

LIFE CHURCH WILMSLOW

(Registered charity no: 1166035)

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2021

Trustees who held office during this period:

Robert White (Chair – resigned 27th June 2021)

Jennifer White

Simon Horsfield (Chair from 27th June 2021 – resigned 5th July 2022)

Geraldine Sullivan (resigned 13th April 2021)

Roger Parker

Alan Charlesworth (Appointed 14th October 2021)

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. As church leader, Paul is also responsible for the spiritual leadership of the church. Paul resigned on 1st July 2022.

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;
- 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 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 31st December 2021 complied with this policy

Post Year End Event

Paul Briers resigned as leader on 1st 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.

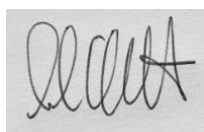
Thanks

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.

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.



Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Date: 4th 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>
	2021	2021	2021	2020
RECEIPTS				
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
PAYMENTS				
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

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31
DECEMBER 2021

	General <u>funds</u>	Restricted <u>funds</u>	Total <u>funds</u>	Total <u>funds</u>
	2021	2021	2021	2020
ASSETS				
Cash at bank and in hand	23,768	0	23,768	28,365
Gift aid tax recoverable	8,475	0	8,475	93,75
Total assets	32,243	0	32,243	37,740
LIABILITIES	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: 4th October 2022