

The Prayerhouse

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Charity number: 1192424.

Report and Financial Statements

1st April 2022 - 31st March 2023

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Report of the trustees

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the period of 1st April 2022 - 31st March 2023. This is the second report for the Prayerhouse CIO which was registered with the Charity commission on 19th November 2020. The Charitable Incorporated Organisation, 1192424, formed under Constitution formally represents the incorporation of the charitable trust The Prayerhouse 1005120 (formerly New Covenant Church Weymouth) and has updated its charitable objects. The CIO is the successor body to the original Charity.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objects and activities for public benefit

The objects of the CIO are to apply its funds for such exclusively charitable purposes as the trustees may think fit in accordance with its constitution. The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

The objects of the CIO are:

- (1) The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Doctrines appearing in the Schedule of the CIOs constitution
- (2) The relief of persons who are in conditions of need, hardship, or distress, or who are aged, or sick.
- (3) The advancement of education on the basis of Christian principles.

Significant activities relating to the objects of the CIO:

Every Sunday the church gathers for worship and bible teaching, during this time there are also groups for children and young people. There is also opportunity during the week to gather in small groups (Life groups) for prayer, bible study, support and friendship. As a church we seek to help those in need (either through monetary gifts or practical support) who we meet through soul food, church members and other connections. We are also able to support those overseas through our partners working in various projects.

Grant making

The Trustees grant making powers are governed by the constitution, which allows them to make provision for the payment of grants, scholarships or allowances, as they consider appropriate.

Investment policy

The Trustees investment powers are governed by the constitution which permits the Charity's funds to be invested in a wide range of assets.

Summary of main activities.

Although the CIO was incorporated in November 2020 due to the COVID pandemic and the current banking climate, bank accounts were not able to be set up for the new CIO until January 2022. Therefore this is the first full financial year that the CIO has had its own bank accounts and run independent of the original charity which was wound up in January 2023

Meetings

We have continued to meet for worship at Holy Trinity Primary School on Sunday mornings. As it is one of the bigger school halls in Weymouth this allows us room for some growth. Early Sunday morning our teams collect the P.A. system from Chickerell Prayerhouse building where it is stored, deliver it to the school and set it up, to be returned after the service.

Office

We rent an office from St Johns Church on the second floor at Hope House, right on the sea front. This is small, temporary, but a useful development from using coffee shops and home for all church pastoral work and admin. However, in February we signed a three year lease on an office at Gordon Row, Chapelhay. The previous occupant of the office was an Independent Financial Advisor. The shops and offices are part of a small precinct built on the site destroyed by a land mine during the Second World War. Chapelhay is a distinct community with low rise flats built at the same time, accommodating the less well off. We are optimistic that our presence there will be good for the community and provide a focal point for the church family and a useful space for ministry, small meetings and general hospitality.

Personnel

On Sunday 14 February, Clive Jackson joined us as we laid hands on Fortunatus Franklin and appointed him as an elder. He is still employed as Assistant Pastor, but is now formally recognised as an elder and part of the spiritual oversight of the church. His wife, Keira serves in a voluntary capacity in the church, mentoring and serving as part of the children and youth team.

Ukraine

Following the visit to Ukraine in March 2022 by a team led by Paul White, Paul has made a further four visits to the country in the time covered by this report. He visited in April with his daughter, Daisy, serving on the Polish/ Ukraine border. Subsequent trips included a trip to Rivne with Mark Wade to erect another large marquee as a feeding centre for internally displaced persons, a trip to Bakhmut and the recently liberated areas of Donbas and a three week trip in February 2023 when he preached 13 times in a number of different cities, before being joined by a practical help team from Prayerhouse.

Mark Wade

Mark continues to serve as a humanitarian relief volunteer and a spiritual encourager to the pastors and volunteers serving in Ukraine. He had been travelling many thousands of kilometres in his 20 year old Mercedes Sprinter van. When he visited the Prayerhouse in late November 2022, we launched an initiative to raise money for a newer vehicle for Mark. By Christmas eve we had raised \$31,000, enough to buy a Ukraine registered 2019 Mercedes Vito 4x4 minibus with only 7K km on the clock. This was a great encouragement to Mark and also to the Prayerhouse, as all the money was donated specifically for the vehicle purchase, none was taken from Church funds. Mark

took possession of it in January 2023.

