

**Living Word Assemblies of God Wolverhampton
Trustees Interim Report and Financial Statement
As of 31 December 2023.**

Living Word Assemblies of God Wolverhampton
Information
For the year ended 31 December 2023

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Trustee's Report

For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

Aims and objectives.

The principal objects of the charity are to advance Christianity enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our Christian community in London. When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We encourage ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our Christian community through:

- Worship and prayer; steadying the word of God to develop their knowledge and trust in Jesus Christ.
- Providing pastoral care for people living in the community.
- Missionary and outreach work

Summary of the main achievements during the period:

Worship, Prayer and steadying of the word of God.

Living Word Assemblies of God as a ministry has continued to encourage the members to worship and show love to their community. We have programmes during weekdays and weekends. Prayers are also offered through home cells or house groups, focusing on individual needs. This system of approach has in our opinion brought a lot of spiritual and social benefits to the community. The Worship Ministry of the church has the vision of focusing first on God and secondly on serving the needs of the congregation. We seek to combine different talents in the church in vibrant worship services, concerts and special events. Our mission is to reach the youth, the locals and the entire community.

Pastoral and care:

The trustees have ensured that every member of Living Word Assemblies of God Trust has been attended to throughout the year. The Church's strong pastoral team ensures that counselling and moral guidance is rolled out effectively. Pastoral care is given under the strums of counselling, career and education. Teaching programmes are scheduled throughout the year in partnership with other ministries in the community. Members of Living Word Assemblies of God Trust are encouraged to contact the pastoral teams should they need any help.

Mission and evangelism:

As part of our ministry, we have cultivated a mission of helping the needy. This we term Love "Samaritan Mission". We endeavour to help locally and internationally.

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Church Activities of Public Benefit

In addition to the general achievements mentioned above, the following specific activities which we deem fit for public benefits were undertaken during the year.

- a) Supply of Relief items to our Local Food Bank for economically disadvantaged people.
- b) Ministry to female Carers in the community during International Women's Day.
- c) Youth Singing Classes
- d) Musical instruments training classes for young people
- e) Annual Black History Month Activities which seek to get the community further acquainted with the Black Culture.
- f) Participated in activities organised by other charities in the local community.
- g) Prisons outreach which includes an occasional visit to HM Wolverhampton prisons

The charity's policy on reserves

We aim to build up reserves to be prepared for unforeseen expenses. We would like to hold 3 months of running expenses in reserves.

Exemptions

The trustees have taken advantage of the exemptions available to small companies, including the audit exemption (see statement on the balance sheet)

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Financial review during the year

The total incoming resources of the church during the year amounted to £47,526 (2022 £26,913). Of this total, £47,526 (2022 £26,913) was derived from general tithes and offerings from members. The total resources expended in the year amounted to £42,596 (2022 £18,418) leaving a net inflow of £4,929 (2022 inflow £8,495). The accumulated surplus amounts to £16,026.

Funds

No part of the funds of the church is under any form of restriction.

Statement of financial responsibilities of the trustees

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees as managing trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees should follow best practices.

- I. select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- II. make judgement and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- III. state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed subject to any materials departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- IV. preparing the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the church will continue in business.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the church and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulation 1995. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the church.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Date: 30/10/2024

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Independent Accountant's Report For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 8 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act), follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act), and state whether matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out by 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

During my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

16. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

to keep accounting records by section 41 of the Act, and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act; has not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mr Daniel Bosompem Antwi – (AFA, MIPA, MSc, BSc,)

Signature: ~~DKB~~—

Date: 30/10/2024

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Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)

For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds		Year Ended 31/12/2023	Year ended 31/12/2022
				Total Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds:					
Voluntary income:					
Tithes & offering	1	47,526		47,526	26,913
Building funds					
Activities for generating funds:					
Investment Income					
Other incoming resources					
Incoming resources from charitable activities: Gift Aid					
			-		
Total incoming resources		47,526	-	47,526	26,913

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RESOURCES EXPENDED

Charitable activities:	2	42,596	42,596	18,418
Governance costs	3		-	

Total resources expended		42,596	42,596	18,418
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Net incoming/(outgoing) resources and net income/(expenditure) for the year before transfers		4,929	4,929	8,495
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Transfers between funds

Net movement in funds	4	4,929	4,929	8,495
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Reconciliation of funds:

Total funds brought forward		11,097	11,097	2,602
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Total funds carried forward		16,026	16,026	11,097
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There were no recognised gains or losses for the period other than those included in the Statement of Financial Activities
The notes on page 9 to 11 form part of these accounts

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Balance Sheet

For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 £
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	5	-
Current assets		
Loan to church members		
Cash at the bank and in hand		16,026
Creditors:		
Amounts falling due within one year	6	-
Net current assets		16,026
Total assets less current liabilities		16,026
Amounts falling Longterm		
XXXXXXXliabilities:		
Unrestricted funds		
General funds /(deficits)	7	16,026
Designated funds		-
Restricted funds		-
Total funds/(deficits)		16,026

Approved by the board of trustees on 31 January 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

(Chair)

Notes to the Accounts

For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and in the preceding year.

Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and by the latest Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for charities and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective Jan 2008) and include the results of the church's operations as indicated in the trustees' report, all of which are continuing.

1.1 Incoming Resources

Tithes and offerings

Income from tithes and offerings is included in incoming resources when these are receivable.

Investment Income

Investment income consists of the net interest received during the year and accounted for restricted funds. The charity has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No.1 from the requirements to produce a cash flow because NDs that it qualifies as a small charity.

1.2 Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accrual basis and is inclusive of VAT. Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them. Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include accountancy, legal, professional fees and other costs linked to the strategic management of the charity. Governance costs which cannot be allocated directly are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

1.3 Fixed assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows: Equipment, fixtures & fittings - 25% per annum

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2 Charity activities

	Unrestrict ed	Restricted	Total Year ended 31/12/23 £
The direct cost of charitable activities:			
Ministerial Welfare			3,558
Members' Support and Welfare			4,959
Mission Support (other charities)			2,560
General Church Administration			4,150
Honorarium			1,282
Rent payable			7,440
Printing, postage and stationery			56
Advertising and PR			650
Telephone			950
Travelling and entertainment			3,081
Computer Cost			485
Council tax and Utilities cost			12,122
Bank charges			85
Sundry expenses			1250
Depreciation on fixtures & equipment			-
		-	42,596

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3. Governance costs

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Year ended 31/12/23
		£	£
Legal and professional	-	-	-
Accountancy	-	-	-
	-	-	-

There was no staff cost and emoluments, no employee earned £60,000 or more per annum.

4. Net movement in funds for the year

	Year ended 31/12/23
	£
This is stated after charging:	
Depreciation	-
Accountancy fees	-
Legal fees	-
	-

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5. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures & Equipment Year ended 31/12/23
	£
Cost	
Balance B/F	-
Additions	-
Disposals	-
At 31December 2023	-
Depreciation	
At April 2020	-
On disposals	-
Charge for the period	-
On 31 December 2023	-
Net book value	
On 31 December 2023	-

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Creditors: Amount falling due within one year

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	Year ended 31/12/23
	£
Loans	-
Other creditors	-
Accruals	-

7 Creditors: Amounts falling due after one year
Analysis of net assets between funds

Year Ended

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	Equipment	Current Asset less Liability
	£	£
Unrestricted funds/(deficits)	-	-
Restricted		0
	-	-