

Reach Church Trustees Report

1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

Our Vision:

Everything we do is driven by our mission, vision and purpose as Reach Church.

Mission:

- **To help people find their way back to God**

Vision:

- **Reach up – in worship and prayer**
- **Reach out – in love, compassion and evangelism**
- **Reach in – in fellowship and discipleship**

Purpose:

- **Releasing** people into their God given destiny through community engagement & outreach
- **Equipping** believers through discipleship & development
- **Advancing** the Kingdom through church planting & missional communities
- **Creating** a culture of honour & purpose where everyone can thrive
- **Helping** hurting people find freedom and purpose in Christ.

Our Team:

At the core of Reach Church is a dedicated team of volunteers and staff who give their utmost to see God's Kingdom established. While we have had some changes in staff as people have moved on into new roles, we still have a vibrant team of staff and volunteers who breathe life into our work of reaching people and helping them find their way back to God.

This year one of our Trustees Paul Moores stepped down as he lives on the Fylde coast and is not able to get over to see us as often as he'd like. We expect to recruit an additional Trustee this year to replace him. Trustees are kept informed of progress in different church activities and ministries and are regularly briefed on matters of finance. Trustees are responsible for strategic decisions on vision, direction and finance.

In addition to our Trustee board, our Core team make key operational decisions about how our mission and vision are achieved, alongside our staff team

Church activities

During this period we have continued to rebuild attendance and engagement following on from the pandemic. We have been encouraged by new connections being made with the community and others in the vicinity through our community outreach programmes such as Tiger Tots and the Community Garden.

The Community Garden After School Club has been a real encouragement with sessions up to 22 children aged 5-10

Impact Groups in people's homes have continued to grow and develop, and while being small in number, they have developed a deeper sense of togetherness, unity and fellowship around the word of God.

Our Kids Church has been back in full swing with creche and 3 Up in the church kids rooms and TBC for teenagers taking place during the morning service in the large community hall we rent. There are plans to relaunch an evening youth outreach in the Autumn of 2023.

We continue to encourage church family to get involved in volunteering and serving in church ministries to maintain effective ministry across the range of activities we can offer.

Our Trussell Trust Tameside East Foodbank centre is open on Wednesday mornings with hundreds of people being fed through this vital ministry as the cost of living crisis continues to press people's finances. In addition to this, we have been able to help people in the local community with appliances and emergency help with bills through a grant scheme. This has seen many families and young people receive new appliances when they couldn't afford them themselves.

Due to the complexity of coaching when volunteers were not able to get into school, we decided to close our TLG Early Intervention centre. This ministry has impacted many young people in school over the last few years, but has run its course. We now focus on other initiatives.

Our October Light Party and Christmas Special events were held in person, but a booking system was provided so that we could manage numbers, both were well attended.

This year our Easter Sunday fun day was well attended by the local community and people were able to enjoy a range of crafts and games, hot food and drinks.

The Prayer Shield team have continued to cover the ministry and team throughout this period online.

Tiger Tots continues to be successful with many new families coming through the door. This is enabling us to build relationships and refer people to other ministries.

Our Community Garden continues to reach residents who come together for some gardening, exercise, fun and friendship. Whilst numbers have been lower than initially forecast, we have made positive relationships with many people from the local community. We are also working closely with Copley Academy with Jackie running a gardening after-school club at the school and organising groups of students who will be coming to work on the garden site after Easter 2023.

Jackie has also run a garden design competition with pupils from St. Raphael's Primary School designing part of our new garden. They will also attend the site to see the top garden when it is well underway in early Summer.

We have also been successful in various funding bids through our links with Action Together and a church volunteer who has helped us to secure several grants to cover ministry costs, particularly with the garden. In February paperwork was completed on our new community garden space, 1 acre piece of land adjacent to the Churchfields development. This has put us in the heart of the community with Jackie and the team building relationships with local residents and engaging in Saturday morning sessions in addition to the mid-week slots.

Our Community Breakfast initiative has provided local families and church members with a hot breakfast. Much of the costs associated with this initiative have been covered by grants.

Finances.

As previously stated, all churches seem to continue to be in "rebuilding phase" following the pandemic. Donations are lower this year, but we trust in God's provision. We have been successful in achieving grant funding to cover various outreach projects, including wages for garden staff members

Conclusions.

Whilst this year has been challenging, God has continued to provide many opportunities for sharing the gospel, both online and in-person. On the whole, people have continued to be faithful in giving and serving, enabling us to continue to reach out to the local community and support missions and other ministries.

As we continue to Reach the local community with the gospel, we still believe that the best is yet to come!

