

# Market Overton Free Church

## CIO 1174840

### Annual Report 2024

The trustees are:

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Market Overton Free Church is an independent church affiliated to the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC). The church is governed by its Head, the Lord Jesus Christ, as he has made his will known in the Bible. Under his authority, the elders lead the church, which has a congregational form of church government. The number of members at the end of 2024 is 17. We have appointed Carl Meachem from a neighbouring church to assist with leadership.

Church activities Sunday morning meetings were held at Market Overton Village Hall throughout the year, with a regular congregation of around 50 people. We post recordings of the message on our YouTube channel. Sunday evening meetings were held in Edmondthorpe, except for a monthly all-age special service held in Market Overton. Thursday evening meetings were held in members' homes. A monthly informal ladies' gathering has continued throughout the year. Prayer meetings were held on a regular basis, some in person and some online. We have linked in with The Rural Project, which supports church work in rural communities. We also attended the East Midlands Churches Day event. A revitalisation working group has continued meeting, seeking ways to rebuild and grow the church.

Community activities. Our monthly coffee hour meetings in Market Overton and street evangelism in Oakham have continued through the year. We took part in the Market Overton Feast Weekend event in June. We held various events around Christmas, including an advent community craft event and carol singing round the village. Our ministry to schools continued with a Bible Times Exhibition in November, and our pastor's regular assembly visits to 9 local primary schools.

Finances. The Lord has continued to provide for the financial needs of the church through the faithful giving of members and friends, and through grants from local Christian Trusts. A legacy gift of £23,301.11 has been vital in sustaining the work financially – we have drawn on this reserve at the rate of approximately £650 per month. During the year gifts have been made to UK missionary organisations working in the UK and abroad, amounting to £2604.00. Harvest gifts were sent to the local Oakham Food Bank and a special offering was made at our Christmas Day service for support of the Blytheswood Care charity.

The overall income for the year was £75338.84 and expenditure £47840.39. The year therefore ended with an overall surplus of £ 27498.45. With £ 5582.49 brought forward from 2023 our balance at the end of the year is £ 33080.94 for which we are grateful to God.

**Market Overton Free Church CIO**  
**Charity No. 1174840**  
**Accounts 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024**

Receipts	2024	2023	Payments	2024	2023
Balance brought forward from 2023:			Admin	780.28	694
Treasurers Account	502.34	1881.28	Safeguarding	0.00	50
Reserve Account	5080.15	6504.28	Copyright Licence	97.00	93
Gifts	12150.00	7810.00	FIEC Donation	600.00	500
Offerings	34552.00	32977.53	Food/Catering	14.31	126
Other income	23416.16	0.00	Insurance	286.92	266
Gift Aid refund	4983.59	4727.55	Literature	49.54	112
Interest (Treasurers Account)	0.00	0.00	Missionary Support	2004.00	1993
Interest (Reserve Account)	237.09	75.87	Outreach	1934.73	1665
			Publicity	103.83	133
			Rent	2404.43	2594
			Equipment	222.50	0
			Speakers	817.00	1220
			Others	50.00	50
			Employment Costs	38263.85	38838
			Conferences/Training	212.00	60
			Balance to Carry Forward	33080.94	
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<b>Summary</b>			<b>Current Assets</b>		
Receipts in 2024	75338.84		Lloyds Treasurers Account	463.70	
Payments in 2024	47840.39		Lloyds Business Savings Account (Reserve)	32617.24	
Surplus	27498.45		Cash in hand	0.00	
Balance brought forward from 2023	5582.49				
Balance to Carry Forward	<u>33080.94</u>			<u>33080.94</u>	

Accounts examined and agreed for year ended 31st December 2024

P. M. M. (Auditor)

8 March 2025

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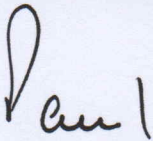
Dear Roy

**Market Overton Free Church CIO**

I am pleased to confirm that I have examined the accounts and supporting documents relating to the church for the year ended 31 December 2024 and have found everything to be in order.

I apologise for the delay for reasons of which you are well aware.

With kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul', written in a cursive style.

Paul Muldoon