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Activities

Objects: 1. THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN SUCH WAYS AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT.2. TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE IN LEEDS AND BEYOND WHO ARE IN CONDITIONS OF NEED, HARDSHIP AND DISTRESS AS A RESULT OF POVERTY, CRIMINALITY, MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE MISUSE AND ADDICTIONS BY SUCH MEANS AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT.

Activities: Lighthouse strives to support those battered and bruised by the storms of life such as addicts, homeless and ex-offenders. It seeks to share God's love in an inclusive way, creating a supportive community accessible to all who wish to join. We work in partnership with St George's Crypt and St George's Church to offer individual pastoral support and actively facilitate access other services.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Leeds City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£163,982	£163,554	-	-
2023-12-31	£152,796	£153,570	-	-
2022-12-31	£167,157	£146,182	-	-
2021-12-31	£165,534	£144,825	-	-
2020-12-31	£198,364	£158,785	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Jonathan Cain	Chair	2022-10-29
ANDREW PATRICK BISSET		2021-09-14
Andrea Wilcock		2021-02-01
David Pilling		2025-02-24
Dr Christopher James Woodhead		2023-09-11
Dr NICHOLAS BISHOP		2015-11-03
Rev Andrew Philip Muckle		2026-06-03

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"I have been at Lighthouse for 6 years. Jesus saved my life, I would be dead if it wasn't for Lighthouse. They are my family and friends. It's my safe space."

Objectives – What we are here for

The intention of Lighthouse is to work holistically with those on the margins of society, those 'battered and bruised by the storms of life.' This includes those who may struggle with issues of poverty, criminality, mental health, substance misuse and addiction. We aim to share the love of God as seen in Christ in an atmosphere of mutual support and inclusion, building a supportive and life-giving community.

Whilst we make clear that our support is not contingent on attending any religious services or affiliation to any particular faith, many do regard Lighthouse as 'their' Church and actively participate in the services on offer.

As a Charity the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and this is discharged in seven distinct areas:

1. Sharing the King Jesus Gospel.
2. Discipling those on the margins.
3. Building a supportive community.
4. Offering specialist pastoral care.
5. Raising up leaders.
6. Providing a training hub.
7. Serving the City of Leeds.

Information about our achievements in these seven areas is provided below.

How we started

The ministry was developed in 2015 by the pioneering work of the Revd Jon Swales, then a Curate at St George's Church, Leeds. He saw the need among the marginalised in society, many of whom had contact with St George's Crypt, and actively engaged with them. In this work he received the goodwill and support of both the Church and the Crypt and the free use of their premises.

When his Curacy ended in the summer of 2015 Revd Swales was able to continue in the role of Mission Priest due to the financial support and continued goodwill of both St George's Church and St George's Crypt. The Diocese of Leeds also agreed to offer support by providing housing and a pension contribution.

Since January 2020, the Leeds Diocese has fully financed the Revd Swales' post as Lighthouse Mission Priest.

Developments in 2024

During 2023 the Revd Swales' was seconded to Lighthouse (West Yorkshire) from St George's Church/ the Diocese of Leeds for a term of three years, and in 2024 he continued to report to the trustee board.

The secondment agreement commits the trustees, the Bishop of Kirkstall, and the Diocese of Leeds to explore options for the relationship between the charity, the Diocese, and St George's Church beyond the term of the agreement.

During the year lay pastors Katie Boyes and Alice Brencher moved on to new ventures and the Lighthouse community celebrated their significant contribution to the charity's work over many years. Jack Flowers moved into a lay pastor role and he was joined by Liz Harden and Paula Weiss. Sharon Thresher moved to a support worked role and Daisy Reeves joined the team as our new fundraiser.

2024 saw an increased demand for emergency accommodation for Lighthouse community members and others in acute need on the streets of Leeds. Further information about this emergency provision is set out in *Serving the City of Leeds* below.

Our team

Lighthouse is a team ministry that includes both full time and part time staff, training roles and internships together with a team of twenty volunteers (excluding the trustees).

Full time posts:

Revd Jon Swales is Lighthouse Team Leader. He ensures staff take responsibility for compliance with General Data Protection Regulation and Safeguarding.

Katie Boyes – Lay Pastor (resigned April 2024)

Alice Brencher – Lay Pastor (resigned June 2024)

Jack Flowers – Lay Pastor

Part time posts:

Liz Harden – Lay Pastor (25 hours per week)

Sarah Swales – Lighthouse Administrator (20 hours per week)

Sharon Thresher – Pastoral Support Worker (10 hours per week)

Bank staff:

John Dawson – Support Worker

Helen Lambert – Pastor

Daisy Reeves – Fundraiser

Paula Reiss – Warden

Yashar Sharif – Kitchen Coordinator (Sundays)

Volunteer posts:

Lighthouse Volunteers are a key dimension of the ministry of Lighthouse. Our volunteers help in a variety of ways: preparing hot meals, befriending the community and providing practical and pastoral support where appropriate.

All volunteers are given appropriate training and the relevant legally required checks are completed. We are aware of and ensure that we comply with GDPR in all record keeping.

Three volunteers with particular roles are:

Helen Coutie, Finance Administrator

Stuart Roberts, Pastoral Assistant

Claire Newton, Volunteer Pastor and Prison Chaplain

Achievements

In September 2024, the Lighthouse team and trustees reviewed progress against the charity's seven area of focus. Some highlights from 2024 are described below.

1. Sharing the King Jesus Gospel

At Lighthouse we boldly share the good news of King Jesus in pastorally sensitive, highly accessible and culturally relevant ways. We seek to act as heralds of Christ's life, death, resurrection, and ascension, believing that in him the darkest day is not the final day and that there is no darkness so dark that his light cannot shine. Given this, we unashamedly proclaim and celebrate the redeeming life and work of Jesus through conversations, pastoral visits, liturgy, scripture, sung worship and sacrament.

Sundays. During 2024 over 125 vulnerable adults who were not known to be connected with any other church attended our Sunday cafe style service for the first time. We have 40-60 people with us each week for a church service which precedes a meal, where we feed an additional 40-50 people. The focus of this service is primarily evangelistic – to share the Jesus story with those who are unchurched/ have a very limited understanding of the Christian faith. In 2024 our sermon series included "Unstoppable Love", "Rest for the Soul" and "I Am (the sayings of Jesus)" where we shared the message of the gospel through dramatized readings of scripture and highly accessible teaching.

Wednesdays. Our Wellbeing Wednesday sessions extend a warm welcome with hot drinks, homemade cake, and provide space for support, signposting, and pastoral care. Alongside this, we explore the Bible together and engage in accessible worship—gathering to sing, share family news (which we call Circle Time), read scripture, and pray.

In 2024, our larger group Bible studies have brought the Gospel of Mark to life in a dynamic and immersive way. With 30–40 people regularly in attendance, our community has stepped into the life and ministry of Jesus through interactive Bibliodrama. By donning costumes and actively participating in dramatized storytelling, we have not only deepened our understanding of Jesus' story but also experienced its relevance in our own lives.

This experience has been further enriched by the involvement of a qualified drama teacher, who joined us as a Bank Staff Pastor for several weeks in September 2024 and helped to elevate the quality and depth of our performances.

Following each Bible study, there is often an opportunity to respond—whether in prayer or through a meditative practice. One particularly powerful moment is "truth speaking," where a pastor speaks words of affirmation over the community, such as: "You are loved. You always have been. You are loved right now. And you always will be." For

those who often feel unseen or unloved, this becomes a sacred and transformative time, where the King Jesus Gospel is not only heard but tangibly encountered through words, presence, and embrace.

Immersive Easter and Christmas Experiences. During key moments in the liturgical year, such as Christmas and Easter, we offer an immersive, 60-minute dramatic experience that invites participants on a pilgrimage through a series of in-church locations. With 40–50 people in attendance, members of our team and volunteers take on the roles of biblical characters, bringing the story to life through scripted monologues rooted in scripture. Interwoven with these powerful narratives, and with many in the community also in costume, we share in prayers and songs. Through this dynamic blend of storytelling, drama, and worship, the beauty and depth of the Christian story come alive in a deeply moving and memorable way.

2. Discipling those on the margins

At Lighthouse we seek to follow Jesus. He is our Good Shepherd whose life and teachings permeate and shape all that we do. To follow Christ is to turn from a life of sin, chaos, and rebellion against God towards a life of holiness in which the teachings of Jesus are embodied and the fruits of the Spirit made manifest. This is a work of the Spirit which lasts a lifetime and is encouraged both individually (through 1:1 mentoring, coaching conversations, and prayer) and in the life of the community (through our WOW courses, bible studies, healing workshops, modelling of conflict resolution and celebration of Godly play).

Small Group Healing Workshops

During Lent (March- April 2024), we ran a 6 week 'Healing Workshop' programme where, each week, a small group of regular Wednesday attendees looked at and journeyed together through the life of Joseph. Led by our specially trained and trauma-informed team, the workshops provided an opportunity to explore a variety of creative, visual and kinaesthetic approaches in self-reflection and steps towards positive and personal healing. An example is the making of 'Easter Gardens' when reflecting on how the seeds of hope can be planted in the darkest times.

Small Group Bible Study. Our established small group Bible study continued to meet weekly throughout 2024, exploring New Testament passages with the help of Tom Wright's *For Everyone* series. Though a smaller gathering of around six men, for many, it is a deeply valued time—often described as their favourite part of the week. This bible study focuses specifically on how to live out the Christian story in everyday life, with scripture being used to help people look at how they can navigate trauma, loneliness, addiction and conflict.

WOW! Course March/ April (led by Senior Pastoral Assistant, Stuart Roberts). The second season of our 6-week Lighthouse 'WOW! Course' was a popular choice as folks gathered each Thursday afternoon through Lent to discover and discuss why and what

makes Christians get so excited (and say "WOW") about topics such as The Bible, Jesus and The Church. The course was well attended and concluded with a special trip to Adel Parish Church (a local Leeds church) where the group enjoyed a guided historical tour of the church, hot drinks and delicious home baked cakes from some congregation members. Course participants were presented their completion certificates by the church's Rector, Revd Alison Battye.

Over the summer we ran a 6-week follow up course to our earlier 'WOW! Course', called 'Walking the Way of WOW' which focussed on how to practically and daily live out our Christian faith.

WWW-WOW! Course June/ July. We ran a 6-week follow-up course where we visited and ran a 'Walking the Way of WOW!' course at 6 different local Christian places of worship to be inspired and to learn more together about how to journey as Christians. We visited St James' Church Woodside (Horsforth), St Peter's Bramley, St Paul's Ireland Wood, Trinity University's Chapel, St Philip's Osmondthorpe and Leeds Minster. The feedback from those attending the course has been so encouraging and it's great to see how many in our community have both discovered and shared how to daily follow God in their lives.

"We were really privileged to have you visit us and we're glad it was a great day for you all."

Leeds Trinity University Chaplain - July 2024

"It was a really good course. I loved visiting different types of churches."

Course Attendee, July 2024

3. Building a Supportive Community

Through our day centres, group activities and regular day trips we seek to provide a Jesus centred, loving and supportive community to some of the most vulnerable adults in our city. We recognise that we do not have magic wands that can make all the pain, struggles and complex needs of our Lighthouse brothers and sisters go away. However, we are committed to providing a safe space and non-judgemental, supportive environment where adults with multiple and complex needs can journey towards greater healing, wholeness, and life in all its fullness.

An example of how being part of a supportive community helps facilitate healing and recovery for individuals at Lighthouse can be seen in this account of Steve and Paul:

Both born and raised in Leeds, Steve and Paul have been known to Lighthouse for 10 years, both facing significant challenges. Paul had spent years in and out of prison and sofa surfing, while both struggled with addiction to cannabis, which impacted their ability to live with dignity. Due to spending all their money on weed, they experienced food poverty and often appeared underweight and generally in a low mood.

However, 2024 marked a turning point for them both. With the support of Lighthouse—through coaching, assistance with applications, encouragement, and a listening ear—they each embarked on a journey of recovery.

Steve, with our encouragement and support, successfully completed a 12-step residential rehabilitation programme with one of our partner charities (St George's Crypt), and Paul found freedom from his life-controlling addiction through engaging more deeply in Lighthouse's activities. Today, their transformation is remarkable. Steve is in paid employment, and Paul is living independently in his own flat, managing his money effectively. Both now serve as community helpers at Lighthouse and have become role models and an inspiration to others in our community. They have regained their health, gained weight, and look well—evidence of their renewed hope and stability.

Off-site Community Trips & Experiences. As well as our weekly services, day centres and drop-ins, our community enjoyed numerous offsite trips, where relationships naturally strengthened through positive shared experiences and memories made. Local trips included community farms, galleries and museums – the low cost of these trips allows them to take place regularly during the warmer summer months. These trips are made extra special by the addition of perks such as 'posh coffees' and ice cream – small luxuries that many in our community would not normally allow themselves. These extras add to the positive shared experience.

We also ran a successful online fundraiser appeal for a larger trip – our annual Christmas trip to York. What follows is an extract from our Lighthouse Supporter's Newsletter, December 2024.

'Over 40 attended this offsite day trip. We enjoyed a visit to and tour around York Minster and then joined their Midday Communion Service where our group were invited to proudly sing "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart" for the congregation. We then headed over to St Olave's Church where we were given a very warm welcome by their team who served us with hot drinks whilst we enjoyed our picnic lunch in their beautiful church. In the afternoon, we split into 2 groups: 1 group ventured over to enjoy looking at the trains at the National Railway Museum whilst another group were taken on a walking tour of York including along the City Walls, The Shambles and the Christmas Market.

Some quotes from our community about the day:

"Fantastic day to spend with my Lighthouse family."

"Taking Communion at York Minster was an amazing experience."

"Had a wonderful time with the family. Lighthouse you are the best."

"Fantastic day! Good times with good people."

4. Offering specialist pastoral care

Lighthouse continues to provide specialised pastoral care to some of the most vulnerable adults in the city of Leeds. Our approach is nonclinical, holistic and trauma-informed, fusing mature understandings of addiction with the hope of the gospel. During 2024 we worked closely with Adult Social Care in offering care provision and assisting with emergency overnight accommodation as well as working alongside other agencies and charities in the city supporting those on the margins, such as St George's Crypt, Unity in Poverty Action (UPA) and Mental Health Services.

Our close relationship with St George's Crypt has not only continued but deepened. This year, we were able to refer multiple individuals to Growing Rooms, their residential rehabilitation project in Leeds.

For example, at different times, we supported two individuals battling addiction—one male and one female—who were both street homeless, in deep distress, and desperate to break free from substance dependency. They first engaged with us through our lunchtime service, where Lighthouse provided one-to-one recovery coaching and immediate crisis intervention. We secured overnight accommodation for them while facilitating their referral into Growing Rooms rehab. Reflecting on this journey, Lee shares:

"Lighthouse 100% gave me the chance to change my life. Everything they have done for me, I really appreciate. They helped me join the dots—from street homelessness to rehab to recovery."

We were also able to refer two individuals in our community to Mattersey Hall, for Christian-based residential rehabilitation, training and support for those who are in recovery. They have loved their time there and are being trained and prepared for the workplace and Christian leadership.

