

Trustees Annual Report 2022

During 2022, Windmill worshipped inside at the Methodist Chapel and outside in the woods for our children's and families work (Forest Church). On second Sundays we held informal services of sung worship, bible teaching and prayer in the Chapel, followed by a light fellowship meal. By the end of the year, this service was back to using the indoor technology for words to songs and microphones. We shared communion together, when Revd Crystal joined us in November 2022. Early in the year it was suggested that a prayer meeting be held in the Chapel on fourth Sundays to be led by Yvonne, Chris and Dian, with oversight from Glenda. This was a lovely informal addition to our other meetings. The weekly bible study continued via zoom throughout the year.

The main growth in the Church family was through Forest Church, which is run in partnership with 'A Little Bit Wilder Ltd'. Laura and her husband, Wes, plan, supply and run the faith-based aspects of the sessions. The Forest Church community was beginning to get to know each other and care for each other in and outside of sessions. The response from parents and children was overwhelmingly positive and we began to grow a core group of regular attendees. Some themes in the Forest were Easter, Harvest, a Light Party, 'Jesus Light of the World' including Christingle and in December a wonderful nativity in the woods with a 'stable' made by some of the children, and adults and children all taking part in the nativity play. In the Summer holidays, some families camped overnight together in the Forest.

Windmill ran a Just Giving Fundraiser to pay for a portable chargeable PA system so we can have music in our Forest Church sessions. The full amount of £515 was raised to cover this cost. As a way of linking our Forest Church families with the rest of Windmill, we ran a Posada (knitted figures of Joseph, Mary and the all-important donkey moving from house to house before Christmas) in December, which was a well-received and enjoyed activity. A hamper of food was provided for a family in need as our Christmas giving.

We continued to work with St Mary's and the Methodists as part of Churches Together in Bottesford. As members of Leicester diocese, Windmill and St Marys are moving towards becoming part of a 'Minster Community' which is the new model for churches in the diocese. Windmill were invited to contribute towards meetings and paperwork for the appointment of a Growing Faith Minister who will be licensed to St Mary's and the parishes of Muston, Redmile, Barkestone and Plungar.

The Methodists invited Windmill to help deliver 'Praying the Streets' flyers to a section of the village, and Windmill distributed our share of flyers towards the end of the year. CTiB also produced joint Easter and Christmas Cards and ran the World Day of Prayer service together. There were several joint services including an outside service led by Windmill in the summer, outdoor 'Songs of Praise' at St Marys in the sunshine and the Methodist Covenant Service in January. Windmill again coordinated a community Christmas tree-lighting and carol singing event in early December on behalf of CTiB, working with the Parish Council, Vale of Belvoir Lions and the Friends of the Primary School. This was attended by over 100 people including many children.

Laura and Glenda have regularly attended Deanery meetings including Greater Chapter, which is a meeting for Ministers, both lay and ordained. They also took part in the Pioneer-led Christmas Deanery Synod and some of the Kindling meetings, which are local gatherings of Pioneer Ministers.

Windmill Trustees
April 2023



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

WINDMILL MISSIONAL COMMUNITY

On accounts for the year ended

31ST DECEMBER 2022

Charity no
(if any)

Set out on pages

ONE

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 12 / 2022

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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

~~The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination ~~(other than that disclosed below *)~~ which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

18 SEPTEMBER 2023

Name:

JAMES ANTHONY PULLEN

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

ASSOCIATE CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

(if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

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Yearly Balance Totals 2022

Balance b/f 1/1/2022.

2,125.81 X

Income

HMRC	372.76 ✓
Grants/Credits	9.92 ✓
Cheque Donations	116.66 ✓
Cash Donations	16.52 ✓
BACs Donations	619.29 ✓
PGS Donations	2510.88 ✓

Total Income 3,646.03
^5,771.84
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Expenditure

Purchases	£0.00 ✓
Payments to Diocese	£350.00 ✓
Hardship Fund	£0.00 ✓
Insurance & CCLI	£318.82 ✓
Print, postage and Stationary	£0.00 ✓
Donations to charity	£150.00 ✓
Assets/Equipment/Resources	£536.99 ✓
Churches Together	£68.00 ✓
Training/Away Days	£0.00 ✓
Website	£284.28 ✓
Children's Activities	£1,687.80 ✓
Food	£39.15 ✓
Accountancy Fees	£0.00 ✓
Travel Expenses	£360.00 ✓
Rent	£600.00 ✓
Pastoral support/gifts	£225.48 ✓

Total Expenditure £4,620.52
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Balance c/f 21/12/2022.

1,151.32 X
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✓ - Amounts agreed to appropriate backing documentation

X - Agreed to balance @ 31/12/21.

X - Agreed to balance @ 31/12/22.

I hereby confirm that this is a true copy of the
income + expenditure account for Windmill Missionary Community
for the period 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022.

18/9/23

