

River of Life Community Church Langney

(formerly The Well Community Church)

Report and Accounts
Year ended 31 March 2022

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RIVER OF LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH LANGNEY (FORMERLY THE WELL COMMUNITY CHURCH)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	7 Offham Close Eastbourne BN23 8LU
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	CIO - FOUNDATION Registered 12 Nov 2018
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1180649
TRUSTEES	Kathy Long Flossie Hayllar Janet Jobbins (until 31 August 2022) Mark Hayllar Patricia West (from 13 July 2022) Robert Thorley (from 13 July 2022) Kevin Ashby (from 13 July 2022) Barbara Ashby (from 13 July 2022)
BANKERS	Barclays Bank PLC Bexhill-on Sea East Sussex
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Mary Evans Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year to 31 March 2022.

Objects of the charity

The charity, which is a church, is governed by a constitution and is constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation. The charity's principal objects, as set out in its governing document, are:

- a) the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Faith; and
- b) the relief of poverty

Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

At the River of Life Community Church Langney, we reach out into our Community through being the hands and feet of Jesus.

Light Night

The location we used to use for this event changed ownership and we no longer have access, so our planned re-launch in October 2021 didn't happen. We are hoping to be able to re-launch the 'Light Night' event at another venue in October 2022.

Langney Chaplaincy

We were able to re-launch the Chaplaincy as lockdown eased in the Autumn of 2021, initially with covid related precautions in place. We still do offer to wear facemasks when speaking to people and have hand sanitiser on the table.

We have been able to extend our day each Tuesday to run from 10am to 2pm, with an increase in volunteers. Each Tuesday morning at the Langney Shopping Centre you will be greeted with a warm welcome and smiles.

We have been warmly welcomed back by regular shoppers and staff from the shops within the shopping centre. There have been a larger number of people wanting to talk and asking for prayer for various situations since we have been back.

MakeLunch @ St B's

Make Lunch returned to 'in-person' meals from the summer holidays in 2021. We have opened every holiday since then. Some have been affected by covid still and numbers varied widely across the sessions, and at Christmas we decided to deliver food again rather than opening in person.

From Easter 2021 to March 2022 we delivered 308 meals and served 157 in person.

Every meal that was delivered had a craft activity with it and all the in-person sessions have an activity for the children and a chance for parents to sit with a drink while the children play.

All sessions are now 'in-person' and we are seeing a settled number of regular families with some new families starting to join us.

Parents Drop in for a Cuppa @St B's

From May 2022 we have invited Make Lunch parents to come to the church on a Thursday for a drink and a chat on the way to collecting their children from school. We would like to see this develop over time into a homework support club for the children & parents, along with reading to the children and listening to them read.

Carol Singing @ Langney Shopping Centre.

In December 2021 we gathered people from 4 local churches including our own, to sing Christmas Carols to the community of shoppers and shopkeepers, while handing out invites to local Church Christmas Services and individually wrapped sweets and chocolates.

Shoppers and shopkeepers joined in with the singing and were uplifted from by the smiles, laughter and warm greeting.

We are doing this again in December 2022.

Shinewater Fun Day

We ran the refreshment tent for the Shinewater Park Fun Day in August 2021. We served hundreds of drinks and lots of cake and biscuits. We were the nominated 'lost child' tent and were central to the activities on the day.

We had good opportunities to talk with people and had the chance to pray with some people too.

In 2022 the fun day ran in July and we ran the refreshment tent again. It was a steady day with lots of people visiting and lots of good conversations had about the church and our faith.

New Name for a new church

After several months of discussions and prayer The Well Community Church joined together with another similar sized local church, Langney Community Church, to form River of Life Community Church Langney in June 2022. There will now be more people available to reach out into the community with a view to growing the church. Income will increase, due to the larger congregation, and some expenses will reduce as LCC were paying insurance and rental which will now no longer be necessary. They also bring extra reserves to be joined with those of TWCC. The trustees of TWCC are aware of the deficit for 2022 and the hope is that with these changes this will greatly improve the situation as we move forward as a new church.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Financial review

During the year the charity received £29,432 in regular income. The charity made payments of £39,756 in relation to its charitable activities, resulting in cash held by the charity of £40,243 at 31 March 2022 of which £4,874 is restricted.

Reserves policy

For the year ended 31 March 2022 the trustees determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £27,621 (which equates to about 12 months' of unrestricted essential expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. Essential expenditure includes operating costs, such as those relating to employment, as well as those required by law, such as the annual Independent Examination. At the period-end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £35,369 and the charity is complying with its reserves policy.

Governance

Responsibility for setting policy and for making operating decisions rest with the trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charity. New trustees are recruited and appointed by the existing trustees, with input from the leadership team, by a majority vote.