The training, experience, and expertise of the Lighthouse team allows us to provide specialised support for individuals with complex mental health challenges. We assist in identifying, establishing, and maintaining relevant support networks, including services such as Adult Social Care, housing options, the Home Office, and refugee support services. Additionally, our team actively engages in establishing and attending professional meetings (6 professionals meetings in 2024), while also offering practical and pastoral support by accompanying individuals to any in-person meetings.

An example of our specialist intervention can be seen in the account below:

Geoff and James (not their real names) have been living at the bus station—Geoff for three years and James since July 2023. Due to a combination of mental health challenges and immigration status, they have slipped through the cracks of the system, unable to access housing benefits or the usual emergency accommodation routes. This ongoing instability has had a significant impact on their mental health. James is repeatedly attacked on the streets and has, at times, been hospitalised as a result.

Lighthouse has been a place of support and advocacy for them both. We provide pastoral care, liaise with professional services, and raise concerns with adult social care to advocate for capacity assessments and human rights assessments.

Both Geoff and James regularly access our day centre, finding safety, security, and a sense of family. Sometimes, it's simply a place to rest. In 2024, Lighthouse provided them with respite B&B accommodation for an average of two nights a week, increasing support during colder weather or periods of acute mental distress.

We don't know what the future holds for either of them, but what we do know is this: we have shown kindness, offered stability, and demonstrated care that has reduced suicidal thoughts and given them hope—hope that someone is standing with them, fighting their corner, and working to bring clarity to their situation.

Emergency Accommodation: A Lifeline in Crisis. In 2024, Lighthouse provided 257 nights of emergency accommodation in hotels, supporting Geoff and James as well as many other vulnerable individuals. Some placements were arranged through informal referrals from the Council Street Support team, while others involved our team acting as navigators—helping individuals who, due to anxiety or distress, were unable to access housing services on their own.

Much of the cost for this vital support was covered by the Household Support Fund, with permission from our grant distributor to allocate funds specifically for emergency overnight accommodation. Through this provision, we have offered safety, dignity, and a crucial stepping stone toward more stable housing.

5. Raising up leaders

Lighthouse provides an immersive learning environment where emerging leaders can develop giftings, skills and grow in confidence to lead and serve those on the margins alongside more seasoned leaders who invest generously in their spiritual formation, personal and theological development. Through receiving placement students from several theological colleges, we can invest in a range of emerging leaders who go on to serve as leaders in both the church and wider world.

In 2024, we welcomed Jack and Liz as Lighthouse Pastors. Jack transitioned into church ministry from education, while Liz brought pastoral experience from Vineyard Church. Throughout the year Revd Jon Swales, Lighthouse Mission Priest, invested in their training and development. By the end of 2024, both Jack and Liz were equipped to lead all aspects of Lighthouse worship, including preaching, leading, circle time, and small groups.

Jack comments, "This last year at Lighthouse I have been given a multitude of leadership development opportunities working with Jon to lead in all different aspects of what happens in the day-to-day life of Lighthouse. I have been stretched and challenged throughout the year and have felt encouraged and supported at all times.

Jon has been a great coach, through formal and informal conversations and check-ins. And he has particularly been a huge help in guiding me through theological thought and study."

Liz offers these thoughts. "Since joining Lighthouse, I have had the chance to delve deeper theologically into understanding the purpose of the Cross and the 'I am's' of Jesus through team study and input. Jon has effectively coached and trained me as I support him in leading the MMTM course, giving me the opportunity to lead and teach. Lighthouse has been and continues to be inspirational in demonstrating what it looks like to love the poor and follow in Jesus' footsteps to build community in the margins. I have loved being part of this pioneering and dynamic team that is stretching me while facilitating opportunities for ongoing healing and spiritual growth."

In previous years, Rev'd Jon Swales has supported the Lantern project, and this continues through one-to-one meetings with their ministry lead and telephone support. Additionally, he now provides coaching and mentorship to Angela, who has recently begun Christian ministry with vulnerable individuals at Our Father's House—a 12-step recovery evening for those in addiction and recovery—and Leeds Homeless Pastors. Jon connects with Angela multiple times a week, offering guidance, signposting, and leadership insights to support her in this vital work.

Angela comments, "I was truly blessed to be introduced to Jon Swales and the Lighthouse Church/ Ministry last year after faithfully and obediently stepping out of my career to follow God's calling on my life. At the time, I had no idea just how impactful both Jon and the Lighthouse community would be in shaping my journey with the Lord. Lighthouse has been a shining example of what it means to be the hands and feet of Jesus, loving, serving, and standing alongside those who are broken, lost, and hurting. Through this ministry, I have witnessed firsthand the power of offering light in the darkness, being an anchor in the storms of life for those facing homelessness, addiction, mental health struggles, trauma, and more. Jon has given me excellent supervision as I navigate ministry on the margins and the challenges it brings. He has been an incredible mentor—always available by phone, email, or in person offering guidance, grace, patience, and wisdom. He listens, guides, and supports with a deep understanding of the complexities of front-line ministry. His leadership has been invaluable in equipping me to serve with both compassion and resilience."

Placement Students. Our on-going relationship with Cranmer Hall, Durham (a Church of England ordination training college) saw us welcome an ordinand on a two-week placement as part of her training. The ordinand was given opportunities to shadow, learn, reflect and then contribute to and lead in various aspects of our day to day ministry, including leading our interactive, dramatized Wednesday Bible study and speaking at our Sunday lunchtime service.

Here are some reflections from Phoebe (ordinand) about her placement: *"Heartfelt thanks to Jon and the Lighthouse team for welcoming me on placement over the first couple of weeks in July. It was a real privilege to spend time chatting and being with*

members of the lovely Lighthouse community, talking about faith, praying and worshipping together. The placement has built up my confidence to come alongside all kinds of people, listen well and build relationships. It was fantastic to see how well the Gospel is conveyed at Lighthouse and then a helpful experience for me, to have a go at preaching in the unique context of Sunday worship at the Crypt. Jon's example of ordained ministry, lived with absolute dedication and integrity, has been helpful for me as a student to witness and learn from. All the team were generous in supporting me and making me feel like I belonged, and in answering my many questions. The practicalities of the placement were well thought-through, and I was well-prepared for what I might experience, through the documents that were sent ahead to me. Altogether the placement has blessed me with lots of valuable experiences of God's love to draw on, a greater depth of understanding of life on the margins, and helped form my sense of vocation for future ministry. I will recommend Lighthouse as an excellent place to come on placement to my fellow ordinands."

Placement student Phoebe Power, ordinand at Cranmer Hall, Durham. July 24

6. Providing a training hub

Lighthouse acts as a training hub and continues to welcome and offer opportunities for other individuals and churches within the diocese and beyond who are seeking to serve or who are already working with those on the margins of society. Through our online courses, teaching at conferences and specialist coaching and placement opportunities, we seek to encourage the wider church and provide a model of engagement and ministry that can be replicated elsewhere.

A number of these were supported by Lighthouse through 2024, all expressing their gratitude and valued positive time spent with our team and community:

"A small group of us from Christ Church Upper Armley came to visit the Lighthouse Drop-in on Wednesday the 10 April to see if we could learn to apply to our Warm Welcome session. We all came away deeply inspired by the honesty of those who were taking part. The atmosphere was supportive and positive and despite the challenges people faced, there was a sense of hopeful realism and of fun and support."

"We chatted, played table tennis, coloured in, took part in circle time, and joined in the worship. I loved seeing people engage so authentically in sharing and in the worship that Jon led."

"We hope to keep connected and are really grateful for the ideas and inspiration that we received."

Revd Phil Arnold, Vicar, Christ Church, Upper Armley (April 2024)

Online Training Course: 'Ministry, Mission & Theology on the Margins' Course. 29 students joined our online Mission, Theology and Ministry on the Margins course in September 2023. This is a course that we teach via zoom one evening a month for ten months, concluding in July 2024. 100% of course respondents said it was good value for money and that they would recommend it to others:

"Each session has left me wanting more. The content has been really helpful throughout and the convenience of it being online has made it possible for me to attend. I now have a better understanding of some of the models of addiction and the effects of trauma help me to sustain the journey with them. Doing the MTMM course has also given me greater appreciation of God's heart for justice and just how much Jesus focussed on the marginalised makes me love God more and understand his kingdom purposes better.

"I have found all the topics so helpful in my work with rough sleepers. I have loved the theology but also the examples shared from the Lighthouse. It was great to have topics like Lament, which are so relevant but rarely spoken about. The leaders have such extensive experience of living this out. Their examples are full of realism but also hope, love and confidence in a powerful, loving God. They are an inspiration.

"The content of the course has been perfect to help my training for my role as a Pastor working with vulnerable and marginalised people in my community. There have been too many positives to list them all here but for me, the highlights have been the clear introduction to best practice when it comes to providing pastoral support to individuals with complex needs and this isn't just theoretical but comes from real life experience. I feel equipped to be able to explain key theological concepts around the issues of justice, suffering and evil from a biblical perspective. The session on justice and the heart of God was another highlight for me. I would absolutely recommend this course to anybody wanting to work with those 'bruised and battered by the storms of life'."

Peter Chappelle, Homeless Pastors, Halifax 2023/24 MTMM Course

Beginning in September 2024, our current Mission, Theology, and Ministry for the Margins (MTMM) Course (2024/25) has welcomed 41 students, including 11 participants from The Homeless Pastors as part of their training programme.

In March 2024, Dave Fawcett, Director of The Homeless Pastors, shared his reflections on the impact of this partnership:

"Jon and the team at Lighthouse in Leeds have been an incredible source of support—both personally and in the formation of my charity, The Homeless Pastors. I first attended the Ministry in the Margins course in 2022, and the teaching had such a profound impact that I now want to share it with potential Homeless Pastors as part of a structured 12-month training programme, launching this August."

One of our 2024-2025 MTMM cohort, currently ministering in a frontline context writes, *"The Mission, Ministry, and Theology on the Margins course has also been invaluable in preparing me to walk alongside people affected by homelessness, addiction, trauma, and mental health challenges. It has deepened my understanding and strengthened my ability to serve with wisdom, compassion, and faith. I look forward with excited anticipation to how God will continue to use these new skills to lead me further into my calling."*

Undergraduate Opportunities. In January 2024 we welcomed back an undergraduate student we previously had on placement. Lady Boamah, a student at Trinity University, Leeds, produced a short Lighthouse documentary entitled *'In the presence of Love – A Lighthouse Documentary'*. This useful resource has been added to our website.

7. Serving the City of Leeds

Strengthening Our City Through Partnership and Advocacy. Lighthouse plays a key role in supporting Leeds' homeless community by hosting the Homeless Charter meetings—an essential forum that unites a diverse network of agencies committed to tackling homelessness. These gatherings bring together individuals with lived experience, grassroots organisations, the council, commissioned services, charities, faith communities, and churches. By facilitating these discussions, Lighthouse helps shape policies and initiatives that directly impact the city's most vulnerable residents.

In addition to hosting lived experience conversations with city centre partners, Lighthouse ensures that the voices of those affected by homelessness and hardship are central to decision-making. One of the most significant outcomes of this work has been our contribution to the development of SHAP, a multi-million-pound homelessness strategy designed to provide long-term support for entrenched rough sleepers across Leeds.

As part of this, twenty Lighthouse community members were invited to share their insights in a dedicated consultation session. This provided a valuable platform for Leeds City Council and Forward Leeds, whose twenty delegates participated in the discussion. The session, chaired by Revd Jon Swales in partnership with Unity in Poverty Action (UPA), reinforced the importance of lived experience in shaping meaningful change.

Lighthouse also continues to co-host the quarterly Homeless Charter meetings alongside UPA. These gatherings bring together council teams, housing providers, grassroots organisations, and charities, fostering collaboration and coordinated responses to homelessness. Each meeting includes a reflection by Revd Jon Swales, grounding discussions in compassion and justice.

Beyond these efforts, Lighthouse actively contributes to two key Homeless Charter working groups:

- Mental Health and Suicide Prevention.
- Christian Addiction Connection.

As part of this work, Jon recently led an in-person and virtual session on Lighthouse's approach to suicide prevention. This focused on creating safe spaces, effective signposting, and coaching—demonstrating our ongoing commitment to supporting those in crisis.

Expanding Our Mission Through Partnerships. In 2024, Lighthouse deepened its engagement across Leeds, forging new partnerships to extend our reach and impact. A key development has been our collaboration with the Churches Conservation Trust (CCT), allowing us to use St John's Church—one of the city's historic and culturally significant sites.

Currently open to visitors just twice a month, St John's is now a vital resource for Lighthouse, offering office and pastoral space. Looking ahead, we are in the early stages of launching an Ambassador Scheme, designed to provide meaningful volunteering and training opportunities for Lighthouse community members. Participants will gain skills in areas such as church history, cleaning, and tour guiding, with a long-term vision of reopening St John's to the public—led by Lighthouse members as trained guides.

Mark Sproat, Lead Local Community Officer (North) at CCT, shared:

"As the Churches Conservation Trust prepares to launch Strategy 2025-30, I am enthusiastic about a potential partnership with Lighthouse at St John's the Evangelist, Leeds. Conservation, Community, and Creativity will guide CCT's work over the next five years, and this project embodies all three—harnessing the creativity of the Lighthouse community while conserving this historic site. St John's once served the parishioners of Leeds City Centre, and this initiative presents a fantastic opportunity for it to once again support some of the city's most vulnerable residents. Through our partnership with Lighthouse, we look forward to a lasting relationship that benefits both their service users and the wider public."

Alongside this, Lighthouse continues to strengthen its relationship with Leeds Minster. Occasional visits have opened the door to deeper collaboration, and as we look towards 2025, we are exploring the possibility of launching a Drop-In Service specifically aimed at supporting rough sleepers—further reinforcing our shared commitment to serving those in need.

Celebrating Community and Creativity. Lighthouse is also engaged in wider creative and community-driven initiatives. In June, we were invited to participate in a local book launch featuring poetry by Surfing Sofas, a poet with lived experience of homelessness. This event followed previous poetry-writing workshops held during our Wednesday day centre, which encouraged community members to reflect on their experiences through creative expression.

Providing emergency accommodation. Between April 2024 and March 2025 LHWY provided 257 nights of accommodation to 44 different individuals. Most accommodation was provided to a small number of individuals who are established members of Lighthouse. The cost of this provision was £12,084 and this was supported by an allocation from the Household Support Fund of £8,100 and other fundraising specifically for emergency accommodation. LHWY team and trustees continue to work with Leeds City Council, St George's Crypt and other partners to coordinate the provision of emergency accommodation and to minimise the risk that this is abused. A monthly breakdown of this emergency provision is provided below.

	2024						
	April	May	June	July	August	September	
Nights	26	16	7	24	7	21	
Males	4	5	4	3	4	8	
Females	1	1	2	4	2	5	
Total	5	6	6	7	6	13	
Cost	£1,174.56	£816.76	£405.45	£1,137.34	£301.55	£1,058.80	

	2024			2025			2024/25
	October	November	December	January	February	March	Total 12 months
Nights	8	17	63	23	18	27	257
Males	6	3	11	5	5	3	31
Females	1	1	1	2	1	1	13
Total	7	4	12	7	6	4	44
Cost	£243.34	£1,029.91	£2,468.13	£1,085.14	£1,047.85	£1,314.89	£12,083.72

Note: More than 50% of bed spaces were provided for five individuals well-known to Lighthouse. 80% of bed spaces were provided to 15 individuals.

