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THE LIGHT CHURCH BRADFORD

Report and Accounts

for the year

31 December 2022



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Trust Information

for the year to 31 December 2022

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Trustees	Peter Geoffrey McMahon (Chairman)	
	Kate Margaret Hart	Resigned on 19 June 2023
	Peter Jonathan Edward Snell	
	Florence Sakufiwa	Appointed on 23 June 2022
	Carol Joy Ball	Appointed on 23 June 2022
	Jason Stokes	Appointed on 19 June 2023

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Trustees Annual Report for the year to 31 December 2022

The trustees present their Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

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

Trustees

Peter Jonathan Edward Snell
Peter Geoffrey McMahon (Chairman)
Florence Sakufiwa
Carol Joy Ball
Jason Stokes

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

2022 was a great year of celebration for us as the Light Church, as we purchased and renovated our own building, securing our new home for future generations of the church and providing wonderful stability for Bradford Central Foodbank and Advice centre.

We came into the year with the impact of covid restrictions only just beginning to be behind us, and adjusting to some fairly big shifts in our church family following the 'Covid shuffle'! As we all adapted to in person church again, we were so grateful to our many volunteers who make church and charity life work well. The impact of Covid on volunteering levels, general time availability and resilience was also very noticeable, as it was through all of society as we all sought to recover from the collective trauma.

2022 will always be remembered as the year we bought the Jubilee Centre and made our 'rented' home our very own. We were so grateful for the incredible generosity of our congregation in 2021 who contributed so much of the money needed for the deposit. We were equally blown away by the amazing support we received from funders, charitable trusts and businesses, who got behind our vision of being a place of real hope

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Review of progress and achievements (continued)

for those in times of need and desperation. We especially wanted to thank the Community Ownership Fund from the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities for an incredible grant of £225,000. Other key funders were: Trussell Trust, Newton & Norwood Settlement, Congregational and General, All Churches Trust, Albert Gubay Charitable Trust and Terry and Liz Bramhall Trust.

Having raised the money and navigated a few bumps in the road regarding planning, we purchased the building in mid May and began the refurbishment almost straight away, working with KPP architects and CDT interiors and a load of willing volunteers. The refurbishment meant the Foodbank team had to work extra hard moving their stock and even the cafe to different parts of the building throughout the summer and we're grateful to the volunteers for their efforts. In this first phase we refurbished the TLG Classroom and Youth room, the Foodbank stores and the auditorium with designated café space for Foodbank and Advice centre provision. We all did some vital health and safety work in the area of fire safety. We were delighted to fully re-open the building in mid September and host a civic gathering in October to thank key partners who work with us.

This was obviously a key focus for the church leadership to lead through, but thanks to everyone playing their part, the vital community life of the church continued. Our vision is to be a family of disciples making disciples, we chose this wording because it reminds everyone that they have a part to play and disciple making isn't just the work of the leaders. We were grateful to everyone who played a part in this. Especially our Home Church leaders, our Kids and Youth leaders, our pastoral team, our worship team, our preaching and leading team - all of whom play a direct role in making disciples. We're also grateful for many service teams who enable church life to happen. Throughout the year, because of everyone's hard work and the power of the Holy Spirit, we have seen many grow and strengthen in their faith as well as those coming to faith for the first time.

Foodbank & Advice Centre

At the beginning of the year we were emerging from Covid with restrictions and fear gone. But then the Cost of Living crisis started to make itself felt with the increase in fuel and food bills in April. With bills and interest rates going up throughout the year, we're right in the middle of another crisis.

We've done all we can do to feed 13,631 people and given 125,100 meals so far this year, helping families put food on the table for their children.

103 tonnes of food or £206k has been given to clients donated by our generous supporters, schools, churches and the council which is inspiring when everyone is feeling the pinch.

Thank you for every tin of beans!

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

We have delivered 1,110 parcels to people who were too ill to leave their houses. Our volunteer drivers stopped them going hungry and cold in their hour of need.

This year we've made big steps into helping people out of the root cause of their food crisis.

Clients meet with our team of signposters who do what they can to overcome obstacles for people.

- In January we started giving out free Vodafone SIM cards to help people overcome digital exclusion. This is from Trussell Trust partnership with Vodafone. So far 393 people have benefited.

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Review of progress and achievements (continued)

- In February we launched our Renew Wellbeing café as so many people in food crisis are struggling with their mental health and being alone. 52 people have accessed this service.
- In April we launched expert benefits advice in our sessions in partnership with Equality Together and funded by Trussell Trust as benefits advice and helping people to apply for the benefits to which they are entitled is key to putting more money in people's pockets so they won't need a Foodbank.
- In June we launched our CAP Job Club to help people gain the confidence and the skills to get back into work. Universal Credit is at such a low that getting a job is vital to getting out of food crisis. 31 people attended 3 or more sessions and 54% of people have gone on to college courses, to get jobs (6 people), or to start volunteering.
- In mid November we recruited Kola to access the council's emergency fuel grants for this winter in every session. In just 4 weeks we've accessed emergency grants for 132 people. These grants and associated budgeting help take time so previously we were limited in how many we could apply for.
- We were however sad to have to close our CAP Debt Centre due to our amazing volunteer centre manager, Dave Parkinson, choosing to move down south to be near children and grandchildren. Having reviewed the potential costs involved in recruiting an employed centre manager and aware of a number of changes currently being journeyed by CAP, it was decided to revisit the opening of the Debt Centre at a later date once those changes have been implemented.

