

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 seven times throughout the year in-person and on Zoom. The Company AGM was held in January 2024.

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 2023– 2024

Church services are in person each week and are open to all. Visitors and guests attend church services and other events, many of which are not subject to any charge. In addition the charity live-streams Sunday services on YouTube to continue to be available to people who are unable to attend in person. We meet at Beaconside conference centre but have used Barnfields School Hall for some midweek meetings and during the summer we have used Wildwood Community Centre. The children meet each week and are joining the main service at the beginning and then move into their own groups.

The charity maintains The Gateway centre on Wildwood estate, Stafford, as community rooms and church offices. The facility is small but is well used through the week by groups of older and younger people as well as, in 2023/4 groups learning English.

Open, school and church-based youth work for all ages continued with the two gap year students and the youth leader maintaining good connections with the young people.

At Christmas the Church hosted a Family Christmas Show, Red Riding Hood by Saltmine Theatre Company, that was very well attended. At Easter there was a family Easter Trail with food and refreshments for the wider community. We engaged with more new people through a Family Barn Dance and International BBQ. Men's breakfasts have been taking place most months and there have been Church lunches following services. Over 100 people from the Church and wider network attended Church Weekends away at Whitemoor Lakes centre in September and May.

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

There has 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 contribution towards the church plant in Chemnitz, eastern Germany, was made in 2023/4.

A Christmas collection was shared between the Food Bank at Rising Brook 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 for children/vulnerable adults and risk assessments are also completed. 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, to showcase, to all people, His glory, beauty and justice as we encounter Jesus, the God who is love. The building has been used as a base for staff over this year, but also for team meetings, Home groups who preferred a bit more space and for Youth Groups, Knit

and Natter, English classes, the Friday Coffee morning and First Steps toddler group.

We continued to employ 4 staff during 2023-24, approximately 3 Whole Time Equivalents (WTE) 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 Time for God. The two gap year students recruited for 2023- 24 contributed greatly to youth work. Their main activity has been 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 and Time for God 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 three months for our staff if the charity's activity were to cease.

FURTHER FINANCIAL REVIEW DETAILS

Events organised by the church and the running of the church are funded by the Church members. This level of giving has generally been maintained at flat cash throughout this year, which has not kept pace with inflation.

The trustees identified in 2023 that the level of near-cash holdings was high (in excess of £120k on a turnover of £180k). This is separate from the reserves maintained against redundancy and other required costs referenced above. Since then, trustees have agreed to support a number of activities in furtherance of the charity's objectives, including evangelistic and teaching weekends away for church members and guests, support for the Chemnitz church plant and hosting two gap year students. As a result, near-cash reserves were lower at the end of the 2023/4 financial year. The charity has reduced its expenditure in 2024/5 and appealed to church members to increase their charitable giving: income and expenditure are currently closer to the balanced budget established for 2024/5.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Wildwood Church

On accounts for the year
ended

31 August 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1169325

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/08/2024**.

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:

31/01/2025

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Tim Herriott;

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qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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Charity Name
Wildwood Church Stafford

No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/09/2023	To	Period end date 31/08/2024
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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 £
A1 Receipts					
Offerings & Gifts, Gift Aid (Covenants)	122,813	27,961	-	150,774	140,455
Tax Refund	19,012	4,078	-	23,090	25,937
Grants/Funds	-	-	-	-	381
Church Activities to generate funds	8,070	-	-	8,070	4,497
Bank Interest	737	-	-	737	349
Other Income	500	-	-	500	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	151,132	32,039	-	183,171	171,619
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	151,132	32,039	-	183,171	171,619
A3 Payments					
See Attached Schedule A	179,682	-	-	179,682	156,231
Charitable Activities	-	49,824	-	49,824	39,712
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	179,682	49,824	-	229,506	195,943
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Materials /IT/PA	4,721	-	-	4,721	4,182
Sub total	4,721	-	-	4,721	4,182
Total payments	184,403	49,824	-	234,227	200,125
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 33,271	- 17,785	-	- 51,056	- 28,506
A5 Transfers between funds	- 16,219	16,219	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	149,778	4,057	-	153,835	182,341
Cash funds this year end	100,288	2,491	-	102,779	153,835

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	99,424	2,491	-
	Cash Accounts	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	100,288	2,491	-
	(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	1,422	262	-
	Prepayments	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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	402	-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
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	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
Hire & Cost of Centre	17,468	23,459
Gifts UK and Overseas	29,535	17,177
Catering	1,236	-
Postage & Stationery	446	625
Insurance+Professional Fees	7,204	5,730
Activities	22,259	11,494
Youth/Church Workers	101,534	97,746
TOTAL	179,682	156,231