



# The Quarry Gospel Church

## Trustees Report

Year ending 31 March 2023

### **Administrative information**

Registered Office: 8 Pydar Close, Newquay, Cornwall. TR7 3BS

Registered Charity No. 1195276

Treasurer: Philip Wright

Secretary: Jane Mitchell

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### **Structure Governance and Management**

The Quarry Gospel Church is a foundation CIO and as such is governed by trustees who are appointed in accordance with the Constitution and Church Handbook.

#### **Ex Officio Trustees as at 31 March 2023:**

Andrew Duncan Mitchell, Pastor

#### **Trustees as at 31 March 2023:**

Ruth Dymond

Linda Kenna

Philip Gordon Wright

### **Aim and Purposes**

The Trustees of The Quarry Gospel Church ('TQGC') working together with the Pastor, Andrew Mitchell have the responsibility of:

- 1) advancing of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Newquay and the surrounding neighbourhood; and
- 2) such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the members of the Church in general meeting, put into practice the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, including but not limited to: the prevention and relief of need, hardship and sickness; the advancement of education; and the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.

## **Objectives and Activities**

When planning the activities of TQGC the Trustees are mindful of these responsibilities and also the Charities Commission guidance on public benefit. Therefore they seek to enable as many people within Newquay and the surrounding area to attend worship at TQGC, and live out their faith in such a way that these purposes and responsibilities are met.

To achieve this church activities centre around:

1. Sunday Worship including Sunday school for those 11yrs old and younger.
2. Mid week Bible study.
3. Weekly home group prayer meetings.
4. Pastoral care.
5. Wider participation through the internet and social media.
6. Social gatherings to build relationships.
7. Evangelism.

These activities not only meet the aims and purposes of the church as laid down by the Charities Commission but also match the model of the church given in Acts 2:42 our church motto:

***“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship,  
to the breaking of bread and to prayer”.***

## **Achievements and Performance**

As part of the church’s desire to live up to this great motto the members of the church came together for a week of prayer in late February early March 2023. During that week of prayer many words of scripture were shared as we considered God’s call on us as a fellowship. One of the scriptures which spoke powerfully to us regarding the future was;

***“Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.***

**Isaiah 43:18-19**

or as the New Living Translation puts it:

***“But forget all that— it is nothing compared to what I am going to do. For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland.***

As we look back on 2022-2023 we can certainly see that God is doing something new and that it has in fact already begun.

Throughout this period many individuals and groups have visited the Quarry on Sunday mornings to see if it was the church for them. Some have come and gone, others are still in the process of deciding and still others have remained. As a result we have seen the average number of worshippers increase. It is also a blessing that as we grow the unity and family atmosphere of the fellowship is being maintained.

Pastoral care is a vital aspect of life in the Quarry Gospel Church. As we give thanks for increasing numbers on Sunday mornings we are mindful that several members of the church are still unable to attend the services due to illness or infirmity. We continue to minister to their needs by delivering weekly audio CDs of our services and by visitation. It is a joy to see that the number of church members involved in visitation and pastoral care is growing.

Growth within the church is not just an issue of numbers but also one of understanding and maturity - a growth in depth of relationship with Christ himself. We have been blessed that during the past 12 months there has been a growing appetite within the church for more prayer and teaching. As a result two weekly prayer groups were established, one on Wednesday afternoon the other on Friday mornings. These compliment the prayer meetings on Sunday morning and Tuesday evening. Furthermore members requested that there should be a series of short courses on 'Bible Basics' for new believers or those unfamiliar with Bible Study. The first course was a great success and another is planned in June 2023.

The Website and social media ministry of the church continue to bear fruit. In the past 12 months 583 unique users have accessed the website. Of those visitors 418 were from the UK and 233 were from Cornwall in particular. The church continues to have a ministry in the North West of England, Yorkshire and the Home Counties. Further afield we had visitors from USA, and from Europe most notably Germany, Sweden, Ireland and the Netherlands. It also gives great encouragement and joy to see that our services are being accessed in places where the Christian faith is not welcomed, Turkey, Malaysia, Japan, China, Indonesia and Morocco. In total 1092 Services and 346 Bible Studies were downloaded or streamed.

When comparing the website figures with the previous year it is important to remember that for the first 3 months of that year the church was in 'lockdown' and therefore operating only in the digital arena. This would have had a considerable effect on user numbers.