2024 A Year of Milestones

10th Anniversary Celebrations. January marked a major milestone for Lighthouse—our 10th Birthday! We celebrated with a lively Birthday Party during our Wednesday drop-in, complete with traditional party games, dancing, birthday cake, party food, and even a jelly and ice cream station.

On 18th April, we hosted a Celebration Service at St George's Church to mark a decade of ministry and impact. The event featured powerful testimonies and stories of transformation, reminding us of the love and hope found in Jesus. Guests were welcomed with pre-service drinks and nibbles, and the service concluded with a short message and prayers for the Lighthouse team from The Right Reverend Arun Arora, Bishop of Kirkstall. We were also delighted to hear Bishop Arun announce that he will officially become Lighthouse's patron in early 2025.

Archbishop's Visit. On 20th April, we had the honour of welcoming the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, as part of his tour celebrating the Diocese of Leeds' 10th Anniversary. He joined us at St George's Crypt for a Lighthouse-style morning prayer, followed by conversations over coffee with our team and community members. Later that day, Jon Swales also joined Bishop Arun at Bradford Cathedral for the Leeds@10 Celebration Service, where he shared about Lighthouse's vital work and ministry.

BBC Radio Interview. In May, Revd Jon Swales was invited to speak on BBC Radio Leeds, Sheffield & York about Lighthouse's mission and his personal faith journey—raising awareness of our work and its impact on the community.

Looking Forward

Building on the foundations of 2024, Lighthouse is committed to expanding its work through the following key initiatives:

- Opening a drop-in for street homeless individuals at Leeds Minster, providing a safe and welcoming space for support and connection.
- Launching the St John's Ambassador Scheme, equipping Lighthouse community members with training and volunteer opportunities to help reopen St John's Church to the public.
- Responding to the housing crisis by exploring, in partnership with Unity in Poverty Action and Leeds City Council, the possibility of churches in Leeds opening a winter night shelter.
- Planning for the future of the MTMM course (Mission, Theology and Ministry for the Margins), which Lighthouse has co-hosted with Leeds School of Theology for several years. With LSOT closing, we will need to develop a plan to continue MTMM from 2026 onwards.

These initiatives reflect our ongoing commitment to justice, hospitality, and community transformation in Leeds.

Risk Management

The major risks to the charity are:

- Failure to obtain the necessary funding to support the work. This has been managed by two appointments: a trustee with specific oversight of finance and a part-time fundraiser.
- Team burn-out. Regular professional supervision of Lighthouse Core Team continues, and staff wellbeing is the responsibility of a specific trustee. Each Core Team Member has an allowance to cover costs for a retreat.
- Our prime responsibility is for the safety and welfare of the vulnerable adults we support. During the year the Lighthouse team and trustees continued to receive safeguarding support from thirtyone:eight and maintained a close working relationship with the Leeds Diocese Safeguarding Team.

Finances

We are fortunate to have a trustee who is a professionally qualified accountant as our treasurer. We have no funds materially in deficit and the trustees are satisfied that the charity is a going concern. We operate our finances within a Financial Controls Policy overseen by the treasurer.

Income

In 2024 the Charity continued to receive financial support from St George's Church (£10,000), and St George's Crypt (£20,000) as well as smaller donations from other organisations totalling circa £1,000. Approximately £35,000 was received from individual supporters comprising regular contributions as well as generous one-off donations. St George's Church and Crypt also support the charity by providing free use of meeting space for the core team and for Lighthouse sessions.

We also received grants in 2024 totalling £30,450, comprising:

Unrestricted grant income

Marsh Christian Trust	£800
The Wharfedale Foundation	£7,000
Total unrestricted grant income	£7,800

Restricted grant income

Norman Whitely Trust – for Day Centre	£500
Charles and Elsie Sykes Trust – for Day Centre	£2,500
LCC – Household Support Fund	£2,200
LCCT/UPA – Household Support Fund	£6,750
Other anonymous charities	£10,700
Total restricted grant income	£22,650

Through discussion with Adult Social Care (ASC), Lighthouse has been entrusted to provide some of the required care and support for a small number of clients. The funding received in 2024 from Leeds City Council of £33,821 (2023: £35,430) is identified in our accounts as a 'restricted' fund.

Expenditure incurred to support these clients (salary, rent, utilities, food allowance, carer support etc.) are shown as being paid from 'restricted' funding. To meet other indirect costs incurred by Lighthouse (for example administration, ad hoc staff support in response to a crisis etc.) any year end surplus of this funding is transferred to 'unrestricted' funds. ASC are in full agreement with this arrangement.

In addition, we have an arrangement with one individual who is unable to manage their benefits to hold money in the Lighthouse bank account and feed money to them in small amounts. As Lighthouse prepares receipts and payments accounts, these monies (£23,243) have been included in both income and expenditure.

Expenditure

Our principle spend of circa £95,000 for staff salaries is to provide the high level of one-to-one pastoral support that enables us to connect effectively with those on the margins of society and build a supportive community. In addition, circa £41,000 was spent to provide materials for sessions or direct support to individuals through, for example, covering travel costs or giving emergency funding.

Reserves

The Trustees have felt it prudent to have a policy whereby the unrestricted funds held by the Charity should be approximately 3 months of gross running costs which equates to approximately £40-45k. On 31st December 2024 the unrestricted funds of the Charity stood at c. £99k. The reserves policy will be reviewed annually.

Note: The charity has no guarantees or debts outstanding.

Related Party Transactions

Under the terms of Lighthouse's constitution St George's Parochial Church Council (PCC) may nominate or recommend up to three trustees to the Lighthouse Board and St George's Crypt (registered charity 1144474) may nominate or recommend up to two trustees to the Lighthouse Board. Accordingly, St George's Church and St George's Crypt are considered related parties due to this governing document arrangement and the mutual trustees.

As noted in the Finances section above, during the year Lighthouse received donations from St George's Church amounting to £10,000 and donations from St George's Crypt amounting to £20,000. These transactions were made in the normal course of the charity's operations and on an arm's length basis.

In addition, during the year Lighthouse arranged regular workshop-based activities for groups of its clients at Horsforth Shed (registered charity 1184672) for which Lighthouse paid fees amounting to £4,628. In the interests of transparency we are disclosing these transactions as Jonathan Cain is Chair of Trustees of both charities, but the two charities are not regarded as related parties and the terms of engagement were agreed on an arm's length basis.

No other related party transactions requiring disclosure were identified during the year.

Charity and Trustee Details

Charity name:	Lighthouse (West Yorkshire)
Registered charity number:	1164239
Charity's principal address:	St George's Church Great George Street Leeds LS1 3BR
Type of governing document	Constitution (Foundation Registered 03 Nov 2015 as amended on 11 Jul 2023)
How the charity is constituted	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods	Appointed by agreement of the trustees*

*The Constitution anticipates the nomination of up to three trustees by St George's Church (registered charity no. 1131798) and up to two trustees by St George's Crypt (registered charity no. 1144474)

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

N. Bishop	
A. Bisset	Treasurer
H. Bown-Brownridge	
J. Cain	Chair
D Pilling	Appointed February 2025
A. Wilcock	
P. Wilcock	Resigned September 2024
C. Wilson	Resigned February 2024
J. Woodhead	
Independent Examiner:	
N. Wyatt	Wyatt & Co Chartered Accountants, Leeds, LS6 1NP

Names of senior staff members:

Revd Jonathan Swales	Team Leader
Katie Boyes	Senior Pastor (resigned May 2024)
Jack Flowers	Senior Pastor (appointed January 2024)
Liz Harden	Senior Pastor (appointed May 2024)

Trustee Matters

The charity was registered as a CIO on 03 November 2015.

The charity trustees undertake to make available to each new charity trustee, on or before their first appointment copies of or access to:

- (a) The current version of the constitution.
- (b) The CIO's latest Trustees' Annual Report and statement of accounts.
- (c) The Charity Commission's guidance of the role of the trustee.
- (d) The trustee declaration of being a 'fit and proper' person document.
- (e) The Lighthouse Handbook.

The charity is aware of the guidance on diversity and inclusion and is actively seeking to expand the board of trustees.

The trustees with specific roles are:

- Nick Bishop (2016) – Specialist knowledge of mental health, addiction, and Adult Social care
- Chris Wilson (2022) – Safeguarding until February 2024
- Jamie Woodhead (2023) – Safeguarding from March 2024
- Helen Bown Brownridge (2022) – HR matters
- Revd Jonathan Cain (2022) - Staff wellbeing, & Chair of Trustees
- Andy Bisset (2021) – Treasurer

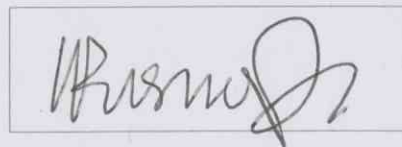
The Revd Jon Swales (Lighthouse Team Leader) continues to attend trustees' meetings to inform discussions, but does not have voting rights.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signatures



Full names

Jonathan Cain

Nick Bishop

Chair of Trustees

Trustee

Date

27 October 2025

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01-Jan-24	To	Period end date 31-Dec-24
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
DONATIONS	66,361	-	-	66,361	68,516
GRANTS	7,800	22,650	-	30,450	40,380
LEEDS CITY COUNCIL CONTRACT TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR CLIENTS	-	57,063	-	57,063	35,430
GIFT AID CLAIM	2,851	-	-	2,851	4,804
COURSE FEE INCOME	6,369	-	-	6,369	3,666
OTHER INCOME	888	-	-	888	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	84,269	79,713	-	163,982	152,796
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	84,269	79,713	-	163,982	152,796
A3 Payments					
SALARIES	60,489	34,901	-	95,390	105,860
PASTORAL CARE EXPENDITURE	4,596	42,112	-	46,708	27,074
RESOURCES	10,413	632	-	11,045	11,565
STAFF SUPERVISION, TRAINING AND WELFARE	3,698	-	-	3,698	3,967
FUND RAISING	51	-	-	51	591
OTHER	6,662	-	-	6,662	4,513
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	85,909	77,645	-	163,554	153,570
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	85,909	77,645	-	163,554	153,570
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,640	2,068	-	428	- 774
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	101,079	9,180	-	110,259	111,033
Cash funds this year end	99,439	11,248	-	110,687	110,259

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	BANK ACCOUNT	98,966	11,248	
	STEWARDSHIP ACCOUNT	396	-	-
	PETTY CASH	77	-	-
	Total cash funds	99,439	11,248	
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

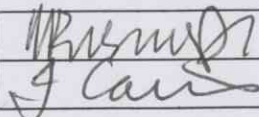
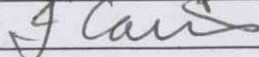
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	DR NICHOLAS BISHOP	24 OCT 2025
	JONATHAN CAIN	27 OCT 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Lighthouse (West Yorkshire) ('the charity') for the year ended 31/12/2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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.

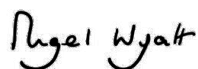
Independent examiner's statement

I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

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 respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act;
or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do 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.



Nigel Wyatt BSC FCA
Independent Examiner
125 Main Street
Garforth
Leeds
LS25 1AF

Date: 27/10/2025

Accounts



Lighthouse (West Yorkshire) Registered Charity no. 1164239

Trustees' Annual Report 2023

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"I have been at Lighthouse for 6 years. Jesus saved my life, I would be dead if it wasn't for Lighthouse. They are my family and friends. It's my safe space."

Objectives – What we are here for

The intention of Lighthouse is to work holistically with those on the margins of society, those 'battered and bruised by the storms of life.' This includes those who may struggle with issues of poverty, criminality, mental health, substance misuse and addiction. We aim to share the love of God as seen in Christ in an atmosphere of mutual support and inclusion, building a supportive and life-giving community.

Whilst we make clear that our support is not contingent on attending any religious services or affiliation to any particular faith, many do regard Lighthouse as 'their' Church and actively participate in the services on offer.

As a Charity the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and this is discharged in seven distinct areas:

1. Sharing the King Jesus Gospel.
2. Discipling those on the margins.
3. Building a supportive community.
4. Offering specialist pastoral care.
5. Raising up leaders.
6. Providing a training hub.
7. Serving the City of Leeds.

Information about our achievements in these seven areas is provided below.

How we started

The ministry was developed in 2015 by the pioneering work of the Revd Jon Swales, then a Curate at St George's Church, Leeds. He saw the need among the marginalised in society, many of whom had contact with St George's Crypt, and actively engaged with them. In this work he received the goodwill and support of both the Church and the Crypt and the free use of their premises.

When his Curacy ended in the summer of 2015 Revd Swales was able to continue in the role of Mission Priest due to the financial support and continued goodwill of both St George's Church and St George's Crypt. The Diocese of Leeds also agreed to offer support by providing housing and a pension contribution.

Since January 2020, the Leeds Diocese has fully financed the Revd Swales' post as Lighthouse Mission Priest.

Developments in 2023

Before 2023 commenced it had become clear that the Revd Swales' license to St George's Church created some confusion between the roles of the Rector and PCC (St George's) and the trustees of the charity. The confusion created operational tension in matters of deployment and safeguarding.

With advice from the Bishop of Kirkstall and the Diocesan Secretary (Leeds), the Revd Swales was formally seconded to Lighthouse (West Yorkshire) for a period of three years (until 2026). During the period of the secondment, the Revd Swales reports solely to the trustees. The secondment agreement commits the trustees, Bishop of Kirkstall, and Diocese of Leeds to explore options for the relationship between the charity, the Diocese, and St George's Church beyond the term of the agreement.

Our team

Lighthouse is a team ministry that includes both full time and part time staff, training roles and internships together with a team of nineteen volunteers (excluding the trustees).

Full time posts:

Revd Jon Swales is Lighthouse Team Leader. He ensures staff take responsibility for compliance with General Data Protection Regulation and Safeguarding.

Lighthouse is co-led by Senior Pastor Katie Boyes, and

Alice Brencher – Lighthouse Pastor

Rosie Smith – Pastor in Training (resigned in August 2023 to commence training for ordination)

Jack Flowers – Senior Support Worker

Part time posts:

Sharon Thresher – Fundraiser (10 hours per week).

Sarah Swales – Lighthouse Administrator (16 hours per week)

Volunteer posts:

Lighthouse Volunteers are a key dimension of the ministry of Lighthouse. Our volunteers help in a variety of ways: preparing hot meals, befriending the community and providing practical and pastoral support where appropriate.

All volunteers are given appropriate training and the relevant legally required checks are completed. We are aware of and ensure that we comply with GDPR in all record keeping.

Three volunteers with particular roles are:

Helen Coutie, Finance Administrator

Stuart Roberts, Pastoral Assistant

Claire Newton, Volunteer Pastor and Prison Chaplain

Achievements

In September 2023, the Lighthouse team and trustees spent some time reviewing and exploring the mission and purpose of the charity. As a result of that exploration, five areas of focus which had shaped the mission and purpose for several years, were expanded to seven areas of focus. The team and trustees consider that these seven areas of ministry more accurately reflect the mission and purpose of Lighthouse, and they are described below. In each section we include some achievements/ highlights from 2023.

