

LIFE CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1186922

Details

Status Registered

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Registered 2019-12-12

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CHURCH ("THE OBJECTS") ARE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC:(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 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

Activities: A wide range of Christian services and activities which include programmes of meetings and activities for children, youth and the elderly. We support and are involved with local and overseas mission activity in Africa, Asia and Europe.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Disability, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Leicester City
- Leicestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£176,098	£160,504	-	-
2024-12-31	£189,039	£194,580	-	-
2023-12-31	£128,320	£117,798	-	-
2022-12-31	£116,475	£117,347	-	-
2021-12-31	£114,337	£112,091	-	-
2020-12-31	£138,640	£77,406	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Matthew Justin Hill	Chair	2019-12-12
JAMES ROBERT FOX		2025-04-07
Jacob Lescott		2024-12-11
Leon Daniel Cole		2020-04-06
Sonia Haithcock		2024-12-11

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Year ended 31 December 2025

Stewardship 
Active generosity

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LIFE CHURCH
LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	Frederick Street Wigston LE18 1PJ
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	Constitution dated 12 December 2019
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1186922
Trustees RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Mary Buckley (resigned 31 March 2025) Leon Cole Andrew Harrison (resigned 31 March 2025) Matthew Hill James Fox (appointed 07 April 2025) Jacob Lescott Sonia Haithcock
BANKERS	Barclays Bank PLC Kingdom Bank Limited
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Sarah Crispin Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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LIFE CHURCH
REPORT OF THE Trustees
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Objectives and activities

The charity, which is a church, is governed by a constitution and is constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation.

The principal aim of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith and the worship of God. By upholding righteous values and beliefs it is the Trustees' conviction that a positive impact into the community can be achieved for the good of all. Activities include:

- A regular programme of meetings is provided in the main centre for worship, prayer and outreach.
- Children and youth work.
- Mid-week groups and activities including Life Groups.
- Teaching series, inspiration and online resources.
- Community outreach including partnering with local agencies to provide support to those in need.

Achievements and performance

We launched a fresh vision for Life Church in September 2025, with our intent to be 'a church overflowing with the life of God', focused on Reaching People, Raising Disciples and Releasing Gifting.

The main achievements for the period were:

- We ran an Alpha course where participants had opportunity to explore and go deeper in their Christian faith.
- We held several baptism services throughout the year, where participants shared their journey to faith in Jesus.
- We engaged with the local community through the Knighton Park Show and Wigston Christmas Lights events.
- We launched Coffee & Cake, opening up our building to engage with the community.
- We extended our relationships with community partners, including providing Christmas gift bags for isolated and vulnerable members of the local community.
- We supported mission and missionaries in Greece and Spain, and into central and eastern Europe and Africa via Kingdom Journeys.
- We continued to fight modern day slavery via our partnership with Hope for Justice.

Raising Disciples:

- We ran Sunday services, with many new individuals and families attending, and provided teaching to encourage and equip the church in God's word.
- We held Life Groups throughout the year in homes or online, enabling relationship building, discipleship, outreach and leadership development.
- We continued to invest in our children and young people through Sunday mornings, Arise Youth, a midweek Life Group and the Summer trip to the RockNations conference.
- We held a series of Encounter worship nights to provide a space for going deeper with God in worship and prayer.
- We ran a variety of men's and women's events and activities, enabling relationship building and growing in faith.
- We launched our Young Adults ministry for 18-30s, providing opportunity for this age group to grow in community and go deeper in faith.
- We introduced Faith & Fitness, equipping people in basic fitness skills alongside spiritual input and encouragement.

Releasing Gifting:

- We brought several new people into church partnership, and provided opportunity for a large proportion of church partners to use their gifts to serve on our teams.
- We held several Stronger Team Sundays during the year, focused on growth, development and releasing gifting.
- We introduced 'Real Life' interviews in Sunday services, and continued to involve a range of people in leading communion.
- We provided opportunity for our leaders to engage with Assemblies of God leadership days, events and conferences.
- We began planning for the launch of Life Church Academy in 2026, a programme of practical theological development.

To implement our vision and mission, we strengthened our supporting infrastructure and enabling functions in several areas in 2026:

- We introduced Life Church 'DNA' – communicating our church culture and values.
- We introduced a part time Communications Coordinator role to facilitate church communications internally and externally via our various platforms.
- We established a Pastoral Care Team and Pastoral Framework to equip and support the church in providing pastoral care to church attenders and those engaging with the church.
- We continued to apply good practice in safeguarding, including raising the profile of safeguarding with the church through various channels, and providing internal training and support to supplement external training.
- We renovated our upstairs youth room to provide a fantastic space for our young people.

- We refurbished our church office to provide a fit-for-purpose working environment for our expanded team.

The activities are mainly achieved through the faithful work of many church members who act as unpaid volunteers, without whose contributions the aims and objectives could not all be met.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Financial review

The vast majority of the finances required to fund the activities are raised through donations from church partners, supplemented by the refund of income tax from HM Revenue & Customs through the Gift Aid scheme.

During the year we gave £19,216 (2024: £13,993) to other Christian charities and missions who help us fulfil our charitable aims and objectives.

During the year income decreased by £12,940, to £176,099, and expenditure decreased by £34,077, to £160,504. As a result the cash held by the charity increased by £15,593, to £83,182, of which £73,584 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

Reserves policy

The Trustees' aim is to hold surplus funds of approximately 3 months of unrestricted expenditure which equates to £36,976. At this level, the Trustees feel that current activities of the charity would be able to continue in the event of a significant drop in offerings. At 31 December 2025 the unrestricted general fund balance was £73,584, representing 6 months expenditure.

