

Trustees Annual Report 2023

In January 2023, the Windmill trustees reviewed our charitable objectives and Church of England Mission Order Objectives against the activities we were carrying out as a missional community.

Charitable Objectives:

The advancement of the Christian faith as a fresh expression of Church, in accordance with the mission and values of the Church of England.

The Objectives of the Mission Initiative:

- To be a fresh expression of church that makes the Christian faith more accessible and relational for all ages
- To help more people follow Jesus as a way of life
- To help vulnerable families engage with the Christian faith
- To exist primarily for those who are not yet connected to church or the Christian faith, but also for those who welcome an occasional different way of worshipping alongside attending their normal church and for those who seek to belong to a contemporary worshipping community

In light of the retirement of one of the Pioneer Ministers, it was agreed in January 2023 to end our indoor worshipping activities and focus all our efforts on our outdoor Forest church gatherings, which were more in line with our missional objectives. Three trustees resigned and four new trustees, who were members of Forest church, were appointed.

A service to reflect the changes and to thank and honour those stepping down was held on 12 February 2023. Since then, Forest Church gatherings have been held in a local Forest on a monthly basis in partnership with 'A Little Bit Wilder Limited', a local Forest School provider. By the end of the year, our Forest Church community had grown significantly to a membership of approximately 50 people.

Here is a snapshot of our gatherings in 2023:

- Our Easter gathering in April was moved to a local churchyard due to vandalism at our Forest site
- The King's coronation was celebrated with an afternoon tea in May alongside an exploration of the Christian origins of the Coronation service
- We held a pop-up service at St Marys Church in Bottesford in June to welcome their new Growing faith minister
- We held our annual summer camp at the end of July, cooking a campfire dinner for 30 and enjoying a glass painting workshop based on Psalm 100
- In September, we enjoyed meeting at Farm Eco in Screveton where we picked lots of apples from their orchard and berries from the hedgerows, using a fruit press to make a hot mulled apple drink. This session was based on the fruits of the spirit and how we can live more fruitfully for God.
- Our annual light party was held in October 2023 with the usual games including the donut game and hot dogs and mushy peas. Sparkler prayers were introduced for the first time.

- In November, we focussed on being kind and loving using the story of the Good Samaritan and 'Children in need' charity as our focus. We made a large Pudsey bear out of leaves, held a cake sale and used sweets and sticks to pray we would act with kindness to those who are different to us.
- In December, we met in Muston Old School due to the forest being flooded because of heavy rains. We had fun finding nativity stones hidden in the churchyard and then using the stones to make a stable scene. We made and lit christingles and told the nativity story through chocolate.

Alongside the gatherings, pastoral care of our community continued and an evening small group began in autumn 2023. An art afternoon in early December was trialled with members making felt nativity decorations. Windmill also took a leading role in the annual village Christmas light switch on and carol singing event in early December.

Windmill Trustees

October 2024



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 2023

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 31/12/2023

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:

20 OCTOBER 2024

Name:

JAMES ANTHONY PULLEN

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

ASSOCIATE CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

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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 2023

Balance c/f 1,151.32

Income

Gift Aid	368.92
Grants	0.00
Fundraising	176.00
Cash Donations	10.00
BACs Donations	264.21
PGS Donations	2353.15

Total Income	3,172.28	4,323.60
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Expenditure

A Little Bit Wilder Ltd	£1,845.00
Payments to Diocese	£200.00
Food and Resources	£484.75
Insurance	£212.81
Print, postage and Stationery	£0.00
Charitable Giving	£25.00
CTiB	£88.55
CCLI	£93.00
Pastoral Gifts	£132.33
Website & Zoom	£81.63
Rent	£110.00
Travel Expenses	£30.00

Total Expenditure	£3,303.07
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Balance	1,020.53
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I hereby confirm that this is a true copy of the
income and expenditure accounts for The Windmill
Missional Community for the period ~~1st~~ 1st January
2023 to 31st December 2023


SA Allen - independent examiner
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20/10/24.