1. Sharing the King Jesus Gospel

At Lighthouse we boldly share the good news of King Jesus in pastorally sensitive, highly accessible and culturally relevant ways. We seek to act as heralds of Christ's life, death, resurrection, and ascension, believing that in him the darkest day is not the final day and that there is no darkness so dark that his light cannot shine. Given this, we unashamedly proclaim and celebrate the redeeming life and work of Jesus through conversations, pastoral visits, liturgy, scripture, sung worship and sacrament.

In 2023 over 100 vulnerable adults who were not connected with any other church attended our Sunday cafe style service for the first time. The focus of this service is primarily evangelistic - to share the Jesus story with those who are unchurched/have a very limited understanding of the Christian faith. In 2023 our sermon series included "Stories Jesus told", "People Jesus Met" and "What's God like?" where we shared the message of the gospel through dramatised readings of scripture and highly accessible teaching.

2. Discipling those on the margins

At Lighthouse we seek to follow Jesus. He is our Good Shepherd whose life and teachings permeate and shape all that we do. To follow Christ is to turn from a life of sin, chaos, and rebellion against God towards a life of holiness in which the teachings of Jesus are embodied and the fruits of the Spirit made manifest. This is a work of the Spirit which lasts a lifetime and is encouraged both individually (through 1:1 mentoring, coaching conversations, and prayer) and in the life of the community (through our WOW courses, bible studies, healing workshops, modelling of conflict resolution and celebration of Godly play).

The development of our healing workshop (prayerful, trauma informed and therapeutic group work) have been a particular focus of the last year, allowing our community to engage deeply and prayerfully on issues such as grief, forgiveness, and hope. After one of these sessions a community member wrote this about his experience: 'As the main exercise we had to think back to our teenage years and list our own strengths, weaknesses, opportunities we had and any threats to us. Everyone was so open about what they had written, and I would like to believe that for all of us it's the start or continuation of healing. It was a very powerful experience being part of that group today.'

The weekly Bible Study is a highlight for the 6 community members who regularly attend. One of them shares this reflection of how much it means to him: *"The bible study has been a God send to me in lots of ways, it's the one thing I look forward to all week. We even had to extend the time we meet cos we all love it so much... we are in awe of the word of God each week. Thank you, Stuart, for all your help and support over the years...we grow in learning together and it gives friendship, brotherhood and purpose to life."*

3. Building a Supportive Community

Through our day centres, group activities and regular day trips we seek to provide a Jesus centred, loving and supportive community to some of the most vulnerable adults in our city. We recognise that we do not have magic wands that can make all the pain, struggles and complex needs of our Lighthouse brothers and sisters go away. However, we are committed to providing a safe space and non-judgemental, supportive environment where adults with multiple and complex needs can journey towards greater healing, wholeness, and life in all of its fullness.

One example of the healing power of this supportive community can be seen in the story of Marko. Marko (not his real name) arrived in the UK as an asylum seeker from Iran at the age of 15. Something of an outcast amongst the refugee community in Leeds, he joined Lighthouse and gradually began to settle and open up to the love of God and others. Tragically, after 18 months with us, he was falsely accused of a crime he did not commit and remanded for nearly 2 years before being found not guilty. When he returned to Lighthouse, he was a shell of his former self and seemed incapable of expressing any joy or emotion. Gradually, through regularly attending our sessions and beginning to volunteer in the kitchen, he began to come back to life again. When he expressed his dream to go to the zoo one day – the first future hope he'd articulated since his release from prison – we immediately set about organising a fundraiser to make it happen. On 18 July, a coach full of Marko's Lighthouse family joined him on a trip to Chester Zoo. Great fun was had by all in solidarity and celebration of Marko's courage to dream again.

4. Offering specialist pastoral care

Lighthouse provides increasingly specialised pastoral care to some of the most vulnerable adults in our city. Our approach is nonclinical, holistic and trauma informed, fusing mature understandings of addiction with the hope of the gospel. Through our pastoral pathways we create individually tailored pastoral care plans for members of our community. These person-centred plans are developed through encouraging active participation and ownership in individuals taking the next steps towards living with greater dignity and purpose. At times we will work closely with Adult Social Care in offering care provision as well as working alongside other agencies and charities in the city supporting vulnerable adults, such as St George's Crypt, Forward Leeds and Mental Health Services.

An example of one of the women we have worked closely with pastorally over the past 2 years is Trudy. Before coming to Lighthouse Trudy had no friends and suffered in silence from the symptoms of complex trauma she survived as a child, often having night terrors. Trudy has found faith, love, and friendship at Lighthouse, despite struggling with her mental health and very low cognitive ability. Trudy acknowledged her needs and her desire to experience positive changes in her life in her pastoral pathway. Since then, the pastoral team has worked behind the scenes advocating for Trudy to organisations such as Adult Social Care and the NHS learning disability team. Through supporting Trudy with attending appointments and assisting with phone calls and emails, she is supported by professionals who recognise her care needs and learning disabilities. This sets Trudy up to live with more dignity and support, and ensures her next steps are aligned with the care support she is entitled to. Our pastoral care with Trudy has also meant that Trudy has access to regular meetings with a psychiatrist. Lighthouse continues to be her safe space where she can experience joy and fellowship along the journey of holistic healing and hope in her life.

5. Raising up leaders

Lighthouse provides an immersive learning environment where emerging leaders can develop giftings, skills and grow in confidence to lead and serve those on the margins alongside more seasoned leaders who invest generously in their spiritual formation, personal and theological development. Through the diocesan internship scheme and receiving placement students from a number of theological colleges we are able to invest in a range of emerging leaders who go on to serve as leaders in both the church and wider world.

Ben Naughton, our intern from Oct-Dec 2023 shared this reflection of his time spent serving on Lighthouse core team:

"Interning at Lighthouse has been amazing. I came into it knowing that I wanted to begin learning how to love and care for people like Jesus did, especially people who've had a much tougher life than me. I initially felt nervous just hanging around and chatting with some of my Lighthouse brothers and sisters, which I've found hilarious in hindsight, because they are all such a joy to be around! In everything from weekly Bible studies, to visiting houses, flats, and cells, it was a privilege to share in the work that God is doing in Leeds through the team. They are some of the most patient, compassionate, and strong people I have ever met. Watching the way Jon and Katie both lead so differently but with almost perfect synergy was incredible, and seeing Alice know exactly how to care for, comfort, and encourage people one-on-one was humbling to say the least. Learning from each of them, along with the rest of the team, has been an absolute pleasure. My understanding of what discipleship means and looks like has been fundamentally changed, and I truly believe my heart is more broken for what breaks the Lord's. Lighthouse is just "magical".

6. Providing a training hub

Lighthouse acts as a training hub for other Churches within the Diocese and beyond who are seeking to serve those on the margins of society. Through our online courses, teaching at conferences and specialist coaching and placement opportunities, we seek to encourage the wider church and provide a model of engagement and ministry that can be replicated elsewhere.

28 students joined our online Mission, Theology and Ministry on the Margins course in September 2022. This is a course that we teach via zoom one evening a month for ten months, concluding in July 2023. 100% of course respondents said it was good value for money and that they would recommend it to others. In addition to our online MTMM course, we also ran an in person weekend conference (Just Jesus) to share some of our core teachings and practices with other churches and individuals both already ministering to and for those interested in discipling those on the margins. Below is a quote from one such attendee reflecting on her experience:

"Thank you so much for Just Jesus. It was beautiful getting to participate in elements of what makes Lighthouse, receive Jesus's love, and think about how some of the practices you use can be effective in other ministries too. The team led with dignity, honour and humility, encouraging inclusion and participation from Lighthouse brothers and sisters and ministry leaders alike. You created a space of mutual learning and equipped people to receive and share Jesus's love in fresh ways."

In 2023 we also developed links with two charities, Homeless Pastors and In-Hope Bristol, who are using the MTMM to provide training and staff development for their teams. In addition to our course and conference, we also hosted 3 placements for individuals training for ordained ministry and 1 placement for an undergraduate University student. One student from Cramner Hall in Durham shares this reflection of his time with us:

"A deeply impressive three days seeing the work, service, and fellowship within The Lighthouse. Such a distinctive expression giving so much positivity and love, both to the city and to the church. A thin place!"

"It was utterly incredible. The team at Lighthouse were phenomenally open and honest and gave generously not only of their time but of their vision and shared their joys and griefs freely with us. I have learned lessons about church here that I will carry with me into every other setting. Honestly, it has totally revitalised my faith in what Jesus can do with a group of people who are willing to love each other as he loves us. Lighthouse is chock full of both joy, anger, hope and lament, and it is an utterly beautiful place - the body of Christ in all its messy and wounded glory. I think everyone should go there!"

7. Serving the City of Leeds

Lighthouse serves the city by hosting the "Homeless Charter" meeting. This is a forum that brings together a diverse range of agencies that seek to support the homeless in Leeds. These include those with lived experience of homelessness, grassroots groups, the council, commissioned services, and charities, as well as churches and those from other faith communities. This enables us to be part of the conversation forming and shaping policies relating to the homeless and vulnerable in our city.

In 2023, after another suicide amongst our community, Lighthouse has become involved in several conversations within the city about suicide prevention and hosted an important conversation with ROC and LifeCentral about how churches in Leeds can work together to reduce the number of suicides in the city. This has led to the development of a partnership between us and Unity in Poverty Action, facilitating conversations in our city with the NHS, those with lived experience and grassroots charities about homelessness and suicide prevention. The hope is that this group could help inform and shape Leeds base policy and practise around suicide prevention amongst vulnerable adults in our city.

Looking Forward

From September 2023 Lighthouse has begun to explore further partnerships in the City of Leeds to expand what we do and support other projects that share our vision and values. This has included having conversations with Leeds Minster about the possibility of running a drop in in the south of the city, as well as exploratory conversations with Lantern Project in the Headingley area. From Winter 2023 our mission priest has been providing fortnightly in person support to Lantern gatherings alongside offering coaching to their pastoral lead and strategic guidance about how to secure the future of this project in a sustainable and safe way,

Health & Safety, Safeguarding, and Risk Management

Management of Major Risks

The major risks to the charity are:

1. Failure to obtain the necessary funding to support the work. This has been managed by two appointments: a trustee with specific oversight of finance and a part-time fundraiser.
2. Team burn-out. Regular professional supervision of Lighthouse Core Team continues, and staff wellbeing is the responsibility of a specific trustee. Each Core Team Member has an allowance to cover costs for a retreat.
3. Our prime responsibility is for the safety and welfare of the vulnerable adults we support. During the year we contracted with thirtyone:eight who provide *safeguarding support and advice to the team and trustees*. We continue to work closely with the Leeds Diocese Safeguarding Team.

Finances

We are fortunate to have a trustee who is a professionally qualified accountant as our treasurer. We have no funds materially in deficit and the trustees are satisfied that the charity is a going concern. We operate our finances within a Financial Controls Policy overseen by the treasurer.

Income

In 2023 the Charity continued to receive financial support from St George's Church (£10,000), and St George's Crypt (£20,000) as well as smaller donations from other organisations totalling circa £3,000. Approximately £35,000 was received from individual supporters comprising regular contributions as well as generous one-off donations. St George's Church and Crypt also support the charity by providing free use of meeting space for the core team and for Lighthouse sessions.

We also received grants in 2023 totalling £40,380, comprising:

Unrestricted grant income

Marsh Christian Trust	£700
Matthew Wrightson Charity Trust	£600
OCTF	£2,500
Total unrestricted grant income	£3,800

Restricted grant income

Leeds Community Foundation Strategic Resilience Fund ((£30k over 2 years)	£15,000
Souter Charitable Trust – for Day Centre	£2,500
Sir George Martin Trust – for Day Centre	£2,500
Mayor's Safer Communities Fund – for Day Centre	£4,680
George A Moore Foundation	£1,500
Charles and Elsie Sykes Trust – for Day Centre	£1,500
Progress to Change – Day trips	£1,500
St George's Crypt – Day trips	£1,000
LCCT/UPA – Household Support Fund	£4,400
Other anonymous charities	£2,000
Total restricted grant income	£36,580

Through discussion with Adult Social Care (ASC), Lighthouse has been entrusted to provide some of the required care and support for a small number of clients. The funding received in 2023 from Leeds City Council of £35,430 (2022: £43,080) is identified in our accounts as a 'restricted' fund.

Expenditure incurred to support these clients (salary, rent, utilities, food allowance, carer support etc.) are shown as being paid from 'restricted' funding. To meet other indirect costs incurred by Lighthouse (for example administration, ad hoc staff support in response to a crisis etc.) any year end surplus of this funding is transferred to 'unrestricted' funds. ASC are in full agreement with this arrangement.

In addition, we have an arrangement with two individuals who are unable to manage their benefits to hold money in the Lighthouse bank account and feed money to them in small amounts. The trustees consider this to be an agency arrangement and so these monies (£2,348) are excluded from the charity's income and expenditure.

Expenditure

Our principle spend of circa £106,000 for staff salaries is to provide the high level of one-to-one pastoral support that enables us to connect effectively with those on the margins of society and build a supportive community. In addition, circa £43,000 was spent to provide materials for sessions or direct support to individuals through, for example, covering travel costs or giving emergency funding.

Reserves

The Trustees have felt it prudent to have a policy whereby the unrestricted funds held by the Charity should be approximately 3 months of gross running costs which equates to approximately £40-45k. On 31st December 2023 the unrestricted funds of the Charity stood at c. £100k. The reserves policy will be reviewed annually.

Note: The charity has no guarantees or debts outstanding.

Charity and Trustee Details

Charity name:	Lighthouse (West Yorkshire)
Registered charity number:	1164239
Charity's principal address:	St George's Church Great George Street Leeds LS1 3BR
Type of governing document	Constitution (Foundation Registered 03 Nov 2015 as amended on 11 Jul 2023)
How the charity is constituted	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods	Appointed by agreement of the trustees*

*The Constitution anticipates the nomination of up to three trustees by St George's Church (registered charity no. 1131798) and up to two trustees by St George's Crypt (registered charity no. 1144474)

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

N. Bishop		
A. Bisset	Treasurer	
H. Bown-Brownridge		Appointed June 2022
J. Cain	Chair	Appointed October 2022
P. Rhodes		Resigned May 2023
L. Woolf		Resigned May 2023
A. Wilcock		
P. Wilcock		Appointed September 2023, resigned September 2024
C. Wilson		Resigned February 2024
J. Woodhead		Appointed September 2023

Independent Examiner:

L. Groenewald FCA 24 Regent Terrace, Leeds, LS6 1NP

Names of senior staff members:

Revd Jonathan Swales Team Leader
Katie Boyes Senior Pastor (resigned May 2024)

Trustee Matters

The charity was registered as a CIO on 03 November 2015.

The charity trustees undertake to make available to each new charity trustee, on or before their first appointment copies of or access to:

- (a) The current version of the constitution.
- (b) The CIO's latest Trustees' Annual Report and statement of accounts.
- (c) The Charity Commission's guidance of the role of the trustee.
- (d) The trustee declaration of being a 'fit and proper' person document.
- (e) The Lighthouse Handbook.