Governance and management

New Trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees. The Trustees are responsible for making the major decisions regarding the formulation and implementation of its aims and objectives, and for monitoring and controlling all of its financial resources. The Trustees formally meet at least four times a year, and report key issues and decisions to the church membership on a regular basis. Quarterly reports from the treasurer are received for discussion and necessary action. An Annual General Meeting is held each year to present to the church membership the management, departmental and Treasurer's reports.

In the pursuit of its charitable activities, the charity has been in fellowship with the Assemblies of God in the UK, and is a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

Risk statement

The charity is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The Trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

Responsibilities of Trustees

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Matthew Hill

Matthew Hill (May 12, 2026 15:15:08 GMT+1)

MATTHEW HILL (Trustee)

Date: May 12, 2026

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF

LIFE CHURCH

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Life Church ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2025 on pages 7 to 10 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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.

Sarah Crispin

[Sarah Crispin \(May 19, 2026 13:39:03 GMT+1\)](#)

Sarah Crispin
Stewardship
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Date: May 19, 2026

LIFE CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	2025	2024
		General Funds	Designated Funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
Income receipts						
Donations		118,113	4,000	16,539	138,652	150,384
Gift aid receipts		34,418	1,000	-	35,418	36,827
Income from events		-	-	1,694	1,694	700
Investment income		314	-	-	314	747
Other		20	-	-	20	380
Total receipts		152,865	5,000	18,233	176,098	189,039
Payments						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	135,337	3,429	2,492	141,258	180,567
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	12,565	-	6,681	19,246	14,013
Total payments		147,902	3,429	9,173	160,504	194,580
Net of receipts / (payments) before		4,962	1,571	9,060	15,595	- 5,541
Transfers between funds	5	- 213	-	213	-	-
Net movement in funds		4,749	1,571	9,273	15,593	- 5,541
Cash funds as at last year end		67,265	-	324	67,589	73,130
Cash funds at this year end	A	72,014	1,571	9,597	83,182	67,589

The notes on pages 9 - 10 form part of these accounts.

LIFE CHURCH
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			2025 £	2024 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £		
A Cash funds					
Cash at bank with immediate access	27,559	1,571	9,597	38,727	28,511
Notice deposits	44,392	-	-	44,392	39,078
Petty cash	62	-	-	62	-
	<u>72,014</u>	<u>1,571</u>	<u>9,597</u>	<u>83,182</u>	<u>67,589</u>
B Other monetary assets					
Gift aid due to charity	6,621	-	-	6,621	7,568
Other debtors	391	-	-	391	-
	<u>7,012</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,012</u>	<u>7,568</u>
C Liabilities					
Falling due within one year					
Trade creditors	1,706	-	-	1,706	1,004
Payroll and Tax	1,413	-	-	1,413	1,930
Fee for Independent Examination	1,260	-	-	1,260	1,200
Total	<u>4,379</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,379</u>	<u>4,134</u>

D Assets retained for charity's own use

	Fund to which asset belongs	Current value £
Land and buildings (give brief details)	General	1,460,175
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	General	126,007
		<u>1,586,182</u>

Current insurance values have been quoted because reliable valuations are not available

E Guarantees and secured debts

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

The accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Matthew Hill

Matthew Hill (May 12, 2026 15:15:08 GMT+1)

MATTHEW HILL (Trustee)

May 12, 2026

Date: _____

The notes on pages 9 - 10 form part of these accounts.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly					
Employment costs (see note 4)	83,590	-	-	83,590	74,235
Ministry expenses	10,315	-	250	10,565	15,784
Youth and children's work	4,090	2,734	-	6,825	6,567
Outreach activities	-	-	-	-	1,257
Events	1,660	-	1,718	3,378	865
Equipment	4,541	-	-	4,541	1,621
Maintenance of buildings & equipment	16,604	695	524	17,822	17,275
Upgrade of buildings & equipment	514	-	-	514	43,086
Utilities	5,063	-	-	5,063	7,951
Insurance	1,535	-	-	1,535	1,568
Office and support costs	7,426	-	-	7,426	10,358
	<u>135,337</u>	<u>3,429</u>	<u>2,492</u>	<u>141,258</u>	<u>180,567</u>
3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others					
Grants for:					
Mission in the UK and overseas	12,565	-	6,681	19,246	14,013
	<u>12,565</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,681</u>	<u>19,246</u>	<u>14,013</u>
4 Transactions with related parties					
Mary Buckley, Matthew Hill and James Fox served as church leaders and received employment benefits totalling £12,964, £44,310, and £15,659 respectively (2024: £49,240, £19,947 and £0) for serving in that capacity, not for serving as Trustees; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.					
Beth Hill, who is closely related to Matthew Hill, who is a Trustee, received financial support of £2,625 (2024: £2,625) towards theological education.					
Payments were made to Tracey Harrison (wife of Trustee) for her role as a cleaner: £5,027 (2024: £4,669)					

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5 Movement of funds

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	67,265	152,865	(147,902)	(213)	72,014
Designated funds					
3D Ministries	-	5,000	(3,429)	-	1,571
Restricted funds					
Building Fund	-	669	-	-	669
Missions Fund	324	936	(1,081)	-	180
Youth Fund	-	850	(1,063)	213	0
Appeals Fund	-	14,915	(6,374)	-	8,541
Events Fund	-	864	(655)	-	209
	<u>324</u>	<u>18,234</u>	<u>(9,173)</u>	<u>213</u>	<u>9,597</u>
Total funds	<u>67,589</u>	<u>176,098</u>	<u>(160,504)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>83,182</u>

