

Annual Report for the Financial Year ending 31 August 2023

LEASIDE CHURCH WARE - 1181223

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

Trustees at 31 August 2022

Ernest Bossé, Stephen Brazier, Wendy Cooper, Gill Davis, Christine Edwards, Julia Gristwood, Tony Gubb, 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. Existing audio-visual facilities were upgraded, including the timely installation of a new large screen enabling us to invite friends and contacts to come and watch the Coronation together. Services continued to be well supported.

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

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. The minister and pastoral carers met together regularly.

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

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

Particularly appreciated was the very popular weekly community drop-in, with bric-a-brac, and 'The Listening Place' for those in need of bereavement support. Regular visitors included a group of special needs young adults with their carers. It remained a very well supported and worthwhile part of the church's outreach to the community.

Basic safety measures were kept in place for all users of the premises.

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 we hosted the Ware Christmas Tree Festival, with a wide variety of community groups, including schools, bringing a tree to display. The Prayer Tree gave visitors opportunity to add their concerns.

In July 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

The church will seek the guidance and support of Synod staff as it considers where its future mission is leading.

Consideration will be given to employing a caretaker.

Leaside Church

End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 31st August 2023

• **Statement of Financial Activities**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations	1,877	—	—	1,877	586
Investments	5,394	—	—	5,394	240,789
Other income	19,359	9,530	—	28,889	12,380
Offerings	31,429	—	—	31,429	29,980
Manse	346	—	—	346	32,572
Lettings	33,657	—	—	33,657	32,436
Development Scheme	—	—	—	—	—
Spec Collections	—	430	—	430	838
Fund Raising	3,258	—	—	3,258	3,384
Communion Fund	—	971	—	971	467
Total income	95,323	10,932	—	106,255	353,434
Expenditure on:					
Other expenditure	4,634	5,000	—	9,634	3,243
Ministry	21,000	—	—	21,000	18,000
Manse	346	—	—	346	23,620
Mission	382	—	—	382	893
Church	—	—	—	—	—
Halls	—	—	—	—	—
Development Scheme	—	12,384	—	12,384	6,349
Building Maintenance	27,245	—	—	27,245	24,540
Worship	367	—	—	367	2,088
Communion Fund	—	833	—	833	426
Utilities	22,196	—	—	22,196	14,598
Total expenditure	76,172	18,217	—	94,390	93,759
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	19,150	(7,285)	—	11,865	259,675
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	19,150	(7,285)	—	11,865	259,675
Total funds brought forward	171,111	(215,815)	240,000	195,296	(64,379)
Total funds carried forward	190,262	(223,100)	240,000	207,161	195,296
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	74,961	—	—	74,961	65,811
Designated					
Building Contingency	5,000	—	—	5,000	5,000
Development	100,300	—	—	100,300	100,300
Legacy	10,000	—	—	10,000	—
Petty Cash	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted					
Communion Fund	—	178	—	178	41
Development Fund	—	(248,760)	—	(248,760)	(236,376)
IA TRUST	—	15,948	—	15,948	11,418
Manse Fund	—	8,952	—	8,952	8,952
Special Collections	—	580	—	580	149
Endowment					
Isabel Adams transfer	—	—	240,000	240,000	240,000

Balance sheet

Class and code	Description	This year	Last year
Current assets			
5000	HSBC Current Account	18,733	24,478
5025	Cash in Hand	—	—
5050	Barclays Current Account	—	2,184
5100	CFB Deposit Account	188,427	168,633
5150	Petty Cash	—	—
	Total Current assets	207,161	195,296
Liabilities			
8000	Eastern Synod loan	—	—
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	—	—
	Net Asset surplus(deficit)	207,161	195,296
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	11,865	259,675
Z01	Starting balances	195,296	(64,379)
	Total Reserves	207,161	195,296
	Represented by funds		
	Unrestricted	74,961	65,811
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Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
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Barclays Current Account -	—	—	—	—	—	2,184
CFB Deposit Account -	39,602	115,300	33,524	—	188,427	168,633
Petty Cash -	(150)	150	—	—	—	—
Totals	74,961	115,300	16,899	—	207,161	195,296
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year						
Eastern Synod loan -	—	—	240,000	(240,000)	—	—
Totals	—	—	240,000	(240,000)	—	—
Grand total	74,961	115,300	(223,100)	240,000	207,161	195,296

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
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On accounts for the year
ended

31st August 2023

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(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 31/08/2023

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.

Independent
examiner's statement

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. Errington

Date:

OCT. 16th 2023

Name:

CHRISTOPHER ERRINGTON.

Relevant professional
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(if any):

NONE

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