We thank God for this ministry and for the opportunity to preach and teach the word of God in ***"Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the uttermost parts of the World"***.

During the past year an evangelism working group was formed to look at ways of reaching out to our mission field and make the Quarry Gospel Church more visible to passers-by. Various ideas were raised at the initial meetings, as a result of which a new road sign was erected, leaflets were distributed around Nansledan and Easter gift bags were given out in the run up to the Easter weekend. It was pleasing to see that it was this 'visibility' that brought our first group of tourists to the venue. The Evangelism working group will be a continuing aspect of church life and there are many other ideas currently in the pipeline.

At several times during the year the church gathered for social gatherings as well as services. There were Christmas quizzes and faith meals. It is planned that in the coming year there will be even more opportunities for fellowship outside of weekly services.

As a church with no building of its own everything required for worship has to be brought to the venue, set-up and taken down at the end. This is time consuming and hard work requiring commitment and dedication. We give thanks for all of those within the church who put so much time and effort into doing this. We give special thanks to those who go the extra mile and do the unexpected such as providing an unlimited range of refreshments or Bacon sandwiches!

As we give thanks for individual service in the church we thank Elaine Knight for her service as a trustee. Elaine stepped down from this role in 2022 to prevent any conflict of loyalty and we thank her for her commitment to the church and for all she did in her role as trustee.

Finally we give thanks to God for his continuing provision for the church. As well as the regular giving of tithes and offerings we give thanks for the gift day which raised £5,365. We also praise God for the £2,936 the church received in Gift Aid payments.

As we thank God for the past year and move forward into a new one we are mindful that the Quarry Gospel Church belongs to Him. He is the power at work, not us.

***For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."***

**1 Cor 1:26-31**

### **Financial Review**

The accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 are attached to this report.

Note re Pastoral Costs:

Section 6.1 of the Constitution states that:

*"Any office holder appointed in accordance with the Church Handbook and any employee of the Church may receive reasonable compensation (including accommodation) for carrying out their duties as office holders and/or employees notwithstanding that they are or may be a charity trustee of the Church or a connected person to a charity trustee."*

The Pastor of the Church, ex officio trustee Andrew Mitchell, has received payment for his role as Pastor of the church and not for carrying out his duties as a trustee.

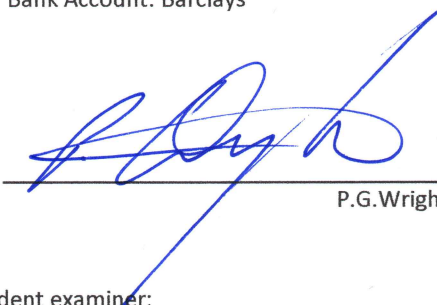
**THE QUARRY GOSPEL CHURCH - NEWQUAY**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2023**

	2023			2022		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>						
Tithes and Offerings		24203		29365		
HMRC re Gift Aid		2936		-		
Gifts Received		5365		5765		
		<u>32504</u>		<u>35130</u>		
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>						
Rent	10054		7318			
Equipment	278		126			
Pastoral Costs	20400		19800			
Sunday School Material	65		208			
Insurance	586		276			
Licenses & Subscriptions	251		221			
DBS Checks	72		-			
Printing Postage & Stationery	115		65			
Website Facebook & CD Ministry	454		113			
PAT Testing	31		42			
Consumables	345		753			
Gifts & Donations	1870		2038			
		<u>34521</u>		<u>30960</u>		
		34521		30960		
		<u><u>-2017</u></u>		<u><u>4170</u></u>		

**ACCOUNTS SUMMARY**

Opening Balances at 01.04.22	12236	8066
Excess of Income over Expenditure	<u>-2017</u>	<u>4170</u>
<b>Closing Balances at 31.03.23</b>	<b><u>10219</u></b>	<b><u>12236</u></b>
<u>Represented by Closing Balances at 31.03.23:</u>		
Cash in hand	-	455
Bank Account: Barclays	<u>10219</u>	<u>11781</u>
	<b><u>10219</u></b>	<b><u>12236</u></b>

Signed:



P.G. Wright - Treasurer

Date 10 / 5 / 20 23

Independent examiner:

I have examined the accounting records kept by The Quarry Gospel Church for the year ended 31 March 2023 and compared them to the accounts presented with those records.  
 Nothing has come to my attention that would prevent a proper understanding of these accounts.

Signed:



C. Teague - Independent Examiner

Date 14 / 05 / 20 23

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