3D Ministries: for helping those in need

Building Fund: for building-related projects and expenditure

Missions Fund: local and global outreach and relief of poverty

Youth Fund: for youth ministry, events and conferences

Appeals Fund: for special appeals including vision offerings

Events Fund: for events or conferences where participants pay some or all of the cost

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LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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GOVERNING DOCUMENT	Constitution dated 12 December 2019
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1186922
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	John Allard (appointed 17 April 2023; resigned 29 January 2024) Mary Buckley (resigned 31 March 2025) Leon Cole Andrew Harrison (resigned 31 March 2025) Matthew Hill Curtis Quashie (resigned 16 October 2024) James Fox (appointed 07 April 2025) Jacob Lescott (appointed 11 December 2024) Sonia Haithcock (appointed 11 December 2024)
BANKERS	Barclays Bank PLC Kingdom Bank Limited
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Archie McDowall BA CA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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LIFE CHURCH
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Objectives and activities

The charity, which is a church, is governed by a constitution and is constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation.

The principal aim of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith and the worship of God. By upholding righteous values and beliefs it is the Trustees' conviction that a positive impact into the community can be achieved for the good of all. Activities include:

- A regular programme of meetings is provided in the main centre for worship, prayer and outreach.
- Children and youth work.
- Mid-week groups and activities including Life Groups.
- Teaching series, inspiration and online resources.
- Community outreach including partnering with local agencies to provide support to those in need.

Achievements and performance

The main achievements for the period were:

- Sunday services continued with many new individuals and families attending, and excellent teaching series to encourage and equip the church in God's word.
- We held several baptism services throughout the year, where participants shared their journey to faith in Jesus, and we also welcomed new people into church partnership.
- We supported mission and missionaries in Greece and Spain, and into central and eastern Europe and Africa via HaS Missions.
- We continued to fight modern day slavery via our partnership with Hope for Justice.
- Relationships with local community partners were extended, including the very successful provision of Easter and Christmas hampers for isolated and vulnerable members of the local community.
- The work amongst children and young people continued, focussing on spiritual development, including Life Kids, Arise Youth, Young Lifers and the Summer youth trip to the RockNations conference in Bradford.
- We held Stronger Team Sundays where ministry came from members of the church.

Achievements and performance (continued)

- Life Groups were held throughout the year in homes, online or via text, enabling relationship building, discipleship, outreach and leadership development.
- Encounter worship nights were held to provide a focus for going deeper with God in worship and in prayer
- Bible academy sessions were held to develop a deeper understanding of the Bible and how to apply it to our lives today.
- A programme of men's and women's events and activities were run, providing opportunity for relationship building and growing in faith.
- Leadership training and development continued, including through focused groups for emerging leaders and one-to-one coaching and mentoring.
- Leaders took part in Assemblies of God leadership events.
- We provided support and encouragement to other churches and ministers via Assemblies of God hubs, preaching engagements and mentoring.
- The paid roles of cleaner and building maintenance manager continued to be successful in providing excellent Life Church facilities for the church and local community.
- Work was carried out to enhance the church building, including the replacement of the church's heating system with new air conditioning units.

The activities are mainly achieved through the faithful work of many church members who act as unpaid volunteers, without whose contributions the aims and objectives could not all be met.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Financial review

The vast majority of the finances required to fund the activities are raised through donations from church members, supplemented by the refund of income tax from HM Revenue & Customs through the Gift Aid scheme.

During the year we gave £13,993 (2023: £21,160) to other Christian charities and missions who help us fulfil our charitable aims and objectives.

During the year income increased by £60,719, to £189,039, and expenditure increased by £76,783, to £194,580. As a result the cash held by the charity decreased by £5,541, to £67,589, of which £67,265 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

Income and expenditure were significantly higher in 2024 than the previous year. This was mainly due to one-off matters including significant building maintenance, one-off donations, and the bank closing our account in error leading to income and expenditure for December 2023 taking place in January 2024.

Reserves policy

The Trustees' aim is to hold surplus funds of approximately 3 months of unrestricted expenditure which equates to £37,665. At this level, the Trustees feel that current activities of the charity would be able to continue in the event of a significant drop in offerings. At 31 December 2024 the unrestricted general fund balance was £67,265, representing 5.4 months expenditure.

Governance and management

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Risk statement

The charity is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

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We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:


Matthew Hill (Jul 28, 2025 14:19:47 GMT+1)

MATTHEW HILL (TRUSTEE)

Date: Jul 28, 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF

LIFE CHURCH

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Life Church ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024 on pages 6 to 9 following.

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Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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.

Archie McDowall

Archie McDowall (Jul 29, 2025 16:00:23 GMT+1)

Archie McDowall BA CA
Stewardship
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Date: Jul 29, 2025

LIFE CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	2024	2023
		General Funds	Designated Funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
Income receipts						
Donations		146,493	-	3,891	150,384	116,118
Gift aid receipts		36,827	-	-	36,827	10,843
Income from events		700	-	-	700	645
Investment income		747	-	-	747	638
Other		380	-	-	380	76
Total receipts		185,147	-	3,891	189,039	128,320
Payments						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	177,771	-	2,796	180,567	96,329
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	12,887	-	1,126	14,013	21,468
		190,658	-	3,922	194,580	117,798
Purchase of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
		190,658	-	3,922	194,580	117,798
Net of receipts / (payments) before		- 5,511	-	- 31	- 5,541	10,522
Transfers between funds	5	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		- 5,511	-	- 31	- 5,541	10,522
Cash funds as at last year end		72,776	-	355	73,130	62,608
Cash funds at this year end	A	67,265	-	324	67,589	73,130

The notes on pages 8 - 9 form part of these accounts.

