

Christ Church Cottingham

Financial Statement

31st December 2023

Charitable Incorporated Organisation Number 1174283

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Trustees and professional advisers

Registered charity name	Christ Church Cottingham
Charity number	1175283
Principal office	31A Endyke Lane Cottingham East Yorkshire HU16 4QD
Trustees	S W Tones T Jackson M.Longbottom S.A.Redfern
Independent Examiner	Chris Wright & Co Ltd Chartered Accountants 217 Hallgate Cottingham HU16 4BG
Banker	HSBC Hull HU1 2HX

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Trustees Annual Report
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The Managing Trustees present their report and unaudited financial statements for the period 1st January 2023 to 31 December 2023.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable Objectives

The Christ Church Constitution states that "Christ Church Cottingham exists for the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Cottingham and the surrounding neighbourhood".

Christ Church Mission Statement: To celebrate God, to connect with each other and contribute our gifts to the work of the ministry. Celebrate Connect Contribute.

Christ Church Vision Statement: To create environments for people to meet and grow in relationship with Jesus Christ.

The Managing Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and Performance

The Managing Trustees would like to thank all members and volunteers for their support this year.

Our key theme and teaching theme for the year has been "Just Jesus"

In line with much of the nation's life, 2023 was still ever so slightly affected by the aftermath of the Coronavirus pandemic and the lockdown periods. We felt this year again was a period of rebuilding the core of our ministry and fellowship as a church.

Christ Church continues to stream and record Sunday morning services and a Thursday Connect Group.

Pastor Scott and Giovanna have continued to offer pastoral care and support to the church and community as far as has been possible. Manna Meals continued as and when required.

Moving forward in 2024 we can say with confidence that we aim to continue many of our new initiatives and seek other opportunities to engage with the wider community alongside resuming our usual activities as a church.

Principal Funding Sources

Christ Church benefits from the generous gifts of its members and regular attendees for much of its income.

Expenditure in 2023 supported key objectives

As with most organisations, Christ Church's main expenditure was on staff salaries with £42,858 being spent on wages for Pastor Scott Tones (full time), Giovanna Tones (16 hrs/week) and Graham Slight, cleaner/gardener (4 hrs/week).

Reserves policy

The Managing Trustees seek to maintain a level of free reserves (that is funds not tied up in fixed assets and restricted funds) that will enable the church to sustain its operation over a period when the income generation may be curtailed temporarily or permanently. The Managing Trustees consider the most appropriate level to be 4 months expenditure on charitable objectives and management of the organisation. The reserves policy will be reviewed on an annual basis.

Risk Review

The Managing Trustees continue to review all risks and where necessary introduce policies and procedures. Annual fire safety checks are conducted and any advice given is acted upon as required. PAT testing is carried out regularly, in line with health & safety recommendations, on all electrical equipment for church and church office. All adults working or assisting with children undertake DBS checks. Christ Church Managing Trustees are committed to, and fully support The Safeguarding Policy covering the care of Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults and the church subscribes to the advisory service Thirtyone:eight. Christ Church has appointed an Events

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Photographer to ensure that the taking and publication of photographs complies with Safeguarding and GDPR requirements. The Managing Trustees give the Events Photographer permission and relevant training to take the photographs at specific events.

The church holds appropriate insurance including cover for public liability, employer's liability, personal accident as well as assets owned by the church.

In 2023 the income of the church is still being impacted by the loss of attenders and members due to Covid lockdown but also the loss of students since the closing of The Lawns took place. We have stabilised and we have small growth now occurring. The bulk of income has continued to be through regular donations received direct into the bank account and the church has a good level of financial reserves, we expect the church to remain financially viable and in a position to move forward with its activities and mission in 2024.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity was established through the Christ Church Declaration of Trust and Christ Church Constitution approved by the members on 16 October 2016.

Christ Church Cottingham became a charitable incorporated organisation registered with the Charities Commission on 16th August 2017.

The Pastor heads up the church and we rely on the whole congregation to be involved in all activities both spiritual including financial support within the church. The pastor is supported by a group of elected Managing Trustees selected for their spiritual maturity and spiritual gifts to help lead Christ Church Cottingham ministry. Decisions made at the Managing Trustees' meetings are acted upon and, if necessary, presented to the membership at regular meetings. If the decisions made are of a business nature then they are presented to the congregation at a church business meeting held as required.

Managing Trustees

The Trustees who served during the period were:

Rev S Tones, Pastor (Appointed 16 August 2017)

Rev T Jackson (Appointed 14 May 2018)

Mr M Longbottom (Appointed November 2020)

Mr S Redfern (Appointed November 2020)

Appointment of Managing Trustees

Christ Church Managing Trustees are appointed by special resolution at a business meeting where 40% or a minimum of 20 of the members are present, of which a majority are in favour of the nomination.

Managing Trustees stand for 3 years, whereupon they either agree and are proposed to stand again for another 3 year period (normally), or retire. These details are laid out in the Constitution and Handbook. Managing Trustees usually serve a probationary year prior to election to their initial 3 year term.

