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THE LIGHT CHURCH BRADFORD

Report and Accounts

for the year

31 December 2021

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Trust Information for the year to 31 December 2021

Charity Number	1192346	
Company number	CE023860	
Trustees	Peter Geoffrey McMahon (Chairman) Kate Margaret Hart Peter Jonathan Edward Snell David John Bullen (Chairman)	Appointed 11th January 2022 Resigned 11th January 2022
Address	The Light Centre 86 Captain Street Bradford West Yorkshire BD1 4EL	
Independent Examiner	S J Sutcliffe FCCA Torevell Dent Limited 1-3 St Ann's Place Pellon Lane Halifax HX1 5RB	
Bankers	The Co-operative Bank plc 1 Balloon Street Manchester M60 4EP	

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Trustees Annual Report for the year to 31 December 2021

The trustees present their Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

The Light Church Bradford Trust is a CIO FOUNDATION registered 16 Nov 2020.

Trustees

David John Bullen (Chairman)	Resigned 11th January 2022
Kate Margaret Hart	
Peter Jonathan Edward Snell	
Peter Geoffrey McMahon (Chairman)	Appointed Chairman 11th January 2022

Risk Management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Objectives and Activities

Objectives and aims

The objectives of the charity are:-

- a) To advance the Christian faith, in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs, in Yorkshire and other parts of the UK or the world
- b) To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship, or who are aged or sick and to relieve the distress caused thereby
- c) To advance education in accordance with Christian principles

Review of progress and achievements

The calendar year of 2021 was of course a strange one for our church/charity as it was for all of society. As we all reeled from the impact of the first waves of Covid, our resilient community of faith continued faithfully worshipping God and serving our community. As we started to journey with some new wording for our vision, we grew in strength as a 'Family of disciples who make disciples' who together are 'Loving Bradford back into Life.' This is at the heart of who we are as a church, passionate followers of Jesus helping one another to follow him. A faith community who knows that if we truly follow Jesus our lives will be marked by unconditional love and a life of service to those in need in our community.

Our Leadership and trustee team remained pretty stable through 2021, however we are incredibly blessed by the appointment of Rachel Dawson as our Assistant Pastor from January 2021 and are grateful for the energy, vision and positivity she contributes in all areas, especially in the area of Children and Young People.

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Review of progress and achievements (continued)

Whilst the first half of the year still saw a lot of restrictions on how we could meet as a church, we continued delivering online services and zoom based small groups to create times of worship and fellowship. We then moved to having outside services from Easter once restrictions were lifted and then inside services from September. As we came back together as a church, it was a moment of transition for a number of people. A good number chose not to return, and pretty much an equal number chose to join us, having enjoyed what they saw online. Alongside all of this, our established compassion ministries continued providing an excellent service to literally thousands of people in need.

In the second half of the year we began the very exciting process of buying our own building. As a church we have rented the Jubilee Centre from Christians Against Poverty in various capacities, mainly for Sunday mornings, for over ten years now. CAP also lent us the building from the beginning of the pandemic in order that the Foodbank could continue to function in a Covid safe manner and meet the rising demand. So when CAP placed the building on the market in July 2021, we decided to attempt to purchase it and having agreed a price with CAP, we began the process of mortgage applications and fundraising.

Overall our financial position remained pretty stable as a church in terms of day to day running costs. Our accounts will show that Foodbank continued to attract a lot of funding as people continued responding to the pandemic and saw the excellent work of the largest Foodbank in Bradford as a natural place to donate. Our accounts also show the beginnings of money being donated towards the building, with donations from our members being in excess of £150,000 ready for the purchase in 2022.

Bradford Central Foodbank.

The Light Church hosts Bradford Central Foodbank which feeds those in urgent food crisis. Bradford Central Foodbank is a busy city centre foodbank serving the needs of a very deprived community. Bradford is ranked the 5th most deprived local authority in England with 29% of children living below the poverty line. Debt, benefit delays, domestic violence or simply trying to survive on a very low income means that people we serve have reached rock bottom and cannot even afford to feed their families.

We came into 2021 full of hope that Covid was on its way out and 2021 was going to be normal. Unfortunately that was not the case and everyone stepped up again to feed over 12,000 people with 110,000 meals who would have gone hungry without our help. As well as long life food we also provide fresh fruit and vegetables and bread bags for all our clients.

It's been so inspiring to see the public and businesses donate 133 tonnes or £266,000 of food. That's 33,500 shopping bags of food that we've sorted, moved backwards and forwards and packed into parcels. We delivered 1,833 parcels to people who are too ill to leave their houses. We stopped them going hungry and cold in their hour of need thanks to our volunteer drivers.

3,666 families have been met, chatted to and helped to try to get to root issues by our team of caring volunteer sign posters as we want to help deal with the root cause of the crisis and help people take the first steps out of poverty.

Our kitchen volunteers have prepared thousands of cups of tea and hot meals to people who sometimes haven't eaten for days!

