

## **Annual Report**

### **for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

<b>Name:-</b>	Carley Evangelical Baptist Church
<b>Charity Number:-</b>	1182735
<b>Governing Documentation:-</b>	Church Constitution (approved by Charity Commission 01/04/19) and Church Handbook (adopted 10/11/18)
<b>Minister:-</b>	None at present
<b>Trustees / Church Officers :-</b>	Christopher J Baines (Deacon)  Stephen M Hardy (Secretary / Deacon)  David E Harrington (Treasurer / Deacon)  Mohanlal J Shah (Deacon)  Nestor B Makita (Deacon to 23/05/23)  Christopher M Dee (Deacon from 30/06/23)
<b>Charity Commission Correspondent:-</b>	Stephen M Hardy 1 Willowbrook Close, Queniborough, Leicester LE7 3FW
<b>Website:-</b>	<a href="http://www.carleychurch.co.uk">www.carleychurch.co.uk</a>
<b>Bank:-</b>	Co-Operative Bank – 77/79 Market Place Leicester LE1 5EW
<b>Independent Examiner of Accounts:-</b>	Mrs Susan Taylor FCCA

## **Purposes and aims of the church.**

The purposes of the Church are for the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within the city of Leicester and the surrounding neighbourhood; and such other charitable purposes that in the opinion of the charity trustees, put into practice the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith that will further the work of the church.

## **Background**

The church was formed in 1823 and has been in the current building since being built in 1958. The church is an independent church and welcomes people from all backgrounds and denominational beliefs.

Membership of the church is open to anyone who professes the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, meets the admission procedures and has indicated agreement to accept the duty of a church member as contained in the Church Constitution document (signed 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019).

The current church membership at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 stands at 22.

The provision of church leadership is by Elders and Deacons (collectively known as Church Officers) who are elected by the church membership. The Church Officers make decisions collectively, and certain matters as set out in the Church Handbook are decided by the Church Members at a duly convened Church Members Meeting. As at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 the church leadership consists of 5 deacons.

The church is independent of any other organisation, but maintains links and interests with other Christian and charitable organisations and is affiliated to the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC).

## **Main Activities**

We endeavour to enable people to live out their Christian faith as part of the church community through:- Worship and prayer; learning about the Bible and developing and growing their faith and knowledge in the Lord Jesus Christ. Providing pastoral care for the local community and those attending the church. Missionary and outreach work especially (but not exclusively) within the local community.

The church currently meets every Sunday and Wednesday mornings and on other occasions for worship and these are open for the public to attend. Other activities for ladies, and children are held during the year and are regularly supported by the local community.

### **Sunday Worship and Sunday School.**

The church holds Sunday morning public worship and expository teaching services throughout the year. These services take place on the church premises and all meetings are open to all. As part of the Sunday morning worship, a Sunday School and Crèche are provided for children of all age groups for Bible teaching applicable to their age.

### **Midweek Bible Study and Prayer Meeting**

Meetings specifically for Bible Study and prayer occur weekly within the church building on a Wednesday morning. The prayer meetings are to encourage open prayer for the church, the community, the world and for each other. These meetings are open to all.

### **Ladies Craft & Chatter**

The church run a weekly (during school term time) ladies afternoon craft and chatter time together in the local primary school. This is an opportunity to make craft items and a time for friendship and support for ladies within the local community. The time is open for all women and children under school age to attend and meet to get to know one another.

### **Outreach and Mission**

Carley Evangelical Baptist Church supports various missionary and missionary organisations with worldwide interest and speakers are invited to provide updates and information of their work.

The church supports and is involved with the local community including activities outside of the church.

During August 2023, an event was held in the local school to build relationships and provide activities and opportunities for the community to meet together.

Other local community activities include “building bridges” and relationships within the community and community organisations, visiting and meeting local people in cafes, a Christmas Carol Service for the community, supporting the local community in learning English and obtaining employment, supporting children’s education. Supporting the local primary school with school trips and special events. In addition the church is involved with outreach to local University overseas students through an International Cafe.

### **Contact with other churches**

Carley Evangelical Baptist Church maintains regular contact with other Leicester churches including sharing in joint services and times of worship together.

