ worse |
| | 2020 | 2021 | Actual 2020 |
| Admin/ Audit | 520.92 | 500.00 | 20.92 |
| Audiovisual | 0.00 | 100.00 | -100.00 |
| Catering | 279.46 | -375.00 | 654.46 |
| Family Care Fund | 0.00 | 750.00 | -750.00 |
| Insurance | 1,912.98 | 2,100.00 | -187.02 |
| Maintenance | 6,622.20 | 15,000.00 | -8,377.80 |
| Ministry Resources | 1,766.23 | 750.00 | 1,016.23 |
| Photocopier/ Printing | 1,465.05 | 2,250.00 | -784.95 |
| Stationery | 181.48 | 200.00 | -18.52 |
| Salaries | 23,527.36 | 24,000.00 | -472.64 |
| Training | 0.00 | 400.00 | -400.00 |
| Utilities | 3,304.97 | 3,800.00 | -495.03 |
| Visitors' expenses | 150.00 | 150.00 | 0.00 |
| Youth Work | -320.87 | | -320.87 |
| Family Worker | 8,306.48 | 9,000.00 | -693.52 |
| MCYC Child Sponsorship | 0.00 | 200.00 | -200.00 |
| Messy Church | 76.48 | 450.00 | -373.52 |
| Pastoral Assistant | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Contact with community events | 357.11 | 750.00 | -392.89 |
| Weekend | 164.00 | | 164.00 |
| Junior Church | 0.00 | 150.00 | -150.00 |
| Purchase of Property | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Salt & Light | 3,050.00 | 3,000.00 | 50.00 |
| Toilets Refurb | -27.00 | | -27.00 |
| Legal & Professional | 630.57 | 500.00 | 130.57 |
| Sundry | -19.39 | 200.00 | -219.39 |
| General Expenditure | 56,948.03 | 68,875.00 | -11,926.97 |
| Missions | 10,280.46 | 21,630.00 | -11,349.54 |
| | 67,228.49 | 90,505.00 | -23,276.51 |
| Income Full Year | | | |
| Rent & Advertising | 1,655.00 | 2,250.00 | 595.00 |
| General (incl. Leadership) | 46,356.26 | 48,000.00 | 1,643.74 |
| Legacies | 5,450.00 | | -5,450.00 |
| Donations | 8,000.00 | | -8,000.00 |
| Coffee Machine | 138.08 | | -138.08 |
| Community Lives Matter | 3,315.40 | 5,000.00 | 1,684.60 |
| Gift Aid received | 13,864.22 | 12,000.00 | -1,864.22 |
| Interest | 35.40 | 70.00 | 34.60 |
| Grants incl CJRS | 4,601.50 | | -4,601.50 |
| Total | 83,415.86 | 67,320.00 | -16,095.86 |
| Excess income over expenditure | 16,187.37 | | |
| Excess expenditure over income | | 23,185.00 | 39,372.37 |



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name

COTTAGE LANE MISSION

On accounts for the year ended

31-12-2020

Charity no (if any)

1136311

Set out on pages

1 & 2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's 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 statement

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below~~ *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

20-3-2021

Name:

PETER BRIAN SLATER

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

INSTITUTE OF BANKERS

(if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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