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Review of progress and achievements (continued)

Our team of 90 volunteers have made all this possible.

We've raised the voice of the voiceless and powerless to say this isn't fair, its not right. We've campaigned about the end of Universal Credit uplift and have been on ITV calendar news, BBC look North twice and in the Telegraph & Argus. We want to 'speak up for these who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute.' Proverbs 31:8

At Christmas we gave out 500 Christmas hampers and hundreds of toys which parents could choose for their children from our grotto.

We have spent ourselves on behalf of the hungry. Isaiah 58 says 'if you spend yourselves on behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.'

As a Foodbank we have played our part in contributing to the purchase and renovation of our new home. We did a 72 hour fast which raised £22,000 from businesses and individuals in the community.

TLG Education Centre

The Light Church partners with national charity TLG to run Education Centre for up to 10 students at a time who either have been excluded or are at serious risk of exclusion from their mainstream school. We educate and work with students, their schools and families to get them back on track in their education as well as providing additional support for those families where further help is needed. 2021 saw our team Maddie, Keira and Hannah continue to provide excellent Alternative Education provision and provide a supportive, nurturing environment for students struggling with education. We have partnered with 11 secondary schools across Bradford to support 23 students this past year. In September 2021 we saw the addition of Hannah Mitchell to the team as our 'Pupils and Families Champion,' who was brought in to provide greater support to both pupils and families as an attempt to provide more holistic support alongside our Educational provision. In October 2021 our TLG staff were TUPE'd over to be employed by TLG rather than the Light church as we began a new partnership agreement with TLG to strengthen the support they receive.

CAP Debt Help & Job Club

In September 2021 we managed to get our CAP Debt Help back up and running with a volunteer Debt Centre Manager to help families struggling with unmanageable debt and other issues. The new manager was David Parkinson who took early retirement to take up the role and hit the ground running. We also pioneered a new way of working whereby we operated a drop in session at Bradford Central Food Bank for anyone in food crisis who had debt as a root issue or anyone who rang CAP's helpline could come and meet David and find out about CAP's service and whether they would be able to commit to it. This meant that we are able to meet and talk to and offer hope and support to many more people than the older model.

CAP Job Club had never really been able to re-start since the pandemic hit, due to the community based face to face approach we take to delivering this service. With Gareth Thompson, our Manager, moving on in March 2021, this service lay dormant throughout 2021 with hopes to re-establish in 2022.

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Trustees Annual Report (continued)
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Review of progress and achievements (continued)

Purchase of Jubilee Centre

As mentioned above we began the process of purchasing a permanent home for all of our community projects and our church family meeting and activities. We secured a mortgage offer from Charity Bank and then set out to raise the deposit and legal fees of around £290,000, and an additional £300,000 for refurbishment.

We were so grateful to our church family who gave sacrificially in excess of £150,000. The Foodbank team did an incredible job with fundraising, and we started to receive a number of grants from charitable trusts. Perhaps our biggest amazing breakthrough, however, was a grant of £225,000 from the Community Ownership Fund. This was a fund launched by the Department for Levelling Up, housing and communities targeted at supporting community groups who were seeking to stop community focussed buildings being sold for private use. We are grateful to the government for their investment in us and the City of Bradford.

Financial Review

2021 was our first year operating as the newly formed CIO - The Light Church Bradford, which is reflected in our accounts. All assets were transferred into the CIO, except the piece of land, which was subsequently transferred in 2022 as part of the new mortgage and remortgage process.

The giving of church continued to provide for our specifically church based activities.

TLG continued to generate its own funding through the financial contributions of our Educational partners.

Foodbank had another year of delivering a significant surplus and the trustees made a decision to allocate a reasonable proportion of this towards the purchase and renovation of the building and to invest more money in the longer term aim of reducing the need for Foodbanks by providing service that deal with the root causes. Full details of the financial transactions are contained in the attached accounts. The total incoming resources for the year were £809,326 and, after deduction resources expended of £374,137, the net incoming resources were £435,189.

The net assets of the Charity at 31 December 2021 were £435,189.

Summary

Overall the work of the church/charity continued to bring great benefit to society in caring for many people in need and being a vibrant faith community in the heart of our multi cultural city. We give thanks to God for his continued blessing and provision over all that we have done and offer all of our services to Him as an expression of our thanks for the blessing of knowing him deeply through Jesus Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit.

The Trustees Report was approved on 17/10/2022 and signed on their behalf by:



P McMahon
Chair of Trustees

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Statement of Trustees Responsibilities for the year to 31 December 2021

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charity Act 2011 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Light Church Bradford

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year to 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 8 to 12.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

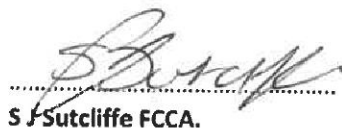
Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 the seeking of 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, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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 respects, the requirements
 - (a) To keep accounting records in accordance with S130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - (b) To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.



