

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date		
Day 30	Month 10	Year 2022	Day 29	Month 10	Year 2023
From			To		

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	Dr Chris Rogers	Elder/Pastor		
2	Bruce Holliday	Elder		
3	Mark Davies	Elder		
4	Robert Emmett	Deacon/Treasurer		
5				

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)

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Pastor / Elder

Elder

Date

23/03/25



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Lionas Gospel Mission

Charity No. 1176156
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	30/10/2022		29/10/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Offering	34,531	2,373	-	36,904	41,288
Gift Aid	20,094	-	-	20,094	19,981
Interest	1,149	-	-	1,149	133
Other Income	7,761	-	-	7,761	4,907
Misc	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	63,535	2,373	-	65,908	66,308

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A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	63,535	2,373	-	65,908	66,308

A3 Payments

Chris Rogers Salary	27,382		-	27,382	27,380
Matthew Salary	9,640		-	9,640	0
Mission/Outreach	12,495	2,080	-	14,575	14,259
FIEC	2,000		-	2,000	2,018
HMRC Tax/Nat Insurance	3,038		-	3,038	3,038
Church Electricity/Gas Bill	4,462		-	4,462	4,538
Visiting Speakers	2,185		-	2,185	1,984
Church & Manse Insurance	1,478		-	1,478	1,241
IT & licences	3,297		-	3,297	1,897
Accountancy	-			-	1,086
Misc. Expenses	3,938			3,938	2,816
Repairs					9,474
Training/ Conferences	1,800			1,800	1,797
Bank charges	191			191	182
Manse expenses	1,616			1,616	4,357
Sub total	73,521	2,080	-	75,601	76,067

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)



	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	73,521	2,080	-	75,601	76,067

Net of receipts/(payments)	- 9,986	293	-	- 7,512	- 9,759
A5 Transfers between funds	1,668	- 1,668	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	57,296	1,376	-	58,671	68,425
Cash funds this year end	48,977	0.96	-	51,159	58,666

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	48,977	-	-
	Facilitated Deposits	-	-	-
	Building Fund	-	1	-
	Total cash funds	48,977	1	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Church	600,000	-	-
	Manse	185,000	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	N/A		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	N/A		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	N/A		-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Bruce Holliday	23/03/25
	Robert Emmett	23/03/25



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Lonlas Gospal Mission

On accounts for the year
ended

29th October 2023

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 29/10/23.

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:

21/03/2025

Name:

Michael Jones

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

FCCA

Address:

Bevan Buckland LLP

Langdon House, Langdon Road, Swansea SA1 8QY

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.

(Charity letterhead)

Bevan Buckland LLP
Cardigan House
Castle Court
Swansea Enterprise Park
Swansea
SA7 9LA

Dear Sirs

This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 29st October 2023 for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material aspects (or give a true and fair view) in accordance with Charity SORP.

We confirm that the following representations are made on the basis of enquiries of the trustees, management and staff with relevant knowledge and experience (and, where appropriate, of inspection of supporting documentation) sufficient to satisfy ourselves that we can properly make each of the following representations to you:

1. We have fulfilled our responsibilities as trustees under the *Charities Act 2011* for preparing financial statements, in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework (*Charity SORP*).
2. We confirm that all accounting records have been made available to you for the purpose of your independent examination, in accordance with your terms of engagement, and that all the transactions undertaken by the charity have been properly reflected and recorded in the accounting records. All other records and related information, including minutes of all management, trustees' and members' meetings, have been made available to you. We have given you unrestricted access to persons within the charity in order to obtain audit evidence and have provided any additional information that you have requested for the purposes of your audit.
3. We confirm that the charity has no liabilities or contingent liabilities other than those disclosed in the financial statements.
4. We confirm that all known actual or possible litigation and claims whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements have been disclosed to you and accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework (*Charity SORP*).
5. We confirm that there have been no events since the balance sheet date which require disclosing or which would materially affect the

amounts in the financial statements, other than those already disclosed or included in the financial statements.

6. We confirm that we are aware of the definition of a related party for the purpose of the accounting framework being applied in the preparation of the accounts.

We confirm that there have been no material transactions with related parties

7. We confirm that all related party relationships and transactions have been accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework (Charity SORP).
8. We confirm that the charity neither had, at any time during the year, any arrangement, transaction or agreement to provide credit facilities (including advances and credits granted by the charity) for trustees, nor provided guarantees of any kind on behalf of the trustees.
9. We confirm that the charity has not contracted for any capital expenditure other than as disclosed in the financial statements.
10. We confirm that the charity has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that could have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of non-compliance.
11. We confirm that we are not aware of any possible or actual instance of non-compliance with those laws and regulations which provide a legal framework within which the charity conducts its activities and which are central to the charity's ability to conduct its activities, namely [*provide details of appropriate legislation*], except as explained to you and as disclosed in the financial statements.
12. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal controls to prevent and detect fraud. We confirm that we have disclosed to you the results of our risk assessment of the risk of fraud in the organisation.

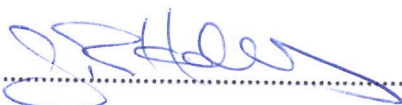
There have been no deficiencies in internal control of which we are aware.

13. We confirm that there have been no actual or suspected instances of fraud involving trustees, management or employees who have a significant role in internal control or that could have a material effect on the financial statements. We also confirm that we are not aware of any allegations of fraud by trustees, former trustees, analysts, employees, former employees, regulators or others.

14. We confirm that, in our opinion, the charity's financial statements should be prepared on the going concern basis on the grounds that current and future sources of funding or support will be more than adequate for the charity's needs. In reaching this conclusion, we have taken into account all relevant matters of which we are aware and have considered a period of at least one
15. We confirm that in our opinion the effects of uncorrected misstatements are immaterial, both individually and in aggregate, to the financial statements as a whole. A list of the uncorrected misstatements is attached to this letter.
16. We confirm that all grants, donations and other income, including those subject to special terms or conditions or received for restricted purposes, have been notified to you. There have been no breaches of terms or conditions during the period regarding the application of such income.
17. We acknowledge our legal responsibilities regarding disclosure of information to you as auditors and confirm that:
- so far as each trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which you as auditors are unaware; and
 - each trustee has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that you are aware of that information.
 - The representations made are the best of our knowledge and belief.

Yours faithfully,

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees:

Trustee.....

Date.....23.03-25.....