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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1175505

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST MARCH 2023
CHRISTIAN GROWTH CENTRE, BASILDON



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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Our Charity's purposes as set out in the objects contained in the company's Memorandum and Articles of Association are:

- To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs appearing in the Schedule hereto in Basildon and in such parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit and other such purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the Charity;
- To further Christian education in such parts of Basildon and the surrounding area and in such other parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit to relieve persons who are in a condition of need or hardship or who are aged or sick and to relieve the distress caused thereby in such parts of Basildon and the surrounding area and in such other parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit.
- To provide and maintain facilities (whether in a purpose-built Community Centre or otherwise) for the benefit of the community of Basildon and the surrounding neighbourhood which facilities may without limitation include the provision of child-care services and meetings, lectures, and classes, and other forms of education, recreation, and leisure-time occupation without distinction of race, sex, political, religious or other opinion and with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants as the Trustees may from time to time in their discretion determine.

Grant making

Currently, CGC Basildon does not give grants by application. However, gifts may be given to other charitable organizations to help to achieve CGC Basildon's charitable objects and mission statement. Gifts are given at the discretion of the Trustees on recommendations submitted by the Senior Pastor(s).

Volunteers

CGC Basildon recognizes that the work of volunteers contributes significantly to the activities and success of CGC Basildon on every level. From the Trustees through to the welcome team, there are volunteers working passionately and tirelessly, giving time and skills to further the work of the Charity and helping it to achieve its objectives

CGC Basildon is committed to involving volunteers directly within the organization to:

- Contribute to the delivery of our Sunday services, community projects, and events.
- Form our board of trustees.
- Make sure we are responsive to the needs of the congregation and the community we serve.
- Provide different skills and perspectives.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Ensuring that our work delivers our aims

We review our aims, objectives, and activities each year. This review looks at what we achieved and the outcomes of our work in the previous 12 months. We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and complied with section 17(5) of the 2011 Charities Act when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the Trustees/Directors consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

The review also helps us to ensure that our aim, objectives, and activities remained focused on the charity's objectives.

The Focus of our work

Our main objectives for the year ending 31st March 2023 continued to be:

- The propagation of the Christian gospel – To support our local Pastor in reaching the local community through dialogue and exploration of Christianity.
- Relief – we aim to be available in extending our generosity, love, and empathy to those in our community who may be in need, hardship, and distress.

Our core purpose is to benefit the residents of Basildon and surrounding areas by offering our Centre as a community hub for relationships and cohesion.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Project 58:7 – CGC continues to host a homeless community feeding programme on Tuesdays Working alongside an initiative of Churches Together Basildon, our charity continued to offer hot meals to the homeless community every Tuesday evening at 6:30pm to 7:30pm, The average attendance for these meals ranges from 16 to 25 individuals and again our centre continues to receive positive reviews from our service users. Community Outreach – We continue to share our faith through conversation with our local community and inviting interested parties to our regular meetings on Sundays that run from 10:30am to 12pm and have seen a regular attendance of between 45 – 70 parishioners and visitors weekly. We also run weekly small group meetings, a regular prayer meeting and a children's church service.

TRUSTEES - The trustees remained the same in this period.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Net assets fell from £9,239 - (2022) to £3,057 in 2023. This was due to the difficult fundraising environment. Despite the fall in net assets, the trustees believe that the charity is sustainable for the next 12 months.

Investment policy and objectives

Currently, the charity do not have any investment funds.

Reserves policy

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of commitment held. The Trustees aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil their charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income. The Trustees will endeavour to not 'sit' in on funds unnecessarily.

FINANCIAL POSITION UPDATE

The Statement of Financial Activities for the period to 31st March 2023 shows a gross income of £45,353 (2022 - £49,206) and a net expenditure of £47,104 (2022 - £53,637). Reserves at the year-end amount to £3,057 (2022- £4,808) and are considered adequate to support the ongoing plans of the charity.

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FUTURE PLANS

Staffing – The Charity is looking to rely on volunteers for the administrator and Pastor roles from January 2023 to reduce the pressure on available funds.

Services – The charity is planning to host bi-weekly services and encourage connect group meetings and involvement in charitable deeds in the other two Sundays of the month.

