

Charity Commission report for 2023

Overview

The life of the church remains busy. As well as the Sunday services we continue with Toddler groups, Drop-in youth group, Ladies craft group, well attended house groups and a Men's group. School's work has grown including a Mentoring team at Plymstock school and a renewed presence in Coombe Dean school. The work with Feast of fun, our support of vulnerable families in the area continues. Members have also run Messy church working alongside Aggies. The Chapel folk are also heavily involved in the Rainbow project, Bush Conference and Camps as well as special events from time to time. Our annual away weekend to Rora House happened again in June. We continue to broadcast our services on facebook. We have run Christianity Explored courses. We have also run Kintsugi Hope well-being courses and Begin well Antenatal courses.

In the summer the Chapel commenced a church health check which is giving the church an opportunity to get an outside view of how things are going. The leadership will discuss all areas of the church's life with an external advisor. The church is full at the 11am service which is one area under consideration.

New members join the church which has been encouraging.

Various points

It is agreed the CIO is still meeting charitable purpose.

It is noted that the accounts have been processed by an auditor and all is well. The trustees remain happy with the financial situation although work has commenced on exploring how the CIO can raise extra funds to close the gap between expenses and receipts. The gap is smaller than it used to be which is encouraging.

It is agreed that the building is in good repair and requirements are up to date. Work has been done to improve the building internally including decoration and storage.

It is agreed that policies are in place and when there is opportunity, that training should take place regarding child and vulnerable adult safeguarding.

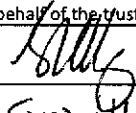
Mark Oliver continues as the only employee and all requirements are in place for him. His next review is scheduled for January.

The AGM will be held in the summer.

As ever the trustees remain grateful to God for his faithfulness.

Plymstock Chapel Receipts and payments account For the year ending 31st August 2023	This Year 2022-2023			Previous Whole Year 2021-2022		
	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted
Receipts	£	£	£	£		
Sunday Offerings	6,770.37	6,770.37	0.00	3,286.24	3,286.24	0.00
Gift Aid <i>Including external for John and Claire Wadsworth</i>	33,235.00	25,755.00	7,480.00	32,805.00	23,525.00	9,280.00
<i>Tax refunds received during financial year</i>	8422.77	7,507.77	915	7,789.30	5,611.80	2,177.50
Other Income	6,859.01	2,328.82	4,530.19	7,681.20	1,566.20	6,115.00
<i>Interest from other investments</i>		0.00		4,500.00	4,500.00	
Loan Repayments		0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
Ext. Gifts for John and Claire Wadsworth <i>Not Gift Aided.</i>	3,345.42	0.00	3,345.42	2,035.00	0.00	2,035.00
Total receipts	58,632.57	42,361.96	16,270.61	58,096.74	38,489.24	19,607.50
Payments	£	£	£	£	£	£
Outreach and Resources	1,714.57	320.08	1,394.49	4,298.08	491.48	3,806.60
Gifts	17,313.00	9,095.00	8,218.00	22,476.00	12,260.50	10,215.50
Utilities	2,502.86	2,502.86	0.00	2,105.55	2,105.55	0.00
Food Distribution	910.00	0.00	910.00	74.29	0.00	74.29
Buildings Furnishing and Systems	805.86	805.86	0.00	1,327.30	1,327.30	0.00
Miscellaneous	6,490.55	5,183.03	1,307.52	6,142.38	4,265.38	1,877.00
Full Time Worker Overheads	2,540.64	2,540.64	0.00	2,562.00	2,562.00	0.00
Full Time Worker Gross Pay	31,695.20	31,695.20	0.00	29,988.00	29,988.00	0.00
External Gifts to John and Claire Wadsworth	3,065.00	0.00	3,065.00	3,660.00	0.00	3,660.00
Total payments	67,037.68	52,142.67	14,895.01	72,633.60	53,000.21	19,633.39
Net (payments)/receipts for the year	(8,405.11)	(9,780.71)	1,375.60	(14,536.86)	(14,510.97)	(25.89)
Cash funds last year end	39,725.65	38,734.41	991.24	54,262.51	53,245.38	1017.13
Cash funds this year end	31,320.54	28,953.70	2,366.84	39,725.65	38,734.41	991.24
Plymstock Chapel Statement of assets and liabilities As at 31st August 2023				2022		
Cash funds						
HSBC Bank Balance				31,093.72		
INVESTEC Bank Balance				39,641.47		
OTHER Banks Balance				-		
Cash Balance				84.18		
				31,320.54		
				39,725.65		

Approved and signed on behalf of the trustees:

	
Name	SIMON HOSKING
Date	16/11/23

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Plymstock Chapel

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Plymstock Chapel for the year ended 31st August 2023.

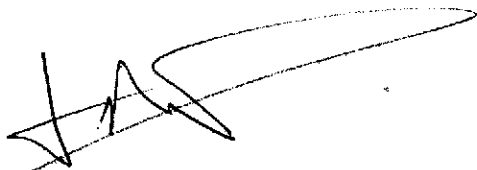
Responsibilities and basis of report

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 all 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect: 1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or 2. the accounts do not accord with those records. I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



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Date: 28.11.2023