

**LAPWORTH CHRISTADELPHIAN ECCLESIA**

**TRUSTEES REPORT AND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

**(Registered Charity Number 1168593)**

**LAPWORTH CHRISTADELPHIAN ECCLESIA  
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT  
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

The ecclesia was registered with the Charity Commission with effect from the 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2016 in accordance with the requirements of the 2006 Charity Act.

**SECTION A: Reference and administration details**

Charity Name: Lapworth Christadelphian Ecclesia (formerly Wythall Christadelphian Ecclesia)

Registered Charity Number: 1168593

Charity's principle address: 14 Selsdon Close Wythall B47 6HP

Names of the trustees:

- Leslie Shears; Secretary
- Andrew Genders
- Antony Green; Treasurer
- Joseph Miles
- Andrew Gooding
- Richard Griffin
- Harry Hudson

**SECTION B: Structure, Governance and Management Type**

of Governing Document:

Constitution comprising Governing Document and Practices and Procedures statement approved 28<sup>th</sup> April 2016 and amended 21 January 2020 following a ballot of members.

The Charity is an unincorporated association with an annual turnover of over £25,000

Trustee selection method: Annual election by members

Additional information:

The Trustees form an arranging committee responsible for the activities of the ecclesia. They are chosen from members familiar with the objectives and activities of the ecclesia. The ecclesia is part of a worldwide community of Christadelphian Ecclesias.

**SECTION C: Objectives and Activities The**

objects of the Charity:

To advance Bible-based Christian faith to the glory of God and the honour of Jesus Christ in accordance with the Christadelphian Birmingham Amended Statement of Faith, for the benefit of the Christadelphian community and members of the public, particularly in and around Lapworth.

Ways of carrying out these objectives:

- Holding meetings, open to the public, for worship, prayer, breaking of bread by Christadelphians and Bible teaching;
- Preaching to the public through personal engagement and/or by invitations to preaching/teaching meetings and/or by other means;
- Engaging with the local public through the provision of Sunday School and/or youth club(s) and/or other occasional activities;
- Engaging with the wider Christadelphian community and wider public through periodic collections for charitable needs, including collections for disaster relief; and
- Serving, to the extent feasible, the pastoral and other welfare needs of Ecclesial members and others.

With the exception of meetings of the members of the Charity, known as Ecclesial Members Meetings, all our activities are open to all. No fees are charged. No-one receives private benefits from the Charity other than as a legitimate beneficiary. There is no public detriment in any of our activities.

#### **SECTION D: Achievements and Performance**

The ecclesia ended the year with a membership of 113 adult members.

The average attendance of members at services and other activities remained steady.

Summary of activities:

Our regular meetings include two meetings each Sunday, the first for sharing bread and wine, and the second for the proclamation of the Gospel. A meeting is held each Tuesday evening for the study of the Bibles. Other proclamation meetings are held from time to time.

There are regular activities for fellowship and recreation.

There is a network of practical support for elderly members, the sick and those with particular needs.

There are regular activities for young people providing religious teaching, social and networking activities.

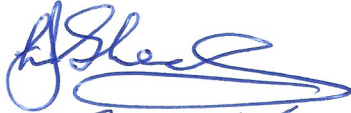
#### **SECTION E: Financial Review**

The cash movements and balances are summarised in the receipts and payments accounts, and Balance Sheet below.

The ecclesia does not have a reserves policy. All funds are held in instant access bank accounts. The balance in these funds at the end of the year was considered sufficient to meet the ongoing expenses of the ecclesia. Most contributions from members are made through regular standing order payments with tax payers encouraged to use Gift Aid provision. Funds donated specifically for external charities are forwarded to the relevant organisations within three months of the donation.

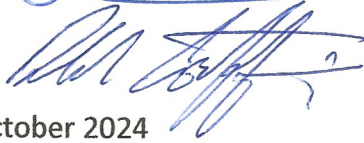
Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Secretary



L. Shears

Trustee



R.Griffin

Date : 27 October 2024

**LAPWORTH CHRISTADELPHIAN ECCLESIA**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	Unrestricted General Fund	Restricted Funds						Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	Welfare £	Preaching £	Youth Circle £	Iranian Welfare	External Charities £	Treasure Tots £	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>									
Members Contributions	21,659.01		89.50			1,598.50	771.34	24,118.35	23,967
Gift Aid	4,238.21							4,238.21	3,338
Bank Interest	722.84							722.84	177
Donations etc.								0.00	897
Youth Weekend/Bunk House				2,418.00				2,418.00	7,800
Grants		4,193.71						4,193.71	3,150
Magazines etc	85.00							85.00	95
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>26,705.06</b>	<b>4,193.71</b>	<b>89.50</b>	<b>2,418.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,598.50</b>	<b>771.34</b>	<b>35,776.11</b>	<b>39,424</b>
<b>Payments</b>									
Hall Hire	14,996.40							14,996.40	11,953
Magazines	196.13							196.13	180
Catering	712.81							712.81	6,243
Communion Wine	440.59							440.59	230
Welfare Grants		5,331.07						5,331.07	546
Speakers Expenses	225.00							225.00	23
Sunday School	493.92							493.92	783
Youth Circle				3,066.12				3,066.12	8,328
Treasure Tots							780.00	780.00	1,166
Preaching			1,049.50					1,049.50	176
External Charities						1,320.00		1,320.00	2,324
Insurance	451.37							451.37	403
COG Expenditure								761.51	3,898
Appeals & Donations	3,000.00							3,000.00	1,260
Baptism Bath	1,589.48							1,589.48	
Other Expenses - IT etc	1,855.19							1,855.19	3,988
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>23,960.89</b>	<b>5,331.07</b>	<b>1,049.50</b>	<b>3,066.12</b>	<b>761.51</b>	<b>1,320.00</b>	<b>780.00</b>	<b>36,269.09</b>	<b>41,501</b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>2,744.17</b>	<b>-1,137.36</b>	<b>-960.00</b>	<b>-648.12</b>	<b>-761.51</b>	<b>278.50</b>	<b>-8.66</b>	<b>-492.98</b>	<b>-2,077</b>
<b>Transfer</b>	<b>-960.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>960.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Balances 01 April 2023</b>	<b>45,380.56</b>	<b>3,189.58</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,586.26</b>	<b>2,388.89</b>	<b>880.00</b>	<b>923.82</b>	<b>54,349.11</b>	<b>56,426</b>
<b>Balances 31 March 2024</b>	<b>47,164.73</b>	<b>2,052.22</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>938.14</b>	<b>1,627.38</b>	<b>1,158.50</b>	<b>915.16</b>	<b>53,856.13</b>	<b>54,349</b>

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS**

Bank Current Account	10,020.81	11,668
Bank Deposit Account	41,252.62	40,530
Lloyds Bank	0.00	7
Bank Current Account - HSBC Youth	2,186.40	1,953
Cash in hand	396.30	191
	<b>53,856.13</b>	<b>54,349</b>



## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Lapworth Christadelphian Ecclesia**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out on page 3 of the annual report.

### **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:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
  - 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 27 October 2024