

Arnold Road Evangelical Church

Report and Accounts

Year ended 30 September 2023

ARNOLD ROAD EVANGELICAL CHURCH
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	Arnold Road Evangelical Church Arnold Road Nottingham NG5 5HN
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	Constitution dated March 2011, amended 8.6.22.
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1190512
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	N L Pomeroy - Pastor H Mitchell - Secretary D Myers - Treasurer E Neat A R Williams
CUSTODIAN TRUSTEES	Church Growth Trust
BANKERS	Barclays Bank plc CCLA Fund Managers Limited
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Jaimée Young Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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ARNOLD ROAD EVANGELICAL CHURCH
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 30 September 2023.

Objects of the charity

The charity, which is a church, is governed by a constitution and is constituted as a trust. The charity's principal object is the advancement of the Christian faith. To do so we seek to glorify God through obeying his word the Bible.

Review of the charity's main activities and achievements

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

Public worship services on Sunday morning and Sunday evening, with expository preaching through the Bible, generally from the Old Testament at one service and the New Testament at the other being central, for the building up of the people and presenting the Gospel of grace to the lost.

Sunday school classes are held for all ages from three years old up to mid-teens and are well attended.

The midweek youth work has continued to thrive, for primary school age on Thursdays, early secondary school age on Fridays and a young adults Bible study also. The minibus is invaluable for collecting children from around the local estates to attend these clubs.

A new initiative has been a Table Tennis evening (Bat and Chat).

Coffee morning continues to be an opportunity to welcome local people to an informal introduction to the church.

Our Evangelist with help from a team of regular helpers, have continued to visit door to door in the locality and hold small group Bible studies for contacts and enquirers. As well as the monthly Breakfast café which is free and open to all who wish to come there have been other evangelistic events, and the week of evangelism when a small team from Tupelo Mississippi came again to join us in visitation, with a family event and barbeque at the end which again was free, and well attended by about 150 people from the neighbourhood. There have been many opportunities to meet and speak to people about the Gospel which we pray will bear fruit in conversion to Christ. A newssheet has also been produced and distributed widely to local homes, presenting the Gospel in an attractive format.

Many classes from local primary schools attended the Bible exhibition early in the year and the Pastor and Youth Worker have taken assemblies. Our trainee youth worker completed her course this year and it was agreed to appoint her to a paid part time position from September 2023, partially funded by a grant from FIEC. She will continue the ministries in local schools as well as those at church.

Membership has increased during the year and a number were baptised at Easter.

Our Assistant Pastor was called to be Pastor of Stapleford Baptist Church from September 2023, and during the year a suitable applicant was interviewed and accepted the appointment of Assistant also from that date. We are thankful to the Lord for these developments. Also our trainee pastor completed his studies at London Seminary and was appointed as Assistant Pastor at Childs Hill Baptist Church in North London.

With increasing numbers attending on a Sunday morning and insufficient seating at times we have continued to seek wisdom in managing this situation, including seeking the views of members by a questionnaire. The possibility of a number from the church holding a morning service in another part of Nottingham was explored but was not financially viable, so we continue to pray.

During the year the agreement was signed for Church Growth Trust to become our new Holding Trustee.

Double glazing was installed in the extension corridor to help save energy.

Members have been appointed to manage the church website, Church Suite and social media to aid communication among members and enquirers and present the ministries of the church to the community.

Above all we thank God for his continued help may He be glorified in all we do.

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

Financial review

During the year overall income decreased by £4,958, to £166,733, and expenditure decreased by £7,478, to £151,780. As a result the cash held by the charity increased by £14,953 to £124,261. This has resulted in General Purposes Free Reserves of £60k (see note below), Designated Funds of £23,859 and Restricted Funds of £40,402.

Reserves policy

The Trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £60,000 (which equates to about 6 months of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and /or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end the charity held unrestricted cash of £83,859 and the charity is complying with its reserves policy.

Governance

The policy and operating decisions of the charity rest with the Trustees, who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the Trust. Day to day management of church affairs is undertaken by the Elders and Deacons of the Church. All appointments are confirmed by the membership at the Annual General Meeting of the Church.

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:

D. Myers

H Mitchell

Date: 6th March 2024

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
ARNOLD ROAD EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Arnold Road Evangelical Church ('the charity') for the year ended 30 September 2023 on pages 5 to 8 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.

Jaimée Young

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1 Lamb's Passage
LONDON
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Date: 5/3/2024

ARNOLD ROAD EVANGELICAL CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	Notes	General Funds	Designated Funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
Income receipts						
Donations		101,820	-	32,323	134,143	143,409
Gift aid receipts		19,006	-	8,215	27,221	20,597
Income from courses and events		1,417	-	-	1,417	4,142
Income from letting of facilities		1,629	-	-	1,629	3,332
Investment income		1,632	521	170	2,323	211
Total receipts		125,504	521	40,708	166,733	171,691
Payments						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	117,401	-	28,547	145,948	152,629
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	3,621	-	2,211	5,832	6,629
Total payments		121,022	-	30,758	151,780	159,258
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		4,482	521	9,950	14,953	12,433
Transfers between funds	5	(4,482)	4,482	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		-	5,003	9,950	14,953	12,433
Cash funds as at last year end		60,000	18,856	30,452	109,308	96,875
Cash funds at this year end	A	60,000	23,859	40,402	124,261	109,308

The notes on pages 7 - 8 form part of these accounts.

