

Charity No: CIO 1184099

**Connection Church Centre
(KEC Church Centre)**

Financial Statements

for the year ending 31 March 2023

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GENERAL INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER:	CIO 1184099
TRUSTEES:	Mr O Nicholds Mr A Mabiala Dr E V H Kerekes
PASTOR:	DR E V H Kerekes
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TREASURER:	Mr O Nicholds
CHURCH ADDRESS:	Cooks Lane Kingshurst Birmingham B37 6NP
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ACCOUNTS INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:	Mr N James 109 Heathway Castle Bromwich Birmingham B34 6LG

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

The KEC Church Centre Charity CIO 1184099 (renamed Connection Church Centre (CCC)) became incorporated on 25th June 2019, and took over the activities from Kingshurst Evangelical Church on the 1st April 2020

Organizational Structure

The governing document of the charity is a Trust Deed. There are Three trustees who meet at least 3 times per year and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity.

A scheme of delegation is in place and the day-to-day responsibility for the provision of the services rests with the 'Oversight', which consists of the Pastor and Elders, who meet monthly and are responsible for ensuring that the charity delivers the services specified and that key performance indicators are met.

Trustees are appointed after receiving unanimous approval by other trustees.

Staff

The Trustees take this opportunity to thank the Pastor, Elders and Ministry Leaders for their hard work during the past year. Their continuing efforts and commitment to the church are very much appreciated. The only salaried member of the 'Oversight' team is the Pastor. The Pastor's salary is agreed by the Elders, and during the financial year, an increase was sanctioned in line with inflation.

Sherry Egginton continues to be the Community Pastor and has settled in extremely well building up relationships within the community including local councilors. Allowing the fellowship opportunities to share the love of God in many practical ways.

3 further part time staff are employed one as a cleaner, one working in the café and one as the cook for the lunch club.

Volunteers

During 2022/23 the church was able to start up not only the old ministries, e.g. lunch club, mother and toddlers (now called Little Gems) but to start new ones e.g. craft group. The ministries would not be able to function effectively without the assistance of up to 38 volunteers who serve in many capacities and whose time involvement ranges from a few hours per month to 2 -3 days a week.

The Trustees' and Elders would like to take this opportunity to express their grateful appreciation for all they do.

Objectives and Activities

The charities objectives and principle activities are to:

- Advance the Christian religion
- Support Christian missionaries
- Support Relief of Poverty
- Support Orphanages and Christian institutions worldwide
- Provide a Community Care Centre for support of the local people covering all ages from Parents and Toddlers to the Elderly

Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year:

Although the government relaxed the laws on Covid 19 we have continued to hold the services on livelink on Youtube but gradually many have returned to personally join in the services and ministries.,

- 52 Sunday Services
- 40 Children's Church
- 114 Mid-week services
- 76 Parent and Toddlers (Little Gems) Sessions
- 41 Sessions of Lunch Clubs for the Elderly.
- A café now operates on a Wednesday and Saturday morning open to the community to meet together and chat. The Wednesday café has had to close due to lack of support.
- 45 Group meetings for Youth activities
- Apart from our regular companies who hired the building a number of others have joined us this past year, along with some of community using the care center for birthday parties.

Risk Management

The charity is committed to ongoing assessment of the major risks to which the church is exposed and are confident that the system of reporting which currently exists will advise them on a regular basis of potential difficulties and enable them to take steps to lesson these risks.

Plans for Future Periods

The charity continues to look to enhance the standard of living for the people in the local community, by showing the love of God, in Word and action.

Public Benefit Statement

Worship and Prayer

CCC offers a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find beneficial and spiritually fulfilling.

One service is held on a Sunday morning is more aimed at Family worship and includes a specific section for children.

Our services are available and open to all.

During the week, discipleship/growth courses (known as Connect Groups) are held for people wishing to deepen their Christian beliefs, and regular times of prayer are also held.

During the course of the year:

- 52 Sunday Services

- 40 Children's Church
- 114 Mid-week services

The Community Care Centre

CCC also offers a range of services that benefit and involve members of the community. During the course of 2022/23 the Care Centre has conducted:

- 76 Parent and Toddlers (Little Gems) Sessions
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Food Fund

With the cost-of-living crisis we have sought to help those in the community who are struggling. We don't have the room in the building for a Food Bank, so we purchase items of food that a person is in need of and the church pays for the items, with the money being provided through grants from SMBC.

Pastoral Care

The Pastor and the leadership team offer pastoral care to both the members of the church and members of the community who attend the activities of the Care Centre.

This has often involved visiting those who are unable to attend due to sickness and has included a number of hospital visitations. In addition, the Pastor and the leadership team are available to pray or offer spiritual guidance to individuals or small groups when requested.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the above report.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature(s):  Date: 23/01/2024

Full Name: Owen G Nicholds

Position Secretary

FINANCIAL REVIEW 2022/2023

The overall position for the year ended 31 March 2023 showed total income of £128,943, and a deficit of (£15,365).

Principal Funding Sources

The main source of funding are donations, gifts and funds generated by charitable activities.

Investment Policy

The charity has only a small amount of reserves and these are likely to be called upon in the short to medium term, and consequently, investment has been restricted to easily accessible accounts. The church does not have any specific investment powers.

Checks are made to see that the return is comparable within the banking sector.