LIFE CHURCH
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds			2024 £	2023 £
		General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £		
A Cash funds						
Cash at bank with immediate access		28,187	-	324	28,511	29,799
Notice deposits		39,078	-	-	39,078	43,332
		67,265	-	324	67,589	73,130
B Other monetary assets						
Gift aid due to charity		7,568	-	-	7,568	17,479
Other debtors		-	-	-	-	1,029
		7,568	-	-	7,568	18,508
C Liabilities						
Falling due within one year						
Trade creditors		1,004	-	-	1,004	4,254
Payroll and Tax		1,930	-	-	1,930	6,094
Fee for Independent Examination		1,200	-	-	1,200	1,170
Total		4,134	-	-	4,134	11,518

D Assets retained for charity's own use

	Fund to which asset belongs	Current value £
Land and buildings (give brief details)	General	1,460,175
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	General	126,007
		1,586,182

Current insurance values have not been quoted because reliable valuations are not available

F Guarantees and secured debts

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Matthew Hill
Matthew Hill (Jul 28, 2025 14:19:47 GMT+1)

MATTHEW HILL (TRUSTEE)

Date: Jul 28, 2025

The notes on pages 8 - 9 form part of these accounts.

LIFE CHURCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly					
Employment costs (see note 4)	74,235	-	-	74,235	51,470
Ministry expenses	15,784	-	-	15,784	6,597
Youth and children's work	5,104	-	1,463	6,567	3,379
Outreach activities	809	-	448	1,257	1,073
Events	865	-	-	865	1,048
Equipment	1,621	-	-	1,621	575
Maintenance of buildings & equipment	16,390	-	885	17,275	19,199
Upgrade of buildings & equipment	43,086	-	-	43,086	-
Utilities	7,951	-	-	7,951	5,676
Insurance	1,568	-	-	1,568	1,179
Office and support costs	10,358	-	-	10,358	6,133
Other costs	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>177,771</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,796</u>	<u>180,567</u>	<u>96,329</u>
3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others					
Grants for:					
Mission in the UK and overseas	12,867	-	1,126	13,993	21,260
Relief of poverty	20	-	-	20	208
	<u>12,887</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,126</u>	<u>14,013</u>	<u>21,468</u>
4 Transactions with related parties					
Mary Buckley and Matthew Hill served as church leaders and received employment benefits totalling £49,240 and £19,947 respectively (2023: £44,490 and £8,903) for serving in that capacity, not for serving as trustees; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.					
Beth Hill, who is closely related to Matthew Hill, who is a trustee, received financial support of £2,625 (2023: £875) towards theological education.					
Payments were made to Tracey Harrison (wife of Trustee) for her role as a cleaner: £4,669 (2023: nil)					

LIFE CHURCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

5 Movement of funds

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	72,776	185,147	-190,658	-	67,265
Restricted funds					
Building Fund	140	745	-885	-	-
Missions Fund	215	1,684	-1,574	-	324
Youth Fund	-	1,463	-1,463	-	-
	<u>355</u>	<u>3,891</u>	<u>- 3,922</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>324</u>
Total funds	<u>73,130</u>	<u>189,039</u>	<u>-194,580</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>67,589</u>

Building Fund: for building-related projects and expenditure
Missions Fund: local and global outreach and relief of poverty
Youth Fund: for youth ministry, events and conferences

LIFE CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1186922

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Year ended 31 December 2023

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LIFE CHURCH
LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	Frederick Street Wigston LE18 1PJ
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	Constitution dated 12 December 2019
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1186922
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	John Allard (appointed 17 April 2023; resigned 29 January 2024) Mary Buckley Leon Cole Andrew Harrison Matthew Hill Curtis Quashie
BANKERS	Barclays Bank PLC Kingdom Bank Limited
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Archie McDowall BA CA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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LIFE CHURCH
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Objectives and activities

The charity, which is a church, is governed by a constitution and is constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation.

The principal aim of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith and the worship of God. By upholding righteous values and beliefs it is the Trustees' conviction that a positive impact into the community can be achieved for the good of all. Activities include:

- A regular programme of meetings is provided in the main centre for worship, prayer and outreach.
- Children and youth work on Sundays.
- Mid-week groups and activities including Life Groups, held in homes across the city and online.
- Online teaching series, inspiration and resources.
- Community outreach including partnering with local agencies to provide support to those in need.

Achievements and performance

The main achievements for the period were:

- Sunday services continued with many new individuals and families attending, and excellent teaching series including 'In the Crowd'.
- We held several baptism services throughout the year, where participants shared their journey to faith in Jesus, and we also welcomed new people into church partnership.
- We supported mission and missionaries in Greece and Spain, and into central and eastern Europe and Africa via HaS Missions.
- We continued to fight modern day slavery via our partnership with Hope for Justice.
- Relationships with local community partners were extended, including the very successful provision of Easter and Christmas hampers for isolated and vulnerable members of the local community.
- The work amongst children and young people continued, focussing on spiritual development, including Life Kids on Sunday mornings and the Summer youth trip to the RockNations conference in Bradford.
- We held Stronger Team Sundays where ministry came from members of the church.