Trustees – the charity is looking to appoint two new individuals to the role of trustees

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE, AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The organization is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 09th April 2010. The Company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £100.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The directors of the company are also charity trustees and are known as Trustees in the company's Articles. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, new trustees are elected by the board and are not subject to retirement by rotation. The office of a trustee continues until retirement or removal in accordance with the articles.

There are at least three trustees in post at any one time and it is a priority that we have a range of skills available to manage the diversity of CGC Basildon religious and community work. Currently we have a range of skills on the team including business and financial management, life coaching and pastoral care.

As trustees retire from the board, CGC Basildon seeks to find new members to replace the skills lost. Because of the nature of our work and requirement for trustees to sign up to the Statement of Faith (as laid out in the schedule to the articles), trustees may approach suitable persons who already serve in the organization. Board members may also make enquiries about potential suitable candidates by approaching partnering ministries with similar ethos and values.

Through the process of recruitment, new trustees are required to

- Provide references- on application
- Declare any conflicts of interest and sign a declaration that they are not disqualified from being a trustee at interview
- Sign the Statement of Faith in the Schedule to the Articles - at appointment

Organizational structure

In CGC Basildon the Pastor(s) and Board of Trustees play their own parts in the leadership of the church. We currently have a board of three trustees who are responsible and accountable for: Strategic Planning, Finances, Facilities, Pastoral Search, Risk Management and Church Policy

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The day to day running of the charity is led by the Senior Pastor(s) who have direct oversight and are accountable for: Spiritual Leadership, Visionary Leadership, Directorship of Programs/Ministries Reporting, Ministry Progress, Worship and Personnel Management.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE, AND MANAGEMENT

Induction and training of new trustees

To help our trustees succeed in their posts, it is important for them and the charity that there is a clear and transparent application, interview, and induction process to clarify expectations and responsibilities.

In the process of Trustee recruitment and induction, new trustees are:

1. Issued an induction pack containing (but not limited to);
 - Charity commission Publication CC3
 - Relevant policies such as the Vision and Values Statements
 - The Statement of Faith
 - The latest accounts
 - Last annual report
 - Recent board meeting minutes
 - Organizational structure diagram
2. Asked to attend a trustee meeting as an observer where they can ask further questions.
3. Offered the opportunity to visit the Church and any of the activities/ projects to meet staff and service users.

To keep up to date with their roles and responsibilities, CGC Basildon Trustees are encouraged to seek out and participate in appropriate courses and events specific to the charity sector

Entitlement of Trustees

CGC Basildon Trustees serve voluntarily and receive no benefits for services provided with the exception of Trustees who serve as Religious Pastors as laid out in the memorandum (section 6). Any expenses reclaimed from the charity are set out in the notes to the accounts.

Wider network

CGC Basildon is part of the CGI network (also known as Skylark International) of churches and members of the Evangelical Alliance who oversight our doctrinal teaching and validate our credibility as a Christian organization.

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
07218377 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number
1175505

Registered office

Time Square
Basildon
ESSEX
SS14 1DJ

Trustees

Anthony Nicholls
Ambrose Khumalo

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAIL

Company Directors

Anthony Nicholls
Ambrose Khumalo

Bankers

Lloyds Bank
10-20 Town Square
Basildon
SS14 1DU

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Christian Growth Centre, Basildon for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently; observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP; make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 30th December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

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Ambrose Khumalo

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL
ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31st MARCH 2023**

Recommended categories by activity	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds 2023 £	Prior year 2022 £
Income (Note 2)					
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	45,353	-	-	45,353	49,206
Charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-
Separate material item of income	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	45,353	-	-	45,353	49,206
Expenditure (Notes 3)					
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	47,104	-	-	47,104	53,637
Separate material expense item					
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	47,104	-	-	47,104	53,637
Net income/(expenditure) before tax for the reporting period	(1,751)	-	-	(1,751)	(4,431)
Tax payable	-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) after tax before investment gains/(losses)	(1,751)	-	-	(1,751)	(4,431)
Net gains/(losses) on investments	-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) Extraordinary items	(1,751)	-	-	(1,751)	(4,431)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):					
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	(1,751)	-	-	(1,751)	(4,431)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	4,808	-	-	4,808	9,239
Total funds carried forward	3,057	-	-	3,057	4,808

