

The Gateway Church - Newcastle

Report and Accounts
Year ended 31 March 2024

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THE GATEWAY CHURCH - NEWCASTLE

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	The Gateway Church - Newcastle c/o Pendower Good Neighbour Project 12-14 Sunnybank Avenue Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 6SD
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	CIO - Foundation registered 29 Oct 2015 as amended 11 June 2020
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1164161
TRUSTEES	Sam Douthwaite (chair) James Heron Hall (resigned 4 December 2023) Kemi Olantunji Stephen Gill Nicola Riches
BANKERS	Lloyds Bank plc 102 Grey Street Newcastle upon Tyne NE99 1SL
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Archie McDowall BA, CA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year.

Objects of the charity

The charity, which is a church, is governed by a constitution and is constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation. The charity's principal objects, as set out in its governing document, are:

- a) the advancement of the Christian faith in Newcastle-upon-Tyne and such other parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the charity trustees may from time to time decide
- b) to relieve financial hardship by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the charity trustees may from time to time decide

Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

To further the above objects and vision, the charity hosts multiple weekly activities, including:

- five Sunday gatherings
- prayer meetings
- children's work
- community practical care drop in sessions

These provide a place for people to grow in their understanding of Christianity and/or receive practical support to relieve poverty.

In this financial year we have successfully maintained our practical support in the community through the clothes bank and pantry. At the pantry alone we have seen 44 new households join with members saving a total of £6,000. Members accessing this service report that at the same time as receiving practical benefit it is a place that they feel safe, comfortable and enjoy coming to. We have launched another Sunday gathering in the East End of Newcastle. This has benefitted those who already consider themselves part of the charity as well as engaging with others in the local community. Due to the continuation and development of our work we have invested in leadership equipping and development.

Through the work of our Sunday gatherings, prayer meeting and evangelistic outreach we have given people from many backgrounds the opportunity to learn more about and grow in the Christian faith.

A vast proportion of our work is maintained by volunteers. This includes the facilitation of Sunday gatherings and our practical support in the community. The general running of the charity is supported by gifts from those who consider themselves members of the church. Our direct work in the community is supported by grant funding.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Financial review

During the year income increased by £16,258, to £74,550, and expenditure increased by £6,997, to £64,414. As a result the cash held by the charity increased by £10,136, to £39,712, of which £26,738 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

The charity is in a strong position at the close of 23/24 giving scope for continuation and development of our work.

Reserves policy

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £12,000 (which equates to about 3 months' of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £26,738 and this has been factored in to the 24/25 budget. The charity is complying with its reserves policy.

Governance

Responsibility for setting policy and for making operating decisions rests with the trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charity. New trustees are selected and appointed following discussions amongst the current trustees and Church Eldership.

Risk statement

The charity is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

Responsibilities of trustees

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

N J Riches

N J Riches (Dec 20, 2024 11:50 GMT)

Nicola Riches

Date: Dec 20, 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE GATEWAY CHURCH - NEWCASTLE

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Gateway Church - Newcastle ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024 on pages 5 to 8 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. 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.


Archie McDowall (Dec 23, 2024 13:43 GMT)

Archie McDowall BA, CA

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Date: Dec 23, 2024

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023	2022
Notes		£	£	£	£
<i>Income receipts</i>					
Donations		38,714	1,151	39,864	33,536
Grants		0	29,500	29,500	19,300
Gift aid receipts		5,127	0	5,127	4,700
Other		59	0	59	756
<i>Total receipts</i>		<u>43,900</u>	<u>30,651</u>	<u>74,550</u>	<u>58,292</u>
Payments					
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	40,152	23,602	63,754	56,137
Grants & donations paid	3	<u>160</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>660</u>	<u>1,280</u>
<i>Total payments</i>		<u>40,312</u>	<u>24,102</u>	<u>64,414</u>	<u>57,417</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		3,588	6,549	10,136	875
Transfers between funds		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>3,588</u>	<u>6,549</u>	<u>10,136</u>	<u>875</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		23,150	6,426	29,576	28,701
Cash funds at this year end	A	<u>26,738</u>	<u>12,975</u>	<u>39,712</u>	<u>29,576</u>

The notes on pages 7 - 8 form part of these accounts.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 £	2022 £
A Cash funds				
Cash at bank with immediate access	26,736	12,976	39,712	29,576
	26,736	12,976	39,712	29,576
B Other monetary assets				
Gift aid due to charity	4,750	0	4,750	5,045
	4,750	0	4,750	5,045
C Liabilities				
PAYE due	449	0	449	368
March salary paid in April		0	0	1,696
Unbilled fee for Independent Examination	912	0	912	888
	1,361	0	1,361	2,952

D Assets retained for charity's own use

	Value 2023 £	Value 2022 £
Contents and equipment	4,935	4,935
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Current values have been estimated by the trustees

E Guarantees and secured debts

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by

N J Riches
N J Riches (Dec 20, 2024 11:50 GMT)

Nicola Riches

Date: Dec 20, 2024

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	General funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly				
Senior Elder costs (see Note 4)	21,460	0	21,460	23,942
The Sanctuary	0	22,238	22,238	19,053
General running costs (incl. Tabitha's Place)	7,530	1,364	8,894	10,451
Kingdom Kids costs	8,170	0	8,170	0
Rent	1,080	0	1,080	1,054
Property costs	415	0	415	284
Professional costs (incl. insurance)	608	0	608	526
Accounts & Independent Examination	888	0	888	828
	<u>40,152</u>	<u>23,602</u>	<u>63,754</u>	<u>56,138</u>

3 Grants & donations paid

Institutions	0	0	0	1,280
Individuals	<u>160</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>660</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>160</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>660</u>	<u>1,280</u>

4 Transactions with related parties

Sam Douthwaite, a trustee, served as a Senior Elder and received a salary of £18,700. He was paid for serving in that capacity, not for serving as trustee; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

During the year, the wife of a trustee was paid £7,700 in her role as an employee.

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5 Movement on funds

	Opening Balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing Balance £
Restricted funds					
Tabitha's Place	900	651	(1,364)		187
The Sanctuary Hub		29,500	(16,712)		12,788
West End Community Gatherings (WECG)	5,526		(5,526)		0
Personal Gifts	0	500	(500)		0
Total Restricted	<u>6,426</u>	<u>30,651</u>	<u>(24,101)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12,976</u>
Unrestricted Funds					
<i>Designated funds</i>					
Regent Chapel	0	7,500	0	0	7,500
	<u>0</u>	<u>7,500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,500</u>
<i>General Funds</i>	23,150	36,400	(40,312)	0	19,238
Total Unrestricted Funds	<u>23,150</u>	<u>43,900</u>	<u>(40,312)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>26,738</u>
Total Funds	<u>29,576</u>	<u>74,550</u>	<u>(64,413)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>39,713</u>

Tabitha's Place is a mercy and outreach ministry offering free refreshments, children's clothes, toys and books.

The Sanctuary Hub is money received for specific project work in the community and costs include a proportion of rent, property costs and payments for a coordinator role. All expenditure from this fund has been spent according to the remit and instruction of the grant providers.