Camp

We were very excited to launch our first Children's Camp after the long Covid break at the end of July. Camp was a big success, with good weather, happy children and a great atmosphere the whole time. It was a much needed encouragement after the long months of restricted contact and limited activities permitted.

Encounter Retreat

In the October of 2022 we held a non-residential, fully catered Encounter Retreat for around 20 people. It took place from Friday evening to the Saturday evening using St Johns Church as a venue. This was the first such Encounter Retreat we have attempted since before Covid; feedback was very positive.

Food Distribution

Soul Food, led by Wendy Selway continues to serve hot meals to the homeless and vulnerably housed of members of our local community two evenings and two mornings a week. During a typical Soul Food evening we serve between 20 and 30 guests. After a period at Hope House followed by serving from the back of a car, we have now been able to move operations to Bethany Hall, in Weymouth town. This is due to the kind hospitality of Weymouth Family Church. This is easily accessible to our guests and much more suitable for the ministry we are trying to provide.

We have continued to be able to make good quality food freely available on Tuesday evenings to those in the community in need of some extra help using the Soul Food van. Collections are made from various supermarkets throughout the week, and twice each evening, sorted through the and loaded them onto the van or stored in the freezer. Most of the food cooked and served by the Soul Food team is now carefully selected from donated food and we still have plenty to give away. Boxes are also prepared each week for families who are struggling to make ends meet. Deliveries of donated food are also made to one of the local schools twice a week.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The CIO received an income of £155,463.97 from donations and legacies. £15,122.73 of this income was transfers from the old trust to the new CIO.

Expenditure amounted to £174,478.68

Resulting in an excess of receipts over payments of (£19,014.71).

The reserves of the CIO remain at a healthy level: £16,780 in general unreserved funds. £48,330 in designated funds and £54,394 in reserved funds.

Reserves policy

The intention is to maintain sufficient free reserves in order to maintain the current level of activity and careful maintenance of assets.

Future plans:

The trustees will continue to look for a property to buy or rent in the Weymouth area that is big enough for the congregation of the Prayerhouse family (with space to grow) to meet on a Sunday and to carry out existing and new weekly activities.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**Governing Document**

The Prayerhouse is governed by a constitution dated 19th November 2020, and is a Charitable incorporated organisation.

At the time of this report the Prayerhouse has the use of a building in Wool. A lease has just been taken out to rent office space in Chapelhay, Weymouth. This will now be the charities registered address. The Prayerhouse also hires Holy Trinity school Weymouth for Sunday meetings.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

In accordance with the Charity's governing document, the Trustees have the power to appoint new Trustees as required to enable the objectives of the Charity to be met.

Organisational structure

All decisions relating to the organisation and operation of the charity are made by the trustees, taking professional advice from advisers and third parties where it is deemed appropriate.

Induction and training of new trustees

On appointment, new trustees sign a model trustee declaration statement committing them to giving their time and expertise. The new trustee goes through an induction process, which includes meetings with the Chair and the trustees. Training is also provided to the trustee as required.

Related party transactions during the year

Paul White is a Trustee of the charity and therefore a related party. During the year Paul White received fees of £36,492 for his role as Pastor of the church. Paul White does not receive payment for his role as a trustee. Jonathan Matthews received £280 for work carried out by JM Designs. The other Trustees have not been reimbursed for their service.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**Registered Charity number**

1192424

Principal address:

8, Gordon Row,
Chapelhay,
Weymouth
DT4 8LL.

Trustees

Paul White
Clive Jackson
Jonathan Matthews
Anna Jackson

Elders & Pastors

Paul & Anna White (Pastors and Elders)
Fortunatus Franklin (Assistant Pastor and Elder)
Peter Millner (Pastoral Assistant)
Sally Scragg (Elder) resigned during this year
Chris & Denise Savidge (Elders) resigned during this year.

Members of the Administrative Team

Caroline White, Finance Manager

Independent Examiner

Dr Neil Hardisty Bsc PhD(Maths)

Bankers

Lloyds banking plc

Insurance Brokers

Sarum Insurance Ltd, 7 Shaftesbury Street, Fordingbridge, Hants, SP6 1JF

Unity insurance services. Suite 8, The Quadrant, 60 Marlborough Road, Lancing Business Park,
Lancing, West Sussex BN15 8UW

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

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 (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 26th Jan 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P L White', with a small checkmark at the end.

P L White - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity name
The Prayerhouse.