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2023

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
		£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets	(Notes 6)	2,117	-	-	2,117	2,353
Total fixed assets		2,117	-	-	2,117	2,353
Current assets						
Debtors		-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		1,540	-	-	1,540	3,056
Total current assets		1,540	-	-	1,540	3,056
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(Notes 7)	600	-	-	600	600
Net current assets/(liabilities)		940	-	-	940	2,456
Total assets less current liabilities		3,057	-	-	3,057	4,809
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year			-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities		-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities		3,057	-	-	3,057	4,809
Funds of the Charity						
Endowment funds		-			-	-
Restricted income funds			-		-	-
Unrestricted funds	(Notes 8)	3,057		-	3,057	9,239
Revaluation reserve					-	
Fair value reserve						
Total funds		3,057	-	-	3,057	9,239

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st March 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small company's regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 30th December 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

.....
Ambrose Khumalo -Trustee

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102 updated by bulletin 1) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognized in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognized as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the yearend date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and machinery	- 10% Straight Line
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Tangible fixed assets are capitalized if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost or if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity.

Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statement

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Going Concern

Each year it's the Trustees' responsibility to state whether or not the annual accounts have been drawn up on a going concern basis. Going concern is the assumption that an entity, in this case the Charity, has the resources (financial or otherwise) needed to continue operating for the foreseeable future and, in particular, for at least 12 months from the date of approval by the Trustees of these annual accounts. If the going concern principle did not apply, then the accounts would be drawn up on an insolvent basis. Clearly, as part of this year's going concern review, the Trustees have had to consider the likely impact of fundraising on its ministry. It has concluded that the financial risks to their ministry have increased slightly as a result of the cost of living crisis in the UK. As a result, income from the charity has seen some reduction although members in the church continue to pay their dues, which is the main source of income for the Charity. It is therefore appropriate to prepare the 2023 Accounts on a going-concern basis and it is not necessary to make any adjustments to these accounts. The Trustees will continue to keep both the short-term and longer-term impact under review

2. Income

Analysis of income		Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds £	Prior year £
Donations and legacies:	Donations and gifts	45,353	-	-	45,353	40,661
	Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	8,545
	Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	45,353	-	-	45,353	49,206

3. Expenditure

Activity	2023				2022			
	Activities undertaken directly £	Grant funding of activities £	Support Costs £	Total this year £	Activities undertaken directly £	Grant funding of activities £	Support Costs £	Total last year £
Rent	18,815	-	-	18,815	22,549	-	-	22,549
Staff Cost	18,594	-	-	18,594	21,427	-	-	21,427
Mission	9,694	-	-	9,694	9,660	-	-	9,660
Total	47,104	-	-	47,104	53,636	-	-	53,636

4. Trustee Remuneration

The charity's memorandum and articles of association allowing remuneration to be paid to trustees are approved by the charity commission. The following remuneration was paid to the following trustees, who are also considered to be key management of the charity, during the year.

	2023	2022
Trustee remuneration	18,393	17,790
Total	18,393	17,790

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

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5. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
number of staffs	2	2

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

Included within wages are amounts paid to third parties of £ Nil (2020 - NIL).

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6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold land & buildings	Other land & buildings	Plant, machinery and motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
At the beginning of the year	-	-	-	4,302	4,302
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers *	-	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-	4,302	4,302

Depreciation and impairments

**Basis	SL or RB (Straight Line or Reducing Balance)	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL	SL
** Rate				10%	10%

At beginning of the year	-	-	-	1,949	1,949
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-	236	236
Impairment	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers*	-	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-	2,185	2,185

Net book value

Net book value at the beginning of the year	-	-	-	2,353	2,353
Net book value at the end of the year	-	-	-	2,117	2,117

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7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE MORE THAN ONE YEAR

Amounts falling due within one year	
2023 £	2022 £
Accruals for grants payable	600
Bank loans and overdrafts	-
Other creditors	-
Total	600

8. FUND MOVEMENT

Fund names	Type PE, EE R or UR *	Purpose and Restrictions	Fund balances brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	Fund balances carried forward £
Unrestricted funds	UR	N/a	4,808	45,353	- 47,104	-	-	3,057
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
Other funds (balancing figure)	N/a	N/a	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Funds as per balance sheet			4,808	45,353	- 47,104	-	-	3,057
