# LIGHT OF THE WORLD MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

England & Wales · Charity number 1197054

## Details

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| Other names | PRAYER WIDOWS PROJECT |
| Status | Registered |
| Legal form | CIO |
| Registered | 2021-12-10 |
| Register | View on the Charity Commission register |

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## Activities

**Objects:** (1) THE PREVENTION OR RELIEF OF POVERTY IN EAST LONDON OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHARITY MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT BY PROVIDING: ITEMS AND SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS IN NEED AND/OR CHARITIES, OR OTHER ORGANISATIONS WORKING TO PREVENT OR RELIEVE POVERTY. (2) TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN SUCH PARTS OF EAST LONDON OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT AND TO FULFIL SUCH OTHER PURPOSES WHICH ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES AND ARE CONNECTED WITH THE CHARITABLE WORK OF THE CHARITY.

**Activities:** (1) the prevention or relief of poverty in east London or the world as the trustees of the charity may from time to time think fit by providing: items and services to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty. (2) to advance the Christian faith in such parts of east London or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit

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## Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Disability, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Nigeria
- Philippines
- Waltham Forest

## Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2024-12-31 | £21,367 | £21,190 | - | - |
| 2023-12-31 | £20,168 | £24,255 | - | - |
| 2022-12-31 | £22,907 | £23,080 | - | - |

## Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|---|---|---|
| **Gary Lee Glasgow** | Chair | 2021-12-10 |
| Geneisha Francessca Glasgow | | 2021-12-10 |
| Nicola Samantha Campbell | | 2021-12-10 |
| Shiv Ranjan Banerjee | | 2022-09-01 |

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# Light of the World Ministries

## Trustees' Annual Report

**For the year ended 31 December 2024**

# 1. Reference and Administrative Details

**Charity Name:** Light of the World Ministries
**Principal Address:** Mill Lane 27 Mill Lane IG8 0UL
**Charity Structure:** Unincorporated Association
**Charity Status:** Registered Charity (England and Wales)
**Registration Number: 1197054**

### Trustees serving during 2024

- Gary Glasgow
- Nicola Campbell
- Shiv Banerjee
- Geneisha Glasgow

# 2. Objectives and Activities

### Charitable Purposes (as per governing document)

Light of the World Ministries exists to advance the Christian faith in accordance with biblical principles, to relieve hardship among vulnerable individuals including widows, orphans, and low-income families, and to provide community support through worship, teaching, fellowship, prayer, pastoral care, and practical assistance.

### Main Activities Undertaken for Public Benefit

In shaping our activities for the year, the Trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on **public benefit**. Our activities include:

- Weekly Christian worship services, prayer gatherings, and Bible studies
- Evangelism and community outreach initiatives
- Support for vulnerable individuals including widows, orphans, homeless communities, and single parents
- Youth engagement and guidance activities
- International mission support in the Philippines and West Africa
- Pastoral care, counselling, and community fellowship events
- Discipleship and baptism preparation classes for new attendees
- Global prayer support project for widows

These activities are delivered to benefit both members of the congregation and the wider public, irrespective of background, ethnicity, or financial means.

# 3. Achievements and Performance

## Worship and Fellowship

Regular Sunday services, prayer meetings, and Bible studies continued throughout the year. Monthly *Prayer, Praise, and Fellowship* gatherings strengthened unity and provided pastoral support. Larger fellowship events, including the Restoration Conference, Thanksgiving service, Christmas celebration, and children's blessings, further deepened community relationships.

## Evangelism

Street evangelism, leaflet distribution, and social media outreach were ongoing. Video clips were produced for online platforms to extend the reach of the Gospel beyond physical gatherings. Planning also began for a two-day evangelism conference scheduled for June.

## Membership Growth and Engagement

Membership remained steady with active participation from adults, youth, and international online attendees. Feedback was collected through questionnaires and member meetings, allowing member views to shape ministry decisions and planning.