People have less and less money and thousands are struggling to have their basic survival needs for food and warmth met. Government policy needs to change to put more money into people's pockets. The media is key to raising the voice of the voiceless and powerless to say this isn't fair, it's not right. We've campaigned about the impact of the cost of living crisis, having been on Look North, the T&A, Radio 4, national BBC news app, on Heart Radio, and local BBC radio regularly.

At Christmas we gave out 550-600 Christmas hampers and hundreds of toys which parents can choose for their children from our grotto.

Everyone has made this possible from our 70 strong volunteer team, hundreds of food donors and financial givers, referral agencies and supermarket partners. We have all done what we can to help and as a result we have all achieved something very remarkable together.

TLG Education Centre

Since 2017 the Light Church has partnered with national charity TLG to run an 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. Working together to educate and work with the students, their schools and families to get them back on track in their education as well as providing additional pastoral and community support for those families where further help is needed. 2022 proved to be one of our more challenging years as we observed the challenges many pupils and schools faced in the aftermath of Covid. Mental health challenges often manifest themselves in behavioural difficulties for our staff to have to navigate with care, sensitivity, yet also firmness for the care and wellbeing of the whole school. This scenario wasn't experienced by our TLG Education Centre in isolation as many other centres around the UK experienced the same. At the same time

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TLG nationally were considering the long-term sustainability of the programme in light of the changing needs of young people following the pandemic. As a result of these challenges we lost our Head Teacher Maddie, who returned to Canada and we were unsuccessful in recruiting a new Head Teacher when our appointed candidate pulled out at the last minute. We hugely commend our remaining team of Keira, Hannah P and Hannah M for running the centre with additional help from other TLG staff. However the strain was really too much and both Hannah P and Keira sought jobs elsewhere, leaving us with no choice but to temporarily pause the centre. This pause coincidentally timed with TLG announcing a nationwide decision to begin the process of bringing their Education Centre Programme to an end and so our school officially closed its doors in October 2022. The timing of this was especially disappointing given the large amounts of funds raised and spent in refurbishing the space to Ofsted requirements. However, we have continued to ensure the space has been used well for our regular youth work and for generating income by partnering with local schools and other youth charities to support education, host events and training. We also maintain a very positive relationship with TLG and continue exploring partnership opportunities with them.

Financial Review

Full details of the financial transactions are contained in the attached accounts. The total incoming resources for the year were £969,442 (2021 : £809,326) and, after deduction resources expended of £ 731,915 (2021 : £374,137), the net incoming resources were £236,527 (2021 : £435,189).

The net assets of the Charity at 31 December 2022 were £672,716 (2021 : £435,189).

Summary

2022 certainly wasn't a "business as usual" year for us as a church as we continued navigating significant changes, buying and refurbishing the Jubilee Centre, emerging fully out of Covid, having to close our TLG centre and our Debt Centre and yet launching a number of other new initiatives in our Foodbank and Advice Centre. All of this is made possible through the giving - including financial, time and energy - from our roughly 250 church members and also hundreds of Bradford individuals and businesses, who share our vision for a more just and hope filled world. We are grateful that we've managed to enable the light of Gods love to shine brightly in our city, and look forward to all that is to come as we release the Jubilee Centre and its occupants to fulfil their potential.

The Trustees Report was approved on...23 October... 2023 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 2022

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 SOP;
- 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 2022, 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: 23/10/23

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year to 31 December 2022

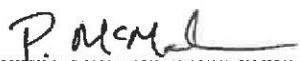
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Year to 31-Dec-22 Total Funds £	Year to 31-Dec-21 Total Funds £
Incoming Resources:						
Incoming for generated funds:						
Voluntary income		271,109	-	-	271,109	401,855
Investment income	2	294	-	-	294	64
Transfer from The Light Church Trust		144,350	-	-	144,350	201,921
Other Income		553,689	-	-	553,689	205,486
Total Income		969,442	-	-	969,442	809,326
Resources Expended:						
Costs of generating funds:						
Charitable activities		537,069	50,000	143,238	730,307	373,225
Governance costs		1,608	-	-	1,608	912
Total Expenditure		538,677	50,000	143,238	731,915	374,137
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources		430,765	(50,000)	(143,238)	237,527	435,189
Funds Brought forward		118,723	100,000	216,466	435,189	-
Balance as at 31 December 2022		549,488	50,000	73,228	672,716	435,189

