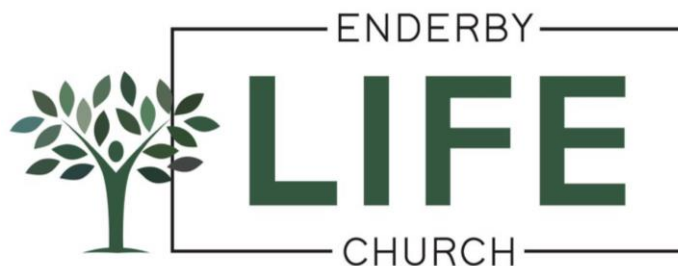


# **ENDERBY LIFE CHURCH**

**Moores Lane, Enderby, Leicester, LE19 4AN**

## **TRUSTEES REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

**YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2022**



The Charity Trustees present their report and independently examined accounts for year ending 31st March 2022.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The Charity operates under its Constitution dated 21st July 2021. It is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered with the Charity Commission (registered charity No. 1190574) and recognised as such by the Inland Revenue for Tax purposes.

In April 2021 the name of the Church was changed from Enderby Mission Free Church to Enderby Life Church. This was done as 'Life' is more easily understood and carries more positive connotations. A video launching and explaining this was produced and remains available on our web site.

The change in name coincided with a change in the charitable status of the organisation, creating a new Charitable Incorporated Organisation with the aim to merge the two charities, the assets of Enderby Mission Church, including the property, were transferred to Enderby Life Church on 1st April 2021. The Charities Commission confirmed that the charities had been merged on the 7th February 2022. Trustees are working with H M Land Registry to formally record the transfer.

The Trustees of the Charity comprise:

- Andrew Briars (Chairman)
- David Banton
- Karen Smith

The Charity is actively seeking to appoint more Trustees (see Looking Ahead section)

### **In order to be appointed, Charity Trustees must**

- Be conformable to scriptural qualification. (1 Timothy 3:8-13).
- Be in agreement with the doctrinal basis and objectives of Enderby Mission Free Church.
- Be nominated by the Church Eldership and submitted for spiritual witness and approval to the Church Leadership Team and to the Church congregation.

The Charity Trustees have legal and financial responsibility for the Charity, whilst the Church Elders have spiritual responsibility for the Church. Additionally, a Leadership Team provides advice and support in all areas of the Church's life and ministry.

The Trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit, and confirm that all activities are undertaken for the benefit of the public.

The Charity employs one full-time paid member of staff (the Church Pastor/Elder). Volunteers from the Church congregation, varying from time to time as needs arise, work alongside the Pastor to fulfil the Church's objectives.

The Trustees give regular consideration to the major risks to which the Charity may be exposed, including financial, regulatory and legal, and are satisfied that such risks are adequately identified, monitored and controlled through policies, procedures and insurance arrangements.

The Church is an autonomous body following historical independent tradition and does not belong to any denominational organisation. It is a local expression of the world-wide fellowship of believers in Jesus Christ. However, the church is a member of the Ground Level Network of churches and Evangelical Alliance (the EA). Whereas Ground Level is a movement networked together through regional and relational connections (largely in the Midlands), the EA supports churches in a wider sense across the UK. Both exist to equip, support and care for churches and ministries.

## **Objectives and Activities**

The main objectives of the Charity are summarised as:

- The advancement of the Christian faith and the worship of God.
- The proclamation and furtherance of the gospel of Christ.
- The preaching and teaching of the Word of God.
- The provision of pastoral care, counselling and support.
- The education of children and adults on the basis of Christian principles.

These objectives are met in accordance with the Charity's constitution and will be fulfilled in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or elsewhere as the Trustees, Elders and Leadership from time to time may think fit.

The main activities of the Church to further its charitable objectives are:

- A weekly programme of Sunday worship, communion and family services.
- Regular meetings during the week for prayer, Bible study and fellowship, both at the church and at homes of individual members of the congregation.
- Special programmes for families, children and young people.
- Funerals, weddings, adult baptisms and baby dedications.
- Social support and benevolent giving, both at home and abroad. (The Church Elders and Leaders decide upon individuals and organisations that are to receive financial support out of the Charity's assets in support of the Charity's objectives. For the year April 2021 to March 2022 11.9% of Unrestricted income from General Offerings was allocated in this way).

