

City Church Lancaster

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1172291

Principal address

4 Prospect Drive
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Lancaster
Lancashire
LA2 6HX

Trustees

Mr Scott Lingard (Chair)
Mr Malcolm Robinson
Mr Peter Carrington
Mr Jethro Niven
Mrs Hannah Little

Independent Examiner

John Fazackerley A.C.M.A (retired)
6 Queens Drive,
Preston,
PR2 9YH

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity. This deed of trust was first adopted on 01/03/2017.

Trustee Selection

Potential trustees are identified by current trustees. Candidates are then recommended to the board of trustees and if no objections are raised then candidates are formally appointed. This last financial year Peter Carrington became a trustee and Esther Carrington resigned.

Charity Organisational Structure

Corporately the trustees hold responsibility for the financial health and legal requirements of the charity. The day to day running of the charity is carried out under the leadership of the eldership team with the authority of the charity's trustees.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

In all cases two signatories are required to authorise online payments and appropriate records including receipts and invoices to support payments are held. Our financial risks are managed by our financial controls policy.

Appropriate insurance cover is in place and is reviewed regularly to ensure that the charities risks are covered adequately. A health and safety policy is in place and additional policies in place for all the charities projects.

We also have a safeguarding policy in place and all staff and volunteers who work in relevant projects are subject to a DBS check. We also subscribe to a Protection Advisory Service to ensure compliance with rules and regulations relating to the protection of children and vulnerable adults.

OBJECTIVES, ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Objectives

- i. To promote the Christian faith and to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world with particular focus on the Lancaster and Lancashire area.
- ii. The relief of poverty, hardship and distress in particular but not exclusively within the areas of Lancaster and Morecambe through provision of grants, items and services to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty

Activities and achievements

This last 12 months have seen the welcome return of in person meetings and gatherings after many months of online meetings due to the Covid 19 pandemic. We have been careful and measured in our return to physical meetings, assessing the risks and putting various operational processes in place to keep people safe. We also offered the option for people to watch our church meetings over Zoom for the first 9 months of this last year to accommodate those who didn't feel comfortable returning to an in-person setting yet. The trustees have been involved throughout this process in decision making, risk assessing and gathering important feedback from the church community.

We are really encouraged to have seen significant numerical growth over the last 12 months and this was in spite of many churches reporting declining church attendance following the pandemic. In March 2022 over 140 people gathered for our weekend away in North Cumbria. This was in fact the second of two church weekends away we have held this last 12 months due to our 2021 weekend being postponed from March to November. Both weekends were a huge success and a wonderful way for our church community to reconnect and worship together after so many months of reduced social interaction.

Our ability to recommence face to face meetings has also seen the opportunity to reach out with the Gospel. 2022 has seen us return to a monthly Café church aimed at being a more relaxed, informal and more widely accessible service and run a successful Alpha course. These activities give people who don't normally attend church or have questions about life and faith an opportunity to explore Christianity. We have been privileged to see several people come to faith and join the community through these activities in 2022.

This last year has seen significant change to our leadership with two of our four elders stepping down from their eldership & Trustee roles. We would like to place on record our thanks to Jordan Donnelly and Rob Horn for their years of work and service in these roles.

Our remaining two elders have begun a new core leadership team to work alongside them in leading the church.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves Policy

It is intended that sufficient reserves are retained in order to enable the charity to undertake its financial commitments for a minimum of six months. Principle funding sources are generous contributions and regular giving from individuals who are a part of the church.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD : Mr P Carrington

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of

Charity Name

LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL

On accounts for the year ended

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Charity no (if any)

Set out on pages

14 and 2.

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below*):

(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 Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed

John Kazanierley

Date

03-01-2023

Name

JOHN KAZANIERLEY

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

ACMA (RETIRED)

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FURNACE
PRESTON
PR2 9YH

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems

Give here brief details of any items that the
examiner wishes to disclose



Charity Name Lancaster City Church		No (if any)	CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts			
For the period from 01/04/2021	To 31/03/2022	Period end date 31/03/2022	

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					
Tithes	50,635	-	-	50,635	60,483
Gift Days	12,177	-	-	12,177	33,201
Weekend away	10,211	-	-	10,211	521
Other Income	4,005	-	-	4,005	4,363
Blackpool	-	-	-	-	-
KCK Contributions	6,000	-	-	6,000	5,000
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	83,028	-	-	83,028	103,568
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	83,028	-	-	83,028	103,568
A3 Payments					
Training	102 #	-	-	102	3,620
Premises rental		-	-	-	340
Worship	441	-	-	441	-
Salaries	49,005	-	-	49,005	46,531
Cheque Payments/Other Costs	14,093	-	-	14,093	11,739
Rentals	3,594	-	-	3,594	-
Weekend Away	15,008	-	-	15,008	1,850
Apostolic/Admin	6,365	-	-	6,365	-
Newday / Devoted	2,580	-	-	2,580	-
Sub total	91,188	-	-	91,188	64,080
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	91,188	-	-	91,188	64,080
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 8,160	-	-	- 8,160	39,488
A5 Transfers between funds		-	-		-
A6 Cash funds last year end	91,060	-	-	51,572	51,572
Cash funds this year end	82,900	-	-	91,060	91,060

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	Bank Current Account	82,900	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	82,900	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

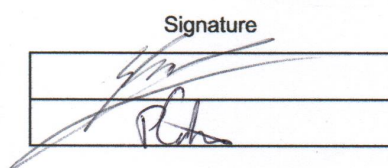

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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 liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	SCOTT LINGARD	20/1/23
	PETE CARRINGTON	20/1/23