

The Potter's House Christian Fellowship UK
Erdington Church

Year Ended 31 December 2023

Charity No: 1182380

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The Potter's House Christian Fellowship UK Erdington Church

Trustees' Annual Report

For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

Reference and administration details

Charity Number 1182380

Principle Address Friendship Hall, Sutton New Road, Birmingham, B23 6QR

Names of charity trustees who manage the Charity

Mr Lewis Claxton

Mr Phillip Bryant

Mr Terrence Mupayah

Structure Governance and management

Governing Document

Constitution adopted 7 March 2019

Constitution of trustee and selection methods

The charity is constituted as a trust and the trustees are appointed by the existing trustees.

Objectives and activities

Objects of Charity

The charity is governed by constitution and the main objectives are the furtherance of the Christian Faith. In order to do this, regular activities are carried out and invitations given out to public. Finance is raised purely from members' contributions. The day to day running of the church is delegated by the Trustees to the Pastor.

Summary of main activities in relation to these objects

The Charity exists to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ and to teach people the bible. All our activities reflect these core goals. The Church arranges or participates in a number of activities to this end, namely Bible Conferences, Marriage Seminars, Men's Discipleships, Revival Meetings with visiting preachers, Tent Crusades (home and abroad).

We have complied with our duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

2023 was a year of increase and the further development of our local church ministry. We experienced enlargement not only in our attendance but also in involvement from both regular and new attendees engaging with our church activities, community and vision. We ran various new outreach schemes for different age groups such as the over 50's breakfast club, youth events and mental health days. We launched a new scheme called discipleship takeover which encouraged and saw people get involved with new church ministries. This was also on top of our regular church events and outreach schemes for youth, music concerts and evangelistic teams across the country. As part of the outreach scheme this year, we supported our local church band to perform in various places around the UK and even as far as Holland.

The main highlight of the year was our announcement to take responsibility for a fellowship church in a neighboring city called West Brom. The couple who took the pastorate of the church have settled well, been well received by the local congregation and are experiencing God's help in continuing the cause of the gospel.

Financial review

2023 continued with the upward financial trend our church has experienced over the last decade. We have been very grateful to receive increased donations year on year. We are confident that as we remain single minded towards our desires of 1) reaching and helping local people via the gospel of Jesus Christ, and 2) training couples to initiate new churches around the UK, the synergistic effect of our united congregation will only grow stronger.

The increase in finances has been a great help to us this year in various practical ways:

1. We have been able to support our four pioneer churches to a greater capacity.
2. We have been able to review and increase the pastoral salary.
3. We have bought a new church minibuss and built a new nursery facility on the side of our property without asking the congregation to contribute extra funds.

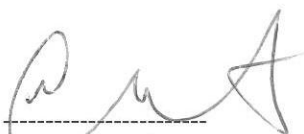
The proposal from 2022 for a large structural extension/renovation was considered in great detail throughout 2023. However, the church council came to the conclusion after various reports and surveys, it did not make financial sense to pursue this option any further. The council instead set our sights towards purchasing or leasing a new larger church building instead of extending our current property. We are in discussions with lending agencies, continuing the three-year savings plan and progress is well underway.

Policy on reserves

The charity has no reserve policy. Restricted funds are normally used up when raised.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr Lewis Claxton', written over a horizontal dashed line.

Mr Lewis Claxton

Trustee

Date: 08 April 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

To the Trustees of

The Potter's House Christian Fellowship UK Erdington Church

For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

Charity number 1182380

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on Pages 6 and 7.

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 the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

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For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

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Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(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 Act

have 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.

Mr Augustine Lee
(BA Hons)
Lee & Co (Accountants)
276 London Road
Westcliff on Sea
Essex
SS0 7JG
8 April 2024

THE POTTER'S HOUSE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP UK ERDINGTON CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023
CHARITY COMMISSION REGISTERED NUMBER: 1182380

Receipts

	<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>	
	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Donations and Other Similar Receipts		106,482		94,261
Gift Aid Refund		19,822		17,582
Bank Interest		19		2
		<u>126,322</u>		<u>111,845</u>
Sale of Assets		500		-
Total Receipts		<u>126,822</u>		<u>111,845</u>

Payments

Tithes	8,858		7,642	
World Evangelism	6,495		5,522	
Visiting Speakers	7,880		6,990	
Conference and Seminar	9,409		7,907	
Outreach	3,003		3,632	
Revival Expenses	5,709		4,247	
New Church Support	8,918		2,591	
Parsonage Rent	3,000		8,400	
Mortgage Church Building	7,205		5,694	
Repairs	1,676		6,286	
Wages	18,806		11,170	
Pension Contributions	846		317	
Utilities	9,294		8,584	
Printing Postage & Stationery	246		744	
Insurance	1,228		1,123	
Motor and Travelling	15,290		11,041	
Hospitality	3,195		4,031	
General Expenses	5,698		4,189	
Bank Charges	45		33	
Legal and Professional	503		264	
Independent Examiner	720		-	
	<u>118,023</u>		<u>100,407</u>	
Purchase of Fixed assets etc.	14,935		11,011	
Total Payments		<u>132,958</u>		<u>111,418</u>
Net Receipts		(6,135)		427
Opening cash fund		11,673		11,246
Cash funds this year end		<u>5,538</u>		<u>11,673</u>

THE POTTER'S HOUSE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP UK ERDINGTON CHURCH
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>£</u>
<u>CASH FUNDS</u>	
Cash at Bank	<u>5,538</u>

This figure agrees with the amount on the receipts and payments account

ASSETS RETAINED FOR THE CHARITY'S OWN USE

	<u>Funds to which</u> <u>asset belongs</u>
Equipment	Unrestricted funds
Buildings	Unrestricted funds
Motor Vehicles	Unrestricted funds

LIABILITIES

	<u>Funds to which</u> <u>liability relates</u>
Independent Examiner fees	Unrestricted funds
Mortgage	Unrestricted funds


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Mr Lewis Claxton
Trustee
Date of Approval
08 April 2024