

# **Emmanuel Church Droitwich**

In fellowship with Assemblies of God

Charity Number 1182879

Companies House Number CE 017119

## **Trustees' Annual Report**

For the period ended 31 December 2023

### **Principal Address**

Emmanuel Church Droitwich, Blake Avenue, Droitwich Spa, Worcestershire, WR9 8PG

### **Trustees who served during the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023**

Malcolm Wood (Chair)

Nigel Payne

Jan Goryczka

Minimum Trustees are three; new trustees are appointed by existing trustees.

### **Governing Document**

CIO - FOUNDATION Registered 09 Apr 2019

### **Objects of the Trust**

- a) To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement 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.
- (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 think fit
- (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

### **Public Benefit**

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. The main activities undertaken by the charity for the public benefit during the year were the advancement of the Christian religion, relief of poverty and those in need (through support of other Ministries) and the advancement of citizenship and community (through work with children, young

### **Activities**

Emmanuel Church Droitwich hold regular Sunday services throughout the year. Teaching meetings, prayer groups and Open Doors (generally older members of the community) are held midweek together with house fellowship and periodic events like "bring and share" lunches after Sunday services, Christmas lunch and summer events. Other events like Warm Spaces have been added more recently.

Independent community users like WI use the Church Hall and local Council Meetings are held here.

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## Trustees' Annual Report (continued)

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### Finances

The income of £40,975 was significantly more than previous year of £25,406: 2023 includes gift aid refunds of £10,914 for the period 1 July 2020 to 31 January 2023. Gifts and Offerings were also £4,419 higher in 2023.

Expenditure of £34,193 (last year £28,370) was up by £5,823. The main expenditure was on maintenance including essential plumbing works and painting the outside of the building, plus expenditure on IT equipment and a significant increase in utility costs.

Missionary Aid in 2023 of £2,350 included restricted funds of £200. During 2022 Expense for Young People of £4,273 came from Restricted Funds of £4,035 received through collections raised to support the siblings of Alfie, members of the church who have been badly marked by his tragic death.

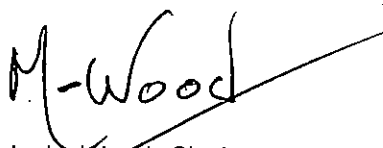
WDC own the car park which has spaces allocated between the adjacent convenience store and Emmanuel church. WDC maintain this area including the garden borders. Emmanuel Church Droitwich are committed to pay 10% of maintenance costs to be charged on an annual basis.

### Reserves Policy

The Trustees have agreed a Reserves Policy of £15,000. To facilitate maintaining this reserve £20,000 was placed in a savings account with Kingdom Bank.

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



Malcolm Wood, Chairman

Date: 20/2/2023

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## Receipts and Payments Accounts For the year ending 31 December 2023

	2023		2022
	General	Restricted	Total
<b>Income:</b>			
Gifts & Offerings	27,702	200	27,902
Inland Revenue Charities Gift Aid	10,914		10,914
Charitable Activities	1,530		1,530
Other Income	230		230
Interest	399		399
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>40,775</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>40,975</b>
<b>Expenditure:</b>			
Church Ministry	812		812
Young People	0		0
Church Events	345		345
Outreach Materials & Events	209		209
Missionary Aid	2,150	200	2,350
General Expenses & Compliance	308		308
Licences & Subscriptions	505		505
Insurance	1,395		1,395
IT Software & Consumable	1,292		1,292
Maintenance	17,772		17,772
Furniture	0		0
Equipment	2,794		2,794
Utilities	5,460		5,460
Printing & Stationery	43		43
Telephone & Internet	812		812
Professional Fees	-95		-95
Bank Fees	15		15
Independent Examination	176		176
	<b>33,993</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>34,193</b>
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit) for year</b>	<b>6,782</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,782</b>
<b>Cash Funds last year end</b>	<b>19,259</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>19,289</b>
<b>Expenditure of £34,193 (last year £28,370)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Cash Funds this year end</b>	<b>26,041</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>26,071</b>

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		Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £
<u>Cash funds</u>	Current account	30	25,643
	Petty Cash	0	0
		<u>30</u>	<u>25,643</u>

Restricted Funds comprise Project Issachar £30

<u>Other monetary assets</u>	Gift Aid claim 1 February 23 to 31 December 2023	4,950
	Sundry Debtors	128
		<u>5,078</u>

## Assets retained for the charity's own use

The Church property charity is held freehold by the charity

<u>Liabilities</u>	Independent Examination	184
		<u>184</u>

Signed on behalf of the trustees



Malcolm Wood, Chairman

Date 20/2/2024

**Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts**  
to the Trustees of  
**Emmanuel Church Droitwich**  
for the period ended 31 December 2023  
set out on pages 3 to 4

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiners**

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), 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:

- (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;
  - 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.

*S Stansfield*

Date *22/02/2024*

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