



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period from 01-April-2023 **To** 31-March-2024

Charity name: Life Abundant Pentecostal Church

Charity registration number: 1181849

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The objects of the CIO are for the benefit of the public,</p> <p>(a) to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement (as stated in the Charity's Governing document) in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the Church Council, from time to time, may think fit.</p> <p>(b) to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the Church Council, from time to time, may think fit; and</p> <p>(c) to advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the Church Council from time to time may think fit.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Special Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We had the Annual Fasting Prayer from 05th to 09th April 2023. Pastor Johnson Memana was the guest speaker during these meetings. We had baptism service on Sunday, 09th April 2023. Dr Wessly Lukose and Pastor Bennitt Abraham gave leadership to the baptism service.• We had 'Youth Sunday' on 21st May 2023, where the Youth of the church led the entire Sunday service. This provided a platform for the youngsters of the Church to plan and execute the meeting.• We had the Church outing on 29th May 2023 at Rutland Waters, Leicestershire. This enabled all the members of the Church, including adults and kids, to meet, connect and relax with games, food, and other activities.• A Church orientation meeting was organised on 09th June 2023 to train the new and existing leaders.• We took part in a Mission Seminar, 'Let there be Light' organised by Transformation Church, Birmingham from 04th to 07th August 2023. Evangelist Asghar Ali was the Resource Person.• We organised a Missionary Trip to William Carey Baptist Church in Moulton, Northampton for all the children of our church on 05th August 2023. This gave them an insight into the life of William Carey and his missionary commitment.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have participated in 'God Loves You Tour' on 26th August 2023 in London, which was organised by Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA). This is an evangelistic ministry by Franklin Graham to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ through hundreds of outreaches around the world. • We had a Combined Fellowship with Birmingham Pentecostal Fellowship at Whetstone Baptist Church, Leicester on 16th September 2023. This was aimed at strengthening the fellowship with two churches and to know new members of both the churches more personally. • A 'Church Weekend Away' at Barnstondale Centre, Wirral was organised by the LAPC Youth Team from September 29th to October 1st, 2023. Connecting with all the families and spending quality time strengthened our bond during the 3-day outing. • The Mission Team of LAPC organised a 'Mission Sunday' on 22nd October 2023. Katie Johnson from Christians against Poverty (CAP) and Katie Okafor from Bible Society were the guest speakers for this event. A special offering was taken to support various mission works. • We had 'Family Sunday' on 21st January 2024. Pastor Sam Jacob was the guest speaker. • We took part in 'One Step Closer,' a leadership and Apologetics training organised by Transformation Church, Birmingham from 22nd to 24th February 2024. Mr Abdu Murray from USA was the Resource Person. <p>Children Ministry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday School was held every Sunday from 4-5 PM. Sunday School had students from Foundation year to Year 12 with relevant curriculum. We catered for students even above Year 12 as many expressed interests in learning more about theological topics. 65 children were taught in the LAPC Sunday school, and 25 teachers were actively involved in delivering the Sunday School lessons. • ABLAZE- Ablaze is a ministry aimed at our children aged between 4 and 17. It is a dynamic and an interesting place for the young hearts to grow and nurture in God's Word with confidence. We provide a safe, spiritual, and fun environment where God's Word comes to life through various programs tailored to the needs of different age groups. Activities include games, crafts, action songs, teaching sessions, storytelling, prayer, and worship, watching videos and many more. We also encourage team-building activities to teach the importance of teamwork and to establish the culture of respect, trust, and value. • ABLAZE takes place on the fourth Sunday of every other month at Stonegate Baptist Church, Leicester. <p>Youth Ministry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Youth Team organised youth meetings at Stonegate Baptist Church, Leicester on the third Friday of every month. Youth meetings enhanced the confidence of the Children by exhibiting their talents. • The youth of the Church attended the Summer Youth camp 'Kindle 2023' at Cefn Lea Wales, from 22nd to 25th August 2023. KINDLE is a youth Christian Movement, whose aim is to contribute towards the rich heritage of Christian spirituality in
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		<p>this nation. The youth of the Church engage in various teams and lead numerous activities.</p> <p>Women's Ministry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The women of the church meet on Zoom every third Thursday of the month for prayer, fellowship, and spiritual edification. <p>Financial Support to Other Charities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have extended financial support to a few charities, organisations, and individuals. • We partner with Open Hands, a charity based in Leicester to meet the needs of the homeless and hungry in Leicester city. Apart from financial support to this charity, we also provided essential food items to the needy through Open Hands. • We partner with Christians Against Poverty (CAP), a Christian charitable company in the United Kingdom and provide financial support. • We partner with Christian Aid, a relief and development agency of 41 Christian churches (Protestant, Catholic and Orthodox) in the UK and Ireland. We provide financial support to them.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>Yes, the Trustees had considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.</p> <p>As Trustees, we are focussed that all the main activities of the Charity are undertaken in line with the Objects of the CIO and are meant for public benefit.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	NA
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	NA
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	All income of the Charity is through voluntary contributions by its members.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole	Para 1.20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Charity could provide support to numerous homeless and hungry in Leicester City through our partnership with Open Hands in Leicester. • The Charity continues to support other charities in the UK like Christians Against Poverty and Christian Aid by offering support in varied ways to the disadvantaged and differently abled people. • Through the Church activities, our youth have been able to grow in their spiritual and personal lives. They could display their skillsets, which provided opportunities for them to learn, to lead group sessions and be involved in various team-building activities, which aided the youths in improving their skills for collaboration and teamwork.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focussed education for the children and teens has been conducted regularly for their spiritual, moral and character formation. • The Church members were confident in organising and designing various events. These opportunities improved their leadership and team-building skills.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The CIO was able to meet the financial needs for the year while maintaining the balance and holds healthy reserves to meet the ongoing needs of the CIO.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Life Abundant Pentecostal Church's Reserves policy is to maintain a sufficient level of reserves to enable operating activities, considering the potential risks and contingencies that may arise from time to time. The Trustees review the policy annually and the Church Council is authorised to take necessary steps and policies to use the reserves in line with the Model constitution of the Assemblies of God, Great Britain.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£30,000 as of 31 st March 2024
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	NA
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	NA
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	NA

