

Annual Report for the Financial Year ending 31 August 2022

LEASIDE CHURCH WARE - 1181223

Leaside Walk, East Street, Ware, Hertfordshire SG12 9BT

Trustees at 31 August 2022

Ernest Bossé, Stephen Brazier, Wendy Cooper, Julia Gristwood, Tony Gubb, Edwin O'Connor, Pauline Pickering, Elizabeth Stockdale, Graham Watson.

Structure

The charity structure reflects the two Christian denominations comprising Leaside Church (the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church). Trustees are the members of the Church Council which meets bi-monthly. Each is elected by Church Meeting to serve for three years, after which they may stand down or be eligible for re-election. Church Meeting of all members is held three times a year, one of which is the AGM when Trustees are appointed.

Activities, achievements and performance

Leaside has a reputation as a welcoming and caring church. Throughout the year, it continued to advance the Christian faith, living out discipleship in worship, teaching and mission. It endeavoured to ensure its charitable purpose was carried out in new, inclusive and relevant ways.

Enabling the celebration of public worship, open to all

The church was open for public worship throughout the year with the option to join by Zoom remaining. Services continued to be well supported. Following the closure of a church in the town, we were pleased to welcome several members to share in worship with us.

Giving pastoral support to the congregation, those on the fringes of the church family and others in the wider community as needs are made known

In September 2021, we welcomed our new Minister. His Induction Service was well attended by the congregation, representatives of the Ecumenical Area and the town. Throughout the year, the minister and group of pastoral carers ensured regular contact, especially with those in the congregation in particular need and more widely.

Providing facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community, particularly through the weekly community drop-in, including bereavement support

Although Covid restrictions were being lifted, the basic safety measures were kept in place for all users of the premises. The Risk Assessment and Health and Safety Policy were updated.

An increasing variety and number of groups continued to use the premises during the week, including the Kindergarten.

Particularly appreciated was the weekly community drop-in, with 'the listening place' and bric-a-brac. Regular visitors included a group of special needs young adults with their carers. It remained a major part of the church's outreach to the community as life returned to some normality.

Involvement of members in a number of different outreach activities in the town including Street Pastors and Ware Food Bank.

Supported by the church, members of the congregation continued to be very actively involved during the year, particularly with the increasing need for the Food Bank.

Holding community fundraising events

In December 2021 we were able to hold the Ware Christmas Tree Festival again, with a variety of groups bringing a tree to display.

In July 2022 we held our popular Strawberry Tea.

Charitable donations were received on both occasions.

Enabling support to other charities in the UK and overseas.

Collections for charity were taken during the monthly Holy Communion services and on other occasions as appropriate.

Future plans

Following the survey on future worship which supported the upgrading of the existing audio-visual facilities, the church will continue to grow its online presence as a tool for mission, including hybrid worship.

The church will share in discussion of how available funds in the Ecumenical Area might be used for mission.

Leaside Church
(Methodist & United Reformed)

End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 31st August 2022

- **Statement of Financial Activities**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations	586	—	—	586	11,427
Investments	789	—	240,000	240,789	23,899
Other income	961	11,418	—	12,380	3,671
Offerings	29,980	—	—	29,980	26,869
Manse	293	32,278	—	32,572	301
Lettings	32,436	—	—	32,436	23,597
Development Scheme	—	—	—	—	141,279
Spec Collections	—	838	—	838	735
Fund Raising	3,384	—	—	3,384	—
Communion Fund	—	467	—	467	—
Total income	68,432	45,002	240,000	353,434	231,781
Expenditure on:					
Other expenditure	3,243	—	—	3,243	5,817
Ministry	18,000	—	—	18,000	18,000
Manse	293	23,326	—	23,620	330
Mission	55	838	—	893	55
Church	—	—	—	—	—
Halls	—	—	—	—	—
Development Scheme	—	6,349	—	6,349	5,707
Building Maintenance	24,540	—	—	24,540	22,588
Worship	2,088	—	—	2,088	—
Communion Fund	—	426	—	426	—
Utilities	14,598	—	—	14,598	5,803
Total expenditure	62,819	30,940	—	93,759	58,302
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	5,613	14,061	240,000	259,675	173,478
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	—	—	—	—
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	—	—	—	—
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	5,613	14,061	240,000	259,675	173,478
Total funds brought forward	165,498	(229,877)	—	(64,379)	(237,857)
Total funds carried forward	171,111	(215,815)	240,000	195,296	(64,379)
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	65,811	—	—	65,811	60,197
Designated					
Building Contingency	5,000	—	—	5,000	5,000
Development	100,300	—	—	100,300	100,300
Restricted					
Communion Fund	—	41	—	41	—
Development Fund	—	(236,376)	—	(236,376)	(230,026)
IA TRUST	—	11,418	—	11,418	—
Manse Fund	—	8,952	—	8,952	—
Special Collections	—	149	—	149	149
Endowment					
Isabel Adams transfer	—	—	240,000	240,000	—

Balance sheet

Class and code	Description	This year	Last year
Current assets			
5000	HSBC Current Account	24,478	54,857
5050	Barclays Current Account	2,184	57,692
5100	CFB Deposit Account	168,633	63,070
5150	Petty Cash	—	—
5200	Isabel Adams Funds	—	—
	Total Current assets	195,296	175,621
Liabilities			
8000	Eastern Synod loan	—	240,000
8100	HAEBEA Loan	—	—
8200	Congregation Loans - 1 year	—	—
8300	Congregation Loans - 2 years	—	—
8400	Congregation Loans - 3 years	—	—
8500	Congregation Loans - 5 years	—	—
8600	Congregation Loans - 10 years	—	—
	Total Liabilities	—	240,000
	Net Asset surplus(deficit)	195,296	(64,379)
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	259,675	173,478
Z01	Starting balances	(64,379)	(237,857)
	Total Reserves	195,296	(64,379)
	Represented by funds		
	Unrestricted	65,811	60,197
	Designated	105,300	105,300
	Restricted	(215,815)	(229,877)
	Endowment	240,000	—
	Total	195,296	(64,379)

Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
HSBC Current Account -	24,203	—	275	—	24,478	54,857
Barclays Current Account -	2,269	—	(85)	—	2,184	57,692
CFB Deposit Account -	39,338	105,300	23,994	—	168,633	63,070
Totals	65,811	105,300	24,184	—	195,296	175,621
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year						
Eastern Synod loan -	—	—	240,000	(240,000)	—	240,000
Totals	—	—	240,000	(240,000)	—	240,000
Grand total	65,811	105,300	(215,815)	240,000	195,296	(64,379)



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's
report on the accounts

Section A
Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Leaside Church

On accounts for the year
ended

31st August 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1181223

Set out on pages

(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 31/08/2021

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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission
under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of
the Act or
- 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.
* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

C. J. [Signature]

Date:

01 Oct 2022

Name:

CHRISTOPHER FRANKLIN

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

NONE

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