The charity is aware of the guidance on diversity and inclusion and is actively seeking to expand the board of trustees.

The trustees with specific roles are:

- Nick Bishop (2016) – Specialist knowledge of mental health, addiction, and Adult Social care, also Chair of Crypt Trustees until 04 December 2023.
- Pauline Rhodes (2017) – Safeguarding until May 2023
- Chris Wilson (2022) – Safeguarding from September 2023
- Jamie Woodhead (2023) – Safeguarding from March 2024
- Helen Bown Brownridge (2022) – HR matters
- Revd Jonathan Cain (2022) - Staff wellbeing, & Chair of Trustees
- Andy Bisset (2021) – Treasurer

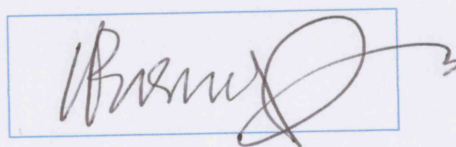
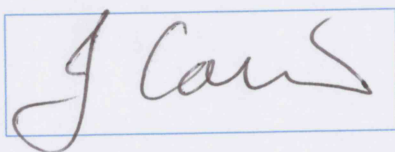
The Revd Jon Swales (Lighthouse Team Leader) and Senior Pastor Katie Boyes continue to attend trustees' meetings to inform discussions, but do not have voting rights.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signatures



Full names

Jonathan Cain

Nick Bishop

Chair of Trustees

Trustee

Date

22/10/24



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Lighthouse West Yorkshire

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01-Jan-23		31-Dec-23

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
DONATIONS	68,516	-	-	68,516	69,561
GRANTS	3,800	36,580	-	40,380	34,540
LEEDS CITY COUNCIL CONTRACT TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR CLIENTS	-	35,430	-	35,430	43,080
GIFT AID CLAIM	4,805	-	-	4,805	7,608
COURSE FEE INCOME	3,666	-	-	3,666	4,412
OTHER INCOME	-	-	-	-	7,957
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	80,786	72,010	-	152,796	167,157
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	80,786	72,010	-	152,796	167,157
A3 Payments					
SALARIES	62,533	43,327	-	105,860	98,174
PASTORAL CARE EXPENDITURE	3,002	24,072	-	27,074	37,548
RESOURCES	4,916	6,649	-	11,565	2,315
STAFF SUPERVISION, TRAINING AND WELFARE	3,967	-	-	3,967	4,386
FUND RAISING	591	-	-	591	28
OTHER	4,513	-	-	4,513	3,731
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	79,522	74,047	-	153,570	146,182
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	79,522	74,047	-	153,570	146,182
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,264	- 2,038	-	- 774	20,976
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	99,815	11,217	-	111,033	90,057
Cash funds this year end	101,079	9,180	-	110,259	111,033

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	BANK ACCOUNT	100,346	9,180	
	STEWARDSHIP ACCOUNT	706	-	-
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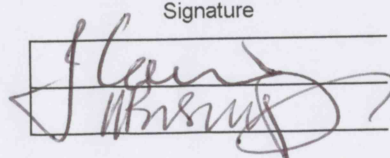
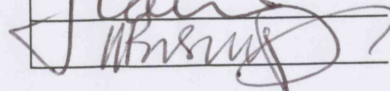
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
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			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	JONATHAN CAIN	22/10/24
	NICHOLAS BISHOP	22/10/24

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	Jonathan Cain	JONATHAN CAIN	22.10.24	
	Nick Bishop	NICHOLAS BISHOP	22.10.24	



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees
of

Lighthouse (West Yorkshire)

On accounts for the
year ended

31 December 2023

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Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charitable incorporated organisation ("the charity") for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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**

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

- 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.

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.

Signed:

Lydia Groenewald

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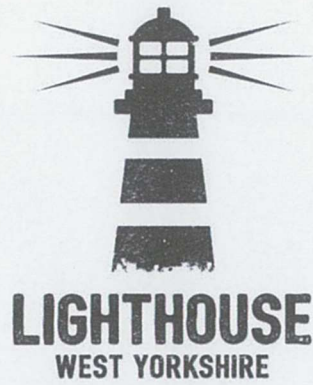
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Accounts



Lighthouse (West Yorkshire) Registered Charity no. 1164239

Trustees' Annual Report 2022

"I have been at Lighthouse for 6 years. Jesus saved my life, I would be dead if it wasn't for Lighthouse. They are my family and friends. It's my safe space."

Objectives – What we are here for

The intention of Lighthouse is to work holistically with those on the margins of society, those 'battered and bruised by the storms of life.' This includes those who may struggle with issues of poverty, criminality, mental health, substance misuse and addiction. We aim to share the love of God as seen in Christ in an atmosphere of mutual support and inclusion, building a supportive and life-giving community.

Whilst we make clear that our support is not contingent on attending any religious services or affiliation to any particular faith, many do regard Lighthouse as 'their' Church and actively participate in the services we offer.

As a Charity the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and this is discharged in five distinct areas:

1. Building a supportive community.
2. Providing pastoral care.
3. Providing opportunities for people to serve.
4. As a training hub for other churches working with vulnerable adults.
5. Serving the Clergy of Leeds.

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The ministry was developed in 2013 by the pioneering work of the Revd Jon Swales, then a Curate of St George's Church, Leeds. He saw the need among the marginalised in society, many of whom had contact with St George's Crypt, and actively engaged with them. In this work he received the goodwill and support of both the Church and the Crypt and the free use of their premises.

When his Curacy ended in the summer of 2015 Revd Swales was able to continue in the role of Mission Priest due to the financial support and continued goodwill of both St George's Church and St George's Crypt. The Diocese of Leeds also agreed to offer support by providing housing and a pension contribution.

Since January 2020, the Leeds Diocese has fully funded the post with Revd Swales licensed as a Team Vicar to St George's Church, Leeds.

Our team

Lighthouse is a team ministry that includes both full time and part time staff, training roles and internships together with a large number of volunteers.

Full time posts

Revd Jon Swales is Lighthouse Team Leader and was formally appointed as part of the St George's Clergy team in early 2013. Jon Swales ensures staff take responsibility for compliance with General Data Protection Regulation.

Lighthouse is co-led by Senior Pastor Katie Boyes

Alice Brencher - Lighthouse Pastor

Rosie Smith - Pastor in Training

Part time posts

Sharon Thresher - Fundraiser (10 hours per week).

In October 2022, Sarah Swales was appointed as Lighthouse Administrator (16 hours per week)

Volunteer posts

Lighthouse Volunteers are a key dimension of the ministry of Lighthouse. Our volunteers help in a variety of ways: preparing hot meals, befriending the community and providing practical and pastoral support where appropriate.

All volunteers are given appropriate training and the relevant legally required checks are completed. We are aware of and ensure that we comply with GDPR in all record keeping.

Three with particular roles are:

Helen Coutie, Finance Administrator

Stuart Roberts, Pastoral Assistant

Claire Newton, Volunteer Pastor and Prison Chaplain

Achievements

National recognition

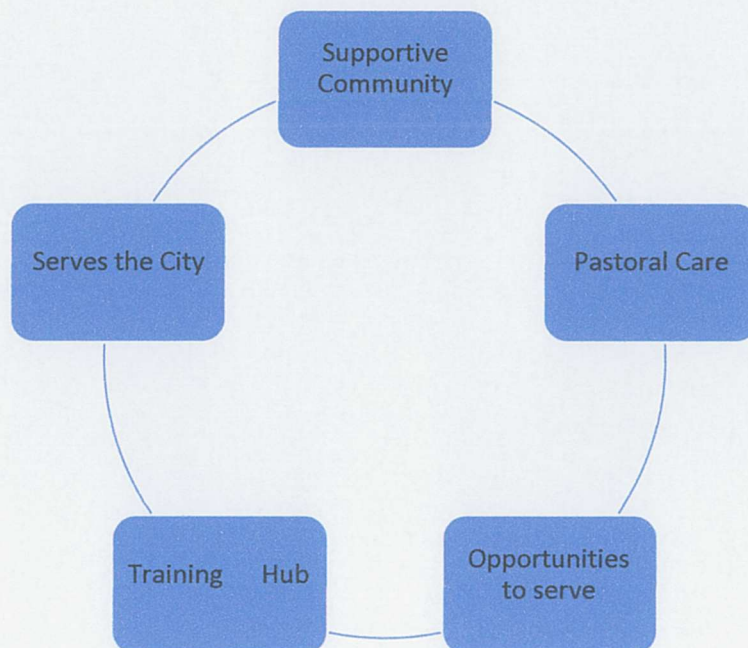
In May, Rev Jon Swales accepted an MBE awarded for services to the city during the Covid-19 pandemic. This was a great moment of recognition for the work of the charity in 2020-2021, and was covered in local press and media.

Jon said, "I am honoured to receive an MBE as it highlights the love and care the team have consistently shown as we have travelled together as a Lighthouse family through the storms of Covid 19. Our intention at Lighthouse, whatever befalls in the coming months is to share the saving message of Jesus and offer Christ-shaped pastoral care, in word and deed, to those battered and bruised by the storms of life. I count it as a real privilege not only to receive this award, but to lead such a dedicated, skilled and compassionate team."



Achievements across the five areas of the Lighthouse Ministry

As the ministry of Lighthouse developed it identified five distinct ways in which it serves the community in Leeds.



1. Building a Supportive Community

Through our weekly gatherings we can connect with those on the margins of society and build a supportive community. We regularly see 40-50 people attend our Sunday service, which we have moved back into the St George's Crypt space this year.

Through Day Centre activities, we have offered a safe haven and a place of warm welcome, community and friendship, for vulnerable and marginalised people who might otherwise be very isolated and lonely. We have run sessions teaching on topics including money management, anger, friendship, health & hygiene, and forgiveness. We have offered activities including urban photography, cooking, health and wellbeing (via a local gym offering subsidised sessions), knitting, baking, board games, choir, and even documentary making.

We surveyed 24 Day Centre participants in September 2022 to find out how Lighthouse has made a difference to their lives:

- 92% said that they feel less lonely since coming to Lighthouse Day Centre, with 71% saying they feel a lot less lonely.
- 100% agree that Lighthouse is a supportive community, with 79% strongly agreeing.
- 83% felt that their mental health and wellbeing had improved as a result of attending Lighthouse Day Centre.
- 96% said that Lighthouse Day Centre had increased their ability to cope with life or look after themselves.

We have also continued our successful partnership with Horsforth Shed, a charity that aims to reduce social isolation. A small group of Lighthouse community members attend weekly with great enthusiasm and enjoyment to do woodworking projects. One participant carved a wooden altar cross which he gifted to Lighthouse in October, and which is now regularly used as part of our services (pictured).



In February we pioneered a new project – the WOW course, a six week introduction to Christianity specifically written for and tailored to vulnerable adults and those with poor literacy. We had between 15-20 in attendance most weeks, where they received a hot meal and took part in discussion about what is special about the Christian faith. This was a helpful and fruitful process for many who attended, and we plan to hold this course again semi-regularly as demand dictates.

Two members of the community share their experience:

“Lighthouse has given me a focus during lockdown, given me somewhere to go and something to do. I find it very difficult at times to motivate myself and to get out of the house; knowing that I can go somewhere that is calm and gentle and that will give me a chance to talk to others who have similar lives as myself and not to be judged can never be underestimated.”

“It has made a major difference to my life. I never used to come out of the flat before, but now I love coming to Lighthouse and feel very welcome. Thank you.”

We also organised a number of very well received larger group days out throughout the year, with particular highlights being:

– a picnic and games afternoon in Kirkstall Abbey

– we extended an invitation to the Crypt who sent some of their team and residents with us to Bolton Abbey and Filey Beach in July. It was a wonderful time of fun and laughter, and deepened the sense of family within the Lighthouse community as well as strengthening our links with the Crypt and more of the fringe street community.

2. Providing pastoral care

Lighthouse's core team delivers trauma-informed pastoral care with good knowledge of the addiction and housing services in the city. Lighthouse senior team have grown and developed in their understanding of specialist pastoral care for vulnerable adults over the years. The pastoral services we now offer include but are not limited to:

- Conversational pastoral care eg. intervention conversations with vulnerable adults regarding relationships, drug abuse, domestic violence etc.
- Crisis intervention in cases such as suicide intervention, immediate bereavement support.
- Navigation – supporting vulnerable adults to navigate systems such as housing, addiction services, benefits etc, with advice, advocacy and practical intervention.
- Home support – help with maintaining home conditions, accessing home furnishing and appliances, and assisting with moving items.
- Phone support – keeping in appropriate contact with Lighthouse brothers and sisters, recognising the different contact needs of different people.
- Money support – budgeting conversations, looking after money to help with money management for those with care contracts from Adult Social Care (ASC).
- Partnership with ASC – making emergency referrals to ASC for vulnerable adults, providing contractual care support hours paid by ASC for certain people.
- Prison support – prison visits, letters, phone calls and aiding with release plans to Lighthouse brothers and sisters in prison.

This year, one member of staff has overseen the strategic development and implementation of a Pastoral Pathway plan which aims to develop the pastoral care we offer. This has involved taking a lead role in embedding the pastoral plan into the value and visions of Lighthouse and its delivery, building a pastoral structure, training and developing team in the delivery of excellent pastoral care, chairing weekly team meetings with a focus on pastoral care and development, and, where appropriate, engaging with outside agencies.

Key developments in this area have included:

- Working on a pastoral pathway database and process.
- Developing Lighthouse's policies regarding pastoral care.
- Quickly implementing a pastoral actions process in which the Lighthouse core team can respond to pastoral needs of the community.
- Alongside Jon and Katie, developing the outreach Lighthouse provides to areas of need in Leeds eg. Crypt houses, Joanna Project, home visits and reaching out to those who have drifted away from Lighthouse.
- Exploring how the Lighthouse core team can adjust their timetables to facilitate specialist pastoral care.

Harbour continues to flourish as a place of safety and community, providing specialist support and pastoral care to the most vulnerable members of the community each Monday. When we surveyed Harbour regulars, every respondent without exception described it as being “very welcoming”, and they all said that it gives them a good routine. Some Harbour brothers and sisters have even cooked meals for the group, which has been a blessing both to them and to the wider group.

On Sundays about 60-70 people receive a hot meal served in the Crypt by Lighthouse after our Sunday service.

3. Provides opportunities to serve

Lighthouse offers opportunities to serve the marginalised and to grow as leaders. In the past, two former staff members have gone on to ordination training and another current staff member will be leaving to go to ordination training in 2023. In June, staff member Jonah left Lighthouse employment in order to study theology at St Hild, with a view to moving into prison ministry in the future.

One of our Lighthouse interns said:

“Thank you so much for everything this year! Thank you for welcoming me into this wonderful community from day one, for supporting me and building me up as a leader, for helping me to grow in my faith and teaching me what sacrificial love really looks like. I’ve learnt so much from all your wisdom and am so humbled by the way you love and serve others. The experiences I’ve had this year have shaped me as a person and have changed the way I see life. God bless you all.”

4. A Training Hub

Lighthouse acts as a training hub for other Churches within the Diocese and beyond who are seeking to serve those on the margins of society. It offers placements for ordinands, curates and others as well as training courses. Due to the pandemic the courses moved online although the intention is to resume some in person courses in the future.

