

CARMEL CHURCH

Charity no. 1195649 Registered 27.08.21

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31.12.23

The Trustees are pleased to present their report and unaudited financial statements for the year ending 31.12.23

The Trustees

The trustees who held office during the relevant year and to date are:

A Porch, C J Lewis, C Skraburski

Governance and History

The charity is constituted under a trust document which was adopted on the 13th July 2021 and which was amended on 1st November 2022. The organisation occupies a modest sized church building on Commercial Street in the small village of Blaenllechau, Rhondda.

There has been a church in existence on this site since the 1850's. The charity as such has been set up by the members and deacons of the church formerly known as Carmel Forward Movement Church and later as Carmel Church, Blaenllechau.

Objectives and Activities

The object of the Church is the advancement of the Christian religion in accordance with the principles and practices of independent Baptist churches. The Church may also carry out other charitable purposes in the UK and/or other parts of the world, which are exclusively charitable according to the laws of England and Wales and as the trustees from time to time determine.

To further this objective, the charity has organised:

- weekly church services on Sundays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays;
- regular meetings of trustees, deacons and members;
- a clothes ministry under the name of Carmel Community Clothing.

Achievements and Performance

Over this 12 month period, the membership of the church has significantly reduced as has the number of persons attending Sunday services.

Our Sunday morning service continues to be held in Treforest Community Centre and we can facilitate attendees to worship with us via Zoom should they prefer to do so.

In the absence of a full or part time minister, the Trustees have been assisted by having Sunday services led by visiting ministers recommended by the South Wales Baptist Association and by the Association of Evangelical Churches in Wales.

Guidance upon practical issues has been received from the South Wales and National Baptist Associations.

Bible Studies and prayer meetings have been held on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings both online and at members' homes.

Carmel Community Clothing is an outreach of the church aimed at providing excellent quality clothes to individuals and families who are in need. We receive donations of second hand clothes and this stock is supplemented by us purchasing brand new clothes, particularly items of underwear, as and when needed. During this year our clothing outreach, Carmel Community Clothing saw an increase in the number of clients needing clothes. In particular, this year we delivered a total of 9332 items of clothing to 561 clients throughout Rhondda Cynon Taf and beyond. This equates to a saving of over 9 metric tons of clothes that may have otherwise gone into landfill. We have been pleased during the year to work alongside Women's Aid RCT, Pobl, Resilient Families, Trivallis, the Royal Glamorgan Hospital and many more organisations in order to help to ease the suffering caused by poverty. The Carmel Church building currently houses Carmel Community Clothing and is likely to continue to do so for the foreseeable future. The preparation of the bundles of clothes and their delivery to clients is carried out by a small number of volunteers.

During the year the trustees have monitored the performance of the church with respect to health and safety, safeguarding and other legal obligations.

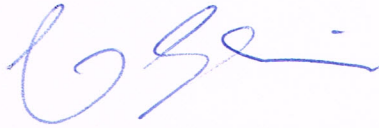
Financial Review

The accounts for the year to 31st December 2023 show a £11303 surplus as opposed to a loss of £3595 in 2022. The most significant change over the previous year is that the church no longer has a paid employee. The view of the Trustees is that the Church is unable on present income to employ a new minister.

Risks

The trustees continue to regularly monitor the finances of the church and recognise the need to ensure that overall spending should be minimized so that reserve funds need not be utilised.

Signed

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Dated

7-10-24

Registered number
CE026549

Carmel Church

Accounts

31 December 2023

Carmel Church
Profit and Loss Account
for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Total Unrestricted 2023 £	Total Unrestricted 2022 £
Turnover	-	-
Other income	25,821	30,153
Cost of raw materials and consumables	(3,730)	-
Gross profit	<u>22,091</u>	<u>30,153</u>
Staff costs	(1,128)	(24,551)
Depreciation and other amounts written off assets	(90)	(35)
Other charges	(9,770)	(9,162)
Surplus/(deficit)	<u>11,103</u>	<u>(3,595)</u>

Carmel Church
Registered number:
Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2023

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	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets	40,507	40,197
Current assets	44,795	34,252
Prepayments and accrued income	-	355
	44,795	34,607
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	305	(306)
Net current assets	45,100	34,301
Total assets less current liabilities	85,607	74,498
Accruals and deferred income	(366)	(360)
Net assets	85,241	74,138
Funds of the charity	85,241	74,138

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Mr. C. Lewis
Member

Approved by the board of trustees on 7th October 2024

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Detailed income and expenditure items
for the year ended 31 December 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Other income		
Donations from members and friends	10,860	22,229
HMRC charities tax refund	5,111	5,515
Grant received	1,640	-
Clothes bank	7,905	2,370
Counselling fees and funeral	-	30
Interest receivable	305	9
	<u>25,821</u>	<u>30,153</u>
Cost of raw materials and consumables		
Clothing	<u>3,730</u>	<u>-</u>
Staff costs		
Pastor's salary	-	23,954
Pensions	-	477
Visiting ministers fee	80	120
Travel and subsistence	363	-
Carmel Clothing Volunteers Expenses	685	-
	<u>1,128</u>	<u>24,551</u>
Depreciation and other amounts written off assets		
Depreciation	<u>90</u>	<u>35</u>
Other charges		
Premises costs:		
Rates	356	319
Light and heat	1,187	2,076
	<u>1,543</u>	<u>2,395</u>
General administrative expenses:		
Telephone and internet	-	60
Subscriptions	145	257
Insurance	1,434	920
Equipment expensed	746	-
Software	24	280
Repairs and maintenance	735	164
Website	375	-
Sundry expenses	431	516
	<u>3,890</u>	<u>2,197</u>
Legal and professional costs:		
Accountancy fees	372	360
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Other		
Other direct costs	2,640	2,510
Venue Hire	480	1,600
Foodbank donations	845	-
Conference fees	-	100
	<u>3,965</u>	<u>4,210</u>
	<u>9,770</u>	<u>9,162</u>

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Other creditors	-	1
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Capital and reserves		
Reserves	<u>85,241</u>	<u>74,138</u>
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Brought forward	74,138	77,733
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