Achievements and performance (continued)

- Life Groups were held throughout the year in homes, online or via text, enabling relationship building, discipleship, outreach and leadership development.
- Encounter worship nights were held to provide a focus for going deeper with God in worship and in prayer
- Bible academy sessions were held to develop a deeper understanding of the Bible and how to apply it to our lives today.
- A programme of men's and women's events and activities were run, providing opportunity for relationship building and growing in faith, including the men's trip to the Xcel conference in Bradford.
- Leadership training and development continued, including through focused groups for emerging leaders and one-to-one coaching and mentoring.
- Leaders took part in Assemblies of God leadership events.
- We provided support and encouragement to other churches and ministers via Assemblies of God hubs, preaching engagements and mentoring.
- The paid roles of cleaner and building maintenance manager continued to be successful in providing excellent Life Church facilities for the church and local community.
- Work was carried out to enhance the church building, including the purchase of a new carpet and new chairs for the main hall.

The activities are mainly achieved through the faithful work of many church members who act as unpaid volunteers, without whose contributions the aims and objectives could not all be met.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Financial review

The vast majority of the finances required to fund the activities are raised through donations from church members, supplemented by the refund of income tax from HM Revenue & Customs through the Gift Aid scheme.

During the year we gave £21,160 (2022: £15,123) to other Christian charities and missions who help us fulfil our charitable aims and objectives.

During the year income increased by £11,845, to £128,320, and expenditure increased by £3,786, to £117,798. As a result the cash held by the charity increased by £10,522, to £73,130, of which £72,776 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

The full year results of the charity were impacted by its bank account being unexpectedly closed in error by Barclays Bank on 30 November 2023 and reinstated on 28 December 2023. Based on typical monthly income and expenditure levels (excluding Gift Aid reimbursements and capital expenditure) we would estimate that income would have been approximately £5,000 higher at year-end had the bank account not been closed during this period (some donations were received at the very end of December upon re-opening of the bank account) and expenditure up to £10,000 higher

Reserves policy

The Trustees' aim is to hold surplus funds of approximately 3 months of unrestricted expenditure which equates to £27,950. At this level, the Trustees feel that current activities of the charity would be able to continue in the event of a significant drop in offerings. At 31 December 2023 the unrestricted general fund balance was £72,776, representing 7.8 months expenditure.

Governance and management

New Trustees are appointed by the existing trustees. The Trustees are responsible for making the major decisions regarding the formulation and implementation of its aims and objectives, and for monitoring and controlling all of its financial resources. The Trustees formally meet at least four times a year, and report key issues and decisions to the church membership on a regular basis. Quarterly reports from the treasurer are received for discussion and necessary action. An Annual General Meeting is held each year to present to the church membership the management, departmental and Treasurer's reports.

In the pursuit of its charitable activities, the charity has been in fellowship with the Assemblies of God in the UK, and is a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

Risk statement

The charity is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

Responsibilities of trustees

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:


Matthew Hill (Sep 25, 2024 14:33 GMT+1)

MATTHEW HILL (TRUSTEE)

Date: Sep 25, 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF

LIFE CHURCH

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Life Church ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2023 on pages 6-9 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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.

Archie McDowall
Archie McDowall (Sep 25, 2024 15:27 GMT+1)

Archie McDowall BA CA
Stewardship
1 Lamb's Passage
LONDON
EC1Y 8AB

Date: Sep 25, 2024

LIFE CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Notes	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	2023	2022		
	General Funds	Designated Funds					
	£	£	£	£	£		
Income receipts							
Donations	109,606	-	6,512	116,118	97,694		
Gift aid receipts	10,843	-	-	10,843	18,071		
Income from events	645	-	-	645	515		
Investment income	638	-	-	638	158		
Other	76	-	-	76	37		
Total receipts	121,808	-	6,512	128,320	116,475		
Payments							
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	88,883	-	7,447	96,329	98,889	
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	15,466	-	6,002	21,468	15,123	
		104,349	-	13,449	117,798	114,012	
Purchase of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	3,335	
		-	-	-	-	3,335	
Total payments		104,349	-	13,449	117,798	117,347	
Net of receipts / (payments) before		17,459	-	6,937	10,522	-	872
Transfers between funds	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		17,459	-	6,937	10,522	-	872
Cash funds as at last year end		55,317	-	7,292	62,608	63,480	
Cash funds at this year end	A	72,776	-	355	73,130	62,608	

The notes on pages 8 - 9 form part of these accounts.

LIFE CHURCH
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			2023 £	2022 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £		
A Cash funds					
Cash at bank with immediate access	29,444	-	355	29,799	24,915
Notice deposits	43,332	-	-	43,332	37,693
	<u>72,776</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>355</u>	<u>73,130</u>	<u>62,608</u>
B Other monetary assets					
Gift aid due to charity	17,479	-	-	17,479	3,488
Other debtors	1,029	-	-	1,029	-
	<u>18,508</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,508</u>	<u>3,488</u>
C Liabilities					
Falling due within one year					
Trade creditors	4,254	-	-	4,254	1,868
Payroll and Tax	6,094	-	-	6,094	981
Fee for Independent Examination	1,170	-	-	1,170	-
Total	<u>11,518</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,518</u>	<u>2,849</u>

D Assets retained for charity's own use

	Fund to which asset belongs	Current value £
Land and buildings (give brief details)	General	1,460,175
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	General	124,926
		<u>1,585,101</u>

Current insurance values have not been quoted because reliable valuations are not available

F Guarantees and secured debts

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Matthew Hill
Matthew Hill (Sep 25, 2024 14:33 GMT+1)

MATTHEW HILL (TRUSTEE)

Date: Sep 25, 2024

The notes on pages 8 - 9 form part of these accounts.