## **Church Operation and Management**

All church activities are led and supported by volunteers including a designated “St Matthews Matters” Community Worker from within the church and missionary organisations who are DBS checked and receive training as appropriate. During the year, the Church Trustees continue to review specific legislations and guidance, as they may affect the church to ensure compliance and identify areas where improvements and changes are required, as part of overall risk management . There were no serious incidents during the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

## **Finances**

The finances of the church are as recorded in the Statement of Accounts. The church income comes from the regular giving and donations by church members and congregation through which all financial commitments of the church are met and allows the provision to support missionary work. The Church Trustees constantly review the level of funds and seek to ensure sufficient is carried forward to meet anticipated expenditures necessary to enable the church to continue its activities and to maintain the property in good condition.

## **Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the above trustee’s report.

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees.

Signature:- SMH

Stephen Mark Hardy

Date:- 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

## Carley Evangelical Baptist Church

### Income & Expenditure for the Year Ending 31st December 2023

Income			<u>2022</u>	
	£	£	£	£
Weekly Offerings		8520		7840
General Donations		1674		1322
Interest receivable		0		2
In "Memorium"		0		14750
Gift Aids		8181		9295
Tax Recoverable on Gift Aid		1809		2569
		<u>20184</u>		<u>35778</u>
Less Transfer of 10% to HOMF	2018		3578	
Transfer of 2% to STMF	404	2422	716	4294
		<u>17762</u>		<u>31484</u>
<b>Add:- Other Income</b>				
Specific Gifts Towards Missionaries		395		966
Car Park Income		450		350
		<u>18607</u>		<u>32800</u>
<b>Less:- Expenditure</b>				
Visiting Preachers Expenses	440		305	
Lighting & Heating	7410		3762	
Repairs & Equipment	19237		22470	
Insurance & Rates	3677		3118	
Caretaking	452		12	
Postage, Telephone, Stationary & Computer Expenses	654		640	
Printing, Duplicating & Advertising	73		310	
FIEC	800		744	
Legal & Professional	180		222	
Family Church / Youth Work	1077		1165	
COVID/Miscellaneous	50		12	
Paid onto Missionaries	395	34445	966	33726
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<b>Shortfall for the Year</b>		<u><u>-15838</u></u>		<u><u>-926</u></u>

## Carley Evangelical Baptist Church

### Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2023

	£	£	2022	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>				
Church Building & Car Park @ cost		54260		54260
Shop Building @ cost		12343		12343
Church Heaters		0		0
Equipment		0		0
		<u>66603</u>		<u>66603</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Debtors & Prepayments	6942		11742	
Cash at Bank and in Hand	28809		41020	
National Savings Investment Account	1640		1640	
	<u>37391</u>		<u>54402</u>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>				
Creditors & Accrued Charges	304		45	
<b>Current Assets less Current Liabilities</b>		37087		54357
		<u>103690</u>		<u>120960</u>
<b><u>Represented by</u></b>				
Trustees Fund		54589		54589
Special Reserve Fund (See Note 1 below)		0		0
Mini Bus Renewal Fund		0		0
General Fund (See Note 2 below)		47431		63651
Building Fund Account		0		0
Home & Overseas Missionary Fund (See Note 3 below)		0		0
Short Terms Missionary Fund		1670		2720
		<u>103690</u>		<u>120960</u>

### **Notes to the Accounts**

#### **1- Special Reserve Fund**

Balance brought forward	0	0
Transfer to General Fund	0	0
Balance carried forward	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

#### **2- General Fund**

Balance brought forward	63651	66459
Transfer from Minibus Fund		0
Transfer to Missionary Fund	-382	-1882
Shortfall for the Year	-15838	-926
Balance Carried forward	<u>47431</u>	<u>63651</u>

#### **3- Home & Overseas Missionary Fund**

Balance brought forward	0	0
Transfer of 10% from Weekly Offering	2018	3578
Transfer from General Fund	382	1882
Payments from the Fund	-2400	-5460
Balance Carried forward	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

## **Independent Examiner's Report**

I report on the accounts of **Carley Evangelical Baptist Church** for the period ending **31 December 2023** which are set out on pages 1 to 2.

### **Responsibilities of Trustees and examiner Church officers.**

In their capacity as trustees, are responsible for preparation of the accounts and they consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

### **Responsibility of Independent Examiner**

It is my responsibility to: -

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


### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

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 church 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 church officers 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

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 Charities Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

Signed .....  ..... Susan Taylor FCCA. Date 28/2/24...

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