

CORNERSTONE (ST HELENS) COMMUNITY CHURCH

Constitution

Name

Cornerstone (St Helens) Community Church

Vision

To change the spiritual landscape of the community by showing Gods love to others through authentic relationships and actions.

Purposes

The purpose of Cornerstone (St Helens) Community Church is to glorify God by:

1. Advancement of Christian Faith for the benefit of the public by holding meetings, prayer groups, Bible studies and other relevant activities
2. Presenting Jesus in a creative, rational and experiential way.
3. Arrange community activities in the place of worship or other appropriate locations, where the community can meet, arrange activities and support for parents, children, young people and adults.
4. Being community minded by providing an opportunity for the development of capacity and skills of members of the local community in such a way as to help them participate in society
5. Being missionally minded through the establishment of a relevant and Biblically based church, open to all and serving the needs of the local community

Values

1. God is worthy of our attention
2. Everyone matters to God
3. The Bible is both relevant and transformational in our lives
4. Relationships with God and with each other are vital for spiritual and physical wellbeing

Trustees

Governance of Cornerstone (St Helens) Community Church will be through a Board of Trustees who will be appointed on recommendation of the Spiritual Leadership Team. There will be 4 (four) Trustees with 3 (three) being a quorum.

The Lead Pastor, Associate Pastors and Treasurer will be permanent Trustees. Other Trustees will be invited on annually by the remaining trustees.

The Spiritual Leadership Team will be responsible for recruiting any future Lead Pastor who will be ratified by the Trustees. The Lead Pastor will be a paid employee of the Church.

During any year, Trustees may co-opt to the Board for specific purposes

The Church will provide Trustee Liability Insurance for all Trustees and appropriate leaders

The Trustees shall fulfil their legal duties having due regard to the spiritual direction of the Church set by the Spiritual Leadership team.

Carrying out the purpose of Cornerstone (St Helens) Community Church

In order to carry out the charitable purpose, the Spiritual Leadership Team, will

1. Raise funds, receive grants and donations
2. Apply funds to carry out the work of the Church
3. Co-operate with and support other charities with similar purposes
4. Work with the local Council and Community groups to help deliver the charity's purpose
5. Do anything which is lawful and necessary to achieve its purposes

Spiritual Leadership Team

The Spiritual Leadership Team will consist of the Pastor and Associate Pastors.

The Spiritual Leadership Team will be responsible for the day to day running of the Church.

The Team will be responsible for appointing permanent, temporary and volunteer Church staff.

The Team will be responsible for implementing all Church policies.

The Team may set up committees they feel will assist in the effective running of the Church. A member of the Team will oversee each Committee.

Trustee Meetings

1. Trustees must hold at least 2 meetings per year with 3 Trustees being a quorum
2. Decisions will be made by a majority show of hands. Should there be equal number of votes, the Chairman will have a casting vote
3. Minutes shall be kept of all meetings and available once approved
4. Trustees should declare any potential conflict of interest at the start of the meeting. If a conflict becomes apparent during the discussion on any point, then the Trustee should declare the conflict and leave the meeting whilst the matter is discussed
5. Trustees may co-opt additional Trustees for specific purposes and that / those person/s will retire at the next AGM

Money and property

1. Money and property must only be used for the Charity's purpose
2. Trustees must ensure that accurate financial records are kept.
3. Money must be held in the charity's bank account and all expenditure over £25 must be approved by at least 1 member of the Spiritual Leadership Team or a Trustee.
4. The Treasurer will be responsible for operating the bank account electronically. All expenditure made electronically by the Treasurer, must have prior approval of a member of the Spiritual Leadership Team or a Trustee. Any expenditure over £1000 must be approved by the Spiritual Leadership Team in advance.

Dissolution

If the Trustees feel it necessary to wind up the charity, they must call a Special Trustee Meeting. All decisions made in the meeting must be agreed by the Trustees. Minutes must be kept of the meeting

In the case of winding up, any money after payment of all debts, belonging to the church must be given to a charity with a similar purpose.

Trustees

Graham Hunter - Pastor

Jill Goulding - Treasurer

Andrew Dean

Barbara Smith

Stephen Greenall

Summary of the years work

Sunday Worship

We have regular worship each Sunday morning with a Sunday School.

We have introduced a Harvest Service and Carol service were members of our pantry have been invited. This has resulted in members of the Pantry starting to attend regular Sunday services.

Bible Studies

Bible studies continue to take place on a Tuesday evenings. The Wednesday evening bible study has been put on hold for the time being as we think and pray about using the evening to introduce a Christianity Explored/ Alpha Course

Building

For the foreseeable future we see Lester Drive as our home.

Pantry

The pantry continues to be a success on many different levels,
providing much needed food to those who need it,
providing a friendly meeting place and companionship to people who are lonely
Introducing people to Cornerstone Church

Cafe

We have been in negotiations with Knowsley Council on renting the building known as Henley Cafe in Henley Park.

The lease we had been offered is a 25 year lease which was unacceptable and so we negotiated with Knowsley Council to acquire the building on a much shorter lease.

We have now secured the building on a short rolling lease with a years grace on the rent on the proviso that the council undertakes some remedial work on the building, eg. gutters etc

Insurance has been taken out on the building

Future Plans for Cafe

To renovate the building.

The cafe requires:

- The electric and plumbing to be checked over.

- All the cafe frontage to be taken out and replaced

- The kitchen to be taken out and replaced, salvage anything were possible

- The bathroom to be taken out and replaced

- New flooring and re-decoration

- New fitted cafe front and serving area

- New fitted commercial kitchen

- Coffee machine

- Furniture

The building will be run as a cafe with the aim of providing affordable quality food for people. Any profits made will be used to provide free meals for those who need them.

We aim to groups use the building as a meeting place for their work ie MIND



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

CORNERSTONE (ST. HELENS) COMMUNITY CHURCH

On accounts for the year
ended

31 DECEMBER 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1174465

Set out on pages

1.

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which 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:

C. Barratt

Date:

13.10.25

Name:

CYRIL BARRATT

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

FCMA

Address:

56, LONG MEADOW

ST. HELENS WA10 4LS

CORNERSTONE CHURCH
Income and Expenditure Accounts for
year to 31 December 2024

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| Income | | £ |
| | Donations | 19705 |
| | Grant | 6525 |
| | Raffle | 290 |
| | Gift Aid | 3052 |
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| | | 29572 |
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| Expenditure | | |
| | Food | 11428 |
| | Salary | 18258 |
| | Transport | 933 |
| | Insurance | 978 |
| | Sunday School | 88 |
| | Hire of Hall | 1300 |
| | Legal Expenses | 550 |
| | Pantry Subs | 1272 |
| | Thirty... | 201 |
| | Others | 852 |
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| | | 35860 |
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| | | -6288 |
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| | Bank Balance 31.12.2024 | 13757 |
| | Cash in Hand 31.12.2024 | 0 |
| | Total Funds at 31.12.2024 | 13757 |