- Various individuals and groups have attended Lighthouse in 2022; these include:
 - Two ordinands on placement from St Hild.
 - Visits from an established charity and housing provider (Happy Days, Halifax and Dewsbury). They are looking to launch a church for vulnerable adults which includes Christian Day Centres.
 - A delegation of senior clergy and missional leaders from Hanover who were visiting various projects in the diocese of Leeds. Jon spent a day with several of them exploring ‘Church for the Margins’. A larger group joined us for our Sunday service and were visibly moved by what they encountered.
 - One church pastor who visited Lighthouse this year commented:

“Lighthouse seems to be a beautifully 'flat' community. You are releasing & equipping leaders brilliantly, which is wonderful to see! And yet, the posture of leadership that you have cultivated is not one in which the team are 'above' those you serve. Indeed, it felt like you actively wanted to learn from, hear from, and celebrate with, those you serve. It was beautiful! (It is unusual to observe leadership that does not adopt a client/provider posture - i.e. we deliver the goods or services for people). Instead, the people you serve are also people to learn from and walk with.

In our UK evangelical/charismatic scene we are fortunate that there are quite a number of large/resource/flagship churches doing brilliant things across our cities. We pray for many more! And yet, if I'm honest, I don't think I've actually see anything like Lighthouse before. It was genuinely moving to see such a gospel centred, kingdom oriented, spirit-filled expression of faith like that. It's a real testimony to your leadership, along with others no doubt. In my experience, it is a hard battle to prevent mission drift away from Jesus, the gospel and an integrated kingdom focus. And yet, you seem to be doing it wonderfully! I hope and pray that both St George's and Lighthouse continue to thrive. I think if you do, my sense is that you will have a growing role as a massive inspiration for many across the nation and beyond."

- Training courses

- Jon and Katie led a training session for Lantern (a ministry for the marginalised in Headingley) on behaviour management. In addition to this Lighthouse staff have also helped to train and support staff in local churches based outside the city centre who wish to support marginalised people in their locality.
- In September, Jon led a residential retreat for the Diocese of Birmingham's Urban Estates Network.
- 'Mission, Theology and Ministry for the Margins'.

As a training hub Lighthouse aims to provide a model of engagement and ministry that could be replicated elsewhere. In September 2019 in partnership with Leeds School of Theology Lighthouse launched a 10 session course entitled 'Mission, Theology and Ministry for the Margins'. The course is now an established part of the ministry of Lighthouse, operating with 'live' online sessions complemented with directed reading and study modules. It regularly attracts upwards of 25 attendees each academic year, and feedback from course alumni is overwhelmingly positive about how it has equipped them to better serve marginalised people in their own communities. One student said,

"The course is so enlightening and honest. A perfect mix of teaching/theology and practical. I always leave feeling inspired and wanting to apply what I have learnt."

In the last two years, the course has helped inform and inspire the formation of multiple Lighthouse-like communities in other areas, including Safe Harbour in Ipswich, and Lantern in Headingley, North Leeds.

5. Serving the City

Lighthouse serves the city by hosting the "Homeless Charter" meeting. This is a forum that brings together the diverse range agencies that seek to support the homeless in the city. These include those with lived experience of homelessness, grass roots groups, the council, commissioned services and charities, as well as churches and those from other faith communities. Through this, the city of Leeds is becoming increasingly interconnected in order to tackle homelessness more effectively.

Our engagement with the Homeless Charter means we are part of the conversation to change policies and procedures relevant to the homeless.

As part of our service to the city through the Homeless Charter, Lighthouse has begun hosting a regular series of "listening circles", facilitating conversations between vulnerable adults and those who work for the council and are involved in forming and shaping policies around homelessness and service access. The first of these has been overwhelmingly positive and indicates the good reputation we have developed in the city, and the culture of respect we have cultivated in our community.

Finances

We are fortunate to have a trustee who is a professionally qualified accountant as our treasurer. We have no funds materially in deficit and the trustees are satisfied that the charity is a going concern. We operate our finances within a Financial Controls Policy overseen by the treasurer.

Income

In 2022 the Charity continued to receive financial support from St George's Church (£20,000), and St George's Crypt (£20,000) as well as smaller donations from other organisations totalling circa £2,000. Approximately £28,000 was received from individual supporters comprising regular contributions as well as generous one-off donations.

We also received grants in 2022 totalling £34,540, comprising:

Unrestricted grant income

Matthews Wrightson Charity Trust	£600
Liz and Terry Bramall Foundation	£5,000
Leeds Christian Community Trust	£2,000
Total unrestricted grant income received	£7,600

Restricted grant income

Leeds Community Foundation Strategic Resilience Fund received in April)	£15,000 (£30k over two years - £15k
Howard Foundation – costs of WOW course	£1,440
Dorcas Trust – costs of WOW course	£1,000
Leeds Christian Community Trust - Household Support Fund	£3,500
OCTF - for training	£2,500
George A Moore Foundation - for Day Centre	£1,500
Other restricted grant income	£2,000
Total restricted grant income received	£26,940

Through discussion with Adult Social Care (ASC), Lighthouse has been entrusted to provide some of the required care and support for a small number of clients. The funding received in 2022 from Leeds City Council of £43,080 (2021: £48,674) is identified in our accounts as a 'restricted' fund.

Expenditure incurred to support these clients (salary, rent, utilities, food allowance, carer support etc.) are shown as being paid from 'restricted' funding. To meet other indirect costs incurred by Lighthouse (for example administration, ad hoc staff support in response to a crisis etc.) any year end surplus of this funding is transferred to 'unrestricted' funds. ASC are in full agreement with this arrangement.

Expenditure

Our principle spend of circa £98,000 for staff salaries is to provide the high level of one-to-one pastoral support that enables us to connect effectively with those on the margins of society and build a supportive community. In addition, circa £44,000 was spent to provide materials for sessions or direct support to individuals through, for example, covering travel costs or giving emergency funding.

Reserves

The Trustees have felt it prudent to have a policy whereby the unrestricted funds held by the Charity should be approximately 6 months of running costs which equates to approximately £80k. At 31 December 2022 the unrestricted funds of the Charity stood at c. £99k. The reserves policy will be reviewed annually.

Note: The charity has no guarantees or debts outstanding.

Charity and Trustee Details

Charity name:	Lighthouse (West Yorkshire)
Registered charity number:	1164239
Charity's principal address:	St George's Church Great George Street Leeds LS1 3BR
Type of governing document	Constitution*
How the charity is constituted	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods	Appointed by agreement of the trustees*

*The trustees approved a new Constitution on 03 July 2023. This now anticipates the nomination of up to three trustees by St George's Church (registered charity no. 1131798) and up to two trustees by St George's Crypt (registered charity no. 1144474)

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

N. Bishop		
A. Bisset	Treasurer	
H. Bown-Brownridge		Appointed June 2022
J. Cain	Chair	Appointed October 2022
P. Gillions	Chair	Resigned October 2022
P. Rhodes		Resigned May 2023
L. Woolf		Resigned May 2023
A. Wilcock		
P. Wilcock		Appointed September 2023
C. Wilson		Appointed March 2022
J. Woodhead		Appointed September 2023

Independent Examiner:

L. Groenewald FCA 24 Regent Terrace, Leeds, LS6 1NP

Names of senior staff members:

Revd Jonathan Swales	Team Leader
Katie Boyes	Senior Pastor

Trustee Matters

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The trustees with specific roles are:

- Nick Bishop (2016) – Specialist knowledge of mental health, addiction and Adult Social care, also Chair of Crypt Trustees
- Pauline Rhodes (2017) – Safeguarding
- Chris Wilson (2022) – Safeguarding from September 2023
- Revd Jonathan Cain (2022) - Staff wellbeing, & Chair of Trustees
- Andy Bisset (2021) – Treasurer

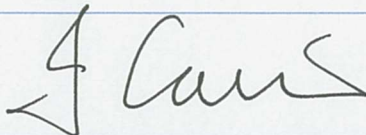
The Revd Jon Swales (Lighthouse Team Leader) and Senior Pastor Katie Boyes continue to attend trustees' meetings to inform discussions, but do not have voting rights.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signatures



Full names

Jonathan Cain

Nick Bishop

Chair of Trustees

Trustee

Date

16 October 2023

16 Oct 23



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Lighthouse West Yorkshire

No (if any)
1164239

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01-Jan-22

To

Period end date
31-Dec-22

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
DONATIONS	69,561	-	-	69,561	78,296
GRANTS	7,600	26,940	-	34,540	30,110
LEEDS CITY COUNCIL CONTRACT TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR CLIENTS	-	43,080	-	43,080	48,674
GIFT AID CLAIM	7,608	-	-	7,608	-
COURSE FEE INCOME	4,412	-	-	4,412	8,347
OTHER INCOME	55	7,902	-	7,957	107
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	89,235	77,922	-	167,157	165,534
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	89,235	77,922	-	167,157	165,534
A3 Payments					
SALARIES	49,328	48,846	-	98,174	92,453
PASTORAL CARE EXPENDITURE	6,929	30,619	-	37,548	33,345
RESOURCES	2,137	177	-	2,315	3,807
STAFF SUPERVISION, TRAINING AND WELFARE	4,386	-	-	4,386	8,709
FUND RAISING	28	-	-	28	438
OTHER	3,731	-	-	3,731	6,073
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	66,539	79,643	-	146,182	144,825
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	66,539	79,643	-	146,182	144,825
Net of receipts/(payments)	22,696	1,721	-	20,976	20,709
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	77,119	12,938	-	90,057	69,348
Cash funds this year end	99,815	11,217	-	111,033	90,057

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	BANK ACCOUNT	99,815	11,217	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	99,815	11,217	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

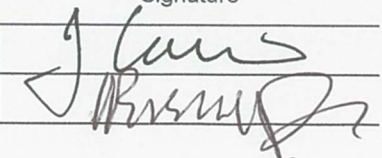
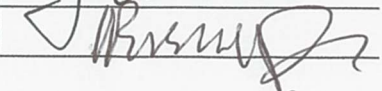
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	JONATHAN CAIN	16.10.23
	NICHOLAS BISHOP	16.10.23



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees
of

Lighthouse (West Yorkshire)

On accounts for the
year ended

31 December 2022

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Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charitable incorporated organisation ("the charity") for the year ended 31 December 2022.

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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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**

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

- 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.

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.

Signed:

Lydia Groenewald

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Name:

Lydia Groenewald FCA

Address:

24 Regent Terrace, Leeds, LS6 1NP

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report for the Period 1 January 2021 to 31 Dec 2021

Section A Reference and Administration Details

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Leeds
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P. Gillions	Chair	
P. Rhodes		
L. Woolf		
A. Wilcox		Appointed February 2021

Independent Examiner:

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Rev Jonathan Swales	Team Leader
Katie Dowds	Senior Pastor

Section B Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document Constitution

How the charity is constituted Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee selection methods Appointed by agreement of Trustees

The Origins of the Charity

The ministry was developed in 2015 by the pioneering work of Rev. Jon Swales, then a Curate at St George's Church, Leeds. He saw the need among the marginalised in society, many of whom had contact with St George's Crypt, and actively engaged with them. In this work he received the goodwill and support of both the Church and the Crypt and the free use of their premises.

When his Curacy ended in the summer of 2015 Rev Swales was able to continue in the role of Mission Priest due to the financial support and continued goodwill of both St George's Church and St George's Crypt. The Diocese of Leeds also agreed to offer support by providing housing and a pension contribution.

Since January 2020, the Leeds Diocese has fully funded the post with Rev Swales appointed as part of the St George's clergy team.

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- Peter Gillions (2016) - Staff wellbeing, & Chair of Trustees
- Rev Lizzy Woolf (2019) - Rector of St George's and Crypt Trustee. To oversee link with Diocese, recruitment, staff development & any disciplinary issues.
- Treasurer - Dr Alan Duboisée de Ricquebourg (resigned September 2021)
Andy Bissett (appointed September 2021)
- Andrea Wilcox (2021)

The Rev Jon Swales (Lighthouse Team Leader) and Senior Pastor Katie Dowds continue to attend trustees meetings to inform discussions, but do not have voting rights.

Organisational Structure

Full time posts

Rev Jon Swales is Lighthouse Team Leader and was formally appointed as part of the St George's Clergy team in early 2019. Jon Swales ensures staff take responsibility for compliance with General Data Protection Regulation.

Lighthouse is co-led by Senior Pastor Katie Dowds

Phil Marshall is Lighthouse Warden with responsibility for Harbour.

Part time and training posts

Sharon Thresher. Fundraiser (10 hours per week).

Alice Brecher Pastor in Training (25 hours per week) whilst also undertaking accredited study towards BA in Theology, Ministry and Mission at St Hild College.

In July Paula Reiss resigned as Pastor in Training (20 hours per week)

In September 2020 Jonah Sheridan joined the team part time as part of his Internship at St George's Church and continued as Pastoral Support Worker (20 hours per week) from August.

In September Livvy Beer joined the team part time as part of her Internship at St George's Church

In October Rosie Smith was appointed as Pastor in Training (30 hours per week)

Volunteer posts

Lighthouse is fortunate to have the support of a wide variety of volunteers. Four with particular roles are:

Helen Coutie, Finance Administrator

Stuart Roberts, Pastoral Assistant

Sarah Swales, Administrator & Pastoral Assistant

Claire Newton, Volunteer Pastor and Prison Chaplain

Context of the Charity's Work

The charity enjoys the continued goodwill, free use of premises and financial support of both St George's Church and St George's Crypt. Issues of mental health and addiction can frequently isolate individuals from support services and by establishing supportive relationships we often mediate access to service provision.

We have established excellent links with other agencies such as the Police, Mental Health support services, the NHS and Leeds City Council Adult Social Care. Where appropriate we actively solicit the support of other agencies to help meet the needs of individuals and are one of the partners in the 'Homeless Charter'. The Homeless Charter is a joint mission by voluntary, faith, private and public sector organizations, all committed to work together to support the homeless in Leeds.

Two of our Pastors are HMP Leeds chaplains which give us the means to provide key support, working with probation services, in offering support to prisoners on release.

We also support people's access to residential Christian rehabilitation communities.

Management of Major Risks

The major risks to the charity are:

1. Failure to obtain the necessary funding to support the work. This has been managed by two appointments; a trustee with specific oversight of finance and a part-time fundraiser.
2. Team burn-out. Regular professional supervision of Lighthouse Core Team continues and staff wellbeing is the responsibility of a specific trustee. Each Core Team Member has an allowance to cover costs for a retreat.
3. Our prime responsibility is for the safety and welfare of the vulnerable adults we support. This means that safeguarding concerns need to be properly managed and there is a trustee with specific responsibility for this. The Lighthouse Safeguarding Team work closely with the Leeds Diocese Safeguarding Team to ensure we are able to offer the best possible services.

Section C Objectives and Activities

The Charitable Objects of Lighthouse are:

1. The advancement of the Christian religion for the public benefit in such ways as the trustees from time to time may think fit.
2. To relieve the needs of people in Leeds and beyond who are in conditions of need, hardship and distress as a result of poverty, criminality, mental health, substance misuse and addictions by such means as the trustees from time to time may think fit.

