

# **Mustard Seed Evangelical Church**

## **Elder/Trustee Report 2024**

The scope of this report is up to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024.

Our Pastor, who had previously volunteered to continue until Easter 2024, has felt moved to carry on indefinitely, much to the delight and appreciation of the leadership and the congregation. He was also invited by the Callington town council to become their Chaplain and graciously accepted.

As the initial problems of reopening are being overcome and the church is once again established in the area, membership is increasing which helps to spread the workload. We are looking at how the Mustard Seed can move forward and hope to inject new ideas incorporating the needs of the congregation and the community. We have also been reviewing some of the church policies to bring them up-to-date.

Over the past year the church membership has grown and two members have joined the Leadership Committee, assisting greatly with the smooth running of the church. The Leadership Committee continues to meet every month.

The Treasurer's role has been taken over by another new church member.

Our morning service sermons are now being shared between our Pastor and one of our members who is an experienced minister. These are interspersed with visiting speakers arranged by one of our Deacons who also organises the leading of the services.

The provision of music and video slides for the services is mainly operated by one of our members and his sons.

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

A bible study has also been run regularly every Thursday.

Through the year the church has provided three funeral services and a memorial service, and provided refreshments for the wakes.

A six week 'bereavement course' is being planned to commence in November and our Pastor is currently undergoing training for leading this.

As another part of the church's service to the area, we have been present at the Callington 'Honey Fair' and at 'Gorsedh Kernow' festival of Cornish culture, manning a gazebo stall and carrying out Christian outreach to the visiting public with conversation and literature.

There is now a visual video notice board; situated inside the church entrance door, which has been set up to provide an informative display to passers-by.

The 'parlour' premises continues to be used by the community Food Bank.

'Open Doors Community Hub' has continued throughout the year. They are supporting the area by offering free food, a place to meet others, a craft workshop, providing activities and a Citizen's Advice Bureau which offers consultations to deal with benefits and numerous other issues causing stress within the community.

The lower hall in the church continues to be used by Alcoholics Anonymous on Friday evenings and now, due to demand, is also meeting on Mondays.

The church building has undergone improvements to facilitate better disabled access to the lower hall and improvements to the heating systems both upstairs and downstairs. The internal back wall has been lime rendered and the stairs rebuilt to the correct specifications. (See building report for more detail e.g. walls, new stairs etc.)

Electrical installation tests have been carried out and certified.

The fire extinguishers and equipment have been certified, (the foam extinguishers have been replaced with water to keep in accordance with current regulations).

Smoke detectors, heat detector and CO detector (all linked) and are tested monthly along with the disabled toilet alarms and emergency lighting.

The stair lift has been serviced and approved.

A steel safety barrier has been erected along the edge of the carpark.

The church flat responsibility has continued and the necessary gas and electricity certification obtained and the boiler serviced. It is intended to hand over the management of the flat to a letting agency in the very near future.

The Mustard Seed church is making an impact in the community and providing support in numerous areas to those in need.

It is the intention of the trustees, elders and deacons to support our Pastor in the vision he has for the Mustard Seed church, to reach out to our community to help, support and spread the Gospel.

We thank the Lord for keeping 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.

**Report to the Trustees/Members of**

<b>The Mustard Seed Evangelical Church</b>
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**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.

<b>Signed</b>		<table border="1" style="display: inline-table;"><tr><td><b>20<sup>th</sup> September, 2024</b></td></tr></table>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> September, 2024</b>
<b>20<sup>th</sup> September, 2024</b>			
<b>Name</b>	Andrew Farr		
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**THE MUSTARD SEED EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT – YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH, 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	£	£	£	£
Property Rental Income	6600	-	6600	6600
Offerings & Covenants	12109	-	12109	6591
Donations for Hall	2545	-	2545	1400
Missionary Gifts etc	229	-	229	371
Other Income	20	-	20	168
Interest Received	1829	-	1829	608
<b><u>TOTAL INCOME</u></b>	23332	-	23332	15738
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>				
Pastor Expenses & Salary	2100	-	2100	930
Missionaries, Charities & Speakers	1523	-	1523	1665
Repairs & Renewals	8127	-	8127	2049
Sundries, Cleaning, Books & Music Licences	1593	-	1593	1201
Water Rates	326	-	326	232
Insurance	1306	-	1306	1045
Light & Heat	2648	-	2648	2425
Let Property Expenses	1153	-	1153	770
<b><u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u></b>	18776	-	18776	10317
<b><u>SURPLUS OF INCOME</u></b>				
<b><u>OVER EXPENDITURE</u></b>	4556	-	4556	5421
<b><u>BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD</u></b>	243721	-	243721	238300
<b><u>BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD</u></b>	248277	-	248277	243721

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**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH, 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
<b><u>FIXED ASSETS – Tangible</u></b>				
The Mustard Seed	68496	-	68496	68496
Let Property	117284	-	117284	117284
	185780	-	185780	185780
<b><u>CURRENT ASSETS</u></b>				
Cash at Bank and in Hand	63385	-	63385	58581
	63385	-	63385	58581
<b><u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u></b>				
Creditors	888	-	888	640
<b><u>NET CURRENT ASSETS</u></b>	62497	-	62497	57941
<b><u>NET ASSETS</u></b>	248277	-	248277	243721

**Financed by:**

Unrestricted Funds	248277	243721
Restricted Funds	-	-
	248277	243721