Chair of Trustees:

Andy Chadwick

Profit and Loss

Reach Church

For the year ended 31 March 2023

	2023	2022
Turnover		
Amazon Smile	41.81	-
Church income via collections GASDS less than £30 (None Gift Aid)	3,002.57	2,350.05
Gift aid tax recoverable	9,919.41	12,230.26
Gifted income (Under Gift Aid Relief)	36,805.83	46,570.00
Interest Income	1,065.56	147.82
Other donated income (None Gift Aid)	11,554.63	15,166.70
Other Revenue	250.00	1,726.60
Room hire Income	3,400.00	3,405.00
Total Turnover	66,039.81	81,596.43
Gross Profit	66,039.81	81,596.43
Administrative Costs		
Accounting Software Costs (Xero)	388.80	360.00
Admin, Stationery & Other Office Costs	376.14	26.00
Bank charges	72.00	72.00
Book Keeping and Paye record keeping	170.00	238.00
Buildings & Contents Insurance ic PL ins	1,231.31	1,020.17
CCLI copyright licence	495.28	413.17
Copier consumables SBS plc Sharpe	265.16	228.98
Copier lease (PEAC)	587.04	587.04
Core team development	76.10	205.00
Costs associated with Church Services	375.00	56.98
Donations made by Reach Church under Tithe Agreement	3,734.88	5,129.00
Fixed assets written down to £zero in the year Depreciation charge	-	3,177.00
Hire of Community Centre for Children & Youth Outreach	1,001.00	-
Hospitality to the Community	(2.70)	409.25
House Keeping & Cleaning	354.69	388.34
Internet costs (Zen)	336.88	377.08
IT Software and Consumables	-	9.51
Legal Expenses	1,816.80	7,067.20
Other Evangelical & Outreach Projects	5,984.36	203.39
Outreach Children's & Youth Work Costs	292.14	51.59
Outreach Early Intervention programme (TLG) Transforming Life's for Good	675.00	810.00
Paye and NI payments to HMRC	10,600.71	6,290.31
Rent of Church Premises	15,000.00	15,000.00
Rent support	(26,000.00)	(27,004.00)
Repairs & Maintenance to Building	1,465.97	2,360.97
Safe Guarding and Vetting fees (Thirty One Eight)	253.00	129.00
Staff mileage expense claims	229.95	71.55
Staff Pension Costs	5,164.75	4,298.48

	2023	2022
Staff Salaries	40,029.22	36,113.19
Staff Training & CPD fees	991.60	475.32
Sundry Expenditure (Small Items)	307.17	289.37
Telephone & Internet & IT consumables and equipment	361.54	451.38
Utilities Electricity contracted to 11 June	1,167.47	807.74
Utilities Gas Contracted to 30 November 2022	1,555.62	1,722.12
Utilities Water	420.06	666.52
Visiting Speakers Expenses	800.00	-
Website development	165.00	465.00
Total Administrative Costs	70,741.94	62,966.65
Operating Profit	(4,702.13)	18,629.78
Other Income		
Children's & Youth Outreach Income (Voluntary Giving)	100.00	-
Total Other Income	100.00	-
Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation	(4,602.13)	18,629.78
Profit after Taxation	(4,602.13)	18,629.78

Balance Sheet

Reach Church

As at 31 March 2023

	31 MAR 2023	31 MAR 2022
Current Assets		
Cash at bank and in hand		
Unity Current account	53,099.52	70,657.73
Charity Bank Deposit account	82,406.38	81,340.82
Nat West bank Savings Account	85,134.10	85,134.10
Total Cash at bank and in hand	220,640.00	237,132.65
Prepayments and accrued income		
Year end adjustment general prepayments and accruals	3,520.95	(184.80)
Total Prepayments and accrued income	3,520.95	(184.80)
Gift aid recoverable	-	5,785.76
Rent deposit	2,500.00	2,500.00
Unity Current account suspense	-	0.06
Total Current Assets	226,660.95	245,233.67
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Legal fee accrual vis "Geldards" est of WIP vis lease	3,330.12	8,000.00
Suspense	-	563.00
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	3,330.12	8,563.00
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	223,330.83	236,670.67
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	223,330.83	236,670.67
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		
Outreach Community garden fund	1,546.21	-
Total Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	1,546.21	-
Net Assets	221,784.62	236,670.67
Capital and Reserves		
Current Year Earnings	(4,602.13)	18,629.78
Current year retained reserves	18,629.78	-
General reserves Fund	192,309.00	192,309.00
M60 Food Bank	590.00	-
Restricted Fund - Lottery Funding Awards for All	7,291.99	-
Restricted fund (Community garden grant)	-	15,543.23
Restricted Fund Building Stronger Communities	1,250.52	-
Restricted fund house hold support grant	5,931.87	10,000.00
Restricted fund TLG (Transforming Lives for Good) grant	-	188.66
Restricted Fund Winter Pressures 22-23	383.59	-
Total Capital and Reserves	221,784.62	236,670.67

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Reach Church

For Accounting Period to 31st March 2023

I report on the accounts of the charity which are set out on pages following this report.

Respective responsibilities of trustee and examiner

The 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 Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

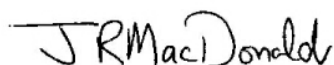
Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave 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.



John MacDonald

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Dated 15th of June 2023