S J Sutcliffe FCCA.

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Chartered Certified Accountant

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Date: 17/10/22

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year to 31 December 2021

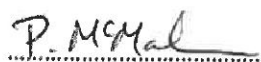
				Year to 31-Dec-21
	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Notes	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources:				
Incoming for generated funds:				
Voluntary income	284,723	-	117,132	401,855
Investment income	2 64	-	-	64
Transfer from The Light Church Trust	2,587	100,000	99,334	201,921
Other Income	205,486	-	-	205,486
Total Income	492,860	100,000	216,466	809,326
Resources Expended:				
Costs of generating funds:				
Charitable activities	373,225	-	-	373,225
Governance costs	912	-	-	912
Total Expenditure	374,137	-	-	374,137
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources	118,723	100,000	216,466	435,189
Balance as at 31 December 2021	118,723	100,000	216,466	435,189

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**Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2021**

		Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds £	Year to 31-Dec-21 Total Funds £
Fixed Assets	Notes				
Tangible assets	5	8,453	-	-	8,453
Current Assets					
Debtors	6	32,266	-	-	32,266
Cash at bank		86,124	100,000	216,466	402,590
		118,390	100,000	216,466	434,856
Creditors:					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(5,295)	-	-	(5,295)
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		121,548	100,000	216,466	438,014
Creditors due in more than one year					
Loan	8	(2,825)	-	-	(2,825)
Net Assets		118,723	100,000	216,466	435,189
Funds					
Unrestricted funds	9				118,723
Designated	9				100,000
Restricted funds	9				216,466
					435,189

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 17/10/2022 and signed on their behalf by:-



P McMahon
Chair of Trustees

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Notes to the Accounts for the year to 31 December 2021

1. Accounting Policies

a) Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting by Charities 2005 and the Charities Act 2011.

b) Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

c) Resources Expended

Resources expended comprise all expenditure directly relating to the objects of the charity. When necessary, costs are allocated between direct charitable expenditure, fund raising and management and administration on an equitable basis

d) Fixed Assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Equipment	- 25% on reducing balance
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e) Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

f) 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 notes to the financial statements.

2. Investment Income

	Year to 31-Dec-21 £
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Deposit account interest	64
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3. Trustee's Remuneration and Benefits

There were no trustee's remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2021

Trustee's Expenses

There were no trustee's expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2021

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4. Staff Costs	Year to 31-Dec-21 £
Wages and salaries	<u>216,534</u>
5. Tangible Fixed Assets	<u>Equipment</u> £
<u>Costs</u>	
At 1 January 2021	
Additions	11,271
At 31 December 2021	<u>11,271</u>
<u>Depreciation</u>	
At 1 January 2021	-
Charge for the period	2,818
Elim on disposal	
At 31 December 2021	<u>2,818</u>
<u>Net Book Value</u>	
At 31 December 2021	<u>8,453</u>
6. Debtors	Year to 31-Dec-21 £
Trade debtors	<u>32,266</u>
7. Creditors	Year to 31-Dec-21 £
Taxation and social security	2,677
Other creditors	2,618
	<u>5,295</u>

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8 Long term creditors

	At 31-Dec-21 £
Loans from congregation	2,825
	<u>2,825</u>

9 Movement in Funds

	At 01-Jan-21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31-Dec-21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	-	118,723	118,723
Restricted funds			
Other Restricted		17,224	17,224
Tithe	-	29,852	29,852
Land	-	169,390	169,390
Designated Funds			
Foodbank	-	100,000	100,000
Total funds	<u>-</u>	<u>435,189</u>	<u>435,189</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	492,860	(374,137)	118,723
Designated funds			
Foodbank	100,000	-	100,000
Restricted funds			
Tithe /Land	216,466	-	216,466
Total funds	<u>809,326</u>	<u>(374,137)</u>	<u>435,189</u>

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the year to 31 December 2021

	Year to 31 December 2021	
	£	£
Incoming Resources:		
Voluntary income		
Offerings and donations		338,020
Gift Aid tax reclaimed		63,834
Other income		407,408
		<u>809,262</u>
Investment Income		
Bank Interest		64
		<u>64</u>
Total Incoming Resources		809,326
Resources Expended:		
Staff salaries and pension	216,534	
Light, heat, rates and water	8,759	
Telephone	2,290	
Postage and stationery	3,955	
Sundry expenses	1,082	
Insurance	3,997	
Hire of premises	32,563	
Gifts and other aid	45,091	
Hospitality and refreshments	6,372	
Administration fees and licences	4,095	
Training	2,303	
Teaching materials	5,264	
Travelling and volunteers expenses	10,148	
Equipment and software	6,747	
Cleaning and maintenance	7,324	
Advertising	68	
Bank charges	288	
Legal and professional fees	13,527	
Depreciation	2,818	
Accountancy	912	
	<u>374,137</u>	
Net income		<u><u>435,189</u></u>

