

LANCASTER
Church of The Nazarene

**Board of Trustees' Report
and Financial Statements
For the Year Ended
30 September 2023**

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Report of the Board of Trustees for the year ended 30 September 2023

The Board of Trustees presents its report and financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2023.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity name:	Lancaster Church of The Nazarene
Charity Registration Number:	1177080
Principal Address:	Newsham Road, Lancaster, LA1 4PH

Board of Trustees

Stephen Watson	(Chairperson & Treasurer)
Marian Poole	
Mary Compton	
Christina Anne Watson	
Janet Humpage	
Laura Grace Sparrow	

Holding Trustee

Church of the Nazarene British Isles South District (A Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee: Company No 7028764)

Website: N/A

Bankers: Lloyds Bank, 49 Market Street, Lancaster, LA1 1JH.

Independent Examiner: Not applicable due to income being below £25,000.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Structure and Organisation

The charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) was set up on the 9th of February 2018 with registration number 1177080.

Trustee Appointments

The Pastor of the church is ex-officio chairperson of the Board of Charity Trustees and his/her position is reviewed after two years and then every four years after that.

The remaining Trustees are appointed annually by the members of Lancaster Church of The Nazarene at the annual general meeting held in February each year.

Governance and Wider Network

The Board of Trustees meets regularly, normally on a monthly basis to consider the work and management of the church and assess and plan the financial and other aspects of the work and direction of the charity.

The church/CIO is a member of the Church of The Nazarene British Isles South District (a Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee, Company No 7028764; Charity No 1133336) which in turn is a member of The Global Church of The Nazarene which has its headquarters in Lenexa, USA.

The CIO is governed by an approved governing constituting document drawn up by Anthony Collins, Charity Solicitors, Birmingham and approved by the Charity Commission for England and Wales and HMR&C. The governing document is based on the Manual of the Global Church of The Nazarene where UK law permits.

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Risk Management

The risk management strategy of the church is in a continual process of formulation in response to the changing circumstances that could impact upon the work of the church.

The Board of Trustees, in considering this important task, take direction from on-going discussions with members both internally and through meetings with the Church of The Nazarene British Isles South District and other advisers, adopting appropriate policies as required or as they become necessary to the ongoing work of the church.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Charitable Objectives

The charity has the following objectives:

- a) The advancement of the Christian faith as part of the Global Church of The Nazarene and the Church of the Nazarene British Isles South District principally, but not exclusively, in the north of England.
- b) To serve and enhance the local community

Public Benefit

The Trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit reporting in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. This report illustrates the activities undertaken to support the public benefit requirement.

Review of the Year

The aims for the year included:

- Continuation of weekly Christian worship meetings and promotion of the Christian faith in accordance with the principles of the Church of The Nazarene.
- Continuing to develop links with the local community, to enhance the involvement of the church with and relevant local agencies on behalf of the local community.

Significant activities during the period include:

- Provision of a mid-week coffee morning.
- Provision of the building for community activities.
- Visitation of both members and others in the local community in times of need or by request.
- Celebrations to mark key occasions in the Christian calendar, such as Christmas and Easter.
- Availability for weddings and funerals and other services of significance

Achievements during the period include:

- Continuation of a weekly worship service.
- Collecting tins and packets of food for local food banks.
- Holding a weekly coffee morning.
- Visiting the elderly and sick and providing transport for those not able to attend church otherwise.
- Knitting of garments for orphans and children's homes in India and Africa.

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Volunteers

The work planned, activities undertaken and achievements attained would not have been possible without the active involvement and hard work of all of the members and friends of the charity without whom the substantial work of the charity could not be realised. The Board of Trustees is grateful for the work and support of all the members and friends of Lancaster Church of The Nazarene.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves

The charity does not have a policy on reserves as the expenditure and work of the charity is reliant upon the ongoing support, tithes and offerings of the members and friends received at the weekly meetings. The Board of Trustees reviews on a monthly basis the anticipated income and expenditure for the next two to three months in order to ensure the ongoing work of the charity.

Financial Review of the Year

The charity has continued throughout the year to meet and tailor the expenditure it incurs to the income received through rent from the manse and through the tithes, offerings and donations received. There is much more that the Board of Trustees would like to do and we continue to explore these and the use of possible grants that may be available to enable these plans to become a reality.

The receipts and payment account shows that there was a net decrease in cash funds during the year of £6291.11. This was due to significant repairs needing to be carried out on the church building and an increase in energy costs.

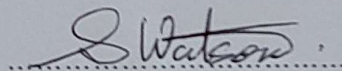
Plans for Future Periods

The Board of Trustees meets on a monthly basis to plan and look to the future of the charity.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees on 4 JULY 2024


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(Chairperson)

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	2022-23	2021-22
	£	£
Income		
Offerings	3946.68	4003.98
Rent from Manse	7527.00	7172.00
Donations	500.00	-
NMI	-	232.43
TOTAL	<u>11,973.68</u>	<u>11,408.41</u>
 Expenditure		
Utilities	1276.12	606.55
NMI	-	232.43
District Budgets	801.00	451.00
Church Insurance	696.53	617.68
Manse Insurance	384.79	353.91
Church Repairs & Maintenance	11,226.35	4160.40
Manse Repairs & Maintenance	1630.00	3320.00
Preachers	1260.00	1250.00
Accounting Expenses	900.00	-
Other Expenses	90.00	150.00
TOTAL	<u>18,264.79</u>	<u>11,141.97</u>
 Balance Brought Forward	67,412.71	67,146.27
Net For The Year	<u>(6291.11)</u>	<u>266.44</u>
Balance Carried Forward	<u>61,121.60</u>	<u>67,412.71</u>
 REPRESENTED BY	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
 Cash Funds		
Bank Account	61,093.03	67,391.65
Cash in Hand	28.57	21.06
Total Funds Held	<u>61,121.60</u>	<u>67,412.71</u>

The charity owns property at Newsham Road (church building) and 6 Shrewsbury Drive (Manse – Investment property) for which original cost details are unavailable.