

# **Our House Church Yateley**

Charity Number : 1196812

## **Accounts**

**For the year ended**

**31 December 2023**



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023

To: 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Charity name: Our House Church Yateley

Charity registration number: 1196812

### Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs.</li><li>2. To further Christian education.</li><li>3. To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services.</li><li>4. To provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation.</li></ol>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p><u>Advancing Christian Faith and Education</u></p> <p>We meet most Sundays in Yateley Manor School Hall as well as running specific events for Adults, Youth and Kids. In addition, we have Small Groups that meet in the homes of members of our Church and we provide free access to Right Now Media where people can source teachings and trainings led by world class Christian Experts. We actively encourage anyone from our Community, to participate in all activities.</p> <p><u>Relieving sickness, hardships, social welfare and promoting good health</u></p> <p>We have a significant focus on helping people cope with the struggles of life. In addition to this being addressed in the activities mentioned above, we actively support more than 10 Charities locally and internationally.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	All Trustees have a copy of the Constitution. We review progress and identify opportunities to expand our contribution and impact for public benefit at Trustees Meeting and whenever opportunities arise.

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>In 2023 our resources were split 50:50 between the two main activity areas listed above. A summary of the most important ones follow:</p> <p><b><u>Charity support</u></b></p> <p>We provided significant financial, hands on and prayer support to more than 10 international and local charities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>International</u> – Compassion (child poverty), Samaritan's Purse (disaster relief) and Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal.</li> <li>• <u>Local</u> – Yateley Pantry (social welfare and foodbank in Yateley), Yeldall Manor (drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre in Reading), Youth for Christ (outreach to youth and schools in Camberley), Vision for Youth (youth club in Yateley), Ezra (homeless in Camberley), Frogmore (children educational needs in Yateley).</li> <li>• <u>Ad hoc</u> – Food Boxes and support for Homeless at Christmas and responses to pressing needs such as food vouchers for families struggling economically etc.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Ministries</u></b></p> <p>We arranged and contributed financially to a number of spiritual, training and social activities and events for three main groups:</p> <p>1. <u>Women</u></p> <p>We offer a spread of events through the year each with a specific purpose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Our House Church women</u>. We provide opportunities for women actively involved in our church to connect, build relationships, support one another and promote spiritual growth.</li> </ul> <p>In September, we held a ladies event at Oakwood Climbing Centre in Wokingham. This was a retreat for woman in our church to have a day and night away listening to testimonies and worshipping together. Around 20 women attended. All costs were covered by the tickets and the profit donated to Oakwood Charitable Trust.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Christian outreach</u>. Church members host their families and friends to events that may include guest speakers who</li> </ul>

		<p>share life stories and personal testimonies on the impact that their faith has had on their lives.</p> <p>In June, we hosted "Beauty from Ashes," afternoon tea with a highly engaging speaker Sarah Seldon. The cost for this event was covered in the ticket price. Around 35 women attended, with around 50% being non-church members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Serving our community.</u> Popular events attended by women in our church and their guests that provide an opportunity to raise funds and awareness of local charities and their needs.</li> </ul> <p>In March we held a Well Woman Day with guest speakers discussing health subjects like menopause, breast health and general well-being. The ticket profit from this event was donated to Menopause Support CIC and BreastCancer Now. 65 women attended, with around 60% being non-church members.</p> <p>In November, we held a Christmas craft and charity event at Yateley Industries. Christmas bottle decorations were made whilst raising funds for Yateley Industries Charity. Of the 40 women attendees around 50% were non-church members.</p> <p>2. <u>Men</u></p> <p>We meet for breakfast on the first Saturday of every month and run various social events such as snooker and ten-pin bowling to build relationships, support one another and to discuss spiritual and topical subjects relevant to men.</p> <p>We again hosted our annual Weekend Away at Sandyholme (YMCA), Studland, attended by 22 men split equally between church and non-church goers. Major General (Retired) Tim Cross spoke on "Morally Courageous Leadership" challenging men to consider their personal morals and have the courage to change.</p> <p>In October, well known speaker and author of the book "Thief, Prisoner, Soldier, Priest," Paul Cowley, spoke on his dramatic life experiences in his pursuit of freedom from crime. The event was free of charge</p>
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		<p>and attended by 40 men from our community most of whom do not go to church.</p> <p>The Mens' Ministry focused on building relationships and making a difference will be even more important in these uncertain times and unexpected challenges.</p> <p><b>3. <u>Youth</u></b></p> <p>We run two learning groups for children that take place during each Sunday service for one hour. Our younger children aged 3-7 years attend the "The Den" and our older children aged 8-12 years attend "The Cabin." Each group have a dedicated room in which they meet. Both groups have a mix of indoor and outdoor activities.</p> <p>We aim to provide a nurturing and engaging environment through scripture, art and craft activities and games where children can grow in their knowledge and understanding of God's love, develop a personal relationship with Jesus, and live out their faith through practical examples of service, kindness, and compassion.</p> <p>We aim to create a welcoming, safe and inclusive space for every child in our care and encourage empathy and respect regardless of differences, backgrounds, or special requirements for learning where they feel loved, valued, and equipped to live as disciples of our Lord Jesus, impacting their families, friends, and their neighbourhood with His love.</p> <p><b><u>Other</u></b></p> <p>We host social events (eg. Open Mic Nights) for the community to build relationships and provide an affordable time out together.</p> <p>We provided support to social welfare initiatives at Christmas.</p> <p>Crisis at Christmas (financial support to the homeless in London).</p> <p>Christmas food boxes (we purchased, packed and delivered 25 food hampers to share the love of Jesus with struggling families in Yateley.</p> <p>Our Pastor, Dave Wheeldon, meets regularly with the leaders of other local churches in Yateley to share ideas and find ways to work effectively together for the good of our community.</p>
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		Whilst still a relatively small church (circa 50 members) Our House Yateley has and will continue to make a significant impact on the lives of people in our community irrespective as to whether they go to church or not. We are recognised as a place where people feel welcome, loved and cared for and our reputation in our community as a church that makes a difference continues to expand. Our aim is to go even further in 2024.
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## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Please see Independent Examiner's Report
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held to fund future activities or shortfalls. Trustees are currently looking into how to invest reserves responsibly.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£42,115
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	No uncertainties, please see Independent Examiner's Report

