

Ashley Church CIO

Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023

Ashley Church CIO was constituted 20th April 2020 and is a registered charity incorporated organisation No. 1189293. Its address is Ashley Church, St Albans, Hertfordshire, AL1 5DA. The charity trustees during the year to 31 December 2023 were:

Mrs Gillian Bywaters, Mrs Carole Perryman, Mr Shaun Perryman, Mrs Claire Wilkinson, Mrs Gillian Jalland, Ms Claire Pinney

The object of the charity is to further the religious and other activities of ASHLEY CHURCH in accordance with its Statement of Beliefs (reproduced in the Declaration of Trust). The Trust is handling all the funds given to the Church by agreement of the members of the church. All the Leadership Team of the Church are Trustees, and this will continue as a matter of policy.

There were four meetings of the Trustees during the year as part of the Joint Elders and Trustees Meetings. We received regular reports from Clive Pickering (the Trust Treasurer) and the Trustees monitored the financial situation based on these reports. The accounts were independently examined and reported on by P. Laskier FCCA of Fenlon & Co Chartered Certified Accountants Rivermill House, 6 High Street Wheathampstead, Herts. The leadership team have also met at other times to facilitate the running of the church and the charity. This arrangement of meetings has worked well and efficiently.

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

The financial situation during the year has been good and we were able to provide for all the costs the church required, which included:

General running and Ashley building maintenance costs

Contributions to missionary work and charitable giving. These range from regular support for a local charity working in schools to support for a Nepalese charity.

We are also able to use the facilities of the building to help local charities by the hiring of rooms for support meetings

The funds are provided by regular giving of church members and those who attend regularly, along with gifts from other benefactors and some funds from hiring out the building. All church funds are administered through the Trust for the benefit of the church, and other Christian work. Monies are held in CAF bank and other investment funds. The financial situation will continue to be reviewed on a regular basis. Accounts are presented to the church at the annual general meeting and any major expenditure is presented to members and discussed. Three of the Leadership Team are bank signatories. Two signatories are required on cheques and all bank documents. The Trustees noted that the overall financial situation is good.

Overall, the Trust can meet its commitments and liabilities with sufficient reserves to meet any foreseeable liabilities.

To further the above objects and mission, the charity's main activities were as follows: There is a weekly Sunday morning service, which includes songs, prayers and a message from the Bible. This provides opportunity for Christians to practise their Christian faith, and for those who are not Christians to find out more about the Bible and Christianity. We support and encourage those with a faith to deepen their relationship with God. There are also small groups meeting in the week which provide opportunity for further discussion and support to those attending. We run a weekly mums and

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toddlers group which provides support to and is well attended by the local community. We also have a bi-weekly 'Tuesday get Together' providing a warm and friendly space for chat, craft and cake, anyone can attend. We continue to seek ways in which we can meet the needs of those around us and further afield. As the Church has no paid members of staff, all the activities of the church are run by members of the Church, who are volunteers

SHAUN PERRYMAN for and on behalf of the Board of Trustees

Signature *Shaun Perryman*

Date 20th September 2024

To be sent to The Charity Commission electronically with a signed and dated copy filed with the Trust Meeting Minutes

ASHLEY CHURCH CIO
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>
	£	£	£
<u>RECEIPTS</u>			
Gift Aided donations	12,020		12,380
Gift Aid – Tax Relief	3,276		5,135
Other Donations/Gifts/etc	2,745		2,715
Stewardship	<u>5,057</u>		<u>2,824</u>
	23,098		23,054
Other Receipts			
Ashley Toddlers	1,046		934
Hall Hire	2,385		5,170
Tues Café & Other Income	250		179
Interest	669		76
Baptisms	<u>-</u>		<u>200</u>
	<u>4,350</u>		<u>6,559</u>
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>27,448</u>		<u>29,613</u>
<u>PAYMENTS</u>			
Capital Expenses			
Heaters	-		4,278
Laptop	<u>-</u>		<u>415</u>
		-	4,693
General Running Costs			
Bank Charges	60		81
Flagstone Management Fees	264		-
Gas & Electricity	6,707		3,196
Guest Speakers	580		340
Examiners Fee	870		360
Insurance	2,210		1,973
Internet	526		534
Subscriptions	364		437
Supplies & Consumables	465		52
Water & Sewerage	134		467
Consultancy	430		1,427
Miscellaneous	<u>198</u>		<u>45</u>
	12,808		8,912
Maintenance Expenses			
Electrical	116		-
Fire Extinguishers & Alarms	<u>945</u>		<u>-</u>
	1,061		-
Charity /Missionary Support			
Note 2	<u>11,534</u>		<u>14,549</u>
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>	<u>25,403</u>		<u>28,154</u>
NET RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	2,045		1,459
BANK & CASH BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD	172,688		-
FUNDS TRANSFERRED FROM ASHLEY HALL FELLOWSHIP TRUST	<u>-</u>		<u>171,229</u>
BANK & CASH BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD	<u>174,733</u>		<u>172,688</u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AT 31st DECEMBER 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
<u>MONETARY ASSETS</u>		
Flagstone Holding Account	394	-
Flagstone Fixed Term Deposits	153,000	-
Co-op Community Direct Plus	-	86,486
CAF Bank	17,408	86,201
Cash Balances	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
Total Bank & Cash Balances	170,802	172,688
SSE Credit balances on Gas & Electricity	<u>3,931</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>174,733</u>	<u>172,688</u>

