

Gateway Church Withernsea
Annual Report and Financial Statement
2023

**Trustees Annual Report
For the period ending 30 September 2023**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2023.

Administrative Details of Gateway Church Withernsea

Name of charity: Gateway Church Withernsea CIO

Charity Registration Number: 1171717

Registered Address: 104 Queen Street
Withernsea
East Yorkshire
HU19 2HB

Bankers HSBC UK
3-4 Jameson Street
Hull
HU1 3JX

Trustees:

Mr Timothy Jarvis	Chairperson	Appointed February 2017
Mrs Melissa Hayton	Treasurer	Appointed February 2017
Mrs Annette Jarvis		Appointed February 2017
Mrs Lisa Webb		Resigned May 2023
Mr Matthew Milnes		Appointed June 2023
Mrs Susan Harley		Appointed February 2024
Mr Mike Hardy		Resigned July 2024

Church Pastor Mr Timothy Jarvis

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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

Kingstrust Network CIO is a registered charity governed by its Constitution adopted on 12 January 2017.

Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed by nomination of the Church's senior pastor Tim Jarvis and with the agreement of the board of trustees, decided by a simple majority vote. The trustees are responsible, along with the senior pastor, for the general running of the church, including deciding how the funds of the church are to be spent.

The Constitution states that the number of trustees must not be less than three but shall not be subject to any maximum.

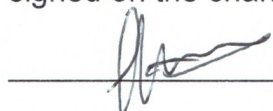
All trustees are familiarised with the practical work of the charity, including but not limited to:

- The obligations of the charity,
- The obligations of trustees,
- The main documents which set out the operating framework for the charity, including its constitution,
- The resources and the current financial position of the church as set out in its latest published accounts and periodic management accounts presented at trustees meetings,
- Ongoing plans and objectives.

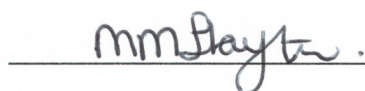
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		2023	2023	2023	2022
	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
RECEIPTS	1,3				
Donations		4,876.25	-	4,876.25	3,004.93
HMRC reclaimed gift aid		3,508.77	-	3,508.77	0.00
Other	7	3,461.26	-	3,461.26	0.00
		11,846.28	-	11,846.28	3,004.93
PAYMENTS					
Hall rental		2,312.50	-	2,312.50	878.00
Visiting speaker expenses		420.00	-	420.00	350.00
Bookkeeping Costs		175.00	-	175.00	310.00
Insurance	9	0.00	-	0.00	212.16
Capital expenditure		620.09	-	620.09	206.98
Food Provision		80.04	-	80.04	107.96
Denominational fees		750.00	-	750.00	60.00
Bank Charges		75.95	-	75.95	59.74
Junior church costs		0.00	-	0.00	50.10
Minister's travel expenses	8	2,250.00	-	2,250.00	0.00
Minister's other expenses	8	435.00	-	435.00	0.00
Charitable giving		50.00	-	50.00	0.00
Promotion / publicity		31.69	-	31.69	0.00
Church materials		26.85	-	26.85	0.00
Other		0.00	-	0.00	0.00
		7,227.12	-	7,227.12	2,234.94
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)		4,619.16	-	4,619.16	769.99
ASSETS (LIABILITIES)					
Cash and bank balances brought forward		4,710.21	-	4,710.21	3,940.22
Cash and bank balances carried forward		9,329.37	-	9,329.37	4,710.21
Creditors	8	(103.57)	-	(103.57)	0.00
Fixed assets [written down value]		620.30	-	620.30	206.98
NET ASSET VALUE		9,846.10	-	9,846.10	4,917.19

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on 14 June 2024 and signed on the charity's behalf by:



Tim Jarvis, Chairperson



Melissa Hayton, Treasurer

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These accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments (R&P) basis in line with Charities Commission guidance for a charity of this size.

2: Staffing Costs

There were no staffing costs in the period.

3: Restricted Funds

There were no restricted funds in this financial period.