## Discipleship

Annual Discipleship Classes were delivered to new attendees, covering church values, operations, faith foundations, and spiritual development. Additional baptism classes supported candidates preparing for the sacrament. Our weekly study through *The Purpose Driven Life* supported spiritual growth across the fellowship.

## Baptism

Our annual Baptism service saw several individuals publicly profess their faith in Jesus Christ. The church united in prayer and celebration, affirming their spiritual commitment.

## Community and Mission Work

### UK Community Support

- **Homeless outreach:**
  - Monthly food collections
  - Distribution of winter clothing and blankets
  - Evening outreach in Central and East London
  - Yearly “give-away day” events
- **Support for Single Parents & Low-Income Families:**
  - Financial and practical support
  - Counselling for vulnerable youth
  - Motivational youth sessions addressing issues including knife crime
- **Neighbourly Scheme:**
  - Weekly refreshments and baked goods from GAIL’s bakery

    - Clothing donations to Hackney Library
    - Free essentials accessible every Sunday

**International Missions**

- **Philippines:**
  Clothing, toys, essentials, and educational items provided to orphans and vulnerable children.
- **West Africa:**
  Financial support for widows to alleviate hardship.
- **Global Prayer Widows Project:**
  Supporting widows called to daily intercession by providing monthly food assistance; active in two countries.

This year has demonstrated the commitment, generosity, and unity of the Light of the World Ministries family. We remain deeply grateful for the dedication of our members, volunteers, Trustees, executive committee and supporters, whose faith and service continue to advance the work God has entrusted to us.

# 4. Financial Review

## Income

Total voluntary income for the year amounted to:

| Period | Income |
|---|---|
| 1 January 2024 – 31 December 2024 | **£21,367** |

All income consisted of voluntary donations from church members. The charity does not claim Gift Aid.

## Expenditure

| Category | Amount |
|---|---|
| **Category A1** – Hall, storage, activities, admin, other | **£20,560.60** |
| **Category A3** – Repairs, insurance, phone & internet | **£629.40** |
| **Category B4** – IT equipment, furniture | **£0** |
| **Total Expenditure** | **£21,190** |

## Overall Position

- **Total Income:** £21,367
- **Total Expenditure:** £21,190
- **Net Surplus: £177**

The charity ended the year with a small surplus. No reserves policy is currently in place due to the limited scale of operations; however, the Trustees recognise the importance of developing a formal policy in future years.

# 5. Structure, Governance and Management

## Governing Document

Light of the World Ministries is governed by a written constitution as an unincorporated charity. Trustees are appointed according to the rules set out in the constitution.

## Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed based on:

- Spiritual maturity
- Commitment to the ministry's aims
- Relevant skills or experience
- Willingness to accept governance responsibilities

All trustees receive an induction covering their legal duties.

## Trustee Meetings

Trustee and Executive Committee meetings were held throughout the year to oversee:

- Financial management
- Operational planning
- Risk monitoring
- Ministry activities and community projects

Membership meetings were also held to gather views, discuss ministry development, and ensure transparency across the fellowship.

## Risk Management

The Trustees have considered key risks including:

- Financial sustainability
- Volunteer capacity
- Safeguarding
- Rising operational costs

Steps taken include cost-saving measures (e.g., reducing musician expenses), strengthening donation tracking, and improving record-keeping.

# 6. Safeguarding Statement

Light of the World Ministries is committed to providing a safe environment for children, young people, and vulnerable adults.
Our safeguarding approach includes:

- Adherence to recognised safeguarding standards
- Appropriate supervision during activities
- Reporting procedures for safeguarding concerns

Trustees review safeguarding matters annually.

