



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: - 01/01/2024 Period start date to: - 31/12/2024 Period end date

Charity name: CITY LIFE CHURCH (PORTSMOUTH)

Charity registration number: 1182810

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	<p>City Life Church (CIO) exists for the public benefit, the advancement of the Christian faith according to the Baptist Union of Great Britain's Declaration of Principle of 1873 as updated in 1904, 1906 and 1938. The CIO may also advance education and conduct other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the World. It exists to promote the gospel of Jesus Christ that through him we may have salvation and eternal life.</p> <p>This is done by loving God, reaching out and making disciples through various activities within our city, nation, and world.</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. Highlighting the 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.	<p>2024 was a year of that built on 2023 with the continuation of growth and re-establishing what was held back during the pandemic season.</p> <p>Our Regular services continued to grow towards attendance numbers to that prior to the national lockdowns. A pattern seen by many churches in our city and nation.</p> <p>Several courses were run and made available to the membership and to the wider community such as Alpha, Transformed Life and Freedom in Christ. With cooked meals provided.</p> <p>We continued to regrow our celebratory Sunday morning services and continued with the online provision via YouTube so that our regular attendees prior to the pandemic and new attendees could see a flavour of church life prior to in person attendance, this included events that celebrated various people groups such as international Sunday, Communion etc.</p> <p>Community based events such as All Treat No Trick, our alternative to Halloween, the Easter Extravaganza, Carol Services were run.</p>

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Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.	The trustees have regard for, and an understanding for the charity Commissions guidance on Public Benefit,
Policy on grant making.	City Life Church has no policy on Grant Making
Policy on social investment including program related investment.	City Life Church has no fixed policy with relation to social investment programs, however it works closely with local, national, and international organizations to meet needs and support programs which meet the purposes of the charity, defined within its governing document, where a financial need is required to be met. This at times is through funding centrally via the church itself or directly by the membership.
Contribution made by volunteers.	Regular giving by members and volunteers enables City life Church to meet the needs of its social investment policies, together with members additionally supporting as individuals' social investment needs are drawn to their attention by the church or fellow members.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period.	The Charity remains in a solvent position financially, and together with along with other charities and businesses is positively working to recover post Covid 19 and the associated financial hardships.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held.	The charity operates a reserve policy which aims to hold an amount of cash to enable the running of the church for a period of 6 months in the unlikely event of all income being lost.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern.	With the generosity of our members and prudent fiscal management we see no prospect of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern.
The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	The Charities principal sources of funds is through the generous regular giving of its membership, and through the provision of received grants both from charity organizations and other external sources.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	With any organization in this current recovery period post pandemic, there is a heightened risk of financial insecurity facing many organizations, however with the generosity of our members and prudent fiscal management, we see no prospect of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern.

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document	Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (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.	The Senior Leadership Team may at any time nominate a new charity trustee provided that the limit specified in clause 12.3 on the number of charity trustees would not as a result be exceeded. The members may appoint a new charity trustee nominated pursuant to clause 13.1(a) Elected charity trustees, shall serve for a 3-year term and may be reappointed for a further 3-year term, following which they will usually cease to be an elected charity trustee for at least 12 months.
Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees.	The charity trustees will make available to each new charity trustee, on or before his or her first appointment: - A copy of the constitution and any amendments made to it. A copy of the CIO's latest trustees' annual report and statement of accounts.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	City Life Church (Portsmouth)
Other name the charity uses	CLC City Life Church
Registered charity number	1182810
Charity's principal address	85 Tangier Road Baffins Portsmouth Hampshire PO3 6JH

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)
Daniel Paul Harman	Chair		
Wynelle Burns Cowdery	Secretary	Removed 31/12/2022	
David Welch	Trustee	Removed 31/12/2022	
Laura Harman	Trustee		
Steven Swales	Trustee	From 01/04/2023	Senior Lead Team
Kevin Hussey	Trustee		



Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)
Daniel Paul Harman	Chair
Laura Harman	Trustee
Steven Swales	Trustee
Kevin Hussey	Trustee

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)	Daniel Paul Harman	Laura Louise Julie Harman
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair of Trustees	Trustee

Date 22/10/2025



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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
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Period start date

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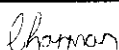
Period end date

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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Offering & Gifts	60,307		-	60,307	50,073
Gift Aided Offerings	114,885		-	114,885	83,563
Rental Income	6,338		-	6,338	5,235
Interest	208		-	208	460
Grant Income NF		6,967	-	6,967	9,950
HMRC Gift Aid	51,262		-	51,262	-
Apprenticeship Grants			-	-	-
Other income			-	-	688
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	233,000	6,967	-	239,967	149,969
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	233,000	6,967	-	239,967	149,969
A3 Payments					
Administration	26,112		-	26,112	28,578
Catering	13,452		-	13,452	9,917
Buildings maintenance	14,543		-	14,543	13,133
Ministry	99,763		-	99,763	80,235
Services	13,376		-	13,376	12,219
Giving	25,432		-	25,432	20,227
Not Forgotten		4,533	-	4,533	6,458
Grant Application Cost	745		-	745	1,493
Building Projects			-	-	23,925
Sub total	193,423	4,533	-	197,956	196,185
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
BB Loan Capital Repaid	30,000	-	-	30,000	10,000
Capital Asset Purchase		-	-	-	1,274
Sub total	30,000	-	-	30,000	11,274
Total payments	223,423	4,533	-	227,956	207,459
Net of receipts/(payments)	9,577	2,434	-	12,011	- 57,490
A5 Transfers between funds	2,498	- 2,498	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	16,466	3,758	-	20,224	77,714
Cash funds this year end	28,541	3,694	-	32,235	20,224