Through these objectives and activities, the Charity's aim is to effectively serve the community for the benefit of the public. By upholding Christian values and beliefs, it is the Trustees' conviction that through these activities a positive impact into the community is being achieved for the good of all.

## **Achievements**

Some particular achievements during the year April 2021 to March 2022 were:

- As pandemic restrictions were lifted, we were able to:
  - Resume monthly Sunday evening events including 'Connection', which is fellowship around a meal; and 'In This Together', which is a time of worship, communion, and prayer.
  - Resume prayer and other meetings
  - Increase the number of hospital and home visits made by our pastor
  - Resume indoor meetings by our twice monthly life Groups; these were well supported.

- Relaunch our children's club, The Monday Club; numbers quickly rose to 20 children from the community, with an average weekly attendance of 15.
- We continued to lay the groundwork for a new ministry we will launch in the coming year. It will be called 'Renew Wellbeing' and will serve those in our community with mental health issues.
- We ran Freedom in Christ Discipleship courses, aimed at helping Christians become fruitful disciples.
- We held a baptism service, publicly baptising 2 people.
- We continued to run Assemblies for Brockington College on a regular basis. These were done by pre-recording video messages that were then live-streamed into every classroom and then live in the school auditorium when restrictions were lifted.
- We continued to work with Jakin, a Christian Counselling Service, which provides counselling and support for those going through crisis pregnancies, pregnancy loss and stillbirth. We have two volunteer Support Workers trained in Counselling Skills to support this ministry.
- Our pastor spent a month in America on a mission's trip that included speaking at a conference and working with people in an addiction recovery residential programme.
- We continued to provide support and strengthen our connections with a country where Christian persecution is prevalent through a ministry who provide refuge for impoverished children from the slum area. Schooling, food, shelter, clothing, medical care and rehabilitation are provided for the children.
- We provided regular financial and prayer support to missionaries working for;
  - Hellenic Ministries in Athens, involved in evangelism, discipleship and church planting.
  - Iris global in South Africa, providing residential, education and healthcare for orphaned children.
- We hosted a visit by Slavic Gospel Association, a missions ministry equipping the churches in the Slavic nations; and contributed to this ministry.
- We saw continued co-operation with the three other churches in Enderby through united prayer times and various pulpit exchanges.
- In support of those who did not feel able to join our services in person due to the threat of Covid-19 infection, we provided access through online streaming; it also allows recordings to be watched in following weeks. This has proved successful and invaluable, allowing the charity to continue its objectives in unprecedented times.

### **Mission Foodbank**

- As Covid-19 continued to affect our community, and household budgets were squeezed, our Foodbank continued to grow as more and more families needed help. The Foodbank have kept the name 'mission' as in this context it is understood; and became, 'Mission Foodbank' provided by Enderby Life Church.
- During the financial year of 2021/22 the foodbank has supplied approximately 1,900 food parcels in total to households in Enderby and the surrounding area. These parcels have been delivered using the delivery van, or occasionally picked up by the resident. Each food parcel contains ambient products and also fresh items, with a total value of around £35.
- We have supported some households for a fixed period of time to help them through a difficult period of their lives, along with emergency one-off support parcels to residents in unforeseen circumstances, or have been relocated into emergency accommodation.
- The foodbank has forged relationships with local authority bodies and also support charities, providing support to residents to help them get settled into their new home while their financial situation is strengthened.
- During the school holidays we have run 'holiday hunger' schemes - providing child friendly parcels to support families with lunches for their children. We have provided around 180 of these parcels.
- At Christmas 92 residents received a Christmas parcel containing treats to enjoy over the festive period.
- In total, we have supported around 390 different households living in Enderby and surrounding areas during the financial year.

- To assist the work of the foodbank a 6 year old van was purchased for £7,100 in July 2021. Due to low mileage the life of the van was expected to be 6 years thus £5,915 asset value in March 2022 depreciated on straight line basis.

## Other Notable Items

- Our pastor remains the only elder and we continue to actively seek an additional elder.

## Financial Review

We benefit from full ownership of our property and land in Moores Lane, Enderby, which continues to be used for the charity's main purposes. The Charity's funds have all been applied in accordance with its charitable objectives.

