



Eternal Life Church Ministries

Charity No : 1165938

Annual Report and Accounts

Year ending 05 April 2023



TRUSTEES REPORT

Aim and Purposes

The board of trustees together with the charity's founders, Pastors Stephen, and Valma, has the responsibility of co-operating in promoting, the whole mission of Eternal Life Church Ministries. Our mission is undertaken through these three main areas of activity.

- Hollymoor Community Church - pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical work
- Eternal Media — media and broadcast activities
- Life-Line Projects — our charitable activities

ELCM is also responsible for the maintenance of the Church building the former Hollymoor Hospital Chapel, a Grade 2 listed building that it leases located in Manor Park Grove, Northfield.

Objectives and Activities

The Board of Trustees are committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at Hollymoor Community Church and to become part of our church community.

The Board of Trustees maintain an overview of worship throughout the local parish and make suggestions about how our services can engage and involve the many groups that live within our parish.

Our services and worship are intended to put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music, and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, the incumbent and the Board of Trustees have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith through the following activities.

1. Worship and prayer



2. Learning the Bible; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
3. Provision of pastoral care for people living in the Community.
4. Missionary and Outreach Work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we continue to maintain the fabric and structure of the former Hollymoor Hospital Chapel which is where we worship.

Achievements and Performance Worship and Prayer

The Board of Trustees are keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling.

1. Online Bible Study - provide an opportunity to learn about and explore the Holy Bible
2. Mid-week IGNITE Service - offers contemporary worship and provides an opportunity for congregational prayer.
3. Sunday Morning Worship - offers contemporary worship, a sermon, and Holy Communion.

This year we have continued to successful in welcoming more families into our church and to watch the "Live Streaming" our services on a variety of social media platforms. "Live Streaming" our service became a vitally important way of engaging with our congregation during and post pandemic.

Interestingly, our broadcasts continue to attract many more people to watch than attend church despite the easing of the restrictions associated with the pandemic. This is due to a lingering hesitancy from those who were elderly or having compromised immune systems due to underlying health conditions to return to public worship.

The Board of Trustees are currently exploring ways of better integrating our own live audience with those attending the building to maintain a single community.



As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping.

Other Activities

We want our building to be open to our community for a wide range activity. To facilitate this, we installed a door between the sanctuary and small café style area. As a result, we have been able to use the informality of café area for coffee mornings and a Mental Health Support Group. These activities have succeeded in bringing new people from the local community into the Church in a friendly and inclusive way.

This year we also continued to be the sponsoring organisation for the visa and employment of a CMFI missionary to the UK to work with Fijian nationals in the British Army in the UK. Again, the funding from CMFI to cover the salary of the missionary has contributed to the large increase in our income and expenditure during the year,

The Chapel continues to suffer occasional minor leaks in bad weather but thankfully nothing serious. Volunteers undertook further remedial and improvement work on the roof above the sanctuary during this financial year which helped improve this situation in the short term. However, the Board of Trustees remain committed to considering how more extensive work at higher levels above the Chancel and Vestry can be undertaken and funded in the future.

Some members of our parish are unable to attend church due to sickness or age. As a result, Pastors Stephen and Valma have visited all church members who have requested it, to celebrate communion with them either at their homes or in hospital.



Life-Line Projects

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith.

Our food bank Life-Line food bank continues to provide emergency food aid for local families throughout the year. At Christmas, the Board of Trustees together with volunteers put together five special hampers for local families nominated by social services.

Accounts

Our income increased by £23,142 from £50,074 in the previous year to £73,216. This increase was met with an increase in our expenditure from £49,831 to £73,384.

The main reason for the increase in our income and expenditure is due funds from CMFI to cover the employment costs of the Pastor to work with Fijian nationals in the British Army in the UK. However, it is encouraging to note that general donations to the charity have also increased.

One of our founding Pastors who is very much the driving force and inspiration behind the ministry working receives a small salary in line with our previous practice and agreement with the Charity Commission. The other founding Pastor continues to serve at the charity and in the church without remuneration.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard for the benefit our local community and for making our church such a lively and vibrant organisation.

We want to mention our Trustees Mrs Leanne Coupland, Mr Johnson Akinfenwa and Mrs Monicah Manana who all worked so hard during in the reporting period of this set of accounts.

The accounts are approved by the Board of Trustees on and signed on their behalf by the Chair of the Board of Trustees

Stephen Merrick

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Chair

09/01/ 2024

Independent Examiner's Report

The Board of Trustees of Eternal Life Church Ministries, an organisation registered as a charity, appointed me to independently examine their trustees' report, financial reports, and the accompanying notes.