# 7. Plans for the Future

Looking ahead to 2025, the ministry intends to focus on:

- Strengthening evangelism through the planned events, i.e. outreaches /conferences
- Increasing training and support for volunteers
- Enhancing administrative structure and financial reporting
- Developing essential policies and procedures
- Expanding community outreach initiatives
- Increasing discipleship opportunities for members

# 8. Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for:

- Ensuring proper accounting records are maintained
- Preparing an annual report and accounts in accordance with applicable law
- Safeguarding the charity's assets
- Ensuring funds are used solely for charitable purposes

The Trustees confirm that, to the best of their knowledge, the financial statements comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

# 9. Approval of the Report

This report was approved by the Trustees of Light of the World Ministries on:
**19th November 2025**

**Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees:**

Name: S. Banerjee & G. Glasgow
Position: Trustee / Chair

Signature*: S. Banerjee & G. Glasgow*
Date: **24th November 2025**

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# TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

## REPORTING 1st JANUARY 2023 – December 2023

## Charity Number: 1197054

### Our Mission

At Light of the World Ministries, our mission is to glorify God through God-exalting worship and a steadfast commitment to being governed by biblical principles. We are dedicated to producing faithful disciples, meeting the needs of widows and orphans, and serving our community with compassion and purpose. We emphasise the exercise of spiritual gifts, the incorporation of newcomers, and openness to change, trusting God through fervent prayer. By fostering genuine worship, strategic evangelism, and strong leadership, we aim to inspire all members to invest in God's work and reflect His love through meaningful acts of service.

### Aims

As a ministry, one of our foremost objectives is to inspire and equip our members to embrace and embody our clearly defined mission and purpose. We strive to cultivate a deep understanding of Scripture through dedicated Bible study, encouraging everyone to draw closer to the heart of God. Central to this aim is fostering an awareness of God's empowering presence, enabling members to grow spiritually and flourish within a Christ-centred community that nurtures mutual learning and support.

Moreover, we are committed to mobilising our members to actively participate in strategic evangelism, sharing the transformative message of the Gospel with those around them. We also place a profound emphasis on serving the needs of our local community, extending compassion and practical aid to those who are vulnerable or in need. In doing so, we seek to be a tangible expression of Christ's love, advancing His mission through meaningful acts of service and outreach.

### Acknowledgement

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated Light of the World members and the pastoral support teams, both within our ministry and external collaborators, Trustees and Executive Committee, for their invaluable contributions to the curation of this annual report. Your unwavering commitment, whether through providing insightful feedback, offering administrative support, or sharing your expertise, has been instrumental in ensuring this document is a comprehensive reflection of our ministry's work and impact over the past year. Your time, efforts, and dedication to excellence have made this report not only possible but a testament to the collective heart and unity of our community. Thank you for your faithfulness and tireless support in bringing this vision to life.

## Objectives and Activities

Our services and worship put faith into practice through an amalgamation of prayer, scripture and music as outlined in the below initiatives that LOTW hosts.

## Fellowship

At Light of the World, we are deeply committed to fostering meaningful connections among our members beyond the confines of our regular service times. We believe that cultivating human relationships and friendships within our fellowship is vital to building a strong, united community rooted in love and mutual support. To achieve this, we organised a range of activities designed to bring members together in uplifting and engaging ways, encouraging fellowship and togetherness in a variety of settings.

One of the highlights of our year was the church "Come Dine With Me" event, where members prepared and brought their own home-cooked dishes to share with the congregation. This creative and interactive activity allowed attendees to showcase their culinary talents while enjoying a lively and immersive time of fellowship. Members rated each dish, and the event became a joyful celebration of food, friendship, and the spirit of togetherness as we broke bread with one another. Another memorable occasion was the LOTW concert, a night of Gospel entertainment that brought our fellowship closer through the power of music. With performances from guest artists, musicians, and our talented in-house choir, the event was an uplifting experience that showcased our shared love for worship and the arts.