- Income for the year was £87,789 (compared to £127,850 during 2020/21).
- Expenditure in the year was £98,484 (£84,883).
- This resulted in a deficit for the year of -£10,695 (+£42,967).
- As at 31st March 2022, the church had total funds of £235,769 (£246,464) which included £209,491 (£220,078) of Restricted Funds (see breakdown below between Vision Fund & Foodbank)

The principal source of funds is regular giving and one-off donations from members of the Church congregation. We are registered for Gift Aid, and where appropriate this is encouraged to maximise this source of income. As indicated below Grants for the Foodbank reduced during 2021/22 however by controlling expenditure the present level of funding is adequate to support the continuation of the charity's current activities for the foreseeable future.

As detailed on pages 7 to 8 the Charity received funds for use in our Foodbank in the form of Grants and Donations from Companies, Organisations and Individuals outside of the Church. Grants from Leicestershire County Council and Blaby District Council totalled £14,038 (£28,098 in 2020/21). A Grant of £1,639.75 was also received from the Coop Local Community Fund resulting in a total of £15,677.75 from 4 Grants (£33,109 from 8 Grants in 2020/21).

Money set aside in our Vision Fund for the church expansion project and held as Restricted Funds as at 31st March 2022 stands at £202,267 (£201,064).

Money set aside in our Foodbank and held as Restricted Funds as at 31st March 2022 stands at £7,225 (£19,015).

The Church only invests its cash reserves in deposits with UK banks. There are currently no outstanding debts.

The Church's policy on holding cash reserves as Unrestricted Funds is to maintain an equivalent of three months average expenditure so as to enable it to continue operating during a short term down turn in its income, or to allow a period of restructuring should a longer term down turn occur. Two separate bank deposit accounts are maintained for this purpose. Actual cash reserves held as Unrestricted Funds as at 31st March 2022 were £15,460 (£15,425).

A remuneration committee made up of Trustees and Leadership Team members (including the Treasurer) meet annually to consider the skills, experiences and competencies needed from our paid staff, so as to offer fair remuneration within our ability to pay, bearing in mind the charity's performance and staffs' performance against expectations, in both the short and long term.

## Looking Ahead

During the year April 2022 to March 2023, the Elder, Leadership and Trustees will continue to address the challenges of a growing church and to extend our influence into the wider community.

Our building project “Serving our Community – Enderby Life Church Enlargement Project” is both addressing the problem of lack of space and requirement for modern, flexible, efficiently heated and ventilated facilities. The aim of the project is to maximise opportunities for increasing our community involvement in Enderby and beyond, to enable us to provide a more effective and broader range of Christian-based activities for people of all ages and backgrounds.

Our building contractors have drawn up the proposal for suitable building for Enderby Life Church. We are still looking to see where a favourable site for this could reside which allows us to meet our goals to be in the centre of Enderby.

Under the current financial climate we understand the hardship that some are suffering in our community. Our foodbank continues to be in demand and it is anticipated that this will increase in the year ahead. We will continue to assess the financial and logistical requirements (including repair or replacement of the van used by the foodbank) and will work to see how we can assist in our community practically through ‘Mission Foodbank’ and mental health support through ‘Renew Wellbeing’. The Trustees will monitor income and expenditure. Grant applications for funding for the foodbank will continue as needed / available.

## Responsibilities and Declaration of the Trustees

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above.

The Trustees recognise their responsibility for the preparation of accounts for each financial year to give a true and fair view of the Charity's incoming resources and application of resources during the year and of its state of affairs at the end of the year, and for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity. The trustees have opted to prepare receipts and payments accounts as the church is a non-company charity with income less than £250,000.

The Trustees also recognise their responsibility in safeguarding the assets of the Charity and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

To that end, the Trustees certify that the books, vouchers and information produced to enable the independent examination of the accounts to be conducted contain a full and correct record of the financial transactions and activities to the best of their knowledge and belief.

**Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:**

Signed :



**Date : 29th January 2023**

## **Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Enderby Life Church**

Report on the Accounts of the Charity for the year ending 31st March 2022, which are set out on pages 7 and 8.

### **Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 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 in the statement below.

### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

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

- 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 to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act, have not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:**



**Date:** 31st January 2023

**Name:** Jasbir K Rai

**Relevant Professional Qualifications:** ACMA

**Address:** Birmingham Voluntary Service Council, 138 Digbeth, Birmingham, B5 6DR

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
<b><u>RECEIPTS</u></b>			
General Offerings	£6,492		£6,492
Gift Aid Offerings	£39,636		£39,636
GASDS	£828		£828
Vision Income (Includes some GASDS)		£1,526	£1,526
Stewardship Income	£4,390		£4,390
Gift Aid Tax (Stewardship)	£245		£245
Gift Aid Tax (HMRC)	£11,008		£11,008
Investment income	£35	£447	£482
Misc. income (Foodbank Restricted & Petty Cash)	£526	£22,657	£23,183
<b><u>Total Receipts</u></b>	<b>£63,161</b>	<b>£24,629</b>	<b>£87,789</b>

## **PAYMENTS**

### **Charitable activities**

Salaries & NHI costs (allowing for £4,000 scheme)	£34,118		£34,118
Pensions (Total of Employee & Employer contributions)	£2,074		£2,074
Visiting speakers - pulpit gifts	£200		£200
Pastor & General Ministry Expenses	£417		£417
Photocopier / Fire extinguisher service	£1,161		£1,161
Church utilities (Water Rates)	£32		£32
Church utilities (Electricity)	£1,395		£1,395
Church utilities (Gas)	£1,005		£1,005
Church utilities (Telephone)	£645		£645
Church insurance	£988		£988
International Gifts	£2,620		£2,620
Ministry Support (Hope Centre & Iris Global)	£1,695		£1,695
Donations to Groups (Tearfund, Compassion, Jaikin)	£1,441		£1,441
Love Gifts	£1,730		£1,730
Miscellaneous expenditure (Foodbank Restricted)	£3,658	£28,116	£31,874
Governance costs (Audit, Accountancy)	£7,855		£7,855
Utilities Claire Court	£750		£750
Pastor mileage	£1,484		£1,484
<b><u>Sub Totals</u></b>	<b>£63,268</b>	<b>£28,216</b>	<b>£91,484</b>
Capital expenditure - Foodbank Van		£7,100	£7,100
<b><u>Total Payments</u></b>	<b>£63,268</b>	<b>£35,216</b>	<b>£98,484</b>
<b><u>Net movement of funds for the year</u></b>	<b>-£108</b>	<b>-£10,587</b>	<b>-£10,695</b>

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<b><u>Net movement of funds for the year</u></b>	<b>-£108</b>	<b>-£10,587</b>	<b>-£10,695</b>
Balance brought forward from the previous year	£26,386	£220,078	£246,464
<b><u>Fund balances carried forward to next year</u></b>	<b>£26,278</b>	<b>£209,491</b>	<b>£235,769</b>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
<b><u>CASH FUNDS</u></b>			
Barclays Current Account (Foodbank Restricted Funds)	£10,618	£350	£10,968
Barclays Deposit Account (for Foodbank)		£6,628	£6,628
Mission Foodbank - Petty Cash		£246	£246
Main/Pastors & General - Petty Cash	£200		£200
Barclays Savings Account (for Vision Fund)		£1	£1
Market Harborough Building Society (for Vision Fund)		£113,681	£113,681
Kingdom Bank Postal 60 Account (for Vision Fund)		£88,585	£88,585
Kingdom bank 32 day Account (for Reserves Fund)	£15,460		£15,460
<b><u>Total cash funds</u></b>	<b><u>£26,278</u></b>	<b><u>£209,491</u></b>	<b><u>£235,769</u></b>

Figures rounded to the nearest Pound

NB - There are no other monetary or investment assets held by the charity.

#### **Debtors & Creditors falling due after 31st March 2022**

+£3,018.74 : Gift Aid Claim for 2021/22 Q4 & GASDS

-£268.20 : Claire Court Utilities Q4

-£192.00 : Agilico Workplace (Photocopier Contract)

-£28.78 : Zoom for Life Group (2 months)

#### **ASSETS RETAINED FOR THE CHARITY'S OWN USE**

	Current Value
Church premises, Moores Lane, Enderby	£450,000
Other tangible fixed assets (allowing for depreciation etc.)	£12,450
<b><u>Total assets retained for the charity's own use</u></b>	<b><u>£462,450</u></b>

NB - These values are shown at the Trustees' best estimate of market value.

#### **LIABILITIES**

There are no liabilities to record.

#### **Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:**

Signed : 

Name : Andrew Briars

Position : Trustee / Treasurer

Date : 29th January 2023