

# LIFE CHURCH WILMSLOW

England & Wales · Charity number 1166035

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2016-03-14

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** The object of the CIO is the advancement of religion in Wilmslow and Cheshire East, the United Kingdom and globally through:- the provision of a place or places of Christian worship;- raising awareness and understanding of Christian beliefs and practices;- carrying out Christian devotional acts; and- carrying out and supporting community, missionary, relief and outreach work which is consistent with our Christian beliefs and practices.

**Activities:** Hold public services of worship in Wilmslow and Cheshire East. Carry out and support community, missionary, relief and outreach work in Cheshire East, the United Kingdom and globally which is consistent with our Christian beliefs and practices.

## Classification

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- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£31,237	£25,863	-	-
2023-12-31	£34,768	£30,222	-	-
2022-12-31	£44,107	£44,252	-	-
2021-12-31	£46,250	£50,849	-	-
2020-12-31	£45,508	£39,215	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Keith Hurd		2024-08-05
Mark David Owen		2023-04-18
Rev ROBERT WHITE		2026-05-18
Simon Horsfield		2026-05-18

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# Accounts

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## **LIFE CHURCH WILMSLOW**

**(Registered charity no: 1166035)**

### **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**

**FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2024**

#### **Trustees who held office during this period:**

Jennifer White (resigned 5<sup>th</sup> August 2024)  
Alan Charlesworth (Chair)  
Marion White  
Mark Owen  
Keith Hurd (Appointed 5<sup>th</sup> August 2024)  
Lydia Whitworth (Appointed 5<sup>th</sup> August 2024; resigned 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025)

#### **Structure, governance and management**

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The church employs an administrator for one day a week. This is very helpful assisting the voluntary leaders carry out administrative tasks.

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The objects have been reviewed and continue to reflect the aims of the charity.

#### **Summary of main activities**

Sunday meetings take place at Chorley Village Hall. As this is not in central Wilmslow, the trustees are keeping the possibility of moving back to the centre of the town under review and will act when a viable opportunity emerges. Attendance has been consistent during the year.

## Life Church Wilmslow Trustees' Report and Accounts 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

There were two home groups in operation during the year meeting in person.

The Trustees continued to support Wilmslow Youth during the year through the partnership with Wilmslow URC.

We have continued to support The Message Trust, Epiphany Arts Trust and Hope Central in their work.

### Financial review

Our income decreased from 2023 but our expenditure decreased more. This led to a surplus of £5,374. With reserves of £39,592, the church is well-placed to appoint a leader on a paid basis when the opportunity arises. Should such an opportunity arise, there will be a fundraising campaign to support this work.

### Reserves policy

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### Thanks

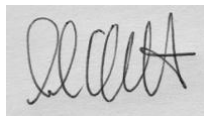
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We would like to thank our three volunteer leaders who gave so much time and effort to support the church throughout the year.

The trustees' thanks also go to those in the church who continue to give so generously of their time, their talents and their money.

### Declaration

The Trustees declare that, to the best of their knowledge, this is an accurate report of Life Church Wilmslow and its activities.



Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025

## Life Church Wilmslow Trustees' Report and Accounts 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

Life Church Wilmslow  
Receipts and Payments Account  
For the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

	<u>Total Funds</u> 2024 £	<u>Total Funds</u> 2023 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Donations	24,914	26,919
Bank Interest	416	180
Gift Aid Received	<u>5,907</u>	<u>7,669</u>
Total Receipts	<u>31,237</u>	<u>34,768</u>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
Cost of Charitable Activities	<u>25,863</u>	<u>30,222</u>
Total Payments	<u>25,863</u>	<u>30,222</u>
<b>SURPLUS FOR THE PERIOD</b>	<u>£ 5,374</u>	£ <u>4,546</u>

# Life Church Wilmslow Trustees' Report and Accounts 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

Life Church Wilmslow  
Statement of Assets and Liabilities  
At 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

	<u>Total Funds</u> 2024 £	<u>Total Funds</u> 2023 £
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash at Bank and in Hand	33,453	28,169
Gift Aid Tax Recoverable	<u>6,049</u>	<u>5,725</u>
Total Assets	<u>39,592</u>	<u>33,894</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
	<u>£39,592</u>	<u>£33,894</u>
<b>RESERVES</b>		
General Fund	<u>£39,592</u>	<u>£33,894</u>

# Life Church Wilmslow Trustees' Report and Accounts 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

## Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Life Church Wilmslow

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 3 and 4.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

### Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

### Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act, and
  - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met, or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

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Date: 30 June 2025

**LIFE CHURCH WILMSLOW**

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# Accounts

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## **LIFE CHURCH WILMSLOW**

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### **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**

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The term of service of these leaders expired on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and the Trustees are in the process of finding and appointing a new leader or leaders in the autumn of 2024. In the meantime, the church is being led by the trustees with others co-opted as required.