Area of Responsibility

The Managing Trustees are responsible for the operation of the church as a CIO and its day to day running in accordance with the constitution. This includes management of funds for the everyday running of the church.

The role of Treasurer continued to be fulfilled by the Finance Team of Tim Jackson, Giovanna Tones and Jane Honey who take responsibility for financial procedures and processes and the production of monthly management accounts and budgets for the Managing Trustees.

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New initiatives 2023

We are excited to continue preparing the Children's ministry room which is going to be in use from October 2024. Alongside our café mornings, PlayCafe and BabyCafe we continue this outreach and had invitations to our Easter events. Christmas events were very well attended by regular church folk and visitors from our weekly café mornings and children's events. In particular our "All in Christmas play" Our emergency food parcel service has really taken hold and continue to be popular. Planning began for running a course called Belonging, we hope to run this in 2024. Our building was used by the nursery next door whom we have built a good relationship with. They have a Christmas party and a graduation service each year with us.

Christ Church Cottingham is a member of the Evangelical Alliance (registered 10th May 2019, membership number 151216).

The Managing Trustees have complied with the duty in Section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance as published by the Charities Commission.

Signed on behalf of the Managing Trustees

Rev S Tones

Pastor and Managing Trustee

26th June 2024

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Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees
of Christ Church Cottingham
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We report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on pages 6 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of management committee and examiners

As the charities management committee, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is our responsibility to state, on the procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act, whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

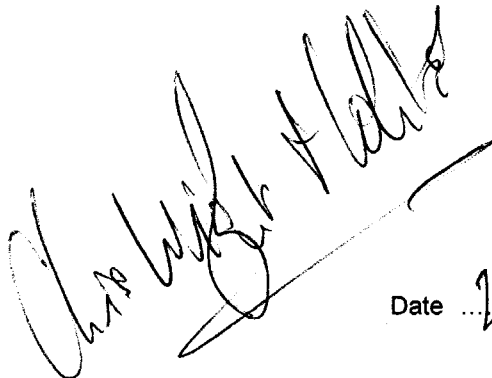
Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

- 1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - * to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charity Act:
 - and
 - * to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Acthave been met;
- 2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Chris Wright & Co Ltd
Chartered Accountants
217 Hallgate
Cottingham
HU16 4BG



Date 28/1/24

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Statement of receipts and payments
For the year ended 31st December 2023

	<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>	
	General Fund £	Building Fund £	General Fund £	Building Fund £
Receipts				
Donations and gift aids	50,856	960	39,512	960
Rental Income	0		0	
Fundraising	0		0	
Other general income	430		0	
Bank interest	1	0	70	0
Covid Job retention scheme	0		0	
Insurance claim for Covid loss	0		8,993	
Total receipts	51,286	960	48,575	960
<u>Payments</u>				
Staff costs	42,396		41,362	
Staff general expenses	0		141	
Church Utilities and running costs	4,606		3,338	
Insurance	1,113		1,049	
Repairs	0		3,777	
Outreach	0		1,285	
Activities cost	521		822	
Money gift	0		0	
Church house costs	0		0	
Church house repairs	0		1,800	
Coffee morning	144		757	
Music and PA equipment	0		1,463	
Legal fees	0		0	
Accountancy charges	0		708	
Bank charge	89		55	
Mortgage repayment -Capital	8,229		4,997	
Mortgage repayment - interest	4,050		4,380	
Capital items	0		0	
Total payments	61,148	0	65,934	0
Net receipts/payments for the year	-9,861	960	-17,359	960
Fund balances brought forward	26,027	5978	26,027	5978
Fund balance carried forward	£16,166	£6,938	£8,668	£6,938

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Statement of assets and liabilities at
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	Unrestricted funds £	Building fund £
<u>Cash funds</u>		
Building account		191
Current account	4,011	
Saving account	1,856	
	<u>5,867</u>	<u>191</u>

Other monetary assets

Gift Aid

3290.50

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost £	Valuation £
<u>Assets retained for the charity 's own use</u>			
Church Building and Land	Unrestricted	179,522	£685,000
Church House	Unrestricted	150,000	
Development Land	Unrestricted	22,425	
Furniture, Music and PA equipment	Unrestricted	41,805	Fully depreciated £1,097 £865
Music and PA equipment (2022)	Unrestricted	1,463	
Portacabin etc (2020)	Unrestricted	<u>8,020</u>	

Liabilities

	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due
HSBC Mortgage	Unrestricted	67,816
PAYE and NIC	Unrestricted	550
Independent Examiner Fees	Unrestricted	708
NEST pension contribution	Unrestricted	181
Utility Bills and general items	Unrestricted	<u>140</u>
		<u>£69,395</u>

Approved by the board of trustees on 26th June 2024
and signed on their behalf by

Rev Scott Tones

Rev Tim Jackson