ARNOLD ROAD EVANGELICAL CHURCH
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	General funds £	Designated funds £	£	£	£
A Cash funds					
Current account	2,416	8,853	-	11,269	40,605
Reserve account	2,324	-	40,402	42,726	20,556
Deposit accounts	55,260	15,006	-	70,266	48,148
	<u>60,000</u>	<u>23,859</u>	<u>40,402</u>	<u>124,261</u>	<u>109,308</u>
B Other monetary assets					
Gift aid due to charity	5,500	-	3,500	9,000	8,875
	<u>5,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>8,875</u>
C Liabilities					
Falling due within one year:					
PAYE due	1,891	-	-	1,891	2,952
Mortgage	7,189	-	-	7,189	6,479
Pension due	-	-	-	-	422
Fee for Independent Examination	1,140	-	-	1,140	1,440
	<u>10,220</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,220</u>	<u>11,293</u>
Falling due after one year:					
Mortgage	30,923	-	-	30,923	36,379
	<u>30,923</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,923</u>	<u>36,379</u>
Total	<u>41,143</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,143</u>	<u>47,673</u>

The mortgage is secured on the property at Belleville Drive, Nottingham, and is repayable over 15 years at an interest rate of 7.0% per annum

D Assets retained for charity's own use	Value 2023 £	Value 2022 £
Church building	1,679,834	1,401,281
Church contents	74,228	62,272
Manse	2,000,000	2,000,000
Motor vehicle	2,500	3,000
	<u>3,756,562</u>	<u>3,466,553</u>

The trustees have used insurance values for the buildings and contents as the trustees are unable to reliably estimate current values; insurance values may differ materially from current values.

The value of the minibus has been estimated.

Churches Growth Trust is the Custodian Trustee for all AREC properties.

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

D. Myers

H. Mitchell

date

6th March 2024

The notes on pages 7 - 8 form part of these accounts.

ARNOLD ROAD EVANGELICAL CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

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 2023 £	Total 2022 £
		General funds £	Designated funds £			
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly						
Employment costs (incl. minister exps)	Note 4	56,394	-	8,881	65,275	59,626
Property costs:						
Belleville Drive mortgage		7,189	-	-	7,189	6,479
Belleville Drive garage conversion		-	-	-	-	20,249
Belleville Drive other costs		4,855	-	-	4,855	1,004
Manse	Note 4	2,005	-	-	2,005	1,920
Church		15,434	-	-	15,434	12,467
Church Extension - new windows and doors		7,494	-	2,400	9,894	-
Church sign		-	-	-	-	2,010
Insurance		2,412	-	-	2,412	2,237
Evangelism		7,329	-	-	7,329	7,631
Training		2,772	-	16,228	19,000	25,836
Work among the young		5,532	-	-	5,532	2,858
African Pastors Conference		-	-	1,038	1,038	-
Minibus expenses		1,792	-	-	1,792	1,454
Governance		1,410	-	-	1,410	1,380
Property trust legal costs		-	-	-	-	4,992
Administration and support		2,081	-	-	2,081	2,125
Other		702	-	-	702	360
		117,401	-	28,547	145,948	152,629

3 Grants and gifts paid to others

Organisations:					
FIEC		715	-	-	715
Delhi Bible Institute		392	-	-	392
Other Organisations		2,514	-	2,211	4,725
Individuals		-	-	-	-
		<u>3,621</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,211</u>	<u>5,832</u>
					<u>6,629</u>

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4 Transactions with related parties

N Pomeroy served as a church leader and was paid £25,410 [2022: £24,255] for serving in that capacity, not for serving as a trustee; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

In addition the charity incurred expenditure totalling £2,005 [2022: £1,920] in respect of the provision of accommodation (which is customary for ministers) to N Pomeroy, who is a trustee, so that they could better perform their duties.

H Mitchell served as a part-time evangelist and was paid £10,971 [2022: £10,472] for serving in that capacity, not for serving as a trustee; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

5 Movement of funds

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	60,000	125,504	(121,022)	(4,482)	60,000
Designated funds					
Replacement of the minibus	2,731	-	-	4,482	7,213
Major refurbishments	16,125	521	-	-	16,646
	<u>78,856</u>	<u>126,025</u>	<u>(121,022)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>83,859</u>
Restricted funds					
Harvest	735	653	(1,388)	-	-
Christmas	63	769	(713)	-	119
Church Refurbishments	13,504	9,693	(2,400)	-	20,797
Proclamation Zambia	-	110	(110)	-	-
Gospel Worker	-	8,125	(8,125)	-	-
Minibus	3,980	2,526	-	-	6,506
African Pastors Conference	140	898	(1,038)	-	-
Youth Worker	-	5,051	(756)	8,555	12,850
Member Ministry Support	12,000	9,283	(12,728)	(8,555)	-
Member Ministry Support	30	3,600	(3,500)	-	130
	<u>30,452</u>	<u>40,708</u>	<u>(30,758)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,402</u>
Total funds	<u>109,308</u>	<u>166,733</u>	<u>(151,780)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>124,261</u>

The Harvest Fund relates to an annual Harvest appeal for specific causes

The Christmas Fund relates to an annual appeal at Christmas for specific causes

The Church Refurbishment Fund relates to donations given to help towards the cost of reroofing the back hall and in 2023 £2,400 for new church extension and windows

The Proclamation Zambia Fund is to support a project in Zambia

The Gospel Worker Fund was set up for donations towards the employment costs of an assistant pastor.

The Minibus Fund relates to donations given for the purchase of a new minibus

African Pastors Conference Fund is to support a christian conference held in Africa.

The Youth Worker fund is towards supporting the work of the provision of a youth worker

The Member Ministry Support Funds were set up for two members of the church were are training for ministry.

Transfer of funds of £8,555 from the Member Ministry Support Fund into the Youth Worker Fund was made with permission from the original donor.