From May 2023, the church employed an administrator for one day a week. This was very helpful assisting the voluntary leaders carry out administrative tasks.

#### **Objects**

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- carrying out and supporting community, missionary, relief and outreach work which is consistent with our Christian beliefs and practices.

The objects have been reviewed and continue to reflect the aims of the charity.

#### **Summary of main activities**

During the period covered by this report, Sunday meetings took place at the Undercroft Café at the URC Church in Wilmslow in the afternoon until early September 2023 when we reverted

to meeting in the morning at Revolution Bar in the centre of Wilmslow. Unfortunately, Revolution Bar closed in the first week of January 2024 and the church is now meeting at Chorley Village Hall. As this is not in central Wilmslow, the trustees are keeping the possibility of moving back to the centre of the town under review and will act when a viable opportunity emerges. There has been a small reduction in attendance following this latest move.

There were two home groups in operation during the year meeting in person.

The Trustees continued to support Wilmslow Youth during the year though the partnership with Wilmslow URC.

We have continued to support The Message Trust, Epiphany Arts Trust and Hope Central in their work.

### **Financial review**

Our income decreased from 2022 but our expenditure decreased more. This led to a surplus of £4,546. With reserves of £33,894, the church is well-placed to appoint a leader on a paid basis when the opportunity arises. Should such an opportunity arise, there will be a fundraising campaign to support this work.

### **Reserves policy**

The formal reserves policy is to keep reserves at least equal to three-months' expenditure. The reserves at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 complied with this policy.

### **Thanks**

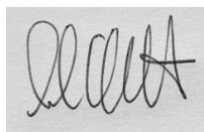
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The trustees' thanks also go to those in the church who continue to give so generously of their time, their talents and their money.

### **Declaration**

The Trustees declare that, to the best of their knowledge, this is an accurate report of Life Church Wilmslow and its activities.



Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024

LIFE CHURCH WILMSLOW  
 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS  
 ACCOUNT  
 YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	<u>General</u> <u>funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>funds</u>
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Donations	26,919	0	26,919	35,453
Bank interest	180	0	180	13
Gift aid	7,669	0	7,669	8,641
Total receipts	34,768	0	34,768	44,107
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
Costs of charitable activities	30,222	0	30,222	44,252
Total payments	30,222	0	30,222	44,252
Surplus/deficit for the period			4,546	-145

LIFE CHURCH WILMSLOW  
 STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31  
 DECEMBER 2023

	<u>General funds</u>	<u>Restricted funds</u>	<u>Total funds</u>	<u>Total funds</u>
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash at bank and in hand	28,169	0	28,169	23,623
Gift aid tax recoverable	5,725	0	5,725	7,403
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>33,894</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>33,894</b>	<b>31,026</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
	0	0	0	0

Note: The charity owns equipment eg IT/PA but this has not been valued.

## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Life Church Wilmslow**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 3 and 4.

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### Independent examiner's statement

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have not been met or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

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Date: [date] 2024

**LIFE CHURCH WILMSLOW**

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# Accounts

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## **LIFE CHURCH WILMSLOW**

**(Registered charity no: 1166035)**

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**FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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#### **Structure, governance and management**

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#### **Objects**

The charity's objects are the advancement of religion in Wilmslow and Cheshire East, the United Kingdom and globally through:

- the provision of a place or places of Christian worship;
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- carrying out and supporting community, missionary, relief and outreach work which is consistent with our Christian beliefs and practices.

The objects have been reviewed and continue to reflect the aims of the charity.

#### **Summary of main activities**

During the period covered by this report, Sunday morning meetings took place at the Brewhouse & Kitchen in Wilmslow. Following the closure of the Brewhouse & Kitchen in July

2022, the church changed to meet on Sunday afternoons at the Undercroft Café at the URC Church in Wilmslow. This is seen as temporary until a suitable morning venue can be found. Attendance remained constant despite the change.

There were two home groups in operation during the year meeting in person.

The Trustees continued to support Wilmslow Youth during the year though the partnership with Wilmslow URC.