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Spiritual Care

We make clear that our support is not contingent on attending any religious services or affiliation to any particular faith. However, for those who wish to engage we aim to share our Christian faith in an inclusive and accessible way. Lighthouse is regarded by many as 'their' Church, where the love of God is expressed through a practical, supportive community. Continuing restrictions due to Covid meant that the usual format for meetings had to be adapted. During the pandemic we were able to continue to provide holistic support throughout the week within our day centre support bubbles.

Lighthouse Volunteers are a key dimension of the ministry of Lighthouse. Pre-pandemic we had a team of over 35 volunteers who help in a variety of ways: preparing hot meals, befriending the community and providing practical and pastoral support where appropriate. Due to restrictions on our usual activities we have not needed the services of some of our usual volunteers.

All volunteers are given appropriate training and the relevant legally required checks are completed. We are aware of and ensure that we comply with GDPR in all record keeping.

Section D Achievements and Performance

Finding Hope in the Storm

The intention of Lighthouse is to reach out to some of the most broken and vulnerable people in Leeds and create a hope filled, therapeutic Christian community. It offers holistic support and seeks to share the radical love of Jesus with those who may struggle with issues of mental health, addiction, relationship breakdown, bereavement or criminality. We believe that life is best understood as an accompanied journey into greater wholeness.

Since its founding in January 2014, Lighthouse has served more than 20,000 hot meals, seen 75+ people go to residential rehab communities, and held more than 500 services. We've witnessed 90+ baptisms and reaffirmations of faith, & supported individuals with hundreds of home visits, hospital, court and prison visits. Covid restrictions have reduced the availability of residential rehab placements although we were able to secure placements for two individuals.

National Recognition

During the Covid19 pandemic Lighthouse quickly adapted to enable it to continue to maintain support whilst observing the restrictions the government had put in place. Rather than full Church meetings a Christian Day Centre model was developed providing support for five days a week. The continued effectiveness of Lighthouse in supporting the most vulnerable throughout this time was recognised in the New Year's Honours with Rev Jon Swales being awarded an

M.B.E. 'for services to the city, particularly during the Covid-19 pandemic.' Jon said, "I am honoured to receive an M.B.E. as it highlights the love and care the team have consistently shown as we have travelled together as a Lighthouse family through the storms of Covid-19. Our intention at Lighthouse, is to share the saving message of Jesus and offer Christ-shaped pastoral care, in word and deed, to those battered and bruised by the storms of life. I count it as a real privilege not only to receive this award but to lead such a dedicated, skilled and compassionate team."

Lantern Church

In addition to the online training with 'Missions and Ministry to those on the Margins' course, Lighthouse has been directly involved in helping launch a new ministry in North Leeds. Lighthouse staff have trained a team from two Churches (Vineyard and Cornerstone) who have been working in partnership together to create 'Lantern'. Lantern is a fledgling Lighthouse style ministry in North Leeds.

Inspiring Leaders

To date three former members of the Lighthouse staff have gone on to pursue ordination, with two more seriously considering doing so. As a new Curate Leah Thompson featured in a television program, a segment of which can be seen here:

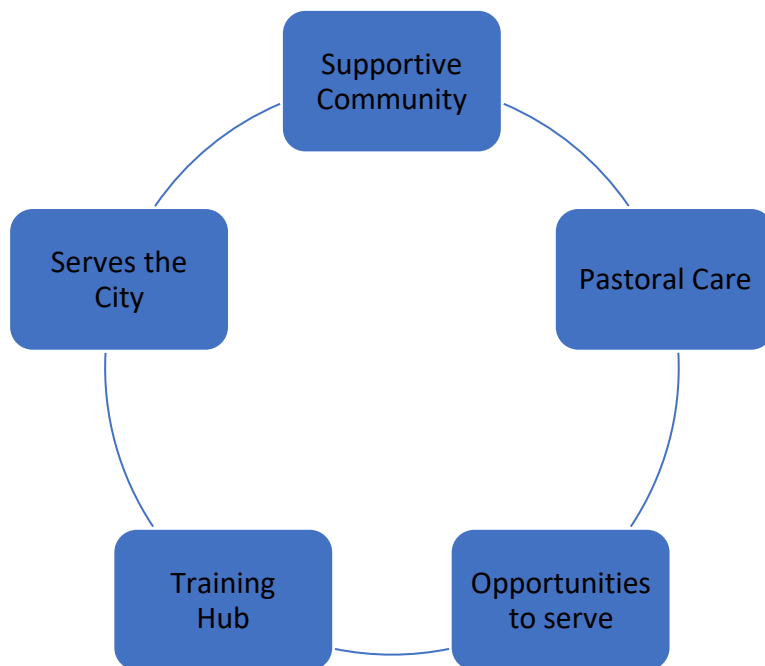
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Engaging with Horsforth Shed – A community Workshop

In late autumn some Lighthouse guests started to attend Horsforth Shed, a charity that aims to reduce social isolation, meaning that there are now activities offered six days per week.

Five key aspects of the Lighthouse Ministry

As the ministry of Lighthouse developed it identified five distinct ways in which it serves the community in Leeds.



1. Building a Supportive Community

Through the five weekly gatherings we are able to connect with those on the margins of society and build a supportive community. The Covid19 pandemic has meant that Lighthouse community has had to change the way it connects together. Instead of the usual larger meetings it has been meeting in 'Day Centre Bubbles'. Our covid-secure day centre has operated for five days a week within small, socially distanced support group bubbles (of up to 15 guests) sharing the hope and healing of Jesus with some of the most vulnerable people in our city. In late autumn some Lighthouse guests started to attend Horsforth Shed, a charity that aims to reduce social isolation, meaning that there are now activities offered six days per week. Although numbers reduced there was an increase in the depth of relationship and support that could be offered.

Two members of the community share their experience:

"No matter how I feel outside, what's going on in my life - when I walk into the Lighthouse drop in, I feel calm. I know I can relax and I feel accepted and cared for."

"Lighthouse has given me a purpose, a reason to carry on. Throughout the present crisis (lockdown) they have helped and supported me and given me a new family in the church."

Lighthouse also managed to organise two days trips out for the community.

2. Providing pastoral care

Lighthouse provides specialised and increasingly recognised pastoral care to some incredibly complex and vulnerable adults. The Lighthouse community is dispersed across Leeds with many individuals who were already struggling and feeling particularly vulnerable at this difficult time. Support was initially maintained through phone calls, socially distant doorstep visits and the delivery of essential food parcels. However the large meeting space inside Church meant that individuals could meet in Covid-secure 'bubbles' and Christian Day Centre model was

developed providing support for five days a week. A group entitled 'Harbour' was formed to give specialist support to the most vulnerable members of the community. Sadly bereavement support has been a developing ministry of Lighthouse.

Restrictions have limited our referrals to residential Christian rehabilitation communities but over the year two members were able to access this support and six more joined Growing Rooms, the Crypt's recovery programme based in Leeds.

During covid restrictions we continue to use the Crypt kitchen to prepare and dispense food. Food is consumed outside or, for those attending a session, in the Church premises. On Sundays about 40 - 50 people collect food prepared by the Crypt team and served by us.

3. Provides opportunities to serve

It offers opportunities to serve the marginalised and to grow as leaders. In the past, two former staff members have gone on to ordination training and another current staff member has just been approved for ordination training. Here a Lighthouse Pastor describes the impact of her experience of Lighthouse:

Working for Lighthouse has been and continues to be an invaluable time for me as I explore my call to ordination whilst serving those who have been 'battered and bruised by the storms of life'. It has enabled me to grow in my faith, gain experience in working with vulnerable adults in practical ways and has provided me with new leadership opportunities as I work alongside and absorb the experience that is shared from working with such gifted leaders and people of faith. It is an incredible team to be a part of as there is a culture of encouragement, respect and celebration, whilst navigating the ups and downs of pastoral care with sensitivity and wisdom together. I know I will always look back on this experience with gratitude as a wonderful learning environment that will shape me as a leader in the future.

Similarly, someone who came to Lighthouse as part of the St George's Internship describes his experience:

Working at Lighthouse this year as an intern has given me so many experiences that have changed the way I see the world and it has shaped me for life! It's been so humbling to work with a team of people who really live out self-sacrificing love and who listen to, walk with and encourage people who are going through really difficult times. I've been thrown out of my comfort zone many times, which has been such a blessing and an opportunity to grow in faith and to learn how to trust Jesus more every day. The team has been incredibly supportive and loving as I've been through my own storms and they have patiently prayed with me and supported me through them. I love being a part of the Lighthouse family and I've acquired many new skills and experiences to take with me into my next stage of life!

4. A Training Hub

Lighthouse acts as a training hub for other Churches within the Diocese and beyond who are seeking to serve those on the margins of society. It offers placements for ordinands, curates and others. Jo Jones who is the Deputy Head of Chaplaincy at Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Ordinand at St. Hild College writes:

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any shying away from speaking frankly and openly about the difficulties that people were having in their lives, experiences were shared, prayed for and practical assistance was offered as necessary. The way that Lighthouse cares for its members should be a model for churches everywhere - all our churches should be as inclusive, caring, innovative, enthusiastic and loving as Lighthouse. The staff team are absolutely wonderful - their experience, care, compassion, kindness, their loving natures and their absolute passion in bringing people to know Jesus is something that we should all aspire to. I am so grateful for my time at Lighthouse, and would love to be able to serve there in some way in the future.

As a training hub Lighthouse aims to provide a model of engagement and ministry that could be replicated elsewhere. In September 2019 in partnership with Leeds School of Theology Lighthouse launched a 10 session course entitled 'Mission, Theology and Ministry for the Margins'. After a successful first year with 60 participants, the course is now an established part of the ministry of Lighthouse, operating with 'live' online sessions complemented with directed reading and study modules. One student who leads 'Messy Church' (a family oriented service) in her home in a very deprived estate says

Over the past year, MTMM has been an invaluable source of challenge and encouragement for both my head and my heart. In a post pandemic season, when we are all still reeling, it has been so important to gather with others who share a common heart for Jesus and for the poor, and to remember that we are not alone in wanting to love the last, least and the lost. MTMM is not just a good theology course (although it certainly is that!); it is a community of thinkers, practitioners and dreamers longing to see the kingdom come on earth as in heaven. Thank you for letting me be a part of it.

In addition to this Lighthouse staff have also helped to train and support staff in two Churches based outside the city centre who wish to support marginalised people in their locality.

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We have also secured the following grants in 2021 totalling £30,110 comprising:

Unrestricted grant income

Allchurches Trust	£10,000
Leatherseller's Company Charitable Fund	£ 1,500
Marsh Christian Trust	£ 500
Total unrestricted grant income raised	£12,000

Restricted grant income

OCTF (for training)	£ 2,500
Hill Dickinson Foundation (for Harbour salary)	£ 2,500
Leeds Community Foundation (unused from 2020)	- £ 529
Charles & Elsie Sykes Trust (for Day Centre)	£ 2,500
Sir George Martin Trust (for Day Centre)	£ 2,000
Vardy Foundation (for Day Centre)	£ 5,000
Souter Charitable Trust (for Day Centre)	£ 2,500
LCC (for Day Centre)	£ 629
Other (for Day Trips)	£ 1,010
Total restricted grant income raised	£18,110

Through discussion with Adult Social Care (ASC), Lighthouse has been entrusted to provide some of the required care and support for a small number of clients. The funding received in 2021 from Leeds City Council £48,674 (2020: £78,743) is identified in our accounts as a 'restricted' fund.

Expenditure incurred to support these clients (salary, rent, utilities, food allowance, carer support etc.) are shown as being paid from 'restricted' funding. To meet other indirect costs

incurred by Lighthouse (for example administration, ad hoc staff support in response to a crisis etc.) any year end surplus of this funding is transferred to 'unrestricted' funds. ASC are in full agreement with this arrangement.

Expenditure

Our principle spend of circa £92,000 for staff salaries is to provide the high level of one-to-one pastoral support that enables us to connect effectively with those on the margins of society and build a supportive community. In addition, circa £33,000 was spent to provide materials for sessions or direct support to individuals through, for example, covering travel costs or giving emergency funding.

Section F Other optional information

The Covid-19 virus has impacted the charity in that all of the usual large group meetings had to be halted. Lighthouse quickly adapted to enable it to continue to engage with the Lighthouse community. In recognition of this Jon was notified that he would be awarded an MBE for services to the city, particularly during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Throughout this time, we have secured grants meaning that there has been no detrimental impact on our financial position.

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signatures	<i>Peter Gillions</i>	<i>Nicholas Bishop</i>
Full names	Peter Gillions	Nicholas Bishop
	Chair of Trustees	Trustee

29 October 2022Th



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Lighthouse West Yorkshire

Receipts and pa

For the period from

Period start date
01/01/2021

Section A Receipts and payments

Unrestricted funds

Restricted funds

to the nearest £

to the nearest £

A1 Receipts

DONATIONS	78,296	-
GRANTS	12,000	18,110
SUPPORT FOR CLIENTS	-	48,674
GIFT AID CLAIM	-	-
COURSE FEE INCOME	8,347	-
OTHER INCOME	107	-
	-	-
	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	98,750	66,784

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).

	-	-
	-	-
Sub total	-	-

Total receipts **98,750** **66,784**

A3 Payments

SALARIES	65,112	27,341
PASTORAL CARE EXPENDITURE	4,263	29,082
RESOURCES	3,807	-
TRAINING	8,709	-
FUND RAISING	438	-
OTHER	6,073	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
Sub total	88,402	56,423

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

	-	-
	-	-
Sub total	-	-

Total payments **88,402** **56,423**

Net of receipts/(payments)	10,348	10,361
A5 Transfers between funds	600	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	66,171	3,177
Cash funds this year end	77,119	12,938

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end

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B5 Liabilities

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

<i>Peter Gillions</i>
<i>Nicholas Bishop</i>

		No (if any) 1164239	CC16a
yments accounts			
To	Period end date 12/31/2021		



Endowment funds

Total funds

Last year

to the nearest £

to the nearest £

to the nearest £

-	78,296	74,212
-	30,110	32,780
-	48,674	78,743
-	-	6,284
-	8,347	5,169
-	107	1,175
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	165,534	198,364

-	-	
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	165,534	198,364

-	92,453	74,510
-	33,345	53,770
-	3,807	15,922
-	8,709	4,790
-	438	6,685
-	6,073	3,108
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	144,825	158,785

-	-	
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-	-	-
-	144,825	158,785

-	20,709	39,579
-	-	-
-	69,348	29,769
-	90,057	69,348

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Unrestricted funds

to nearest £

77,119
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Restricted funds

to nearest £

12,938
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Endowment funds

to nearest £

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Unrestricted funds

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relates**

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When due (optional)

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Print Name

Date of approval

PETER GILLIONS	10/29/2022
NICHOLAS BISHOP	10/29/2022



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees
of

Lighthouse (West Yorkshire)

On accounts for the
year ended

31 December 2021

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Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charitable incorporated organisation ("the charity") for the year ended 31 December 2021.

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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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**

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

- 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.

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.

