

Trustees Annual Report
1 September 2022 – 31 August 2023

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SECTION B

GOVERNANCE ISSUES (OPTIONAL INFORMATION)

The Private Limited Company limited by guarantee, Company Number 10016724, **Wildwood Church Stafford**, has Charity Incorporation status registered as a charity Number 1169325.

Trustees meetings were held 7 times throughout the year in person.
The Company AGM was held in January.

SECTION C

SUMMARY OF THE OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY.....

To advance Christian religion in accordance with the doctrinal basis of faith of the Evangelical Alliance

SUMMARY OF THE MAIN ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN RELATION TO THESE OBJECTS (INCLUDES WITHIN THIS SECTION THE STATUTORY DECLARATION THAT TRUSTEES HAVE HAD REGARD TO THE GUIDANCE ISSUED BY THE CHARITY COMMISSION ON PUBLIC BENEFIT)

The year 2022– 2023

Church services are in person each week, however we still live stream the service on Youtube to continue reaching the people who are unable to attend in person. During the year we moved our service from Barnfields School to Beaconside conference centre, but we also have some midweek meetings still in Barnfields. The children meet each week and are joining the main service at the beginning and then moving into their own groups.

Youth work for all ages continued with the gap year student and the youth leader maintaining good connections with the young people.

Local people and church members have continued to be generous in their contributions to the deposit box for the local Food Bank outside our premises.

At Easter there was a family Easter Trail and we participated in the Passion play in Stafford centre. We engaged with more new people through an International Music and Dance, International BBQ and church trip to Llandudno. Men's breakfasts have been taking place most months and there have been occasional Ladies Lunches and Church lunches following services. 103 people including day guests, from the church

and wider network attended the Church Weekend away at Whitemore Lakes in September.

The church has been running an English course, Alpha course and Life skills course (CAP). Home groups for adults and young adults have been meeting and numbers attending has increased during the year. The First Steps toddler group was restarted this year and the Youth group numbers attending has also increased.

There had been a popular and committed group at 'drop in' Friday Coffee Morning attended mainly by older people, (up to 20 people each week), and a 'Knit and Natter' group meeting on a Thursday averaging 8 people each week.

Direct aid overseas continued to be provided to Liberia and indirectly overseas aid was provided through the Christ Central Churches, an organisation of which we are members. A group of 8 visited Liberia January 23.

A Christmas collection was shared between the Food bank and our church contacts in Liberia.

SECTION C

ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (OPTIONAL INFORMATION)

Most of our community-based activities are planned, organised and delivered by volunteers. Some were regular weekly activities such as Knit and Natter and a Friday Coffee Morning. The volunteers generally work in small teams and for relevant activities are DBS checked, they have undertaken First Aid and/or safeguarding training and complete risk assessments. They are supported by the Church leadership.

In addition to our own church services and activities we also work in partnership with the ChristCentral Churches network, other local churches e.g. Anglicans, Catholics, Methodists and Baptists as part of the group of Stafford churches known as Love Stafford, and with Youth Net, the local organisation supporting church based youth work.

SECTION D

SUMMARY OF THE MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE CHARITY DURING THE YEAR

The Gateway building which we lease on Wildwood estate as a church office and base for our work continues to be a great asset in delivering our vision, which is to bring the good news of Jesus to everyone in town. The building has been used mainly as a base for staff over this year, but also for team meetings, Home groups who preferred a bit more space. The following meets weekly in the Gateway: Youth Groups, Knit and Natter, Friday Coffee morning, First Steps toddler group, Alpha Course and CAP life skill course.

The Charity experienced a year of leadership change. Markus Weber, the church leader, Trustee and Member made a planned move to launch a new church in Chemnitz, Germany. In April, Robin Millar, a founder member of the church and

Trustee and Member for many years, passed away very suddenly. There had been preparation for Markus's departure, including widening the leadership base through a new Transition and Planning Group, and appointing a new full time employee as a trainee leader. This preparation enabled the charity to weather the transition and retain effective governance.

We continued to employ 4 staff during 2022 -23, approximately 3 Whole Time Equivalents (WTE) but with some changes during the year and regular review of their contribution to and leadership of our work.

We continue to work in partnership with Global Volunteer Services (GVS) in Germany and established a new partnership with Time for God. The gap year student recruited for 2022- 23 contributed greatly to youth work. Their main activity is working with the schools, one to one and group work. The student also contributed to a range of general activities within the charity. The students receive training/briefing and debriefing from GVS before and after coming to the UK and meet up with their cohort in the UK during the year. As well as contributing significantly to youth work, we have also observed great development in the students themselves including their skills, confidence, and appreciation of another culture.

SECTION E

FINANCIAL REVIEW

BRIEF STATEMENT ON CHARITY'S POLICY ON RESERVES

We have maintained reserves at a reasonable level which will cover the cost of statutory redundancy payments for 3 months for our staff if the church activity were to cease.

FURTHER FINANCIAL REVIEW DETAILS

Events organised by the church and the running of the church are mostly funded by the Church members. This level of giving has generally been maintained throughout this year.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Wildwood Church

On accounts for the year
ended

31 August 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1169325

Set out on pages

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(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 **31/08/2023**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:

T. Herriott

Date:

31/01/2024

Name:

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qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Wildwood Church Stafford

No (if any)
1169325

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/09/2022	To	Period end date 31/08/2023
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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 £ as restated
A1 Receipts					
Offerings & Gifts, Gift Aid (Covenants)	113,042	27,413	-	140,455	155,933
Tax Refund	22,339	3,598	-	25,937	26,115
Grants/Funds	381	-	-	381	3,350
Church Activities to generate funds	4,497	-	-	4,497	5,035
Bank Interest	349	-	-	349	15
Uncashed cheque/DD error	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	140,608	31,011	-	171,619	190,448
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	140,608	31,011	-	171,619	190,448
A3 Payments					
See Attached Schedule A	156,231	-	-	156,231	154,583
Charitable Activities	-	39,712	-	39,712	22,637
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	156,231	39,712	-	195,943	177,220
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Materials /IT/PA	4,182	-	-	4,182	4,524
Sub total	4,182	-	-	4,182	4,524
Total payments	160,413	39,712	-	200,125	181,744
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 19,805	- 8,701	-	- 28,506	8,704
A5 Transfers between funds	- 8,583	8,583	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	178,166	4,175	-	182,341	173,637
Cash funds this year end	149,778	4,057	-	153,835	182,341

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	National Savings	864	-	-
	Bank Accounts	148,719	4,057	-
	Cash Accounts	195	-	-
	Total cash funds	149,778	4,057	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Accounts Receivable	252	-	-
	Prepayments	13,262	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Accounts Payable	1061	-	
	Deferred Income	5076	-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	

**Wildwood Church -
1169325**

Schedule A

Payments Directly for Charitable Purposes

Payments	2022/23	2021/22
	£	£
Hire & Cost of Centre	23,459	28,764
Gifts UK and Overseas	17,177	21,651
Catering	-	705
Postage & Stationery	625	-
Insurance+Professional Fees	5,730	6,045
Activities	11,494	11,980
Youth/Church Workers	97,746	85,438
TOTAL	156,231	154,583