LIFE CHURCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

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	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly					
Employment costs (see note 4)	51,470	-	-	51,470	57,296
Ministry expenses	6,437	-	160	6,597	1,830
Youth and children's work	3,379	-	-	3,379	3,480
Outreach activities	1,073	-	-	1,073	1,396
Events	1,048	-	-	1,048	180
Equipment	575	-	-	575	948
Maintenance of buildings & equipment	11,912	-	7,287	19,199	18,606
Utilities	5,676	-	-	5,676	4,610
Insurance	1,179	-	-	1,179	1,202
Office and support costs	6,133	-	-	6,133	9,341
Other costs	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>88,883</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,447</u>	<u>96,329</u>	<u>98,889</u>
3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others					
Grants for:					
Mission in the UK and overseas	15,358	-	5,902	21,260	15,123
Relief of poverty	108	-	100	208	-
	<u>15,466</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,002</u>	<u>21,468</u>	<u>15,123</u>
4 Transactions with related parties					

Mary Buckley and Matthew Hill served as church leaders and received employment benefits totalling £44,490 and £6,903 respectively (2022: £44,813 and £6,313) for serving in that capacity, not for serving as trustees; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

Beth Hill, who is closely related to Matthew Hill, who is a trustee, received financial support of £875 (2022: £nil) towards theological education.

LIFE CHURCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

5 Movement of funds

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	55,317	121,808	(104,349)	-	72,776
Restricted funds					
Building Fund	7,207	220	(7,287)	-	140
Missions Fund	85	2,126	(1,996)	-	215
Appeals Fund	-	4,167	(4,167)	-	-
	<u>7,292</u>	<u>6,512</u>	<u>(13,449)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>355</u>
Total funds	<u>62,608</u>	<u>128,320</u>	<u>(117,798)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>73,130</u>

Building Fund: for building-related projects and expenditure
Missions Fund: local and global outreach and relief of poverty.
Appeals Fund: any special appeal for a particular cause.

LIFE CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1186922

Accounts

Registered charity number: 1186922

Life Church

Frederick Street, Wigston

Leicester LE18 1PJ

Report and Receipts and Payments Accounts

for the year ended

31 December 2022

Life Church

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2022

The Trustees present their report and independently examined accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Administration Details

Life Church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, constituted by Deed of Trust and is a registered charity, No. 1186922. Its registered address is 1 Frederick Street, Wigston, Leicester LE18 1PJ.

Organisational structure

The Trustees, who are responsible for controlling the work, management and administration of the charity on behalf of its beneficiaries, holding office during the period, are:

J Allard (appointed 17 April 2023)

M Buckley

L D Cole

A Harrison

M Hill

C Quashie

Governance and Management

New trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees. The Trustees are responsible for making the major decisions regarding the formulation and implementation of its aims and objectives, and for monitoring and controlling all of its financial resources. The Trustees formally meet at least four times a year, and report key issues and decisions to the church membership on a regular basis. Quarterly reports from the treasurer are received for discussion and necessary action. An Annual General Meeting is held each year to present to the church membership the management, departmental and treasurer's reports.

In the pursuit of its charitable activities, the charity has been in fellowship with the Assemblies of God in the UK, and is a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

Risk Review

The Trustees review risk periodically, and are satisfied that major risks to which the charity is exposed, are adequately mitigated through insurance, policies and procedures.

Objectives and activities

The principal aim of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith and the worship of God. By upholding righteous values and beliefs it is the Trustees' conviction that a positive impact into the community can be achieved for the good of all. Activities include:

- A regular programme of meetings is provided in the main centre for worship, prayer and outreach.
- Children and youth work on Sundays and midweek.
- Mid-week groups and activities including Life Groups, held in homes across the city and online.
- Online teaching series, inspiration and resources.
- Community outreach including partnering with local agencies to provide support to those in need.

Life Church

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2022 (continued)

Achievements and Performance

The main achievements for the period were:

- Sunday services continued with inspirational teaching from the Bible, and Stronger Team Sundays where ministry came from members of the church.
- Encounter worship nights were held, and Life Church Creatives established to produce new worship music.
- Life Groups were held in homes across the city, enabling relationship building, discipleship, outreach and leadership development.
- Leadership Life training and development continued, including groups and activities for emerging leaders and one-to-one coaching and mentoring.
- The work amongst children and young people continued, with Life Kids on Sundays and youth focused groups during the week.
- Our iBelieve online teaching resource continued with a focus on equipping people in the Christian faith.
- We supported mission and missionaries in Greece, Spain and Congo; through Hope for Justice, HaS Mission and YourMission; and through a special offering to support people affected by the war in Ukraine.
- Relationships with local community partners were extended, including providing Christmas and Easter hampers to isolated and vulnerable members of the local community.
- A programme of men's and women's events and away days were held.
- We provided support and encouragement to other churches and ministers via Assemblies of God hubs, preaching engagements and mentoring.
- Leaders and emerging leaders took part in Assemblies of God leadership events.

The activities are mainly achieved through the faithful work of many church members who act as unpaid volunteers, without whose contributions the aims and objectives could not all be met.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities to undertake.

