

Charity Commission report for 2024

Overview

The life of the church remains active. As well as the Sunday services which regularly fill the church hall, 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. Welcome Wednesdays a "warm Space" coffee morning is running through the winter months. The work with Feast of fun, our support of vulnerable families in the area continues. Members have also run Messy church working alongside Aggies. We have run an Alpha course. We have also run Kintsugi Hope well-being courses and Begin well Antenatal courses. The Chapel folk are also heavily involved in the Rainbow project, Bush Conference and Camps as well as special events from time to time. We continue to broadcast our services on Facebook.

Working with other churches in the area, there have been various opportunities to witness on the Broadway shopping centre in the middle of Plymstock.

Young people were taken to Spree, a youth festival in Exeter and other events.

The Chapel is also growing opportunities for prayer.

The church health check we undertook last year brought up some interesting areas to focus on.

There are many strong points to the life of the chapel and there are some areas that can be improved. These include the organisation of pastoral care, one on one discipleship and as a priority, working to bring families and younger people into the heart of the church. The report recognises that the Chapel reaches people of all ages through various ministries but there are few who are finding their own faith and becoming members of the chapel. The Chapel and trustees are praying and exploring the idea of employing a family/youth worker to increase our capacity in the work done among families, young people and children.

We have had new members join the chapel.

The chapel has also been used on Sunday afternoons by another church which currently finds itself without a building of its own.

Various points

It is agreed the CIO is still meeting its 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 especially as our income matched our outgoings last year without reducing the spending. This is the first year since the Charity has employed Mark Oliver as Pastor when the Chapel has not had to dig into its reserves.

It is agreed that the building is in good repair and requirements are up to date.

Work has commenced on a new website and plans are made for improving the tech equipment at church.

It is agreed that policies are in place and some safe guarding training has been completed.

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.

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Receipts and Payments Account

For the year ending 31st August 2024

Receipts

Sunday Offering	
Gift Aid <i>Gift Aid giving only incl' external for J&C Wadsworth</i>	
<i>Tax Refunds received during Financial Year</i>	
Miscellaneous <i>Excluding transfers to non-HSBC accounts</i>	
<i>Interest from Other Investments</i>	
Loan Repayments	
External Gifts for John and Claire Wadsworth	
<i>Not Gift Aided</i>	
Total Receipts	

Payments

Outreach and Resources	
Gifts	
Utilities	
Food Distribution	
<i>Excluding "Feast of Fun" Youth Activity food.</i>	
Buildings Furnishing and Systems	
Miscellaneous	
<i>Excluding transfers to non-HSBC accounts</i>	
Full Time Worker Overheads	
Full Time Worker Gross Pay	
External Gifts to John and Claire Wadsworth	
Total Payments	

Net (Receipts minus Payments) for the year

for 2023-2024

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Charity Number 1177310 from February 2018

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

B/F Cheques
HSBC Bank Balance
INVESTEC Bank Balance
OTHER Banks Balance
Cash Balance

Updated:- 05/09/24

This Year

2023-2024

Total	Unrestricted	Restricted
£	£	£
9,741.19	9,285.69	455.50
43,527.00	36,808.00	6,719.00
9,014.12	7,244.12	1,770.00
7,737.88	1,221.28	6,516.60
0.00	0.00	
0.00	0.00	
1,220.00		1,220.00
71,240.19	54,559.09	16,681.10

£	£	£
2,531.47	1,203.78	1,327.69
18,277.63	8,939.63	9,338.00
2,252.73	2,252.73	0.00
1,377.16	1,300.10	77.06
2,211.34	1,711.34	500.00
5,532.24	4,492.24	1,040.00
2,610.12	2,610.12	0.00
33,481.96	33,481.96	0.00
2,570.00		2,570.00
70,844.65	55,991.90	14,852.75

395.54	(1,432.81)	1,828.35
<i>Funds at end of August 2023</i>		
31,320.54	28,953.70	2,366.84
<i>As at 31st August 2024</i>		
31,716.08	29,887.73	1,828.35

2023-2024

As at 31st August 2024

Total	Unrestricted	Restricted
0.00	0.00	0.00
31,699.13	29,870.78	1,828.35
0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00
16.95	16.95	
31,716.08	29,887.73	1,828.35

Previous Whole Year

2022-2023

Total	Unrestricted	Restricted
£	£	£
6,770.37	6,770.37	0.00
33,235.00	25,755.00	7,480.00
8,422.77	7,507.77	915.00
6,859.01	2,328.82	4,530.19
0.00	0.00	
0.00	0.00	
3,345.42		3,345.42
58,632.57	42,361.96	16,270.61

£	£	£
1,714.57	320.08	1,394.49
17,313.00	9,095.00	8,218.00
2,502.86	2,502.86	0.00
910.00	0.00	910.00
805.86	805.86	0.00
6,490.55	5,183.03	1,307.52
2,540.64	2,540.64	0.00
31,695.20	31,695.20	0.00
3,065.00		3,065.00
67,037.68	52,142.67	14,895.01

(8,405.11)	(9,780.71)	1,375.60
<i>Funds at end of August 2022</i>		
39,725.65	38,734.41	991.24
<i>Funds at end of August 2023</i>		
31,320.54	28,953.70	2,366.84

2022-2023

As at 31st August 2023

Total	Unrestricted	Restricted
0.00	0.00	0.00
31,093.72	28,726.88	2,366.84
0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00
226.82	226.82	
31,320.54	28,953.70	2,366.84

Approved and signed on behalf of the Trustees:-

Signed



Role

Trustee (Chairman)

Name

SIMON HOSKING

Date

29/10/24

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO TRUSTEES OF PLYMSTOCK CHAPEL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(1) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145(1)(a) of the Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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A P Jopson, FCA

..... 29/10/28

Date

(Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales)

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