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1192424

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust'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 Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

[The Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

N. Hardisty

Date:

18-1-24

Name:

DR. J. HARDISTY

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

B.Sc. Ph.D (Halls) Treasurer of many organisations

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Oct 2018

(If any):

Address:

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WEYMOUTH

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Receipts and Payments Account

For the period of 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts					
Donations and legacies	£90,628.74	£10,919.79	£47,143.72	£148,692.25	£156,413.75
Income from charitable activities	-	-	£6,521.01	£6,521.01	-
Investments	£15.00	£198.71	-	£213.71	£0.05
Other income	-	-	£37.00	£37.00	£0.01
Total Receipts	£90,643.74	£11,118.50	£53,701.73	£155,463.97	£156,413.81
Payments					
Expenditure on charitable activities	£102,110.12	£2,440.93	£58,083.18	£162,644.23	£17,894.13
Other expenditure	-	£11,834.45	-	£11,834.45	-
Total Payments	£102,110.12	£14,275.38	£58,083.18	£174,478.68	£17,894.13
Excess of receipts over payments before transfer	(£11,466.38)	(£3,156.88)	(£4,391.45)	(£19,014.71)	£138,519.68
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	£8,572.71	£12,048.42	£5,683.78	£26,304.91	£350.00
Gross transfers between funds - out	(£15,561.98)	(£5,265.37)	(£4,477.56)	(£25,304.91)	(£350.00)
Excess of receipts over payments before other gains	(£18,455.65)	£2,626.17	(£3,185.23)	(£19,014.71)	£138,519.68
Net movement in funds	(£18,455.65)	£2,626.17	(£3,185.23)	(£19,014.71)	£138,519.68
Reconciliation of funds					
Excess of receipts over payments at beginning of the year	£35,235.93	£45,704.33	£57,579.42	£138,519.68	-
Excess of receipts over payments for the year	£16,780.28	£48,330.50	£54,394.19	£119,504.97	£138,519.68

Analysis of Receipts and Payments

For the period of 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

	General	Designated	Restricted	Total	
				This year	Last year
Receipts					
Donations and legacies					
1005 - transfers from old trust	£12,606.01	£2,110.79	£406.93	£15,122.73	£131,012.05
1010 - Gift aid claimed	£4,783.85	£30.00	£400.00	£5,273.85	-
1011 - Donation	£2,217.69	£8,719.00	£45,982.79	£56,919.48	£11,622.68
1012 - Tithes & Offerings	£70,221.19	-	£325.00	£70,546.19	£7,499.02
1013 - Sunday collection	£800.00	-	£30.00	£830.00	£380.00
1014 - Special collection	-	-	-	-	£5,900.00
Donations and legacies Totals	£90,628.74	£10,919.79	£47,143.72	£148,692.25	£156,413.75
Income from charitable activities					
1003 - camp fees	-	-	£6,261.01	£6,261.01	-
1004 - conference fees	-	-	£260.00	£260.00	-
Income from charitable activities Totals	-	-	£6,521.01	£6,521.01	-
Investments					
1001 - Bank interest	£15.00	£198.71	-	£213.71	£0.05
Investments Totals	£15.00	£198.71	-	£213.71	£0.05
Other Income					
1002 - bank refund	-	-	£37.00	£37.00	£0.01
Other Income Totals	-	-	£37.00	£37.00	£0.01
Receipts Grand Totals	£90,643.74	£11,118.50	£53,701.73	£155,463.97	£156,413.81
Payments					
Expenditure on charitable activities					
1401 - Gifts to charity	£700.00	-	-	£700.00	-
1402 - ministry support	£3,507.95	£133.75	£33,342.72	£36,984.42	-
1403 - community support	£50.00	-	-	£50.00	-
1451 - Net Salary	£28,306.73	-	-	£28,306.73	£4,898.90
1452 - sub contractor costs	£40,950.96	-	-	£40,950.96	£6,082.00
1453 - pension	£1,574.30	-	-	£1,574.30	£121.10
1454 - PAYE/TAX	£4,814.28	-	-	£4,814.28	-
1455 - licences	£370.00	-	£199.00	£569.00	£35.00
1500 - Rent	£7,525.33	£330.00	-	£7,855.33	£810.00
1501 - Water	£256.21	-	-	£256.21	-
1502 - Electricity	£1,096.29	-	-	£1,096.29	-
1503 - Gas	£1,475.41	-	-	£1,475.41	£57.00
1504 - phone and broadband	£800.14	-	-	£800.14	£131.52
1505 - mobile phone	£769.01	-	-	£769.01	£18.00
1506 - insurance	£2,531.63	-	£56.90	£2,588.53	-
1507 - computer software	£1,648.74	-	-	£1,648.74	£102.17