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	CIO Foundation Constitution ('Association' Model Constitution)
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation ("the CIO")
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The Senior Minister and other Trustees shall nominate and appoint new Trustees from time to time.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<p>Trustees – Deacons – Team Leaders – Team Members</p> <p>Current Teams in place are Administration, Mission and Charity, Worship Team, Prayer Ministry, Finance, Media, Women Ministry, Youth Ministry, Children's Ministry and Hospitality.</p> <p>Partnership</p> <p>The Church partners with Assemblies of God GB, which is one the largest mainstream Pentecostal movements in the UK. Each church in this movement is requested to donate 3% of their regularly received offerings from their members to their national office in Deva Centre, Manchester.</p> <p>The Church partners with other UK- based charities such as Open Hands Trust (Leicester), Kindle Community Limited, Birmingham Pentecostal Fellowship, Christians Against Poverty and Christian Aid.</p>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Life Abundant Pentecostal Church
Other name the charity uses	LAPC
Registered charity number	1181849
Charity's principal address	32 Grove Road Leicester LE8 6LN

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Dr Wessly Lukose	Chair of Charity		
2	Mr Biju Matthew			
3	Mr Joy Thomas			
4	Dr Shebu Lukose			
5	Mr Jacob Roy			

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
NA		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
NA		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	NA
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	NA
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	NA

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
For advice on compliance, reporting for Charity Commission and Companies House	Sebastian and Daughters Ltd (Independent Examiner)	17 Neals Corner, 2 Bath Road, Hounslow, Middlesex, TW3 3HJ

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

NA

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

NA



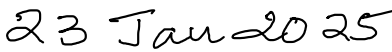
Other optional information


NA

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Dr Wessly Lukose	Mr Biju Matthew
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair of Trustee	Trustee
Date		

	Charity Name		No (if any)		CC16a
	LIFE ABUNDANT PENTECOSTAL CHURCH		1181849		
	Receipts and payments accounts				
	For the period from	Period start date		Period end date	
		4/1/23		3/31/24	

Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Total payments	67,908	- 0	- 0	67,908	40,516
Net of receipts/(payments)	50,742	47,815	- 0	98,557	84,519
A5 Transfers between funds	68,475	68,475	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	30,807	200,933	-	231,740	147,221
Cash funds this year end	13,074	317,223	- 0	330,297	231,740
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	
B1 Cash funds	Current account	11,759			
	Savings Account		317,223		
	Cash	1,315	-		
	Total cash funds	13,074	317,223		
(agree balances with receipts and payments)		OK	OK	OK	
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	
B3 Investment assets			-	-	
			-	-	
			-	-	
			-	-	
			-	-	
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Hard drive	Unrestricted funds	118	-	
	HDMI Cable	Unrestricted funds	6	-	
	Steel Cooking Vessel for Church (Tea)	Unrestricted funds	85	-	
	Sound/Speakers	Unrestricted funds	250	-	
	Wireless microphone systems	Unrestricted funds	669	-	
	Keyboard stand	Unrestricted funds	23	-	
	In ear monitor belt pack & Ear buds	Unrestricted funds	208	-	
	Audio cables, Power cable/adaptor & HDMI Cables	Unrestricted funds	338	-	
	Amplifier, Speakers, Snake cables	Unrestricted funds	340	-	
	Power adaptor & Cables	Unrestricted funds	245		
	Amplifier, Speakers, Snake cables	Unrestricted funds	340		
	Power adaptor & Cables	Unrestricted funds	245		
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)	
B5 Liabilities			-		
			-		
			-		
			-		
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval	
	Joy Thomas	Joy Thomas		25/01/2025	
	Byn Matthew	BYN MATTHEW		27/1/25	



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

LIFE ABUNDANT PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1181849

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met ; or
2. to which, in my opinion, 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:

Date:

25/01/2025

Name:

Sebastian Machukattu Devasia

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

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.