In addition to these larger events, we have prioritised reaching out to those who may feel isolated or in need of support. We facilitated hospital visits for members who were unable to attend church due to health challenges, ensuring they felt loved, supported, and part of the LOTW family. These visits also extended to non-members in hospital who sought prayer and companionship, embodying our mission to share the light of Christ's love. Furthermore, we hosted occasional Friday prayer and worship sessions, providing an intimate space for members to come together outside of Sunday services. These gatherings offered a powerful opportunity for collective worship, prayer for healing, and the sharing of pressing prayer requests, reinforcing the bonds within our fellowship while turning our hearts towards God. Through all these activities, we continue to build a thriving, supportive community that reflects the love and unity of Christ.

## Baptism

Our annual Baptism service is a deeply significant and joyous occasion, offering members the opportunity to publicly declare their faith and love for Jesus Christ. Baptism is a profound step in one's spiritual journey, symbolising a commitment to fully devote oneself to the Christian faith and walk in alignment with God's word. At our most recent Baptism, we were blessed to witness several members take this meaningful step and give their lives to Christ. It is always inspiring to see individuals embrace this sacred act of obedience, marking the beginning of their Christian journey with such heartfelt devotion. The atmosphere during these services is filled with encouragement, hope, and celebration as the LOTW community comes together to support and pray for those being baptised, reaffirming our shared faith and unity in Christ. Each Baptism service serves as a powerful reminder of the transformative work of God in the lives of His people and the strength of our fellowship in walking this journey together.

### Discipleship

As a ministry we are dedicated to nurturing the spiritual growth and understanding of all who join LOTW. To this end, we host yearly Discipleship classes specifically designed for new attendees, providing them with a comprehensive introduction to our mission, values, and church policies. These classes serve as an invaluable resource for helping participants understand how LOTW operates, including our weekly Bible studies, monthly corporate prayers, and fasting initiatives.

Attendees also gain insight into the various departments within the ministry, learning about the many roles and responsibilities carried out by our members to support the church's mission. As part of this process, we encourage new members to actively engage with the ministry by offering them the opportunity to join a department of their choice, allowing them to contribute to the ministry's growth while fostering a deeper sense of community and belonging. Through these Discipleship classes, we aim to equip new attendees with the knowledge and tools needed to thrive as active participants in their faith journey and within the LOTW family.

## Missionary Work

As a non-profit organisation, we are committed to using a portion of the proceeds raised through our offering collections to give back to those less fortunate through our missionary work. Within the UK, we actively support several impactful initiatives, including homeless outreach, widows, assistance for single parents and low-income families, and programmes aimed at youth development.

### Homeless

To aid the homeless, we provide free resources such as non-perishable food items through our monthly tin collections, available at our church premises. Additionally, we conduct regular evening outreach in Central and East London, distributing hats, scarves, gloves, and blankets to those sleeping rough.

### Single Parents and Youth

We also extend financial and practical support to single parents within our ministry, as outlined in our accounts report. For the youth, we are dedicated to addressing critical issues such as knife crime by helping young people recognise their potential and strive for greater aspirations. To this end, we have offered counselling services and created a safe, supportive environment for vulnerable individuals. In previous years, we have also hosted a motivational youth speaker, who shared their own transformative journey from a past marked by knife crime, inspiring and encouraging attendees. Through these efforts, we strive to make a meaningful and lasting impact on our community.

## Neighbourly

We are also part of the Neighbourly scheme, a service that connects organisations and communities for social good. As part of this, we offer weekly refreshments to our church members as well as those on low income. We supply them with freshly baked goods and pastries as offered by our local GAIL's bakery. Locally we also donate a number of clothing items to Hackney library in aid of the homeless and those suffering financial hardship to ensure they have adequate clothing particularly during the winter season.

## Global Outreach

Outside the UK, our church extends its missionary efforts to support communities in the Philippines and West Africa. In the Philippines, we provide vital assistance to orphans, ensuring they have access to essentials such as clothing and bringing joy to their lives with toys for the children, and essential school items. In West Africa, we focus on offering financial support to widows, helping to alleviate their burdens and provide them with stability in challenging circumstances. Through these initiatives, we aim to bring hope and compassion to those in need beyond our borders.