	General	Designated	Restricted	Total	
				This year	Last year
1509 - Printing	£283.02	-	-	£283.02	£6.00
1515 - gifts to church members	£890.00	-	-	£890.00	£50.00
1520 - Repairs & maintenance	£2,944.06	£840.44	-	£3,784.50	£414.00
1521 - Office equipment	£162.91	-	-	£162.91	£149.40
1525 - Subscriptions	£631.75	-	-	£631.75	-
1526 - travel costs	£241.04	£895.19	£948.86	£2,085.09	£913.15
1527 - bank fees	£299.78	-	£314.41	£614.19	£106.89
1529 - training	£24.00	-	-	£24.00	-
1530 - Ukraine appeal	-	-	£15,384.91	£15,384.91	£4,000.00
1541 - camp refund	-	-	£550.00	£550.00	-
1542 - camp expenses	-	-	£4,922.88	£4,922.88	-
1550 - soul food resources	-	-	£992.66	£992.66	-
1551 - soul food van costs	-	-	£1,380.84	£1,380.84	-
1560 - Children and youth Activities	£28.36	-	-	£28.36	-
1570 - Encounter retreat expenses	-	£241.55	-	£241.55	-
1580 - Hospitality	£228.22	-	-	£228.22	-
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	£102,110.12	£2,440.93	£58,093.18	£162,644.23	£17,894.13
Other expenditure					
1512 - Visa costs	-	£8,962.00	-	£8,962.00	-
1528 - legal and professional fees	-	£2,872.45	-	£2,872.45	-
Other expenditure Totals	-	£11,834.45	-	£11,834.45	-
Payments Grand Totals	£102,110.12	£14,275.38	£58,093.18	£174,478.68	£17,894.13

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

As at 31st March 2023

		Balance	Previous balance
Cash At Bank And In Hand			
2001: Bank current account			
The Building Fund	Restricted	£205.00	-
The Building Fund	Designated	£277.11	-
The Franklins Fund	Designated	£183.00	-
General Fund	Unrestricted	£6,068.37	£30,574.10
Mark Wade Van For Ukraine	Restricted	(£63.76)	-
Changers Ministry Fund	Restricted	(£500.00)	-
Sams Dad Medical Bills (India)	Restricted	(£6.25)	-
Soul Food Fund	Designated	£965.57	-
Ukraine Appeal Fund	Restricted	-	£6,900.00
Camp Fund	Restricted	£1,202.22	-
		£8,361.26	£37,474.10
2004: PayPal account			
General Fund	Unrestricted	£4,913.05	£3,905.83
Soul Food Fund	Restricted	£0.05	-
Ukraine Appeal Fund	Restricted	£123.82	£4,530.42
		£5,036.92	£8,436.25
2005: Camp petty cash			
Camp Fund	Restricted	£296.01	-
		£296.01	-
	Cash At Bank And In Hand	£13,694.19	£45,910.35
Investments			
2002: Bank savings account			
The Building Fund	Restricted	£48,700.73	£46,149.00
The Building Fund	Designated	£35,165.73	£25,089.09
The Franklins Fund	Designated	£10,009.24	£18,435.24
The Franklins Fund	Restricted	£3,436.37	-
General Fund	Unrestricted	£5,798.86	£756.00
Keyboard Fund	Designated	£705.00	£705.00
Mark Wade	Designated	-	£45.00
Soul Food Fund	Restricted	£1,000.00	-
Travel Fund	Designated	£994.85	£1,450.00
		£105,810.78	£92,609.33
	Investments	£105,810.78	£92,609.33
	Grand Total	£119,504.97	£138,519.68

There are no particulars of any guarantee given by the CIO, where any potential liability under the guarantee is outstanding at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities; and no particulars of any debt outstanding at the date the statement of assets and liabilities which is owed by the CIO and which is secured by an express charge on any of the assets of the CIO.

Approved by the Prayerhouse Weymouth on 26thJan 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

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P L White - Trustee

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J M Matthews', with a stylized, cursive script.

J M Matthews - Trustee