4: Taxation

The church is a registered charity (no: 1171717). All the church's income is applied to its charitable objectives and the church is therefore exempt under current legislation from most forms of taxation.

5: Transactions with connected persons

No financial transactions with trustees or connected persons occurred in this financial period.

6: Foreign Transactions

There were no foreign transactions in this financial period.

7: Other income

£3,461.26 was donated by the trustees of Gateway Church Filey (1193391) when the church and charity closed down permanently.

8: Payments to connected persons

Mike Hardy was reimbursed £420 towards his travel expenses in 2022/23. Tim Jarvis was reimbursed £2,250 towards his travel expenses in 2022/23 and the church paid £435 to send Tim the denominational annual conference. £103.57 was owed to Tim Jarvis for items he personally purchased for the church. There were no other reimbursements of expenses to Trustees paid during the year or in the prior year. In the prior year all Tim Jarvis' expenses were met by Gateway Church Filey (1193391).

9: Insurance

Gateway Church Filey (1193391) paid for insurance for Gateway Church Withernsea because Gateway Church Withernsea did not have a debit or credit card to make the payment itself.

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Reserves Policy

The trustees were able to retain three to six months' core running costs in the unrestricted general fund to ensure a sufficient buffer to enable effective financial decision-making, rather than short term decisions, and the charity will work towards maintaining this reserve in the future by careful ongoing monitoring of income and expenditure.

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Objectives and Activities

The objects of the charity as set out in the Constitution are:

- The advancement of the Christian faith in such ways as the charity trustees may from time to time decide.

Main objective for 2023:

To grow the church membership, to see new converts to the faith become members, and to build up the Christian faith of the church membership.

Activities in 2023:

The church performed the following activities for the advancement of the Christian faith:

- 1 Weekly Sunday service at the Meridian Centre Withernsea including junior church for children. During the summer months three services were held outdoors, two in Valley Gardens Withernsea and one at the Gateway Community Care Hub in the back garden with a BBQ.
- 2 Weekly online bible study,
- 3 Weekly online prayer meeting.

All the church's activities both are open to the general public, advertised locally and online at www.gateway.uk.net.

Main objectives for the following year:

In developing the main objectives for the following year the Trustees have given regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

The charity aims to strengthen and increase the church membership at Withernsea. We would love to see new members from the local community who have adopted the Christian Faith with Jesus as their saviour. The Withernsea church's gospel band continues performed publicly in Withernsea and other locations in East Yorkshire. We want to see this worthwhile activity strengthen and continue.

The charity intends to continue to work with Kingstrust Network CIO (number 1161181) in running the Gateway Community Care Hub in Withernsea. This collaboration will bring new opportunities to meet and serve new people in the coming year.

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Achievements and Performance

Review of Activities in 2023

The church held all its Sunday Services at the Meridian Centre, Withernsea except for those it held outdoors. Weekly bible study and prayer meetings were combined into one online meeting. The online meeting was thought best to accommodate those members coming from locations outside Withernsea.

The charity continued to work with Kingstrust Network CIO (number 1161181) in running the Gateway Community Care Hub in Withernsea greatly benefiting the people of the Withernsea area.

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Policies

The church has adopted the following policies and ensures that all volunteers comply with their recommendations:

- Safeguarding policy (includes the DBS checking of all who work with children and vulnerable adults),
- Moral policy,
- Statement of faith,
- Confidentiality policy,
- Requirements of Gateway leaders.

The church requires all its leaders and trustees to sign their commitment to these policies.

Risk Review

The trustees aim to conduct a periodic review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed:

- Risks are minimised by the implementation of the policies listed above,
- The needs to minimise financial risks is recognised and is managed by a requirement for all significant expenditure to be authorised at a meeting of the trustees of a sub-committee thereof,
- The church holds a current public liability insurance policy.

Statement of Trustee's responsibilities

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the excess of income over expenditure of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue to operate.

The Trustees confirm that the accounts comply with the above requirements. The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.