Signed:

Lydia Groenewald

D 29 October 2022

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Name:

Lydia Groenewald FCA

Address:

24 Regent Terrace, Leeds, LS6 1NP

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report for the Period 1 January 2020 to 31 Dec 2020

Section A Reference and Administration Details

Charity name: Lighthouse (West Yorkshire)
Registered charity number: 1164239
Charity's principal address: St George's Church
Great George Street
Leeds
LS1 3BR

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity (all have served the full year):

N. Bishop
A. Duboisée de Ricquebourg Treasurer
P. Gillions Chair
P. Rhodes
L. Woolf

Independent Examiner:
L. Groenewald FCA 24 Regent Terrace, Leeds, LS6 1NP

Names of senior staff members:

Rev Jonathan Swales Team Leader
Katie Ojukwu Senior Pastor

Section B Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document Constitution
How the charity is constituted Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods Appointed by agreement of Trustees

The Origins of the Charity

The ministry was developed in 2015 by the pioneering work of Rev. Jon Swales, then a Curate at St George's Church, Leeds. He saw the need among the marginalised in society, many of whom had contact with St George's Crypt, and actively engaged with them. In this work he received the goodwill and support of both the Church and the Crypt and the free use of their premises.

When his Curacy ended in the summer of 2015 Rev Swales was able to continue in the role of Mission Priest due to the financial support and continued goodwill of both St George's Church and St George's Crypt. The Diocese of Leeds also agreed to offer support by providing housing and a pension contribution.

Since January 2020, the Leeds Diocese has fully funded the post with Rev Swales appointed as part of the St George's clergy team.

Trustee Matters

The charity was registered as a CIO on 03 November 2015.

The charity trustees undertake to make available to each new charity trustee, on or before

their first appointment copies of or access to:

- (a) The current version of the constitution.
- (b) The CIO's latest Trustees' Annual Report and statement of accounts.
- (c) The Charity Commission's guidance of the role of the trustee.
- (d) The trustee declaration of being a 'fit and proper' person document.
- (e) The Lighthouse Handbook.

The charity is aware of the guidance on diversity and inclusion and is actively seeking to expand the board of trustees.

The trustees and their respective roles are:

- Nick Bishop (2016) – Specialist knowledge of mental health, addiction and Adult Social care, also Chair of Crypt Trustees
- Pauline Rhodes (2017) - Safeguarding
- Peter Gillions (2016) - Staff wellbeing, & Crypt Trustee (until Sept 2020)
- Rev Lizzy Woolf (2019) - Rector of St George's and Crypt Trustee. To oversee link with Diocese, recruitment, staff development & any disciplinary issues.
- Dr Alan Duboisée de Ricquebourg (2019) – Treasurer

The Rev Jon Swales (Lighthouse Team Leader) and Senior Pastor Katie Ojukwu will continue to attend trustees meetings to inform discussions, but do not have voting rights.

Organisational Structure

Full time posts

Rev Jon Swales is Lighthouse Team Leader and was formally appointed as part of the St George's Clergy team in early 2019. Jon Swales ensures staff take responsibility for compliance with General Data Protection Regulation.

Lighthouse is co-led by Senior Pastor Katie Ojukwu with Phil Marshall as Lighthouse Warden.

Part time and training posts

Sharon Thresher. Fundraiser (15 hours per week).

Alice Brecher (former intern at St George's). Pastor in Training (25 hours per week) whilst also undertaking accredited study towards BA in Theology, Ministry and Mission at St Hild College.

In September 2020 Paula Reiss was appointed Pastor in Training (20 hours per week)

In September 2020 Darrell Tunningley was appointed as Pastor in Training and served until December.

In September 2020 Jonah Sheridan joined the team part time as part of his Internship at St George's Church.

Volunteer posts

Lighthouse is fortunate to have the support of a wide variety of volunteers. Three with particular roles are:

Helen Coutie, Finance Administrator

Stuart Roberts, Pastoral Assistant

Sarah Swales, Administrator & Pastoral Assistant

Context of the Charity's Work

The charity enjoys the continued goodwill, free use of premises and financial support of both St George's Church and St George's Crypt. Issues of mental health and addiction can frequently isolate individuals from support services and by establishing supportive relationships we often mediate access to service provision.

We have established excellent links with other agencies such as the Police, Mental Health support services, the NHS and Leeds City Council Adult Social Care. Where appropriate we actively solicit the support of other agencies to help meet the needs of individuals and are one of the partners in the 'Homeless Charter'. The Homeless Charter is a joint mission by voluntary, faith, private and public sector organizations, all committed to work together to support the homeless in Leeds.

Two of our Pastors are HMP Leeds chaplains which give us the means to provide key support, working with probation services, in offering support to prisoners on release. We also support people's access to residential Christian rehabilitation communities.

Management of Major Risks

The major risks to the charity are:

1. Failure to obtain the necessary funding to support the work. This has been managed by two appointments; a trustee with specific oversight of finance and a part-time fundraiser.
2. Staff burn-out. Regular professional supervision of staff continues and staff wellbeing is now the responsibility of a specific trustee.

Section C Objectives and Activities

The Charitable Objects of Lighthouse are:

1. The advancement of the Christian religion for the public benefit in such ways as the trustees from time to time may think fit.
2. To relieve the needs of people in Leeds and beyond who are in conditions of need, hardship and distress as a result of poverty, criminality, mental health, substance misuse and addictions by such means as the trustees from time to time may think fit.

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Spiritual Care

We make clear that our support is not contingent on attending any religious services. However, for those who wish to engage we aim to share our Christian faith in an inclusive and accessible way. Lighthouse is regarded by many as 'their' Church, where the love of God is expressed through a practical, supportive community. Pre-Covid19 Lighthouse regularly saw around 80-100 attending our Sunday services. Meeting in these numbers could not continue during the current pandemic restrictions. However we were able to continue to provide holistic support throughout the week within our day centre support bubbles. We also offer online Bible studies and short doorstep mini services to those we support.

Lighthouse Volunteers are a key dimension of the ministry of Lighthouse. Pre-pandemic we had a team of over 35 volunteers who help in a variety of ways: preparing hot meals, offering befriending or learning support for Academy students. Due to restrictions on our usual activities we have not needed the services of some of our usual volunteers.

All volunteers are given appropriate training and the relevant legally required checks are completed. We are aware of and ensure that we comply with GDPR in all record keeping.

Section D Achievements and Performance

Finding Hope in the Storm

The intention of Lighthouse is to reach out to the most broken and vulnerable people in Leeds and create a hope filled, therapeutic community. It offers holistic support and seeks to share the radical love of Jesus with those who may struggle with issues of mental health, addiction, relationship breakdown, bereavement or criminality. We believe that life is best understood as an accompanied journey into greater wholeness.

Since its founding in January 2014, Lighthouse has served more than 18,000 hot meals, seen 75+ people go to residential rehab communities, and held more than 500 services. We've witnessed 85+ baptisms and reaffirmations of faith, & supported individuals with hundreds of home visits, hospital, court and prison visits.

As the ministry of Lighthouse has developed it has identified five distinct ways in which it serves the community in Leeds.

1. Through the three weekly gatherings we are able to connect with those on the margins of society and build a **supportive community**.

The Covid19 pandemic has meant that Lighthouse community has had to change the way it connects together. Instead of the usual larger meetings it has been meeting in 'Day Centre Bubbles'. Our covid-secure day centre has operated for five days a week within small, socially distanced support group bubbles (of up to 15 guests) sharing the hope and healing of Jesus with some of the most vulnerable people in our city. Two members of the community share their experience:

"No matter how I feel outside, what's going on in my life - when I walk into the Lighthouse drop in, I feel calm. I know I can relax and I feel accepted and cared for."

"Lighthouse has given me a purpose, a reason to carry on. Throughout the present crisis (lockdown) they have helped and supported me and given me a new family in the church."

2. It provides specialised and increasingly recognised **pastoral care** to some of the neediest individuals. Before the 'lockdown' many were given inexpensive mobile phones so contact could be maintained and this has proved to be effective.

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Similarly, someone who came to Lighthouse as part of the St George's Internship describes his experience:

"My year as the Lighthouse intern from September 2020 into 2021 has been one I will always be grateful for, it's been an honour and a privilege since day one. It has helped me not only grow in my faith, but has also helped me grow in confidence. It has made me step out my comfort zone constantly but that has always been so rewarding. The Lighthouse staff team are the nicest, most selfless, hardworking people I know, and their heart for those going through storms has challenged me every day. And the way they have led and adapted throughout the changes the pandemic has brought is amazing. They have also provided me with so much support as I've grown and been challenged, they've been so encouraging and I know that wherever I end up after, they'll be praying and supporting me there too."

4. Lighthouse acts as a **training hub** for other Churches within the Diocese and beyond who are seeking to serve those on the margins of society. It offers placements for ordinands, curates and others. In June 2020 Louise White, an Ordinand in training at Cranmer Hall, Durham, completed a four week placement at Lighthouse. Louise writes

I gained so much that will be valuable for my future ministry from my experience with the staff and clients at Lighthouse. The commitment and love that the staff show for their clients challenged me immensely. Clients are treated with immense wisdom and patience and always with dignity. The way the Good News about Jesus is continually held out in action and words, in a sensitive and appropriate way was probably what impacted me the most. The Gospel is preached creatively and made both accessible and relevant for where the clients are at, whilst always recognising the difficulties and challenges of their lives. I am incredibly grateful for my time with Revd Jon Swales and the Lighthouse team.

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Rev Ruth Donegan-Cross writes

"I've recently moved to urban Birmingham as a new vicar, and the online "Mission, Theology and Ministry on the Margins" course has been a highlight and lifeline for me over the last few months as I've started to wrestle with what it means to be church and do mission in a challenging context. Lighthouse offers a creative, Jesus-centred model of how to do this well. Katie and Jon share generously of what they have learnt as they journey, theology of real depth is offered with a light touch, and the balance of theory and praxis is skilfully maintained. Every session is carefully held within God-centred space. Katie and Jon both communicate authentic passion and deep love for Lighthouse as they teach, and this is a beautiful thing!"

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We have also secured the following grants in 2020 totaling £32,780:

Unrestricted grant income raised

Charles & Elsie Sykes	£ 2,500
Sir George Martin Trust	£ 1,500
Leeds Community Foundation (Resilience Fund)	£ 9,590
Morrisons Foundation Covid support	£ 3,000
CAF Covid fund	£ 3,690
Total unrestricted grant income raised	£20,280

Restricted grant income

Leeds Community Foundation (Big Change Fund)	£2,210
Leeds Community Foundation (Stay Well This Winter)	£1,725
OCTF	£4,940
LCC - Coronavirus (COVID-19) Emergency Grant	£ 500
LCC - Digital Inclusion Fund	£ 700
St George’s Church (Lighthouse warden)	£1,250
Metcalfe Smith Trust	£ 600
Rank Foundation	£ 250

Dorcas Trust - away days
Total restricted grant income raised

£ 325
£12,500

Through discussion with Adult Social Care (ASC), Lighthouse has been entrusted to provide some of the required care and support for a small number of clients. The funding received in 2020 from Leeds City Council £78,743 (2019: £48,857) is identified in our accounts as a 'restricted' fund.

Expenditure incurred specifically to support these clients (rent, utilities, food allowance, carer support etc.) are shown as being paid from 'restricted' funding. To meet other indirect costs incurred by Lighthouse (for example administration, ad hoc staff support in response to a crisis etc.) any year end surplus of this funding is transferred to 'unrestricted' funds. ASC are in full agreement with this arrangement.

Expenditure

Our principle spend of almost £75,000 for staff salaries is to provide the high level of one-to-one pastoral support that enables us to connect effectively with those on the margins of society and build a supportive community. In addition, £53,770 was spent to provide materials for sessions or direct support to individuals through, for example, covering travel costs or giving emergency funding.

Section F Other optional information

The Covid-19 virus has impacted the charity in that all of the usual large group meetings had to be halted. Lighthouse quickly adapted to enable it to continue to engage with the Lighthouse community and this was commended by the Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire for providing "*outstanding service to the community during the Covid-19 crisis*". Throughout this time, we have secured grants meaning that there has been no detrimental impact on our financial position.

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signatures	Peter Gillions	Nicholas Bishop
Full names	Peter Gillions	Nicholas Bishop
	Chair of Trustees	Trustee

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1	 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	Charity Name					No (if any)		CC16a	
2		Lighthouse West Yorkshire					1164229			
3		Receipts and payments accounts								
4		For the period from		Period start date		To		Period end date		
5				01-Jan-20				31-Dec-20		
6										
7	Section A Receipts and payments									
8		Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds		Endowment funds		Total funds		Last year
9		to the nearest £		to the nearest £		to the nearest £		to the nearest £		to the nearest £
10	A1 Receipts									
11	DONATIONS	74,212		-		-		74,212		65,903
12	GRANTS	20,280		12,500		-		32,780		15,170
13	LEEDS CITY COUNCIL GRANT TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR CLIENTS	-		78,743		-		78,743		48,857
14	GIFT AID CLAIM	6,284		-		-		6,284		3,147
15	COURSE FEE INCOME	5,169		-		-		5,169		5,961
16	OTHER INCOME	1,175		-		-		1,175		257
17								-		-
18								-		-
19	Sub total (Gross income for AR)	107,120		91,243		-		198,364		139,295
20										
21	A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).									
22		-		-		-		-		
23		-		-		-		-		-
24	Sub total	-		-		-		-		-
25										
26	Total receipts	107,120		91,243		-		198,364		139,295
27										
28	A3 Payments									
29	SALARIES	58,120		16,390		-		74,510		83,659
30	PASTORAL CARE EXPENDITURE	12,061		41,709		-		53,770		30,144
31	RESOURCES	15,922		-		-		15,922		4,643
32	TRAINING	4,790		-		-		4,790		2,600
33	FUND RAISING	6,685		-		-		6,685		2,100
34	OTHER	3,108		-		-		3,108		3,399
35								-		-
36								-		-
37								-		-
38	Sub total	100,686		58,099		-		158,785		126,546
39										
40	A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)									
41		-		-		-		-		
42		-		-		-		-		
43	Sub total	-		-		-		-		-
44										
45	Total payments	100,686		58,099		-		158,785		126,546
46										
47	Net of receipts/(payments)	6,434		33,145		-		39,579		12,749
48	A5 Transfers between funds	40,167		40,167		-		-		-
49	A6 Cash funds last year end	19,569		10,200		-		29,769		17,020
50	Cash funds this year end	66,171		3,177		-		69,348		29,769
51										

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period					
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	
B1 Cash funds	BANK ACCOUNT	66,171	3,177	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
	Total cash funds	66,171	3,177	-	
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	
B3 Investment assets			-	-	
			-	-	
			-	-	
			-	-	
			-	-	
Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-	
			-	-	
			-	-	
			-	-	
			-	-	
			-	-	
			-	-	
			-	-	
			-	-	
Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)	
B5 Liabilities			-		
			-		
			-		
			-		
			-		
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Peter Gillions	Peter Gillions	19/08/2021	
		Nicholas Bishop	Nicholas Bishop	19/08/2021	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Lighthouse (West Yorkshire)

**On accounts for the
year ended**

31 December 2020

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**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charitable incorporated organisation ("the charity") for the year ended 31 December 2020.

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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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**

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

- 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.

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.

Signed:

Lydia Groenewald

19 August 2021

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