There have not been any party-related transactions during the year.

Reserves Policy

It remains the goal of the Trustees to maintain freely available reserves at a minimum level which would enable the General Fund/Building Fund of the church to operate for approximately 3 months at £12,000. Freely available reserves are funds which are unrestricted/restricted and not invested in fixed assets. The church has sufficient reserves in its General Fund and Building Fund to meet this requirement, but the situation will continue to be monitored with a view to increasing the amount of reserves.

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Connection Church Centre

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 March 2023 which are set out on Pages 9 to 13.

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;
- . follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- . 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 you as 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 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 N James
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Date: 24 January 2024

Connection Church Centre
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2023

		Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	2023 Total Funds	2022 Total Funds
Incoming Resources			£	£	
Donations	<i>Note 7</i>	64,655	50,618	115,273	128,545
Grants		13,670	0	13,670	0
Total incoming resources		78,325	50,618	128,943	128,545
Resources expended					
Cost of generating funds:					
Cost of funding	<i>Note 8</i>	12,524	0	12,524	7,399
		12,524	0	12,524	7,339
Charitable activities	<i>Note 6</i>	0	144,308	144,308	111,967
Total resources expended		0	144,308	144,308	111,967
Net incoming resources/(resources expended)		78,325	(93,690)	(15,365)	16,578
Fund balances brought forward		0	609,392	609,392	606,600
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		78,325	(93,690)	(15,365)	16,578
Prior year adjustment		0	0	0	(13,786)
Gain/(loss) on revaluation of assets					
Fund balances carried forward		78,325	515,702	594,027	609,392

**Connection Church Centre
Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2023**

		£	£
Fixed assets	<i>Note 2</i>		811,996
Current assets			
Bank		37,682	
Debtors	<i>Note 3</i>	3,237	
		<u>40,919</u>	
Current liabilities			
PAYE & NIC and wages		2,049	
Accruals	<i>Note 4</i>	600	
		<u>2,649</u>	
Net current assets			<u>38,270</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			850,266
Long-term liabilities			
Loans on properties	<i>Note 5</i>	256,239	
Total assets less total liabilities		<u>594,027</u>	
Funds			
Unrestricted		594,027	
		<u>594,027</u>	

Notes to the Financial Statements - Year ended March 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the requirements of the financial reporting standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FR102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP FRS102 and the financial accounting reporting standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

Tangible Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets are shown at cost. Depreciation is provided at the rate calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Equipment and fittings	20%	per annum
Freehold property	2%	per annum
Land is not depreciated.		

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of general objectives of the Church. These are funds that have not been designated for any other purposes.

General funds are those funds which are not designated or restricted for any purpose.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Church for particular purposes.

Resources Expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party.

Costs of Charitable Activities comprise all expenditure identified as incurred in the pursuit of the charitable objects of the charity.

Apportionment of Costs

Costs which cannot be directly attributed to activities represented by restricted funds are charged against unrestricted income.

Support costs are apportioned between the charity's activities on the basis of salary costs.

2. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Equipment & Fittings £	Freehold Premises £	Total £
Cost			
1 April 2022 Balance b/d	2,472	1,009,387	1,011,859
Additions	3,147		3,147
Disposals	0	0	0
31 March 2023 Balance c/d	<u>5,619</u>	<u>1,009,387</u>	<u>1,015,006</u>
Depreciation			
1 April 2022 Balance b/d	494	181,204	181,698
Charge for the year	1,124	20,188	21,312
Disposal	0	0	0
31 March 2023 Balance c/d	<u>1,618</u>	<u>201,392</u>	<u>203,010</u>
Net Book Value 31 March 2023	4,001	807,995	811,996
Net Book Value 31 March 2022	1,978	828,183	830,161

3. Debtors and Prepayments

	£
HMRC gift aid refunds	<u>3,237</u>

4. Accruals

	£
Professional Charges	600
PAYE	<u>2,049</u>
	<u>2,649</u>

5. Loans on properties

	£
Church and Manse	<u>256,239</u>

6. Expenditure on charitable activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Salaries, Pension & Employer's NIC	46,746	43,663
Hire of equipment	602	977
Rent, rates and insurance	1,860	344
Lighting and heating	3,756	4,751
Stationery, postage & advertising	1,586	1,151
Repairs and maintenance	14,774	10,682
Telephone	1,678	1,409
Travelling expenses	9,644	3,100
General expenses	28,244	17,268
Depreciation	21,312	20,682
Professional charges	1,582	600
Loan interest and bank charges	<u>12,524</u>	<u>7,340</u>
	<u>144,308</u>	<u>119,967</u>

7. Analysis of Incoming resources

	£
General fund (Unrestricted)	50,618
Building fund (Restricted)	28,303
Cafe fund (Restricted)	11,350
Lunch Club fund (Restricted)	12,147
Mission fund (Restricted)	3,930
Support fund (Restricted)	3,520
HMRC tax relief on donations (Restricted)	3,237
Little Gems fund (Restricted)	<u>2,168</u>
Total	<u>115,273</u>

8. Cost of funding in General expenses

	£
Bank charges	204
Loan interest	12,320

N.B. The Loan interest of £7,340 in the previous year was in General Expenses.
This is now adjusted to provide a comparison in the expenditure on charitable activities.

