



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements for the period

From 1st April 2023 Period start date
To 31st March 2024 Period end date

Charity name: Lapford Community Church

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: We are a Church group who meet together to promote Christian Faith in the village and local area. 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.

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

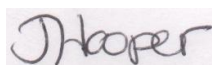
Any other name: Recently the Church has changed its name from Yeo Valley Christian Fellowship to Lapford Community Church to reflect more accurately our purposes.

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
- Phillip Burrow



Mrs Jacqueline Hooper (signature)

Summary and report of Financial Statement 2023-2024

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

Total Income - £35,522.04

Made up of:

Combined offerings & donations LCC	£14,613.68
Reclaimed Gift Aid (2021-22)	£ 2,851.63
The ARK & Foodbank donations	£18,056.73

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.

Total Expenses - £38,366.98

Comprising of:

Payments made from LCC	£19,034.64
The ARK & Foodbank	£19,332.34

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

SWYM (South West Youth Ministries)	£ 500
FEBA Radio	£ 500
FCN (Farming Community Network)	£ 500
St Petrocs	£ 500
Street Pastors (Exeter & Tiverton)	£1000
Counties Evangelists	£1000
The ARK & Foodbank	£ 500
Connect	£ 500
DCYC (Devon Christian Youth Camps)	£1000
CR2EE (Christian Response 2 Eastern Europe)	£1000
Lapford Voluntary Car Aid	£ 500
Devon & Cornwall Refugee Support	£ 500

We continue to pay a monthly amount to Compassion UK to sponsor a young girl in Uganda. It was lovely at Church earlier in the year to have an update about Lola and to write messages for her. Lola enjoys receiving letters and cards and sends back regular news.

We have also been able to donate to ShelterBox to support their work and equipment in areas they are currently involved. All the charities have expressed their gratitude for the gifts received. The Foodbank, ARK café and Compassionate funds are also being used constantly and these are all a big asset to the community.

In February 2024 we received a Gift Aid refund of £2851.63 for the financial year 2022-23. We are at present submitting a gift aid claim for 2023 – 2024.

The bank balances on the 25th of October 2024 stand at:

LCC HSBC A/c	£ 52.85
LCC Co-op Current A/c	£ 3,530.77
LCC Co-op Instant Access Savings	£ 187.38
LCC Co-op 35-day notice Savings	<u>£ 12,131.14</u>
	£ 15,902.14
FOOD BANK & ARK Co-op Current A/C	<u>£ 4,556.74</u>

Total	£ 20,458.88
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The Church and The ARK accounts have been audited they are also now published on the Lapford Community Church website.

Many thanks

SIGNED -



DATE – 25/10/2024

Jackie Hooper
on behalf of Lapford Community Church

LAPFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH
CHARITY NUMBER 1186459
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
for the year ended 31 March 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF LAPFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH

We report on the accounts of the Trust for the period ended 31 March 2024, 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

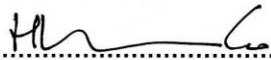
Our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items 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 15.11.2024

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

Lapford Community Church
Receipts and Payments Account
for the year ended 31 March 2024

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	2023/24		2022/23	
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
YVCF Offerings:			-	
Monthly Direct Debit Offerings	3,200		2,400	
Monthly Direct Debit Offerings - Gift Aided	7,700		7,460	
Weekly Cash offerings	2,220		3,582	
Weekly Cash offerings - gift aided	-		-	
YCVF miscellaneous donations	1,494		2,306	
Foodbank donation	-		3,704	
YVCF Use of Room - Village Store (Ark)	-		110	
Gift aid	2,852		-	
Grant	-		2,000	
YCVF Gross interest	-		-	
YVCF Reclaimed Tax	-		3,605	
ARK Takings - Donations for food	11,278		10,737	
ARK Donations	5,248		130	
ARK Miscellaneous donations	1,091		-	
ARK Use of premises income	439	35,522	-	36,034
Payments				
YVCF				
Hall hire			-	
Rent and rates	1,403		1,407	
Subscriptions	815		827	
External speakers and expenses	700		425	
Insurance	1,492		1,133	
Office expenses	61		98	
Donations and gifts	9,287		9,964	
Equipment, repairs, renewals and hire	-		-	
Computer and website expenses	58		163	
Music and copyright	-		-	
Youth work expenses	-		-	
Bank charges	60		60	
Transport	1,998		1,081	
Professional fees	1,996		-	
Sundries	513	18,383	544	15,702
		17,139		
The ARK				
Purchases	12,508		11,000	
Donations	1,110		1,566	
Equipment and expenses	296		895	
Light and heat - Ark	2,781		2,925	
Water - Ark	96		248	
Telephone and Broadband- Ark	1,538		1,489	
Postages	-		-	
Advertising and promotion	653		-	
Repairs and maintenance	147		2,556	
Security and protection	638		518	
Cleaning	-		-	
Sundry expenses	217	19,984	646	21,843
Excess of receipts over payments for the year		(2,845)		(1,511)