Sources of funds

The vast majority of the finances required to fund the activities are raised through donations from church members, supplemented by the refund of income tax from HM Revenue & Customs through the Gift Aid scheme.

Donations

During the year we gave £15,123 (2021: £10,640) to other Christian charities and Missions who help us fulfil our charitable aims and objectives.

Related Party Transactions

During the period, salary payments totalling £55,133 were paid to trustees, under contracts of employment for work as pastors. Employer's pension contributions are also paid. Expenses paid to trustees amounted to £1,830.

Life Church

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2022 (continued)

Funds and Reserves Policy

The net of payments over receipts for the year was £872 (2021: net receipts over payments £2,246). Total unrestricted funds at 31 December 2022 were £55,164 (2021: £56,890) and restricted funds were £7,444 (2021: £6,590).

The Trustees' aim is to hold surplus funds of approximately 3 months of unrestricted expenditure which equates to £26,565. At this level, the Trustees feel that current activities of the charity would be able to continue in the event of a significant drop in offerings. At 31 December 2022 the unrestricted general fund balance was £55,164, representing 6 months expenditure.

Signed on behalf of the Charity Trustees

Matthew Hill
Trustee

Dated: 21 May 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Life Church

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 5 and 6.

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 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
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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.

J Price FCA

Relevant professional qualification or body:
Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

15 The Paddock
Newbold Verdon
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LE9 9NW

Dated: 21 May 2023

Life Church

Receipts and Payments account for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021
Receipts				
Tithes and offerings	89,473	-	89,473	89,932
Gift aid tax recovered	18,071	-	18,071	17,618
Special appeals	-	2,388	2,388	-
Donations to mission and outreach	-	1,161	1,161	900
Donations for building	-	4,672	4,672	5,290
Events	-	515	515	225
Other income	37	-	37	315
Investment income	158	-	158	57
Total receipts	107,739	8,736	116,475	114,337
Payments				
Ministry, including gifts and expenses	59,126	-	59,126	58,122
Missions and outreach	12,018	2,113	14,131	13,033
Special appeals	-	2,388	2,388	
Youth and children's work	2,965	515	3,480	1,855
Events	180	-	180	-
Support costs	3,650	-	3,650	2,699
Subscriptions	3,725	-	3,725	3,725
Licences	987	-	987	1,297
Equipment	948	-	948	181
Website	979	-	979	985
Lighting, heating and water	4,610	-	4,610	3,763
Building repairs and maintenance	7,742	2,736	10,478	5,644
Cleaning	8,128	-	8,128	7,527
Insurance	1,202	-	1,202	1,134
Sub total	106,260	7,752	114,012	99,965
Asset purchases	3,335	-	3,335	12,126
Total payments	109,595	7,752	117,347	112,091
Net of receipts/(payments)	(1,856)	984	(872)	2,246
Transfers between funds	130	(130)	-	-
Cash funds brought forward	56,890	6,590	63,480	61,234
Cash funds this year end	55,164	7,444	62,608	63,480

Life Church

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £
Bank and Cash funds		
General fund	55,164	-
Missions	-	86
Building fund	-	7,206
CCTV	-	152
Total cash funds	55,164	6,590
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £
Other monetary assets		
Tax claims due	3,488	-
Assets retained for the charity's own use	Fund to which asset belongs	
Church building, 1 Frederick Street, Wigston, LE18 1PJ	Unrestricted	
Movable fixtures, fittings and equipment	Unrestricted	
	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due £
Liabilities		
PAYE, NI and pension contributions	Unrestricted	981
Other	Unrestricted	1,868

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Matthew Hill
Trustee

Dated: 21 May 2023

LIFE CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1186922

Accounts

Registered charity number: 1186922

Life Church

Frederick Street, Wigston

Leicester LE18 1PJ

Report and Receipts and Payments Accounts

for the year ended

31 December 2021

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2021

The Trustees present their report and independently examined accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Administration Details

Life Church is constituted by a Deed of Trust and is a registered charity, No. 1186922. Its registered address is 1 Frederick Street, Wigston, Leicester LE18 1PJ.

Organisational structure

The Trustees, who are responsible for controlling the work, management and administration of the charity on behalf of its beneficiaries, holding office during the period, are:

M Buckley
L D Cole
M Cowley (resigned 15 May 2022)
A Harrison
M Hill
C Quashie

Governance and Management

New Trustees are appointed by the existing trustees. The Trustees are responsible for making the major decisions regarding the formulation and implementation of its aims and objectives, and for monitoring and controlling all of its financial resources. The Trustees formally meet at least four times a year, and report key issues and decisions to the church membership on a regular basis. Quarterly reports from the treasurer are received for discussion and necessary action. An Annual General Meeting is held each year to present to the church membership the management, departmental and treasurer's reports.

In the pursuit of its charitable activities, the charity has been in fellowship with the Assemblies of God in the UK, and is a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

Risk Review

The trustees review risk periodically, and are satisfied that major risks to which the charity is exposed, are adequately mitigated through insurance, policies and procedures.

Objectives and activities

The principal aim of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith and the worship of God. By upholding righteous values and beliefs it is the trustees' conviction that a positive impact into the community can be achieved for the good of all. Activities include:

- A regular programme of meetings is provided in the main centre for worship, prayer and outreach.
- Children and youth work on Sundays and midweek.
- Mid-week groups and activities including Life Groups, held in homes across the city and online.
- Online teaching series, inspiration and resources.
- Community outreach including partnering with local agencies to provide support to those in need.