At LOTW we also run a global prayer widows project. Prayer widows is a ministry that provides widows worldwide that believe in God and have faith in God, an opportunity to make a living through a life of prayers. This commenced in 2012. Every month the Widows are given a list of prayer points that they pray-fully spend some hours each day on. In return, monthly they are given financial help to purchase essential groceries. This project is open to any widow that believes they have the gift of intercession a passion for praying like Anna in the bible (Luke 2:37) and can dedicate at least 2 hours of prayer per day. We currently support two countries through this project.

## FINANCES

This report outlines the financial expenditure of Light of the World Ministries for the period from **1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023**. It includes information on the charity's income and expenditures, as well as how the funds have been allocated in line with the ministry's purpose and objectives.

All donations received by the charity are voluntary contributions made by our members. These donations are given willingly and without any external compulsion. The charity has not claimed Gift Aid on any donations since its inception.

The funds raised through donations are solely used for advancing the charity's aims, objectives, and overall purpose.

A shortfall in our overall outgoings during this period has been graciously covered by one of the charity's members, ensuring our operations continued smoothly.

### Use of Donations

The donations we receive are primarily used to support the operations and activities of the charity. This includes:

- **Hall Hire**: Donations help cover the costs of renting the premises for charity purposes, such as services, special occasions, give-away events, prayer gatherings, and youth services.

- **Missions**: We dedicate funds to our missions, which support single parents, widows, orphans, and our youths, ensuring they receive the assistance they need.

- **Equipment and Operating Costs**: Donations also cover the purchase of necessary equipment and maintenance, insurance charges, membership fees, and media-related expenses. Guest and running expenses will include costs associated with hosting guest ministers, administration, teaching and study-related expenses, and training.

These funds are crucial in enabling us to continue serving our community and fulfilling our charitable objectives.

## Donations received

1 January 2023 to 31st December 2023 (12 months)

Total: £20168

## Outgoing/Expenditure

| | |
|---|---|
| Premises hire | 6319.10 |
| Missions and Relief | 2553.72 |
| Youth Fellowship | 903.48 |
| Counselling | 285.21 |
| Musicians | 4470 |
| Refreshments | 2361.74 |
| Equipment and stationery | 887.46 |
| Guests and Administration | 6475 |

1 January 2023 to 31st December 2023 (12 months)

Total: £24255.71

Report approved December 2024

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# TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT and ACCOUNTS

## REPORTING 11 DECEMBER 2021 – 31 DECEMBER 2022

# Charity Number: 1197054

## Our Mission

At Light of the World Ministries, our mission is to glorify God through worship that exalts Him, and by steadfastly adhering to biblical principles. We are dedicated to making disciples, meeting the needs of widows and orphans, and serving our community with compassion and purpose. We emphasize the exercise of spiritual gifts, welcoming newcomers, and being open to change—all while trusting in God through fervent prayer. Through fostering genuine worship, strategic evangelism, and strong leadership, we aim to inspire all members to invest in God's work and reflect His love through meaningful acts of service.

## Aims

One of our primary objectives is to inspire and equip our members to fully embrace and embody our clearly defined mission and purpose. We aim to cultivate a deep understanding of Scripture through dedicated Bible study, encouraging everyone to draw nearer to the heart of God. Central to this goal is fostering an awareness of God's empowering presence, which enables spiritual growth and flourishing within a Christ-centered community that nurtures mutual learning and support.

Additionally, we are committed to mobilizing our members to actively engage in strategic evangelism, sharing the transformative message of the Gospel with those around them. We also place a significant emphasis on serving the needs of our local community, offering compassion and practical aid to those who are vulnerable or in need. In doing so, we strive to be a tangible expression of Christ's love and advance His mission through impactful service and outreach.