We have continued to support The Message Trust, Epiphany Arts Trust and Hope Central in their work.

### **Financial review**

Our income slightly decreased from 2021 but our expenditure decreased more. This led to a very small deficit of £145. The trustees anticipate that income will decrease further but also that expenditure will also decrease further in 2023.

### **Reserves policy**

A formal reserves policy was introduced in 2021 which is to keep reserves at least equal to three-months' expenditure. The reserves at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 complied with this policy.

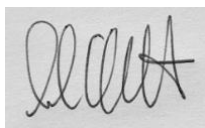
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The trustees' thanks also goes to those in the church who continue to give so generously of their time, their talents and their money.

### **Declaration**

The Trustees declare that, to the best of their knowledge, this is an accurate report of Life Church Wilmslow and its activities.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. Ellison', is written on a light grey rectangular background.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023

LIFE CHURCH WILMSLOW  
 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS  
 ACCOUNT  
 YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	<u>General</u> <u>funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>funds</u>
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Donations	35,453	0	35,453	36,830
Bank interest	13	0	13	2
Gift aid	8,641	0	8,641	9,418
Total receipts	44,107	0	44,107	46,250
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
Costs of charitable activities	44,252	0	44,252	50,849
Total payments	44,252	0	44,252	50,849
Surplus/deficit for the period			-145	-4,599

LIFE CHURCH WILMSLOW  
 STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31  
 DECEMBER 2022

	<u>General funds</u>	<u>Restricted funds</u>	<u>Total funds</u>	<u>Total funds</u>
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash at bank and in hand	23,623	0	23,623	23,768
Gift aid tax recoverable	7,403	0	7,403	8,475
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>31,026</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31,026</b>	<b>32,243</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
	0	0	0	0

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Date: 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023

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# Accounts

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The objects have been reviewed and continue to reflect the aims of the charity.

#### **Summary of main activities**

During the period covered by this report, our events and activities continued to be impacted significantly by the COVID-19 pandemic and the various periodic restrictions on indoor gatherings. We continued in the first half of the year with online events and worship branded as 'Life Streams'. The statistics from these online streams show that we continued to secure a good weekly attendance.

From the middle of the year we resumed in person Sunday meetings initially at the Rex Cinema and then, more permanently, at the Brewhouse & Kitchen.

There were three home groups in operation during the year meeting variously on Zoom, outdoors in person and then, latterly, indoors in person as the regulations would permit. The Trustees reduced the level of financial support provided to Wilmslow Youth during the year though the partnership with Wilmslow URC continued. This was due to the reduced availability of surplus finance.

We have continued to support The Message Trust and Epiphany Arts Trust in their work.

### **Financial review**

Our income very slightly increased compared with 2020. Our expenditure increased primarily because the trustees decided to increase the hours Paul Briers worked for the church. As a result, our reserves at the end of the year decreased by £5,500 to £32,250.

### **Reserves policy**

A formal reserves policy was introduced in 2021 which is to keep reserves at least equal to three-months' expenditure. The reserves at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 complied with this policy

### **Post Year End Event**

Paul Briers resigned as leader on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022. Due to a reduction in income in the first half of 2022, the trustees have decided to not immediately appoint a replacement but to continue the church as a volunteer-led organisation for the time being. A transition team of trustees and other volunteers has been convened to implement this decision.

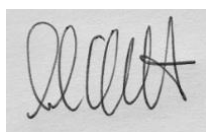
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Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Date: 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022

LIFE CHURCH WILMSLOW  
 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS  
 ACCOUNT  
 YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	<u>General</u> <u>funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>funds</u>
	<b>2021</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Donations	36,830	0	36,830	38,230
Bank interest	2	0	2	15
Gift aid	9,418	0	9,418	7,263
Total receipts	46,250	0	46,250	45,508
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
Costs of charitable activities	50,849	0	50,849	39,215
Total payments	50,849	0	50,849	39,215
Surplus/deficit for the period			-4,599	6,293

LIFE CHURCH WILMSLOW  
 STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31  
 DECEMBER 2021

	<u>General funds</u>	<u>Restricted funds</u>	<u>Total funds</u>	<u>Total funds</u>
	<b>2021</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash at bank and in hand	23,768	0	23,768	28,365
Gift aid tax recoverable	8,475	0	8,475	93,75
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>32,243</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32,243</b>	<b>37,740</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
	0	0	0	0

Note: The charity owns equipment eg IT/PA but this has not been valued.

## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Life Church Wilmslow**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on page 1.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

### Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

### Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act  
and
  - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act  
have not been met or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

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Date: 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022

**LIFE CHURCH WILMSLOW**

England & Wales - Charity number 1166035

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# Accounts

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**LIFE CHURCH WILMSLOW (registered charity no: 1166035)**

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**

**FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2020**

**Trustees who managed the charity during this period:**

Robert White (Chair)

Darren Morgan (resigned on 28 February 2020)

Jen White

Simon Horsfield

Geraldine Sullivan (appointed on 5 March 2020)

Roger Parker (appointed on 5 March 2020)

**Structure, governance and management**

The charity is constituted as a CIO. It has a written constitution which sets out, amongst other things, the charitable objects of the charity. The charity trustees manage the affairs of the charity. Day to day operational management of the church has been delegated to Paul Briers, who was appointed as church leader on 1 January 2020. As church leader, Paul Briers is also responsible for the spiritual leadership of the church.

**Objects**

The charity's objects were amended in 2020 to reflect the evolving nature of our operations. The amended objects are the advancement of religion in Wilmslow and Cheshire East, the United Kingdom and globally through:

- the provision of a place or places of Christian worship;
- raising awareness and understanding of Christian beliefs and practices;
- carrying out Christian devotional acts; and
- carrying out and supporting community, missionary, relief and outreach work which is consistent with our Christian beliefs and practices.

The amended objects have been reviewed and continue to reflect the aims of the charity.

**Summary of main activities**

During the period covered by this report, our events and activities were impacted significantly by the COVID-19 pandemic and the ensuing lockdowns. However, we were fortunate enough to have the necessary skills and technology to be able to 'pivot' to online events and worship without any interruption in our activities, which was a remarkable achievement.

As a result, we were able to continue with our weekly Sunday events, which were re-branded as 'Life Streams'. The statistics from these online streams show that we were able to secure a good weekly attendance. We were also able to reach worshippers from beyond our locality and had a number of regular overseas worshippers, including from Amsterdam, South Africa and Brazil.

We continued with mid-week events in the form of Zoom meetings. We were able to use the breakout facility to continue small group discussions which was very valuable for connecting with others during the period of isolation which was caused by the lockdown.

We have continued to provide financial support to the work of Wilmslow Youth in partnership with Wilmslow URC. However, the work of that charity was inevitably impacted by the pandemic, resulting in fewer volunteering opportunities for our people.

### **Other achievements**

The pandemic restricted our ability to repeat our Alpha courses and our Christmas event. However, we were able to run a successful online prayer course. We also continued to support those in need in our community through our Thunderbirds fund.

We have continued to support The Message Trust and Epiphany Arts Trust in their work.

### **Financial review**

Our income increased compared with 2019, largely as a result of an increase in donations. At the same time, our expenditure also decreased (mainly as a result of us not incurring any costs for our weekly Sunday meetings for a large portion of the year). As a result, our reserves at the end of the year were £37,000. However, we anticipate that this reserve level will be significantly reduced in 2021 given the ongoing effects of the pandemic and an increase in expenditure as we emerge from it.

### **Reserves policy**

We did not introduce a formal reserves policy in 2020, although we did keep the matter under review following the appointment of Paul Briers. A formal policy will be introduced in 2021.

### **Thanks**

We would like to thank our Treasurer, Martin Ellison, who generously gives of his time on a voluntary basis as he manages our finances and prepares our accounts. We would also like to thank John Odell for generously providing his support as Independent Examiner on an *ex gratia* basis.

Our thanks also goes to those in the church who continue to give so generously of their time, their talents and their money.

### **Declaration**

The Trustees declare that, to the best of their knowledge, this is an accurate report of Life Church Wilmslow and its activities.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

WILMSLOW LIFE CHURCH  
 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT  
 YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	General funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	2020	2020	2020
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
Donations	38230	0	38230
Bank interest	15	0	15
Gift aid	7263	0	7263
Total receipts	45508	0	45508
<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
Costs of charitable activities	39215	0	39215
Total payments	42575	0	39215
Surplus/deficit for the period			6293

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	General funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	2020	2020	2020
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand	28365	0	28365
Gift aid tax recoverable	9375	0	9375
Total assets	37740	0	37740
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
	0	0	0

Note: The charity owns equipment eg IT/PA but this has not been valued.



Total funds

2019

32818

30

8079

40927

42575

42575

-1648

Total funds

2019

22072

7230

29302

0

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5 September 2021