

Mustard Seed Evangelical Church

Elder/Trustee Report 2023

At the Members meeting on 23rd March 2022, half the membership resigned and left the meeting due to being prevented from closing the CIO underpinning the Mustard Seed Church.

To comply with the Church Constitution and Handbook, together with the requirements of the CIO, it was necessary to appoint Acting Elders, Acting Trustees and a leadership committee.

There was no handover of information whatsoever but despite the difficulties, our Lord provided our every need.

The scope of this report is up to 30th March 2023.

The Leadership committee met every week at the outset, with the aim of re-opening the church on 17th April 2022. The church was cleaned and prepared and the heating system was set to work.

The Lord blessed us and the church re-opened on Resurrection Day (17th April) with a congregation of over 40! We were greatly encouraged by two young families joining the service and have been coming regularly since then.

A retired pastor, known to the church, kindly offered to help by preaching for five weeks from the start. This proved popular and he continued through the summer together with visiting speakers and missionaries. He subsequently volunteered to be our pastor from October for the next 18 months until Easter 2024.

Tragically our secretary, Geraldine Parkyn, passed away in January '23. She was a prime mover in establishing the church and has been greatly missed by us all. The Deacon took over the task of arranging visiting speakers and the Treasurer took on the secretarial duties until such time new members can assist with the workload.

The music and video technicalities were overcome and suggestions from Emmanuel Bodmin Church to use a software package 'iSingWorship', has proved invaluable.

The hearing aid magnetic loop did not work with the transmission of the video/audio for worship. This has since been investigated and rectified.

The cross, banners and Pastor history boards have all been reinstated, having been removed by the previous pastor.

The electrical installation tests have been carried out and approved along with portable appliance tests.

The fire extinguishers and equipment have been certified, (a new Co2 extinguisher was installed to replace one that was out of date).

Smoke detectors, heat detector and CO detector (all linked) have been installed and are tested weekly.

Disabled toilet alarms along with emergency lighting is also checked weekly.

The church flat responsibility has continued and the necessary gas and electricity certification obtained and the boiler serviced.

A new mustard seed church sign has been put on to the entrance window over the entrance doors.

The Parlour is still being used by the Food Bank and during the winter they started using the lower hall as a 'warm place' - and a drop-in centre called 'Warm and Toasty' Mon - Fri 10am to 4pm.

This continued as the 'Open Doors Community Hub' throughout the spring and will continue through the summer. They are supporting the community by offering free food, a place to meet others, providing activities and Citizen's Advice Bureau consultations to deal with benefits and numerous other issues causing stress in the community.

The lower hall is also used Friday evenings by Alcoholics Anonymous.

Aside of the regular Sunday service, the church started an evening service, once a month, throughout the winter. The second Tuesday of each month hosts a prayer meeting and a regular 'Life Group' started every Tuesday evening to discuss the sermon of the previous Sunday service, chaired by our pastor.

As the initial problems are being overcome and the church is once again established in the area, membership is increasing. We are looking at how the Mustard Seed can move forward and hope to inject new ideas incorporating the needs of the congregation and spreading the work load. We will also be reviewing some of the church policies.

The Lord has certainly kept His hand on His church and we are excited at the way it is moving forward. We are confident He will continue to bless and lead us in the coming weeks/months and years.

THE MUSTARD SEED EVANGELICAL CHURCH

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT – YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund - Building Fund	Total 2023	Total 2022
<u>INCOME</u>	£	£	£	£
Property Rental Income	6600	-	6600	6600
Offerings & Covenants	6591	-	6591	2820
Donations incl Hall	1400	-	1400	751
Missionary Gifts etc	371	-	371	-
Other Income	168	-	168	-
Interest Received	608	-	608	16
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	<u>15738</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15738</u>	<u>10187</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>				
Repayment of Donations	-	-	-	600
Cheque Payment to Maurice Wright	-	-	-	1000
Pastor Expenses & Salary	930	-	930	3659
Missionaries, Charities & Speakers	1665	-	1665	80
Repairs & Renewals (incl Sound Eqpt)	2049	-	2049	297
Sundries, Cleaning, Books & Music Licences	1201	-	1201	64
Water Rates	232	-	232	69
Insurance	1045	-	1045	945
Light & Heat	2425	-	2425	1555
Let Property Expenses	770	-	770	1000
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>10317</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10317</u>	<u>9269</u>
<u>SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE BEFORE TRANSFERS</u>	<u>5421</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5421</u>	<u>918</u>
<u>BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD</u>	<u>238300</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>238300</u>	<u>237382</u>
<u>BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD</u>	<u>243721</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>243721</u>	<u>238300</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund - Building Fund	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
<u>FIXED ASSETS – Tangible</u>				
The Mustard Seed	68496	-	68496	68496
Let Property	117284	-	117284	117284
	<u>185780</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>185780</u>	<u>185780</u>
 <u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>				
Cash at Bank and in Hand	58581	-	58581	53058
	<u>58581</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58581</u>	<u>53058</u>
 <u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>				
Creditors	640	-	640	538
<u>NET CURRENT ASSETS</u>	<u>57941</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>57941</u>	<u>52520</u>
 <u>NET ASSETS</u>	<u>243721</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>243721</u>	<u>238300</u>

Financed by:

Unrestricted Funds	243721	238300
Restricted Funds – Building Fund	-	-
	<u>243721</u>	<u>238300</u>

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the Trustees/Members of

The Mustard Seed Evangelical Church

On Accounts for the year ended

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Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act, and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- a) Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- b) To follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- c) To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 you as 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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1) The accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- 2) The accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- 3) 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 the 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

Name

Professional Qualification

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	21 st September, 2023
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