

THE GATE CHURCH

TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT for the year ended 31 March 2022

Structure, Governance & Management

Governing Document

The Church is a registered CIO, affiliated to the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC).

The Charity Commission granted Registered Charity status on 6 February 2017 under registration number 1171487.

For the year ending 31 March 2022 the Church was governed by a Church Constitution dated 6 February 2017. There is also a Church Covenant (dated 29 March 2017) which sets out the beliefs and practices of the members and deals with the day-to-day operation of the Church including the appointment of Elders.

Organisational Structure

The Church is governed by a leadership team (Trustees) comprising the Elders and two Deacons of the Church. They meet regularly throughout the year to set policy and review the activities of the Church.

The decisions of the Trustees of the Church are subject to the scrutiny of the members of the Church at business meetings of the Church, which occur at least four times a year.

Significant financial decisions are taken having considered the advice of the members of the Church as required by the Church's governing documents.

The Trustees are not remunerated by the Church for their work as Trustees. However One Trustee, acting in the year to 31 March 2022, was remunerated for their work as an Elder of the Church. The remuneration of Elders is determined in accordance with the Church Constitution and Church Covenant. The remuneration of Elders is recommended by the Church's Employment Committee consisting of selected members of the Church and chaired by an Elder or Deacon. The remuneration received by Elders is accepted by vote of the members of the Church on the proposal of the Trustees following their consideration of the recommendations of the Employment Committee. An individual Elder does not participate in the determination of the remuneration they receive, whether directly or indirectly.

One other Trustee, acting in the year to 31 March 2022, received a financial benefit from the church in the form of a grant of £2,500 towards the cost of his training, completing a Masters in Christian Ministry at Crosslands Seminary. An individual Elder does not participate in the determination of the grant funding they receive, whether directly or indirectly.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

Trustees and Elders of the Church are proposed by the existing Trustees where they have satisfied themselves both of the need for further Trustees, and that the person proposed meets the qualifications set out in the Church Constitution.

Following election by the members, training and induction of new Trustees is overseen by the existing Trustees, who may delegate certain elements of the induction process to staff members.

Risk Management

The Trustees have examined the major strategic and operational risks which the Church faces and confirm that systems have been established to monitor those risks so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen them.

Objectives

The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Birmingham and the surrounding neighbourhood; and other such charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the Trustees, further the work of the Church.

Review of activities and impact for Public Benefit

The Church holds a series of weekend and midweek activities and, in addition, provides financial support to individuals and organisations involved in Christian activities.

When planning and reviewing activities, the Church has given due consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of the Church in our local community.

The activities of the Church are overseen by its leadership, and are carried forward both by the Church staff, and by the extensive involvement of volunteers drawn from Church members and other regular attendees. This pattern is in all areas of the life of the Church, including leading of midweek groups, youth and children's activities, and activities within the community.

The Church welcomes members and attendees from all backgrounds with the aim of ensuring that they do not miss the opportunity to benefit from its activities. The Church is committed to growing in diversity to ensure that it better reflects the community it serves.

The Church currently rents a local community centre where regular Sunday meetings are held as well as more seasonal meetings e.g. Christmas community events. The church offered online access to nearly all of its in person meetings throughout the year, so as not to prevent any person from benefitting from its activities due to health concerns.

Alongside our aim to advance the Christian faith in our locality we were also involved in working with Safe Families to reduce poverty in the area. The church contributes financially as well as providing volunteers in order to help individuals who need relational support in the community and have been referred by the local council.

As well as Sunday morning services, the church also runs midweek meetings. These range from prayer meetings, to smaller community meetings providing the opportunity for individuals to study the Bible and pray together in smaller groups. These smaller community groups also aim to serve the local community where they see opportunity to do so, for example supporting refugees in their integration

into life in the UK. Meetings were a mixture of in person and online due to ongoing restrictions.

The Church also runs intermittent marriage counselling courses for couples experiencing marital or relational difficulties.

As well as our weekly Sunday services the Church also offered additional services and events at Christmas and Easter to provide the local community with more opportunities to connect with the Christian faith during those seasons. The church also offered termly Family Fun Days for local families from a wide variety of backgrounds to attend with children aged 0-11 provided for.

The Church is committed to reaching, teaching, discipling and training Christians to carry out Gospel ministry in our community and further afield. As part of this activity, the Church is committed to plant Churches in the Birmingham area. The Church is therefore involved with the Birmingham Collective for Church Planting, as part of a coalition of Birmingham Churches working in partnership to facilitate the launch of new Churches in the city.

Financial Review

The accounts have been drawn up on a receipts and payments basis and include a statement of assets and liabilities and this Trustee Report.

