

LONDON BIBLE CHURCH

Charitable Incorporated Organisation 1192587

Report and Annual Accounts

31 December 2023

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Legal & Administrative Information For the year ended 31 December 2023

Charity Name	London Bible Church.
Charity Registration	Registered with the Charity Commission on 30 November 2022 with registration no.1192587.
Governing Document	Charitable Incorporated Organisation.
Objective	The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the basis of faith, doctrinal distinctives and ethical statements primarily but not exclusively within London, and the united kingdom; and to further such other purposes as are charitable according to the laws of England and Wales as the trustees in their discretion shall think fit and in accordance with the basis of faith, doctrinal distinctives and ethical statements as may be adopted and amended by the church from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the fellowship guide.
Affiliation	The Church is a member of the European Baptist Federation
Principal Address	ELT Baptist Church, Burdett Road, London E3 4TU
Trustees	The Trustees who served during the period or who were serving at the date of this report were: Mihail Staucean Chair Ghenadi Vasiliev Victor Staucean Grigore Platon
Bankers	Lloyds Bank Plc
Independent Examiner	John Helm ACA Tandem Accounting 17 Heathville Road London N19 3AL

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Report of the Trustees For the year ended 31 December 2023

The Trustees submit their report and annual accounts of the London Bible Church ("the Church") for the year ended 31 December 2023. The legal and administrative information set out earlier in this document forms part of this report.

I. Structure, Governance & Management

I.1 The Trustees

The Trustees of the Church are the persons appointed as elders or elected by the members (if there are insufficient elders), in accordance with the Church Constitution and are responsible for the day to day management of the Church's business in accordance with the Church's objects. None of the trustees received remuneration.

The induction process for any newly appointed Trustee comprises an initial meeting with the trustees and receipt of copies of the Church Constitution.

I.2 Church Members

Church members share in the responsibility for the finances, administration, maintenance and activities of the Church and elect the Trustees. Church members meet at least 3 times per annum for business meetings and receive reports from the Trustees.

Requirements for Church membership are:

1. profession of repentance towards God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ;
2. baptism;
3. evidence of God's grace in a consistent Christian life;
4. regular attendance at the Sunday service and midweek home group Bible study and prayer meeting;
5. a desire to participate further in the privileges, obligations and fellowship of the church;
6. acceptance of the Church Statement of Faith and of the Fellowship Guide.

I.3 Risk Management

The Church's primary concern and objective is the glory of God. Whilst it is the Church's policy to trust wholly in the Lord that He will work out His purpose to this end, the Church also acknowledges that it has a responsibility, both as individual members and as a body of members, for the proper management of the Church in accordance with applicable laws and accepted good practice and for ensuring that the risks faced by the Church in achieving its primary aim are addressed as best as possible. The trustees believe that, by monitoring reserve levels, by ensuring that controls exist over key financial systems, and by examining the operational risks faced by the church, it has established effective systems and procedures to mitigate those risks.

2. Activities & Strategies

The Church is committed to maintaining a Gospel witness in the Tower Hamlets area of East London but not exclusively.

The Trustees have given due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The Trustees believe that the Church provides benefit to the public by:

- providing resources and facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and educational development, both for the congregation and for anyone else who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers;
- promoting Christian values and service by members of the congregation to the community, for the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

At the start of the period the Church continued to carry out the following activities, in order to promote the Gospel in the local neighbourhood and fulfil its main objects: As the coronavirus crisis unfolded, activities were moved online where possible until restrictions were eased.

- Sunday worship services
- Prayer meetings and home Bible studies
- Sunday school classes for 4-14 year olds, also crèche for younger children
- Young people's group for 14-19 year olds once a week
- Russian Language School

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- Holiday Bible Club and Youth Events in the school summer holiday
- Christmas and Easter outreach services
- Evangelistic events
- Supporting other local evangelical churches
- Ladies monthly meetings

3. Financial Review

3.1 Financial Activity and Financial Position

The Church's main sources of funding are the free will offerings of church members.