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Accounts	1,787	-	-
	Reserve Accounts	26,754	3,694	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	28,541	3,694	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			DANIEL HARMAN	3/12/25
			LAURA HARMAN	3/12/25



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

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
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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:

Wendy Hodgson

Date:

8/12/2025

Name:

WENDY HODGSON

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
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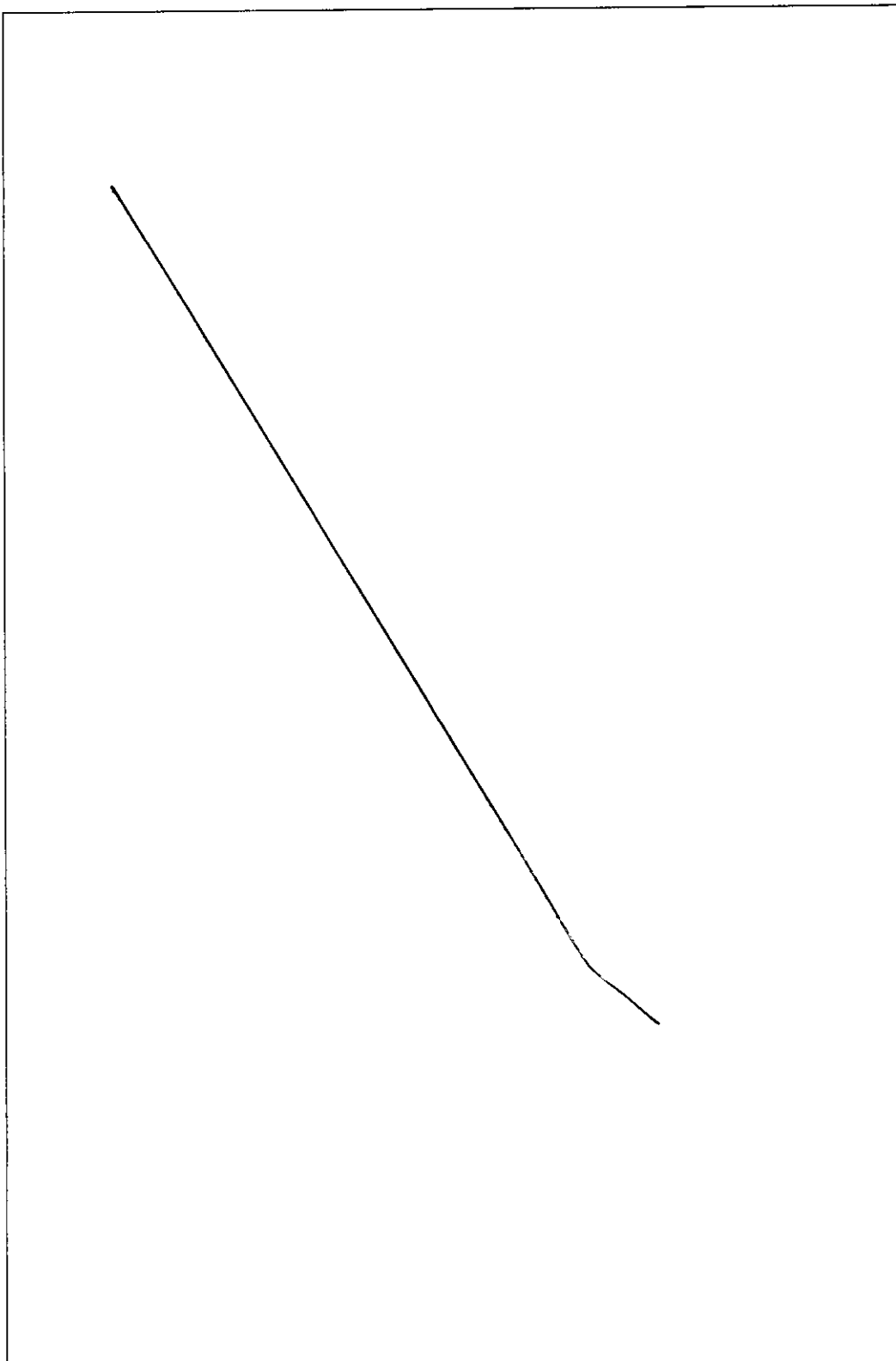
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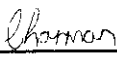
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