## Acknowledgement

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated members of Light of the World, our Trustees, Executive Committee, and pastoral support teams, both within the ministry and through external collaborations. Your invaluable contributions—whether through insightful feedback, administrative support, or the sharing of your expertise—have been essential in the creation of this annual report. Your unwavering commitment has ensured that this document is a comprehensive reflection of our ministry's work and impact over the past year. Your time, efforts, and dedication to excellence have made this report possible, standing as a testament to the unity and heart of our community. Thank you for your tireless support and for helping bring our vision to life.

## Objectives and Activities

Our services and worship put faith into practice through a blend of prayer, Scripture, biblical teaching, and practicing and music.

## Missionary Work

As a non-profit organization, we are committed to using a portion of the proceeds raised through our weekly offerings to give back to those less fortunate through our missionary work. Within the UK, we actively support several impactful initiatives, including homeless outreach, assistance for single mothers and low-income families, and programs aimed at youth development.

In our efforts to support the homeless, we provide essential resources such as non-perishable food items through our monthly tin collections at church. We also conduct regular evening outreach in Central and East London, distributing hats, scarves, gloves, and blankets to those sleeping rough.

We extend financial and practical support to single parents within our ministry, as highlighted in our accounts report. For youth, we address pressing issues such as knife crime by helping young people recognize their potential and aspire to greater things. To this end, we offer counseling services and create a safe, supportive environment for vulnerable individuals. In previous years, we hosted a motivational youth speaker who shared their personal journey of transformation from a past marked by knife crime, inspiring attendees to pursue a brighter future. Through these efforts, we are committed to making a meaningful and lasting impact on our community.

## Use of Donations

The funds raised through donations are essential in enabling us to continue serving our community and fulfilling our charitable objectives. These voluntary contributions from our members directly support the operations and activities of Light of the World Ministries, allowing us to further our mission and provide valuable services to those in need.

This report outlines the financial expenditure of Light of the World Ministries for the period from **December 2021 to December 2022**. It includes a detailed breakdown of the charity’s income and expenditures, highlighting how funds are allocated and used to support our work.

All donations received by the charity are voluntary contributions made by our members, and it is important to note that the charity has not claimed Gift Aid on any donations since its inception. The funds raised are strictly used for advancing the charity's aims, objectives, and overall purpose.

During the reported period, a shortfall in our overall outgoings was graciously covered by one of our dedicated members, ensuring the continued smooth operation of our ministry.

## Breakdown of Expenditure

The donations we receive are primarily allocated to the following operational areas:

- **Premises Hire**: Funds help cover the costs of renting the premises for various charity activities, including services, special events, prayer gatherings, youth services, and community outreach initiatives.

- **Missions and Relief**: Donations are dedicated to missions that support single parents, widows, orphans, and vulnerable members of our community, ensuring they receive the necessary assistance.

- **Youth Fellowship**: Funds support the activities and initiatives designed for our youth programs, promoting their spiritual growth and community involvement.

- **Counselling**: Contributions are directed towards offering pastoral and professional counselling services to those in need, providing support in times of emotional and spiritual distress.

- **Musicians**: Donations help cover the expenses associated with engaging musicians for our services, contributing to the overall quality of our worship experience.

- **Memberships and Insurance**: We allocate funds to cover essential membership fees and insurance charges necessary for the smooth operation of the ministry.

- **Refreshments**: Donations also support the provision of refreshments at events, ensuring a welcoming and hospitable environment for all attendees.

- **Equipment and Stationery**: Funds are used to purchase the equipment, stationery, and media-related resources needed for the ministry's operations.

- **Guest and Running Expenses**: These funds are dedicated to covering the costs of hosting guest ministers, including teaching and study-related expenses, training programs, and additional administration costs/running expenses.

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**Financial Summary**

**Donations Received (10 December 2021 to 31 December 2022)**
Total: £22,907.27

**Outgoing/Expenditure (10 December 2021 to 31 December 2022)**
Total: £23,080.35

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These donations are pivotal in enabling us to continue fulfilling our charitable mission and serving those in need within our community. We are deeply grateful for the ongoing support from our members, which makes all of our work possible.