



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## **Trustees' Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements for the period**

**From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 Period start date**  
**To 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 Period end date**

**Charity name: Yeo Valley Christian Fellowship**

**Charity registration number:1186459**

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## **Objectives and Activities**

Summary of purposes: THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOCTRINAL BASIS OF FAITH SET OUT IN THE ANNEX TO THE CONSTITUTION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC OF LAPFORD, DEVON AND THE SURROUNDING AREA.

Main activities: In addition to meeting together for fellowship, the Church have purchased a local building which is used as a drop in café, foodbank and by the community for other activities.

Statement re Charity Commission guidance: The trustees have regarded the Charity Commission guides whenever there have been decisions to make on the actions of the charity and continue to administer the governance of the fellowship under the Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

## **Achievements and Performance**

Summary of main achievements: Over recent years The Ark has been a shining light within its work of the foodbank but also in its role as a hub within Lapford and the wider community. As times become more financially challenging the food bank will be even busier. As well as this the other facilities of The Ark will be even more important to give support to those in and around the village. The compassionate fund is continuing to be administered by the management of The Ark and with the other areas of The Ark these are an important means of our Christian outreach. More recently there has been a space opened upstairs to use as a library/reading area.

Despite Covid the charity has been able to maintain a positive financial position.

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

Description of charity trusts:

The Charity is made up of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Association Model) and is controlled by its trust deed.

Trustee selection methods:

Within the Trustees we have a rolling period of service after which a Trustee will stand down. There then follows a voting process regarding election.

## **Reference and Administrative Details**

Any other name: The Charity is known as Yeo Valley Christian Fellowship and also uses the name Lapford Community Church.

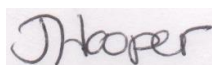
Registered Company Number: 1186459

Charity's principal address: Village Stores, Lapford, Crediton, EX17 6PZ

Trustees:

- Sally Rowden (Chair)
- Jeremy Turner (Secretary)
- Jacqueline Hooper (Treasurer)
- Briony Clinch
- Lorraine Kigongo
- Stephen Bragg
- Phillip Burrow

Trustees Statement approved and signed on behalf of the Trustees 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J Hooper', is shown within a light pink rectangular background.

Mrs Jacqueline Hooper (esignature)

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE YEO VALLEY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

We report on the accounts of the Trust for the period ended 31 March 2022, which are set out on pages 1 and 2.

### **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 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- a. examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- b. 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
- c. to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

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

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 our examination, no material matters have come to our attention which gives us cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- a. the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- b. the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- c. the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

We have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Signed ..... Date .....

**H W MARTIN & CO LLP**  
**Lloyds Bank Chambers, Crediton, Devon.**

## **Summary and report of Financial Statement 2022-2023**

### **Lapford Community Church (YVCF) & The ARK (Foodbank)**

#### **Total Income - £36,033.10**

Made up of:

Combined offerings LCC	£13,571.82
Reclaimed Gift Aid (2021-22)	£ 3,605.34
The ARK & Foodbank donations	£18,855.94

Thank you so much for your regular contributions to the Church as well as to The ARK and Foodbank. We are able to continue to support local people through the variety of events and activities that are provided by each part of the Church. The ARK & Foodbank income included a grant of £2000 received from Devon Community Foundation.

#### **Total Expenses - £37,544.02**

Comprising of:

Payments from LCC	£15,700.31
The ARK & Foodbank	£21,843.71

Through this financial year we were able to support the following charities through our charitable donations:


<b>SWYM (South West Youth Ministries)</b>	£1000
<b>FEBA Radio</b>	£ 500
<b>FCN (Farming Community Network)</b>	£ 500
<b>St Petrocs</b>	£ 500
<b>Street Pastors</b>	£ 500
<b>Counties Evangelists</b>	£ 500
<b>Bridges for Peace</b>	£ 500
<b>Connect</b>	£1000
<b>DCYC (Devon Christian Youth Camps)</b>	£1000
<b>CR2EE (Christian Response 2 Eastern Europe)</b>	£1000
<b>Lapford Voluntary Car Aid</b>	£ 500
<b>Devon &amp; Cornwall Refugee Support</b>	£ 500

We were also able to give money to ShelterBox to support two tents and equipment in areas they have been called to go to. All the charities were really grateful for all gifts received. These donations will enable their organisations to continue to support individuals and groups through these challenging times.