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<p>The Trustees met four times in 2023 to review expenditure, agree additional charitable needs and to review progress against our aims and objectives.</p> <p>There was no change in composition of the Trustees in 2023 and all agreed to serve for a further year in 2024.</p>

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Our House Church Yateley
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	5187508
Charity's principal address	17 The Sett, Yateley, GU46 6YF


## Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Karen Wheeldon			
2	David Turnbull			
3	Paul Sweetland			
4	Debbie Sweetland			

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

## Declarations

Signature(s)	
Full name(s)	David Dalzel Turnbull
Position	Chair
Date	17th October 2024

**Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of Our House Church Yateley**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2023**

We report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Our House Church Yateley for the year ended 31st December 2023.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

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").

It is our responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to our attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

Our 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 seeking 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 we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

**Independent examiner's statement**

We have completed our examination.

1. We confirm that no material matters have come to our attention in connection with our examination which gives us cause to believe that in any material respect:
  - the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act;
  - 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.
2. We have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Andrew Mitchell  
A R Mitchell & Co Ltd  
t/a Mitchell & Co  
Chartered Accountants

Date     October 2024



# Our House Church Yateley

## Balance Sheet 31 December 2023

		2022
	£	£
Bank	26,443.41	30,256.92
Cash on hand	159.86	144.40
Total bank and cash	<u>26,603.27</u>	<u>30,401.32</u>
Worship and sound assets - cost	12,305.66	8,744.35
Less: Accumulated depreciation	8,380.82	6,680.29
Net Book Value of assets	<u>3,924.84</u>	<u>2,064.06</u>
Gift aid Accrual	11,982.59	0.00
Rent accrual	-396.00	0.00
Total Assets	<u><b>42,114.70</b></u>	<u><b>32,465.38</b></u>
Reserves	£	£
Reserves from Prior year	32,465.38	31,268.36
Net Income for the year	9,649.32	1,197.02
Reserves at 31 December 2023	<u><b>42,114.70</b></u>	- <u><b>32,465.38</b></u>

# Our House Church Yateley

## Income and Expenditure Account

For the year ended

**31 December 2023**

		2022
	£	£
<b>Income</b>		
Bank	36,912.20	32,432.63
Cashbox	1,685.00	2,265.00
Gift aid	13,453.86	0.00
Total receipts	<u>52,051.06</u>	<u>34,697.63</u>
<b>Expenditure:</b>		
Main Church	-3,435.21	-2,709.96
Sunday Morning	-1,053.00	-884.52
Rent	-4,620.00	-4,290.00
Worship	-1,182.45	-780.70
Staff	-17,500.94	-14,743.42
Youth	-553.58	-475.05
Womans	-679.32	-214.71
Men's groups	-1,277.30	-167.08
Small Groups		-223.99
Events	-809.05	-111.10
Gifts and Outreach	-2,158.92	-1,316.89
Charity donations	-7,415.87	-6,169.69
Bank charges	-15.57	0.00
Depreciation of sound equipment	-1,700.53	-1,413.51
Total expenditure	<u>-42,401.74</u>	<u>-33,500.62</u>
<b>Net Income for the period</b>	<u>9,649.32</u>	<u>1,197.01</u>