



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 11	Year 2021		Day 31	Month 10	Year 2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Lonlas Gospel Mission

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1176156

Charity's principal address

Lonlas Gospel Mission

Lonlas Avenue

Skewen, Neath

Postcode

SA10 6RT

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mark Davies	Elder		
2	Jim Webber	Elder		
3	Bruce Holliday	Elder		
4	Dr Chris Rogers	Elder/Pastor		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Institution
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by a church membership vote

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith set out in the Constitution and Church Handbook; primarily but not exclusively within South Wales and the surrounding neighbourhood, and such other charitable purposes as shall put into practice the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, including the prevention and relief of need, hardship and sickness; the advancement of education; and the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need with the object of improving their conditions in life, provided such provision is consistent with the Doctrinal Distinctives and Ethical Statements as may be adopted by the church in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and the Church Handbook.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Having regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion, our aim has been to advance the Christian faith by enabling members of the community to live out their faith through the provision of worship services and prayer meetings, preaching and teaching the gospel of Jesus Christ in a variety of contexts, providing pastoral care to those within and beyond the immediate congregation, and the pursuance of missionary and outreach work in the immediate community and beyond. To facilitate this work it is important that a full time pastor is employed and that the fabric of the church building is maintained.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Worship, preaching, teaching and prayer:

Over the course of the last year the church was subject to rules that the government imposed in order to limit the spread of the Corona Virus. Although now lifted these regulations and restrictions prevented us from performing many of our usual functions in the same way. Under a normal routine we provided worshippers with the opportunity to meet twice on a Sunday (11am and 6pm) for worship, preaching, and prayer. Communion was held twice – on the 1st (in am) and 3rd (in pm) Sundays. A Sunday School was also offered during the morning service. Opportunity to remain for fellowship and refreshments was provided following morning services, (am) Sundays. Every Wednesday the church met to pray for the work of the church. Every Thursday morning the ladies met to pray. Once a month the church met in smaller groups to share their reflections on what they have learned from God's word over the month – the church follows a study programme designed to ensure that we grow in biblical understand together. On completion of our 3rd RBT cycle we have begun an 8 session Discipleship Explored series and are now completing a study through the book of James. Once a month we also had a wider missionary focus at the prayer meeting – inviting outside missionary workers / organisations from the UK and the wider world to come and share with us.

Other monthly meetings such as a ladies bible study and a men's meal (which involves teaching discussion and shared meal) also formed part of the regular church programme.

Our current church membership is 53, although we also had a number of regular attendees at our services who are not in membership.

Our average attendance at our Sunday morning services was:50

Our average attendance at our Sunday evening services was:30

Our average attendance at our Wednesday evening prayer meeting was:20

Outreach & Local Community Involvement:

The opportunity for outreach has also been affected by the regulations however open air services in Neath and community hall services have now resumed. Song in the park and Carol Service.

Schools Work

Three times a year we invite the children from our local Primary Schools into the church building and provide 3 different learning opportunities – Christmas Unwrapped, Easter Eggsplained and Welcome to Church. This year we were only able to host the Christmas Unwrapped programme but it was a great opportunity to invite local children into the building to hear about Jesus and the hope He brings.

Local Nursing Home visits:

The opportunity again has been restricted due to the regulations and spread of Corona Virus at times. Live streaming of services is still ongoing to provide a service for those ill or house bound to be able to attend and be a part of the worship services.

All those involved directly in children's work and work with vulnerable adults of whatever age have, have been CRB checked. The church has a Safeguarding Policy in place, together with 2 identified Safeguarding Officers. These have been reviewed and recently updated in line with current guidelines.

Special Services

We aim to invite the local community into the church whenever we have opportunity and last year held Christmas Carol Services to which everyone was invited, community hall services and open air services when able.

Christianity Explored

When individuals are seeking to find out about Jesus, we offer a 8-10 week course called Christianity Explored, and more recently have done this on an individual basis.

Wider Mission

As already stated, the church is involved in mission locally and further afield.

As well as making regular donations to the “visiting” organisations when they visit / share news each month; we support other Christian work on a more regular basis (last year we continued our annual financial support of a national pastors training fund (Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches), a Christian schools work charity (Ice Wales), Christian outreach work in Croatia, as well as a local church in a neighbouring village).

Church Leadership

The church is led by a group of 3 elders, one of whom is paid to work as a full time pastor and whose responsibility it is to provide the main teaching and pastoral care for the church.

Our church leadership is now supported by 2 Deacons (a Treasurer and a Buildings Deacon).

The Church Buildings

In accordance with the instruction made to the managing trustees from the church membership, on January 9th 2020 ownership of the church properties (the Mission Hall and the Manse), which had previously been held on trust by property trustees for the church, was vested in Lonlas Gospel Mission CIO. There has been no change to the status of the buildings within the CIO over the recent year.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We do not have a reserves policy.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

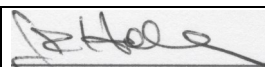
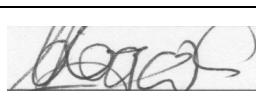
Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Chris Rogers

Bruce Holliday

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Pastor / Elder

Elder

Date

25/08/23



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

CC16a Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

30/10/2021

To

29/10/2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Offering	34,532	6,756	-	41,288	35,222
Gift Aid	19,981	-	-	19,981	22,002
Interest	132	0	-	133	-
Other Income	4,907	-	-	4,907	4,250
Misc	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	59,553	6,756	-	66,308	61,474
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	59,553	6,756	-	66,308	61,474
A3 Payments					
Richard Salary/Pension	27,380	-	-	27,380	26,019
Mission/Outreach	12,060	2,199	-	14,259	9,277
FIEC	2,018	-	-	2,018	2,018
HMRC Tax/Nat Insurance	3,038	-	-	3,038	5,140
Church Electricity/Gas Bill	4,538	-	-	4,538	3,423
Visiting Speakers	1,984	-	-	1,984	1,335
Church & Manse Insurance	1,241	-	-	1,241	1,205
Manse Expenses	4,357	-	-	4,357	191
Repairs	9,474	-	-	9,474	20,712
Accountancy	1,086	-	-	1,086	840
Misc. Expenses	2,816	-	-	2,816	3,863
Legal fees	-	-	-	-	254
IT & licences	1,897	-	-	1,897	3,470
Training/ Conferences	1,797	-	-	1,797	379
Bank charges	152	30	-	182	60
S/School/Life Signs/Whizz Kids/Sunbeams	-	-	-	-	0
Sub total	73,837	2,229	-	76,066	78,186
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	73,837	2,229	-	76,066	78,186
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 14,285	4,527	-	- 9,758	- 16,712
A5 Transfers between funds	4,565	4,565	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	67,012	1,413	-	68,425	85,137
Cash funds this year end	57,292	1,375	-	58,667	68,425

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current /Deposits	57,292	1,374	-
	Facilitated Deposits	-		-
	Building Fund	-	1	-
	Total cash funds	57,292	1,375	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Church	600,000	-	-
	Manse	185,000		-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

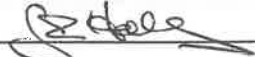
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	N/A		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	N/A		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	N/A		-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature



Print Name

Bruce Holliday

Date of approval

5/11/23

M. I. Davies

Mark Davies

5/4/23



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Lonlas Gospal Mission

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30th October 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1176156

Set out on pages

1 and 2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/10/21.

**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: 

Date: 17/11/2023

Name: Michael Jones

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

ACCA

Address:

Bevan Buckland LLP

Cardigan House, Castle Court, Swansea Enterprise Park

Swansea, SA7 9LA

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.