

Trustees' Report 2023

King's Arms Community Church (KACC) is a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), as defined in our constitution dated 19 April 2016.

2023 has been a year of significant positive change in the oversight and leadership of KACC. Changes to the Trustees included the resignation of John Wood, who has served well but moved on and now worships at church in Alvington. Two new Trustees have been appointed: Lucy Marshall and Alan Haslam. Walter Leach and Tom Allen continue to serve as Trustees. The new team provide both a high level of consistency and 'new-blood' to ensure that the charity is served well.

Although Walter Leach continues as a Trustee and Elder of the Church, he announced to the Church at Easter as part of the AGM, with the approval of the Trustees, that he wished to relinquish the role of providing leadership. He had served for some twelve years and believed that a new leader would bring a fresh vision and move the Church forward. The process of seeking a new leader was undertaken prayerfully through 2023. Various candidates were followed up and a couple (Gareth and Lesley) visited the Church with a view to seeing if this was the right opportunity. Throughout this time, Gareth Wales with his wife Lesley attended the Church and met with the Trustees and key people. Following this, the Trustees approved Gareth's appointment as the Church Leader and Senior Elder. Gareth and Lesley have moved to Lydney to take on the leadership of KACC from 01 Jan 2024. It is anticipated the Gareth will also join the Trustees. More on this appointment will be included in the 2024 submission.

As well as the Trustees providing legal oversight, the general oversight and running of KACC is managed via the Ministry Leadership Team (MLT). The MLT comprises Walter & Anne Leach, Alan & Hazel Haslam, David & Lynne Parker and James & Lucy Marshall. The team typically meet monthly to pray and discuss any key issues relating to the day-to-day running of KACC, significant pastoral issues and general matters arising.

Further, there are a significant number of volunteers who make Church life a joy and are essential to the life of the Church, including those who provide hospitality, administration, technical support, welcome, prayer support and many other tasks. Our grateful thanks as Trustees goes to all of them.

Our bankers are:

Lloyds Bank
55 Newerne Street
Lydney
GL15 5RA

Our accounts are examined by:

Ms. Tracey Paragreen
Details as provided in the Report.

Our principal meeting is on a Sunday at 10:30 and held in:

Lydney Youth & Community Centre
Naas Lane
Lydney
GL15 5AT



King's Arms Community Church

The aim of KACC is:

To provide an active Christian witness and presence to Lydney, and the surrounding area, that proclaims the good news of salvation by grace through Jesus Christ.

The principal activities of KACC are to:

- Provide regular public Christian worship, open to all, that includes:
 - Sung worship
 - Preaching of scripture
 - Prayer
 - Sunday school activities for children
 - Opportunity to fellowship
- Teach Christianity through sermons, courses and small group Bible study, fellowship and prayer meetings in members' houses during the week.
- Conduct pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved.
- Encourage the youth that attend the Church to live by a Christian ethos.
- Support the whole mission of the Church by supporting other charities and missionaries, both overseas and in the UK.
- Meet practical, local needs as they become apparent, as deemed appropriate by the Elders and MLT.
- Engage with our community through supporting the Community Centre, in which we hold our services, and with ad-hoc initiatives as different needs become apparent.

Summary of Regular Activities 2023:

Our weekly 10:30 service on Sundays continues to be attended by approximately forty people. There were new people added and a few that moved away, with overall numbers remaining constant.

The Church continued its role of employing a Community Family Minister (CFM) that supports the work of all the Churches in Lydney. In 2023 the finances for the CFM made a small profit due to several significant grants boosting the regular local giving.

Throughout 2023 we continued our weekly Zoom prayer meeting on Thursday mornings and our monthly in-person prayer meetings at St Joseph's Church, Lydney.

We continued our monthly Encounter meetings on the last Sunday of each month where we encouraged Christians from the neighbouring Churches to join together for worship, fellowship and teaching.

Several members of King's Arms continue to actively support the local Foodbank by assisting with deliveries, volunteering at the local centre and making donations. The first Sunday of the month is known as Tin Sunday, where we encourage our congregation to bring items required by the Foodbank as part of our Regions Beyond value of 'Embracing and remembering the poor'.

The house-groups remained a central part of 'belonging' to King's Arms and the majority of regulars are in a house-group. There are five active house-groups.

KACC continued to support the work of the CFM by providing all employment related support (contract/pension etc.) and our commitment to underwrite the ministry to a maximum of £10,000 remained in place.