Responsibilities of Management and Board of Trustees

- To safeguard the Charity's assets and to ensure that the Financial Reports are free from material misstatements due to fraud.
- To keep adequate financial records and to ensure that the published reports are based on these records.
- To ensure that the published reports are true and fair.
- Consider their charity to qualify for an independent examination in terms of Part 8 and sections 145 and 152 of the Charities Act of 2011.

My Responsibility

To carry out procedures such as analytical reviews, comparing the published reports to the financial records kept by the charity and enquiring from those tasked with the governance of the charity any matters that need clarity.

I also considered the disclosures of material facts in the financial reports and the going concern of the charity.

The nature and extent of my examination did not provide appropriate and adequate audit evidence and therefore no audit opinion is provided in this report.

Independent Examiner's statement

During my examination, no material matters came to my attention which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:


- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act
- the preparation of accounts does not accord with the accounting records.
- The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations.

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Independent Examiner

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 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	Eternal Life Church Ministries			No (if any)		CC16a
	Receipts and payments accounts					
	For the period from	1st April, 2022	To	31st March, 2023		
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	27,624	-	-	27,624	18,321	
Grants	-	-	-	-	2,025	
Gift Aid	9,473	-	-	9,473	6,496	
Missionary Support	34,999	-	-	34,999	23,233	
Other Donations	1,119	-	-	1,119	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	73,216	-	-	73,216	50,074	
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).						
	-	-	-	-		
	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	
Total receipts	73,216	-	-	73,216	50,074	
A3 Payments						
Employment	49,774	-	-	49,774	37,245	
Insurance	2,983	-	-	2,983	2,408	
MISC	935	-	-	935	637	
Telephony	895	-	-	895	1,179	
Media Equipment	2,514	-	-	2,514	996	
Sage	101	-	-	101	101	
Donations	-	-	-	-	100	
Media/Broadcast	2,889	-	-	2,889	3,358	
Utilities	3,152	-	-	3,152	-	
Building&Grounds	3,631	-	-	3,631	3,808	
General Expenses	1,758	-	-	1,758	-	
Food Bank	222	-	-	222	-	
HMRC	4,530	-	-	4,530	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	73,384	-	-	73,384	49,831	
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)						
	-	-	-	-		
	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	
Total payments	73,384	-	-	73,384	49,831	
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 168	-	-	- 168	243	
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-	
A6 Cash funds last year end	554	-	-	554	-	
Cash funds this year end	386	-	-	386	243	

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	252	-	-
	Cash	134	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	386	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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 asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Kitchen Equipment		-	2,250
	Media Equipment		-	9,864
	Computer		-	1,800
	Furniture		-	900
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	

Expenditure Summary													
2022-2023	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	October	Nov	Dec	January	February	March	Totals
Income													
Donations	969	1,030	4,758	2,141	2,788	1,807	2,204	1,941	5,193	1,000	1,846	1,947	27,624
Missionary Support	2,917	2,917	2,917	2,917	2,917	2,917	2,917	2,917	2,917	2,917	2,917	2,917	34,999
Café	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Radio	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	1,695	891	1,208	194	167	167	1,696	167	1,466	-	1,117	703	9,473
CD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	200	-	423	450	-	47	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,119
Grant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Income	5,781	4,838	9,305	5,702	5,872	4,938	6,817	5,025	9,575	3,917	5,880	5,566	73,216
Expenditure													
Employment	3,466	4,566	4,865	3,295	2,295	4,795	3,495	4,420	6,319	4,719	4,519	3,019	49,774
Insurance	-	465	232	232	232	232	232	232	232	232	332	332	2,983
MISC	7	235	7	14	9	10	10	9	9	9	307	309	935
Telephony	95	102	101	96	97	103	25	52	64	54	56	50	895
Media Equipment	-	-	-	1,214	-	-	1,300	-	-	-	-	-	2,514
Sage	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	101
Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Media/Broadcast	800	361	-	-	900	30	-	-	-	100	198	500	2,889
Utilities	120	-	221	-	142	-	145	281	302	468	685	788	3,152
Building&Grounds	-	64	-	183	3,384	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,631
General Expenses	200	-	297	321	75	19	-	-	40	305	-	501	1,758
Food Bank	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	222	-	-	-	222
HMRC	-	-	-	1,200	-	946	946	-	1,439	-	-	-	4,530
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Total Expenditure	4,696	5,801	5,732	6,563	7,143	6,143	6,162	5,002	8,635	5,896	6,105	5,507	73,384