

Luton Worship Centre

Trustees Annual Report for the period 01/03/2023 To Period end date 28/02/2024

Charity name: Luton Worship Centre

Charity registration number: 1166848

Address: 49 Old Bedford Road,
Luton, LU2 7NX
Bedfordshire

Structure, Governance and Management

Luton worship Centre is governed by a constitution which was adopted on 1st March 2016 and the day-to-day management of the charity is carried out by Trustees or volunteers.

There are four Trustees currently who are relied on for the day-to-day management of the charity with the Chairman also acting as the administrator. The charity also has members who are relied on running the meetings on a weekly basis. The Trustees are accountable to the members by way of an Annual General Meeting.

Trustees are appointed by the Chairman in consultation with the other Trustees.

Additional Governance issues

We have several policy documents in place and among them is the policy for the protection of vulnerable children and adults.

We partner with Luton churches Together for opportunities for ministry and improvement of the welfare of the residents in need of physical, spiritual or material things.

Luton Worship Centre has leased its current office from The Diocese of St Albans. The charity's operations and weekly activities are performed from this location.

Objectives and activities

Luton Worship Centre opens its doors to members of the public who are able to meet each Sunday of the year to hear the Word of God being taught and to socialise with other members after the services. In addition to the Sunday service the charity facilitates mid-week meetings as well.

Activities include: creation of forums for teaching from the bible, entertainment, a forum for socialising through meeting new people and Youth empowerment. The premises multipurpose hall has been and continues to be used for training young people on skills for life which include: employability, security and provision of social healthcare. These courses are facilitated by external agencies.

Guidance of Public Benefit

The Trustees have paid close attention to ensure that activities and spending of the charity only focus on needs that fall within the guidance issued by the charity commission on public benefit.

Contribution made by volunteers

Unpaid volunteers and Trustees have made a significant contribution in the operations of Luton Worship Centre in the last financial year. Successful completion of the activities of the charity has been made possible by their hard work.

Achievements and Performance

During this financial year, the charity raised £26,400 from donations, offerings, and hall hire. Fundraising for Evangelism continues to rise this year and was up 43% compared to last year. The total amount raised for Evangelism was £16,016. These funds are set aside and used to fund evangelical outreaches. In the past year, there have been outreaches to the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Thailand, and Italy, Turkey Ivory Coast, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Angola, USA, Kenya and Uganda. These outreaches have been very successful and have seen people turn to Christ and turn their lives around.

We held a community lunch for church members and local members of the public to join us for Christmas lunch at Luton Worship Centre, which was very successful.

It was a successful year with many preachers from different churches, which led to growth in the ministry of the word and worship. Our lay leaders also had the opportunity to minister in other churches.

Policy for holding reserves

As reserves are required to cover unplanned emergency repairs and other expenditure, Trustees recommend an unrestricted fund of about £3,000 to be held at any given time to cater for maintenance and emergency repairs. General building repairs and garden maintenance took place last year.

The charity's principal sources of funds

The charity's principal source of funds was donations from members, hall hire and offerings during Sunday service meetings. The church has seen an increase in offerings and donations for evangelism. During this financial year, the breakdown was as below:

Donations from members	£8,205
Hall hire	£10,603
Offerings	£7,606
Evangelism	£16,016
Refund (<i>Amazon</i>)	£59
TOTAL	£42,489

Receipts and payments for this financial year are shown below:

<i>From 1st March 2023 to 28th February 2024</i>		
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS	FY 23/24	FY 22/23
RECEIPTS	£	£
Donation	8,205.44	13,806.56
Evangelism - Donation	16,015.84	11,166.63
Hall hire	10,602.50	3,985.00
Offering	7,606.31	408.00
Refund (<i>Utilities & building/Amazon</i>)	58.89	240.00
Total	42,488.98	29,606.19
PAYMENTS		
Building maintenance	(1,506)	(2,951)
Holy communion		(173)
Honorarium		(200)
Hospitality	(933)	(437)
Insurance	(1,837)	(1,564)
Missions	(10,000)	(4,500)
Office supplies		(56)
Parking	(15)	(14)
Rent	(5,250)	(10,000)
Software	(711)	(917)
Stationery	(86)	(45)
Utilities - water	(177)	(266)
Utilities - gas	(6,095)	(5,730)
Bereavement support	(800)	
Car Park Rent	(1,280)	
Internet	(269)	
Professional services	(575)	
Music equipment	(408)	
Laptop	(1,674)	
Youth outreach	(57)	
Charity donation	(777)	
Total	(32,450)	(26,853)
Surplus	10,039	2,753

This year, the church has supported a few families who have been bereaved. It has also purchased some new equipment, microphones and a new laptop to support church admin.

Car park rent is now being paid to the Freehold owner.

This year, a one-off charity donation was made to New Life Nyambene.

This year's Stationery expenditure includes Office and Sunday School supplies.

Hospitality also includes all the related consumables.

As more money is being raised for Evangelism, more money is being spent on Missions.

Investment policy

The assets invested are for the benefit of the members and the general public.


Names and address of advisors

Advisor	Type	Address	Account
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER BANK PLC	Bank	4 High St N, Dunstable LU6 1JU	41358139
Paulyn Karanja (ACMA, CGMA)	Accountant	3 Spayne Close, Barton Hills, Luton LU3 4BA	

Names of the charity Trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Fredrick Akandi	Chairman	29 th April 2016 to 28 th February 2024	Fredrick Akandi
John Mburu	Member	29 th April 2016 to 28 th February 2024	
Raymond Parkes	Member	29 th April 2016 to 28 th February 2024	
Oluwafunmilayo Vaughn	Member	20 th January 2020 to 28 th February 2024	

Declaration**Signed on behalf the Charity's trustees**

Trustee name			
Name	Fredrick Akandi		
Signature			
Date	14/12/2024		

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From 01/03/23 to 28/02/24

		to the nearest £	Total Receipts
A1 Receipts			
		-	
Donation		8,205.44	8,205
Hall Hire		10,602.50	10,603
Offering		7,606.31	7,606
Evangelism		16,015.84	16,016
Refund (Amazon)		58.89	59
		-	-
		-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)		42,489	42,489
A2 Asset and investment sales			
		-	-
		-	-
Sub total		-	-
Total receipts		42,489	42,489
A3 Payments			
			0
Building maintenance	(1,506)	(1,506)	
Holy communion	0	0	
Honorarium	0	0	
Hospitality	(933)	(933)	
Insurance	(1,837)	(1,837)	
Missions	(10,000)	(10,000)	
Office supplies	0	0	
Parking	(15)	(15)	
Rent	(5,250)	(5,250)	
Software	(711)	(711)	
Stationery	(86)	(86)	
Utilities - water	(177)	(177)	
Utilities - gas	(6,095)	(6,095)	
Bereavement support	(800)	(800)	
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Youth outreach	(57)	(57)	
Charity donation	(777)	(777)	
Sub total		(32,450)	(32,450)
		-	-
Sub total		-	-
Total payments		(32,450)	(32,450)
Net of receipts/(payments)		10,039	10,039
A5 Transfers between funds		-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end		-	-
Cash funds this year end		10,039	10,039

Categories	Details	Total to the nearest £ Cost (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		
	TOTAL	
B5 Liabilities		-
		-
		-
		-
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		-

Signature

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14/12/2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

LUTON WORSHIP CENTRE

**On accounts for the year
ended**

February 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1166848

Set out on pages

N/A

(remember to include 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 28/02/2024.

**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. 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention.

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:

PK

Date:

14/12/2024

Name:

Paulyn Karanja-Kinyanjui

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

Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA)

Address:

3 Spayne Close

Barton Hills, Luton

LU3 4BA

Section B

Disclosure

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.