

HUNSLET CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE (Cio)

(Charity Number 1166960)

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE Charities Commission FOR 2023/24

The Church Board function as the Board of Managing Trustees for the Hunslet Church of the Nazarene C.I.O. We have continued to meet both formally and informally after services as required, to discuss issues that required attention, each member of the Board continues to contribute to the effective management of the church to the best of their ability, as they have been led of the Lord and a consensus in all decisions continues to be reached that takes the church forward.

This year Mrs Winnie Varo our oldest member passed into the presence of her Lord and Saviour on 8th December 2023 at the age of 98 years. We also lost our newest member Mr Frederic Leckenby aged 90 in November 2024.

Our membership has increased despite the passing of these two saints. We welcomed a total of 4 new members plus a further member early in 2025, this increase gave us a net increase of three, the largest increase in membership for many years. We have again been encouraged by a number of new people attending the church services, with two attending when their occupations in the Care and Hospitality sector allows. We have also again been able to continue to minister to a large care/nursing home locally by taking special services The services have been very well supported by both residents and staff; the manager has asked us to increase the number of services we take in 2025. Our Community Coffee Morning outreach and Ladies Group continue with a number of regular attenders, and we have assisted the local MHA sheltered Housing complex by taking services when their chaplain was away.

Financially the church is continuing to manage its finances as best it is able, however, due to the proceeds of the sale of the Manse being ringfenced under a trust deed we are unable to use these funds for general church expenses or repairs/maintenance, and the banks are not offering any interest bearing accounts to give us funds to replace the lost interest/rent we previously enjoyed.

Our total income for the financial year to 30th September 2024 was £4115 and expenditure £9684, with the major expenditure being for repairs and maintenance of the church building, which is now approaching 50 years old, so it is likely that this expenditure will continue to be a major item.

The Trustees continued to work with the local Tenants and Residents Associations, particularly in hosting meetings and leading or taking part in several Remembrance Day/Sunday services.

We are grateful to the local preachers and ordained ministers who continue to help the Ministry Team fill the pulpit weekly, this takes the pressure off the two Ministry Team members and gives the congregation a varied ministry programme.

The highlight of this year was our 120th Church Anniversary Weekend, when we welcomed the Clifton Handbell Ringers to give a concert and had an Anniversary Tea catering for 85 local folk including former members and we were honoured to have the Lord Mayor of Leeds and her Consort, plus one of the local Councillors in attendance. The Lord Mayor made a speech and cut the celebration cake. The Mayoral party stayed for both the tea and the concert and enjoyed the professionalism of the Hand Bell Ringers. Rev. Clive Burrows a former District Superintendent was the guest preacher for the weekend.

We continue to seek opportunities to serve the Lord in whatever ways He guides us, and despite increasing health concerns, we are still able to keep the total church programme going.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Mike Hewison

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Chairman Board of Managing Trustees On behalf of the Board.

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CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT 1st October 2023 to 30th September 2024

Consolidated Accounts presented to the 2025 Church AGM

INCOME

Offerings	£ 2701.05
Gifts	£ 380.50
Fees (KCom/LCC)	£ 836.00
EDF Refund	£ 105.48
Bank interest	£ 92.50
	£ _____

Sub total (income) £ 4115.53

Brought Fwd. £ 134272.24

<u>Total</u>	<u>£ 138387.77</u>
Income	£138387.77
Expenditure	<u>£ 9684.07</u>

Carried forward £128703.70

EXPENDITURE

Preachers exp. including hospitality	£ 979.22
Budgets	£ 100.00
Admin/misc. expense	£ 49.98
Gas/electric	£2006.50
Insurance	£ 961.31
Repairs/maintenance	£4015.69
Gift to Cfor/Anniversary Gift	£ 260.00
Outreach programmes expense	<u>£1311.37</u>

Total expenditure £ 9684.07

Current A/c	£128392.67
Cash	<u>£ 311.03</u>

Total £128703.70

Notes – 1) inter A/c transfers Current A/c to Petty Cash £2500.00, 2) £100,000 of funds ringfenced re sale of manse.

Mrs. E. Martin, Church Treasurer