Risk statement

The charity is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

Responsibilities of trustees

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Kathy Long

Date: 08 October 2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
RIVER OF LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH LANGNEY (FORMERLY THE WELL COMMUNITY CHURCH)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of River of Life Community Church Langney ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2022 on pages 5 to 8 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 2011 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 accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mary Evans

Stewardship
1 Lamb's Passage
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Date: 17 October 2022

RIVER OF LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH LANGNEY (FORMERLY THE WELL COMMUNITY CHURCH)

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<i>Income receipts</i>					
Donations		20,270	1,570	21,840	29,416
Grants		-	1,745	1,745	3,500
Gift aid receipts		5,467	-	5,467	8,547
Other income		326	-	326	2,040
Interest		54	-	54	68
<i>Total receipts</i>		<u>26,117</u>	<u>3,315</u>	<u>29,432</u>	<u>43,572</u>
<i>Payments</i>					
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	29,778	1,747	31,526	33,137
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	5,520	2,710	8,230	5,400
<i>Total payments</i>		<u>35,298</u>	<u>4,457</u>	<u>39,756</u>	<u>38,537</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		(9,181)	(1,142)	(10,323)	5,035
Transfers between funds		(1,780)	1,780	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>(10,961)</u>	<u>638</u>	<u>(10,323)</u>	<u>5,035</u>
Cash funds brought forward		46,329	4,236	50,566	45,531
Cash funds at this period end	A	<u>35,369</u>	<u>4,874</u>	<u>40,243</u>	<u>50,566</u>

The notes on pages 7 - 8 form part of these accounts.

RIVER OF LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH LANGNEY (FORMERLY THE WELL COMMUNITY CHURCH)
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
A Cash funds				
Bank operating accounts	3,587	4,874	8,461	13,839
Bank deposits	31,772	-	31,772	36,717
Petty cash	10	-	10	10
	35,369	4,874	40,243	50,566
B Other monetary assets				
Gift aid due to charity	4,160	-	4,160	5,461
	4,160	-	4,160	5,461
C Liabilities				
Unbilled fee for Independent Examination	894	-	894	882
PAYE due	133	-	133	126
Unpaid expenses at period end	45	-	45	24
Pension deductions due to be paid over	73	-	73	71
	1,145	-	1,145	1,103
D Assets retained for charity's own use				
			Value 2022 £	Value 2021 £
Equipment			28,359	30,938
			28,359	30,938

The trustees have used insurance values as an approximation for current values.

E Guarantees and secured debts

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Kathy Long

Date: 08 October 2022

The notes on pages 7 - 8 form part of these accounts.

RIVER OF LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH LANGNEY (FORMERLY THE WELL COMMUNITY CHURCH)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations and grants which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors and funders; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	General funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly				
Employment costs (Note 4)	21,592	-	21,592	21,103
Premises hire	2,340	-	2,340	2,340
Church activities / ministry expenses	931	289	1,219	1,037
Teaching, training & conferences	110	-	110	490
Subscriptions	509	-	509	588
Travel	340	-	340	73
Repairs & maintenance incl. equipment	392	-	392	535
Administration costs	1,760	-	1,760	1,741
Insurance	923	-	923	941
Accounts and examination	882	-	882	870
'Make Lunch' costs	-	1,459	1,459	3,419
	<u>29,778</u>	<u>1,747</u>	<u>31,526</u>	<u>33,137</u>
3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others				
Grants for:				
Overseas mission	5,400	2,710	8,110	5,300
Local mission	120	-	120	100
	<u>5,520</u>	<u>2,710</u>	<u>8,230</u>	<u>5,400</u>

4 Transactions with related parties

The charity had two part time employees during the year. Its activities are generally carried out by volunteers.

Kathy Long, a trustee, received a sum of £1,200 for her role as Treasurer as permitted by the governing document.

No amounts were paid to any other trustee or to any person connected to them other than reimbursement of expenditure incurred on behalf of the church.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

5 Movement on funds

	Opening Balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers	Closing Balance £
Restricted funds					
Mission fund	-	930	(2,710)	1,780	-
Hardship fund	524	-	(247)	-	277
Langney Chaplaincy	455	-	(42)	-	413
'Make Lunch' project	3,258	2,385	(1,459)	-	4,184
Total Restricted	<u>4,236</u>	<u>3,315</u>	<u>(4,457)</u>	<u>1,780</u>	<u>4,874</u>
General Funds	<u>46,329</u>	<u>26,117</u>	<u>(35,298)</u>	<u>(1,780)</u>	<u>35,369</u>
Unrestricted, general funds	<u>46,329</u>	<u>26,117</u>	<u>(35,298)</u>	<u>(1,780)</u>	<u>35,369</u>
Total Funds	<u><u>50,566</u></u>	<u><u>29,432</u></u>	<u><u>(39,756)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>40,243</u></u>

The 'Make Lunch' project includes grant income for specific elements of the project; the charity has complied with all aspects of the funding.