

City Church Lancaster

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

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
Hest Bank
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.

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

Our church community has continued to grow over the last 12 months with over 110 regularly attending our Sunday gatherings and with new mid-week small groups launched. This growth is a result of some new families and students joining us who have moved to the area looking for a church as well as people who have started to engage with faith and church for the first time.

Other activities of note from this last year include an Alpha course, a church leaders conference our core team attended in June in Darlington and as always a particular highlight was our annual church weekend away in March. This year we took 140 of our church plus guests away to Blaithwaite House in the lake district.

One of our focusses as a church this last year has been social action and we have hosted a number of other charities in our Sunday mornings giving them a platform to share about their work and encouraging people in the church to support and/or volunteer with them.

There have been some staffing changes this last year with one of our elders; Pete Carrington starting formal employment with the church for three days a week. We have also recruited an administrator for 12 hours a week.

The strategic and day to day leadership of the church continues to be held by our newly formed core leadership team and a small number of paid staff under the direction of the eldership.

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 three 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 CHURCH

On accounts for the year ended

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Charity no (if any)

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(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 Hazakerley

Date

03.01.24

Name

JOHN HAZAKERLEY

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or body (if any)

ACMA (RETIRED)

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PRESTON PR29 1YH

Section B

Disclosure

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)
Receipts and payments accounts		
For the period from	01/04/2022	To 31/03/2023
		Period end date

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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					
Tithes	54,402	-	-	54,402	50,635
Gift Days	20,419	-	-	20,419	12,177
Weekend away	7,633	-	-	7,633	10,211
Other Income	5,594	-	-	5,594	4,005
Blackpool	-	-	-	-	-
KCK Contributions	7,550	-	-	7,550	6,000
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	95,598	-	-	95,598	83,028
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	95,598	-	-	95,598	83,028
A3 Payments					
Training		# -	-	-	102
Newday / Devoted	4,991	-	-	4,991	
Worship		-	-	-	441
Salaries	42,016	-	-	42,016	49,005
Cheque Payments/Other Costs	21,241	-	-	21,241	14,093
Rentals	6,872	-	-	6,872	3,594
Weekend Away	13,092	-	-	13,092	15,008
Apostolic/Admin	6,213	-	-	6,213	6,365
Admin	567	# -	-	567	2,580
Sub total	94,992	-	-	94,992	91,188
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	94,992	-	-	94,992	91,188
Net of receipts/(payments)	606	-	-	606	- 8,160
A5 Transfers between funds		-	-		-
A6 Cash funds last year end	82,900	-	-	82,900	91,060
Cash funds this year end	83,506	-	-	83,506	82,900

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	83,506	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	83,506	-	-
	(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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

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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
	PETER CARRINGTON	09/01/24

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
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