The Receipts & Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities can be found on pages 6 and 7 respectively. The Church's cash reserves increased by £11,839 during the year to £84,743 (2022: increased by £4,472 to £72,904).

3.2 Reserves Policy

The Trustees have considered the level of resources they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of commitments held. The Trustees aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure.

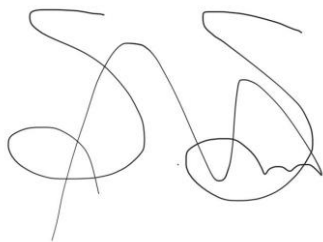
4. Responsibilities of Trustees for the Accounts

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year. The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the Accounts

comply with the Charities Act 2011. The Trustees also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

5. Approval

The report of the Trustees was approved by the Trustees on 22 July 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Mihail Staucean
Trustee

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Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of London Bible Church

I report on the Accounts of London Bible Church for the year ended 31 December 2023, set out on pages 6 to 8.

This report is made solely to the Church Trustees in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act). My independent examination has been undertaken so that I might state to the Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by the law, I do not accept responsibility to anyone other than the Trust and the Trustees for my independent examination, for this report, or the opinions I have formed.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The Church Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this (under section 144(2) of the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Direction given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 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 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 seeking explanations from the Church 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 accounts.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the church as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.



John Helm ACA
17 Heathville Road
London N19 3AL
22 July 2024

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Receipts & Payments Account For the year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Receipts:	2						
Donations and legacies		44,600	21,256	65,856	36,883	65,950	102,833
Charitable activities		11,974	100	12,074	3,215	100	3,315
Other trading activities		4,305	-	4,305	3,162	520	3,682
Other		5,000	-	5,000	3,500	-	3,500
Total Receipts		65,879	21,356	87,235	46,760	66,570	113,330
Payments:	3						
Raising funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities		54,039	21,356	75,396	42,637	66,221	108,858
Total Payments		54,039	21,356	75,396	42,637	66,221	108,858
Net Receipts		11,840	0	11,839	4,123	349	4,472
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		11,840	0	11,839	4,123	349	4,472
Total funds brought forward		72,555	0	72,904	68,432	0	68,432
Total funds carried forward		84,395	0	84,743	72,555	349	72,904

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities As at 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Assets					
Tangible Assets	4	1,500	-	1,500	1,500
Debtors		-	-	-	-
Cash At Bank And In Hand		84,743	-	84,743	72,904
		86,243	0	86,243	74,404
Liabilities					
Rent & use of facilities		(7,662)	-	(7,662)	-
Independent examination		(1,000)	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
		(8,662)	0	(8,662)	(1,000)
Total Assets Less Liabilities		77,581	0	77,581	73,404

The annual accounts were approved by the Trustees on 22 July 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Ghenadi Vasiliev
Trustee

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Notes to the Accounts For the year ended 31 December 2023

1. Basis of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

2. Receipts

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Donations and legacies				
Offerings and donations	44,600	21,256	65,856	102,833
Gift aid Tax reclaimed	-	-	-	-
	44,600	21,256	65,856	102,833
Receipts from charitable activities	11,286	100	11,386	3,315
Other trading activities				
Russian school	4,305	-	4,305	3,070
Book sales	688	-	688	612
	4,993	0	4,993	3,682
Other receipts – loan return	5,000	-	5,000	3,500
	65,879	21,356	87,235	113,330

3. Payments

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Church Life & Outreach	22,528	-	22,528	12,335
Missionary & Charitable Giving	10,106	21,186	31,292	68,676
Provision of Office & Support	1,710	170	1,880	1,695
Provision of Buildings and Facilities	17,034	-	17,034	12,582
Russian school	778	-	778	1,660
Loan provided	-	-	-	10,500
Governance	1,884	-	1,884	1,410
	54,040	21,356	75,396	96,948

4. Tangible Fixed Assets

The church owns equipment. It was purchased for £1,500. All fixed assets are used for direct charitable purposes.