The total incoming resources for the year were £91,840.89. Resources expended in the year were £106,362.19. This resulted in an overall deficit for the year of £14,521.30.

The Church's funding principally comes from gifts and donations made by members of the congregation. The deficit is as a result of recognising previously that the levels of reserves held were more than necessary, so some of these reserves have been used up this year.

The Church supports by grants a wide selection of individuals and organisations involved in Gospel ministry who have links with the Church. Grants are considered by the Trustees and voted on by the Church membership in accordance with relevant provisions of the Church Constitution.

Cash balances at the end of the year were £46,197.08, of which £6,395.62 is ring-fenced.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees are committed to establishing a level of reserves for General Funds that will cover three months' costs, subject to sufficient funding being available to achieve this, while not hampering the ongoing development of the activities of the Church. The precise level of reserves to be attained will be subject to regular review taking into account levels of activity and prevailing circumstances.

The level of General Funds at 31 March 2022 is more than three month of costs, but it is anticipated this will decrease during the next financial year based on the upcoming budget, agreed by Trustees and voted on by the Church membership.

In regard to restricted funds: they are accounted for separately; only accepted for projects or activities sanctioned by the Trustees and in accordance with the objectives of the Church, and expenditure is not committed beyond the level of funds received. The Trustees do not therefore have a specific reserves policy for restricted funds.

Trustees' Responsibilities

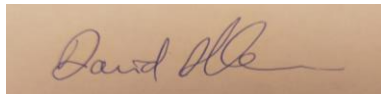
Charity law requires us as Charity Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the Trustees on 4 October 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

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THE GATE CHURCH

for the year ended 31 March 2022

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LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE

73 Cregoe Street
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GOVERNING DOCUMENT

Constitution date 6 February 2017
CIO- registered with the Charity Commission 6 February 2017

TRUSTEES

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Mr David Albon
Mr Toby Giles
Mr Jonathan Ivey
Mr Aaron Ball

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
Receipts & Payments Account
for the year ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Incoming resources					
Voluntary income	2(a)	90,572.60	245	90,817.60	78,324.39
Other incoming resources	2(b)	1,022.67	0	1,022.67	1,655.00
Interest received		0	0.62	0.62	0.00
Total incoming resources		91,595.27	245.62	91,840.89	79,979.39
Resources expended					
Grants	3(a)	(15,482.82)	0	(15,482.82)	(8,828.64)
Church activities	3(b)	(89,879.37)	(1,000)	(90,879.37)	(79,756.98)
Total resources expended		(105,362.19)	(1,000)	(106,362.19)	(88,585.62)
Net outgoing resources before transfers		(13,766.92)	(754.38)	(14,521.30)	(8,606.23)
Transfer between funds	5	(7,150.00)	7,150.00	0.00	0.00
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year		(20,916.92)	6,395.62	(14,521.30)	(8,606.23)
Reconciliation of funds					
Funds brought forward	5	£60,718.38	0.00	60,718.38	69,324.61
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year		(20,917)	6,395.62	(14,521.30)	(8,606.23)
Funds carried forward	5	39,801.46	6,395.62	46,197.08	60,718.38

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES
as at 31 March 2022

31 March 2022
£

Fixed Assets

The value of the assets owned are:

At 1 April 2021	2,599
Purchased in year	2,599
Disposed of in year	0
At 31 March 2022	0
	<hr/> 2,599

Bank & Cash Balances

	31-Mar-22	31-Mar-21
	£	£
Lloyds Bank Treasurers Account	39,801.46	60,718.38
Lloyds Bank Online Saving Account (Restricted Funds)	6,396	0
Cash in hand	0	0
	<hr/> 46,197.08	<hr/> 60,718.38

Other Assets & Liabilities

Assets:

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Liabilities:

0	0
0	0
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0	0

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf on 30/07/2022

by David Albon

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 31 March 2022**

1 Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis with a statement of assets and liabilities.

2 Incoming resources

(a)

Voluntary income

Gifts from Individuals
Gift Aid

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Gifts from Individuals	£69,255.82	£245.00	£69,500.82	£76,763.39
Gift Aid	£21,316.78	£0.00	£21,316.78	£7,761.00
	<u>£90,572.60</u>	<u>£245.00</u>	<u>£90,817.60</u>	<u>£78,324.39</u>
Other incoming resources				
Grants		£0.00	£0.00	£1,650.00
Weekend Together		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Event donations		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Other (refunds)	£1,022.67	£0.00	£1,022.67	£5.00
	<u>£1,022.67</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£1,022.67</u>	<u>£1,655.00</u>

(b)

3 Resources expended

(a)

Grants

Grants to organisations:

AT3
Hope Church Kensington
Crosslinks
Greater Europe Mission US
New Life (Middlesbrough)
Eglise Protestante Evangelique de WSL
Church Central (CAP Centre)
FIEC
UWM
Acts 29
Safe Families
Failed Attempted Payments
Other £300 or less

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
AT3	-500.00	0.00	-500.00	0.00
Hope Church Kensington	0.00	0.00	0.00	1000.00
Crosslinks			0.00	1000.00
Greater Europe Mission US	-2261.74	0.00	-2261.74	1032.96
New Life (Middlesbrough)	-1200.00	0.00	-1200.00	0.00
Eglise Protestante Evangelique de WSL	-1855.68	0.00	-1855.68	1855.68
Church Central (CAP Centre)		0.00	0.00	0.00
FIEC	-1300.00	0.00	-1300.00	1258.00
UWM	-5035.15		-5035.15	
Acts 29	-1100.25	0.00	-1100.25	1432.00
Safe Families	-500.00	0.00	-500.00	1000.00
Failed Attempted Payments	-1530.00		-1530.00	
Other £300 or less	-200.00	0.00	-200.00	250.00
	<u>-15482.82</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-15482.82</u>	<u>8828.64</u>
Grants to organisations (for individuals):				
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Grants to individuals:				
Grants £150 or more	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grants £150 or less	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	<u>-15482.82</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-15482.82</u>	<u>8828.64</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 31 March 2022**

3 Resources expended (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Church activities				
Staff costs:			0.00	
Gross Salary	-59071.09	0.00	-59071.09	47817.14
Employer's NI Contributions	-5710.78		-5710.78	4645.88
Employment Allowance	4000.00		4000.00	-3966.46
Employee Pension Contribution	984.36		984.36	-774.21
Employers' Pension Contributions	-4310.64	0.00	-4310.64	6195.27
Stewardship Payroll Processing Fee	-550.80		-550.80	503.55
Childcare Vouchers	0.00		0.00	846.21
	-64658.95	0.00	-64658.95	55267.38
Mercy Ministries	-414.09	0.00	-414.09	334.60
Leadership development and resources	-1911.93	0.00	-1911.93	7211.18
Training Costs	-4750.00	0.00	-4750.00	
Sabbatical	-1206.77	0.00	-1206.77	
Hospitality	-693.64	0.00	-693.64	154.23
Outreach events and resources	-2200.28	0.00	-2200.28	576.76
Kids Church	-440.86	0.00	-440.86	378.91
Church Events	-777.11	0.00	-777.11	412.01
Love fund	-80.01	0.00	-80.01	3502.40
Weekend Together	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Publicity	-615.35	0.00	-615.35	573.46
Equipment	-1065.87	0.00	-1065.87	4851.62
Professional fees	-1380.51	0.00	-1380.51	1262.05
Rent	-9650.00	0.00	-9650.00	4806.00
Safeguarding	-34.00	0.00	-34.00	426.38
Other		0.00	0.00	
	-25220.42	0.00	-25220.42	79756.98

4 Employees

The charity had two employees over the period to whom the employment costs above refer. One of the employees acted as trustees of the charity for the period.

£

5 Funds

	At 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	54,518.38	91,595.27	(105,362.19)	0.00	40,751.46
Premises fund (designated fund)	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	(4,000.00)	0.00
IT Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	(300.00)	(300.00)
Church Planting Fund(designated fund)	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	(2,000.00)	0.00
Crosslands Fees	200.00	0.00	0.00	(850.00)	(650.00)
	60,718.38	0.00	(105,362.19)	(7,150.00)	39,801.46
Restricted funds					
Premises fund (designated fund)	0.00			4,000.00	4,000.00
IT Costs	0.00			300.00	300.00
Church Planting Fund(designated fund)	0.00			2,000.00	2,000.00
Crosslands Fees	0.00	245.00	(1,000.00)	850.00	95.00
	0.00	245.00	(1,000.00)	7,150.00	6,395.00

The unrestricted funds are available to be spent for any purposes of the charity.
The use of the restricted funds is limited to the specific purpose of each donation.

Details of funds:

Premises Fund - for any future costs in relation to new or improved premises
Church Planting Fund - to be used in order to set up a new church from the Gate Church should the opportunity arise.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

The Gate Church

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st March 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1171487

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 03 / 2022**.

**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").

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.

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.

My Examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review on 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 management committee concerning any such matters.

The procedure undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

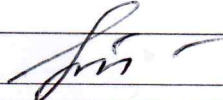
I have completed my examination.

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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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:



Date:

24 August 2022

Name:

Liubov Short, FICB PM. Dip

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

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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.

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