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Summary of Exceptional Activities 2023:

During 2023 we supported and ran a significant number of community-based outreach/engagement events:-

1. KACC supported and lead an outdoor service in Bathurst Park for the King's Coronation.
2. The outdoor Carol Service grew in attendance again over previous years and was blessed with good weather (although windy). We estimate between 200-300 attended and many positive reports were received.
3. We hosted a Christingle service at the Community Centre that was led by the CFM and attended by many of the parents and toddlers who attend the various toddler groups.
4. For Harvest, a walk was organised followed by a harvest supper in the community centre. Again, this was well attended. Donations for The Forest Food Bank were collected at this event.
5. KACC supported the Christian charity Sportily, who provided free sport activities in the park. Members of KACC provided refreshments (f.o.c) and engaged with the parents whilst the children participated in the Sportily activities.
6. KACC were requested by the Christian charity Shalom to provide support for their BBQ and activity day at Viney Hill Christian Activity Centre, as they offered activities for people with various disabilities. Various members of KACC attended and took part in the activities to ensure that there were sufficient people to provide support and make the activities viable.
7. KACC undertook a number of fundraising activities to provide funds to support those displaced by the earthquake in Turkey.

Pastor's Statement

Although it may not show through the notes above, 2023 has been a very significant year for KACC.

Scripture tells us that where vision is lacking, people become less than they can be (Proverbs 29:18, paraphrased) and the last thing I want is for people to be less than they can be. After many years of leading, my sense had been for some time that we needed a refresh and uplift and to not settle and thus that the time was right to put a new and stronger leadership in place. Announcing this to the Church in April at our Easter AGM was not easy and it was appreciated by me that many were surprised (even shocked) at the announcement, as well as some being unsettled, but I believe the vast majority understood and supported the reasons.

It was a step of faith to put this process in action and set a time frame for it to happen by the year end, but God has provided in an amazing way with Gareth & Lesley making a very bold move to uproot themselves from a comfortable place to take on a new challenge and to start formally on 01 January 2024.

It is a pleasure that I will remain as an Elder and support the team through the next season, but with the fresh injection that Gareth & Lesley will bring.

I am hopeful and expectant that the Church are, and will remain, behind the leadership and want to further our mission of providing an active Christian witness and presence to Lydney, and the surrounding area. A witness that is positive, full of good news proclaiming the gospel of salvation by grace through Jesus Christ. That is of course what really matters.

I am pleased that the financial statements show the Church remains in a strong financial position and this will assist in moving forward with bold objectives in our mission.

Statement of Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and regulations. Under charity law the Trustees must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and the group, and of their net outgoing resources for that period.

In preparing these accounts, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts
- prepare the accounts on the going-concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue to operate.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The examined accounts dated 07 April 2024 were distributed to the Trustees and approved and duly signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees as of 17 April 2024.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
KINGS ARMS COMMUNITY CHURCH

No
1166620

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

Period start date
01/01/2023

To

Period end date
31/12/2023

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					
Cash Offerings	10,529			10,529	3,714
Giving via Stewardship (with Gift Aid)	24,459			24,459	31,559
Miscellaneous gifts	23,432			23,432	17,357
CFM Toddlers income	1,578			1,578	1,485
Restricted donations		771		771	1,100
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	59,998	771	-	60,769	55,214
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	59,998	771	-	60,769	55,214
A3 Payments					
Room Hire	2,558			2,558	2,062
Speakers, preachers & worship leaders	350			350	735
Church Events & Outreach Events	812			812	570
Resources, Training & Conferences	93			93	714
Payroll (salaries/NI/Pension)	19,275			19,275	18,376
Professional fees & services	24,663			24,663	24,985
Software, Licences & Subscriptions	1,320			1,320	1,284
General operating costs	8,965			8,965	770
Mission gifts & donations	7,575	771		8,346	6,260
CFM resources & expenses	2,326			2,326	1,379
Sub total	67,938	771	-	68,709	57,135
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	67,938	771	-	68,709	57,135
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 7,939			- 7,939	- 1,921
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	72,274			72,274	74,195
Cash funds this year end	64,335	-	-	64,335	72,274

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	Lloyds Current Account	64,335	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	64,335	-	-
	(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	Equipment/fixed assets		-	152
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			802	20 January 2024
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
KINGS ARMS COMMUNITY CHURCH

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1166620

Set out on pages

(Remember to refer to the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2023**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

T. Paragreen

Date:

07/04/2024

Name:

Tracy Paragreen

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Finance Officer
The Viney Hill Christian Adventure Centre

Address:

The Old Vicarage,
Viney Hill, Lydney
GL15 4NA

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.