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022

		Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds £	Year to 31-Dec-22 Total Funds £	Year to 31-Dec-21 Total Funds £
	Notes					
Fixed Assets						
Tangible assets	5	1,090,384	-		1,090,384	8,453
Current Assets						
Debtors	6	2,914	-	-	2,914	32,266
Cash at bank		99,644	50,000	73,228	222,872	402,590
		102,558	50,000	73,228	225,786	434,856
Creditors:						
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(5,611)	-	-	(5,611)	(5,295)
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		1,187,331	50,000	73,228	1,310,559	438,014
Creditors due in more than one year						
Loan	8	(637,843)	-	-	(637,843)	(2,825)
Net Assets		549,488	50,000	73,228	672,716	435,189
Funds						
Unrestricted funds	9				549,488	118,723
Designated	9				50,000	100,000
Restricted funds	9				73,228	216,466
					672,716	435,189

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 23/10/ 2023 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 2022

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
Building	- 2% on cost
Land	- no depreciation

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.

	Year to 31-Dec-22	Year to 31-Dec-21
	£	£
2. Investment Income		
Deposit account interest	294	64

3. Trustee's Remuneration and Benefits

There were no trustee's remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2022 (2021 :Nil)

Trustee's Expenses

There were no trustee's expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2022 (2021 :Nil)

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4. Staff Costs		Year to 31-Dec-22 £	Year to 31-Dec-21 £	
Wages and salaries		<u>193,502</u>	<u>216,534</u>	
5. Tangible Fixed Assets	Land	Buildings	Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Costs				
At 1 January 2022	-	-	11,271	11,271
Additions	263,617	801,840	46,166	1,111,623
At 31 December 2022	<u>263,617</u>	<u>801,840</u>	<u>57,437</u>	<u>1,122,894</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2022	-	-	2,818	2,818
Charge for the period	-	16,037	13,655	29,692
Elim on disposal				
At 31 December 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>16,037</u>	<u>16,473</u>	<u>32,510</u>
Net Book Value				
At 31 December 2022	<u>263,617</u>	<u>785,803</u>	<u>40,964</u>	<u>1,090,384</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,453</u>	<u>8,453</u>
6. Debtors		Year to 31-Dec-22 £	Year to 31-Dec-21 £	
Trade debtors		<u>2,914</u>	<u>32,266</u>	
7. Creditors		Year to 31-Dec-22 £	Year to 31-Dec-21 £	
Taxation and social security		2,993	2,677	
Other creditors		2,618	2,618	
		<u>5,611</u>	<u>5,295</u>	

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Notes to the Accounts for the year to 31 December 2022

8 Long term creditors

	At 31-Dec-22 £	At 31-Dec-21 £
Loans from congregation	1,825	2,825
Other Loans	636,018	-
	<u>637,843</u>	<u>2,825</u>

9 Movement in Funds

	At 01-Jan-22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31-Dec-22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	118,723	430,765	549,488
Restricted funds	216,466	(143,238)	73,228
Designated Funds			
Foodbank	100,000	(50,000)	50,000
Total funds	<u>435,189</u>	<u>237,527</u>	<u>672,716</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	969,442	(538,677)	430,765
Designated funds			
Foodbank	-	(50,000)	(50,000)
Restricted funds			
Tithe /Land	-	(143,238)	(143,238)
Total funds	<u>969,442</u>	<u>(731,915)</u>	<u>237,527</u>

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

	Year to 31 December 2022		Year to 31 December 2021	
	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources:				
Voluntary income				
Offerings and donations		229,739		338,020
Gift Aid tax reclaimed		41,370		63,834
Other income		698,039		407,408
		<u>969,148</u>		<u>809,262</u>
Investment Income				
Bank interest		<u>294</u>		<u>64</u>
Total Incoming Resources		969,442		809,326
Resources Expended:				
Staff salaries and pension	193,502		216,534	
Light, heat, rates and water	29,333		8,759	
Telephone	2,815		2,290	
Postage and stationery	5,241		3,955	
Sundry expenses	2,226		1,082	
Insurance	8,115		3,997	
Hire of premises	17,821		32,563	
Gifts and other aid	45,831		45,091	
Hospitality and refreshments	12,267		6,372	
Administration fees and licences	5,590		4,095	
Training	5,232		2,303	
Teaching materials	5,087		5,264	
Travelling and volunteers expenses	23,529		10,148	
Equipment and software	14,570		6,747	
Refurbishment costs	286,500		-	
Cleaning and maintenance	12,447		7,324	
Advertising	55		68	
Bank charges	226		288	
Legal and professional fees	1,518		13,527	
Depreciation	29,692		2,818	
Security	1,369		-	
Loan interest and set up charges	27,341		-	
Accountancy	1,608		912	
		<u>731,915</u>		<u>374,137</u>
Net income		<u>237,527</u>		<u>435,189</u>