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Achievements and Performance

The main achievements for the period were:

- Sunday services continued in person, or online when pandemic restrictions applied.
- Sunday teaching series included Little by Little, Believe it or Not, What's the Point? (Ecclesiastes) and Get Real (Corinthians)
- Our first Encounter worship night was held at the church and made available online.
- We launched our iBelieve online teaching resource, equipping people in the Christian faith, and released a series of online teachings entitled The Unstoppable Church Begins.
- We produced a range of engaging children's videos, shown in Sunday services and made available online.
- We held Stronger Team Sundays where ministry came from members of the church.
- We supported mission and missionaries in Greece, Spain and Congo; and through Hope for Justice, HaS Mission and YourMission.
- Relationships with local community partners were extended, including the very successful provision of Christmas hampers for isolated and vulnerable members of the local community.
- The paid roles of cleaner and building maintenance manager continued to be successful in providing excellent Life Church facilities for the church and local community.
- Work was carried out to enhance the church building, including painting and refurbishments.
- We provided support and encouragement to other churches and ministers via Assemblies of God hubs, preaching engagements and mentoring.
- Leaders took part in Assemblies of God leadership events.
- Men from the church attended the Xcel conference in Bradford.
- Life Groups were held in homes across the city, or online when pandemic restrictions applied, enabling relationship building, discipleship, outreach and leadership development.
- Leadership Life training and development continued, including through focused groups for emerging leaders and one-to-one coaching and mentoring.
- The work amongst children and young people continued, focussing on spiritual development and outreach.

The activities are mainly achieved through the faithful work of many church members who act as unpaid volunteers, without whose contributions the aims and objectives could not all be met.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities to undertake.

Sources of funds

The vast majority of the finances required to fund the activities are raised through donations from church members, supplemented by the refund of income tax from HM Revenue & Customs through the Gift Aid scheme.

Donations

During the year we gave £10,640 (9 months to 31 December 2020: £11,858) to other Christian charities and Missions who help us fulfil our charitable aims and objectives.

Related Party Transactions

During the period, salary payments totalling £47,884 were paid to trustees, under contracts of employment for work as pastors. Employer's pension contributions are also paid.

Expenses paid to trustees amounted to £1,204.

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

Funds and Reserves Policy

The net of receipts over payments for the year was £2,246 (9 months to 31 December 2020: £61,234, including balances transferred from Life Church (charity number 1051890)). Total unrestricted funds at 31 December 2021 were £56,890 (9 months to 31 December 2020: £59,900) and restricted funds were £6,590 (9 months to 31 December 2020: £1,334).

The Trustees' aim is to hold surplus funds of approximately 3 months of unrestricted expenditure which equates to £24,700. At this level, the Trustees feel that current activities of the charity would be able to continue in the event of a significant drop in offerings. At 31 December 2021 the unrestricted general fund balance was £56,890, representing 7 months expenditure.

Signed on behalf of the Charity Trustees

Matthew Hill
Trustee

Dated: 23 June 2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Life Church

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 5 and 6.

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 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
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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.

J Price FCA

Relevant professional qualification or body:
Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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Dated: 23 June 2022

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Receipts and Payments account for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2021	Total funds 12 Dec. 2019 to 31 Dec. 2020
	£	£	£	
Receipts				
Tithes and offerings	89,932	-	89,932	61,712
Gift aid tax recovered	17,618	-	17,618	8,320
Special appeals	-	-	-	1,747
Donations to mission and outreach	-	900	900	1,170
Donations for building	-	5,290	5,290	180
Special events	-	225	225	430
Other income	315	-	315	145
Investment income	57	-	57	74
Transfer of funds from Life Church (charity number 1051890)	-	-	-	64,862
Total receipts	107,922	6,415	114,337	138,640
Payments				
Ministry, including gifts and expenses	58,122	-	58,122	42,443
Missions and outreach	12,199	834	13,033	11,858
Youth and children's work	1,630	225	1,855	490
Events	-	-	-	300
Support costs	2,699	-	2,699	2,029
Subscriptions	3,725	-	3,725	2,575
Licences	1,297	-	1,297	916
Equipment	181	-	181	-
Website	985	-	985	844
Lighting, heating and water	3,763	-	3,763	839
Building repairs and maintenance	5,544	100	5,644	11,692
Cleaning	7,527	-	7,527	822
Insurance	1,134	-	1,134	805
Legal fees	-	-	-	1,793
Sub total	98,806	1,159	99,965	77,406
Asset purchases	12,126	-	12,126	-
Total payments	110,932	1,159	112,091	77,406
Net of receipts/(payments)	(3,010)	5,256	2,246	61,234
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Cash funds brought forward	59,900	1,334	61,234	-
Cash funds this year end	56,890	6,590	63,480	61,234

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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £
Bank and Cash funds		
General fund	56,890	-
Missions	-	1,038
Special events	-	130
Building fund	-	5,270
CCTV	-	152
Total cash funds	56,890	6,590
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £
Other monetary assets		
Tax claims due	4,750	-
Assets retained for the charity's own use		
Church building, 1 Frederick Street, Wigston, LE18 1PJ	Unrestricted	
Movable fixtures, fittings and equipment	Unrestricted	
	Fund to which asset belongs	Amount due £
Liabilities		
PAYE, NI and pension contributions	Unrestricted	997
Other	Unrestricted	1,143

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Matthew Hill
Trustee

Dated: 23 June 2022