FIXED ASSETS

Church Contents
Church Building

OTHER ASSETS

Gift Aid to 31.12.2023	3,234	3,276
Interest Accrued on Flagstone Deposits	4,128	-
BBC Location Fees Receivable	<u>-</u>	<u>350</u>
	<u>7,362</u>	<u>3,626</u>

LIABILITIES

Accrued Flagstone Management Fee	384	-
Accrued Independent Examination Fee	558	870
Gas & Electricity charges incurred to 31.12.22	<u>-</u>	<u>1,583</u>
	<u>942</u>	<u>2,453</u>

RESTRICTED FUNDS

During the year the following donations were received for specific purposes:

	£
Specifically for FEED	310
Specifically for Doublejoy	400
Specifically for BMS Afghanistan	<u>50</u>
	<u>760</u>

The above donations were paid to the appropriate beneficiaries during the year.

The Notes on Pages 6 -7 form part of these Financial Statements

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed _____ Dated _____
Gillian Bywaters, Trustee

Ashley Church CIO
(Registered charity, number 1189293)
Financial Statements
for the year ended 31st December 2023
Company Number CEO 21718

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ASHLEY CHURCH CIO
TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

Full name Ashley Church CIO

Organisation type Charitable incorporated organisation

Registered charity number 1189293

Company number CEO 21718

Principle Address Ashley Church, Ashley Road, St Albans, AL1 5DA

Trustees

Shaun Perryman

Gillian Bywaters

Gill Jalland

Claire Pinney

Carole Perryman

Claire Wilkinson

Independent examiner

Paul Laskier, Principal, Fenlon & Co, 6 High Street, Wheathampstead, AL4 8AA

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of its CIO Association adopted 19th October 2021

Trustees are voted in at a committee meeting and agree to serve and adopt all Church policies.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the CIO are for the public benefit:-

- to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Faith in Hertfordshire and such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Charity Trustees may from time to time think fit;
- to relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are sick and to relieve the distress caused thereby in Hertfordshire and such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Charity Trustees may from time to time think; and
- to fulfil such other charitable purposes beneficial to the community in Hertfordshire and such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Charity Trustees may from time to time think fit.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

Summary of the main achievements during the year

- Running the Church
- Maintaining the fabric of the building
- Providing regular monthly support to selected good causes and targeted support to other deserving causes

The charity's policy on reserves

The current policy of the trustees is to maintain the charity reserves

Incorporation

The CIO was incorporated on 30th April 2021 and took over the assets and liabilities of the Ashley Church Fellowship Trust as of 1st January 2022.

Transfer of Property

The Church land and building, Ashley Hall Evangelical Church, Ashley Road, St Albans, AL1 5DA was transferred from the Fellowship Property Trust to the CIO on 25th January 2022.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed _____ Date _____
Shaun Perryman, Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
ASHLEY CHURCH CIO
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

I report on the accounts of the charity set out on Pages 4 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met;
2. The Church has included a credit balance of £3,931 with Monetary Assets. The credit balance relates to overpayment to SSE Ltd which supplies gas and electricity. Strictly this should be treated as a non-monetary asset.
Other than the above, there are no matters that in my opinion attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached.

P Laskier FCCA
Principal of Fenlon & Co
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Dated

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Charity/Missionary Support

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
Regular Monthly Support		
Doublejoy	1,200	1,200
Open Door	600	600
STEP	600	600
YWAM Outreach	1,040	960
YWAM Uganda	549	549
Other Support		
Aandit	-	5,500
BMS World Mission	1,000	1,000
Bikes for Refugees	-	250
Citycare International	-	250
Dar El Aman	500	1,000
FEED – Matched Giving	620	580
Open Doors	200	500
Pakistan Flood Appeal	-	500
STEP	200	1,060
BMS Afghanistan	800	-
Doublejoy – Matched Giving	800	-
Kingdom Living Ministries	1,425	-
Nepal	1,000	-
Teen Challenge London	<u>1,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>11,534</u>	<u>14,549</u>

3. Trustee's remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

4. Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared on the Receipts & Payments basis, and in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

5. Receipts

Receipts are included on the Statement of Receipts & Payments when the Charity is in receipt of cash, cheques or electronic payments.

6. Payments

Expenditure is accounted for when payment is made and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category.

7. Tangible fixed assets

Purchases of equipment are treated as expenses.

8. Taxation

The Church is exempt from tax (like any other charity) on most sources of income including investment and property income.

9. Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the financial statements.