We have also found that there is still a great need locally and our compassionate fund as well as the foodbank is being used and appreciated.

We continue to pay a monthly amount to Compassion UK to sponsor a young girl in Uganda. Lola enjoys receiving letters and cards and sends back regular news.

In February 2023 we received a Gift Aid refund of £3605.34 for the financial year 2021-22. We are at present submitting a gift aid claim for 2022 – 2023.

**SIGNED -** 

**DATE – 08/11/2023**

Jackie Hooper  
on behalf of Lapford Community Church

On the next page, for your information, I have included income and expenses relating to LCC & The ARK and Foodbank separately.

Lapford Community Church

31 Mar 23

	Debit	Credit
4100 · Lapford Community Church:4180 · Gift Aid Tax Back		3,605.34
4100 · Lapford Community Church:4185 · Miscellaneous Donation		130.00
4100 · Lapford Community Church:4400 · General Fund:4411 · Monthly DD Offerings		2,400.00
4100 · Lapford Community Church:4400 · General Fund:4412 · Monthly DD Offerings GiftAided		7,460.00
4100 · Lapford Community Church:4400 · General Fund:4413 · Weekly Cash Offerings		3,581.82
<b>Total Income LCC</b>		<b>17,177.16</b>
6101 · Rent and Rates	1,407.00	
6102 · Social and Special Events	140.00	
6103 · Subscriptions	827.15	
6104 · External Speakers	425.00	
6105 · Insurance Expense (Combined)	1,132.87	
6106 · Office Expense:Postage and Delivery	97.95	
6107 · Charitable Donations & Gifts	9,963.50	
6109 · Computer and Internet Expenses	162.60	
6116 · Interest Expense/Bank Chg	60.00	
6118 · Sundries/Miscellaneous Expense	403.61	
6119 · Motor:Fuel	40.01	
6119 · Motor:Motor Expense	1,040.62	
<b>Total Expenses LCC</b>		<b>15,700.31</b>
<b>Overall Total for LCC</b>		<b>1,476.85</b>

## The ARK & Foodbank

31 Mar 23

	Debit	Credit
4500 · The ARK (Foodbank):4501 · Takings (Donation re food)		10,736.70
4500 · The ARK (Foodbank):4502 · Foodbank Donation		3,703.63
4500 · The ARK (Foodbank):4503 · Donation Re Use of Room		110.00
4500 · The ARK (Foodbank):4504 · Miscellaneous Donation		2,305.61
4500 · The ARK (Foodbank):4505 · Grant Received		2,000.00
<b>Total Income The ARK</b>		<b>18,855.94</b>
6200 · THE ARK & FOODBANK:6205 · Provisions & General costs	11,000.24	
6200 · THE ARK & FOODBANK:6211 · Electric	2,924.98	
6200 · THE ARK & FOODBANK:6212 · Repairs and Maintenance	2,556.46	
6200 · THE ARK & FOODBANK:6213 · Telephone & Broadband	1,489.21	
6200 · THE ARK & FOODBANK:6214 · Water	248.32	
6200 · THE ARK & FOODBANK:6215 · Equipment & Items purchased	894.50	
6200 · THE ARK & FOODBANK:6216 · Donation Expense	1,565.80	
6200 · THE ARK & FOODBANK:6217 · Security & Protection	518.28	
6200 · THE ARK & FOODBANK:6218 · General Property Expense	614.60	
6200 · THE ARK & FOODBANK:6300 · STRIPE Fee for Direct donations	31.32	
<b>Total Expenses The ARK</b>		<b>21,843.71</b>
<b>Overall Total The ARK &amp; Foodbank</b>		<b>-2,987.77</b>
<b>Total LCC &amp; The ARK - Exp over income</b>		<b>-£1,510.92</b>