

# **Victory Church Leek**

## **Report and Financial Statement**

**Year Ended 31st December 2022**

**Charity Number: 1197972**

### Legal and Administrative Information

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## **Report of the Trustees for Victory Church Leek for the year ended 31 December 2022**

### **Constitution and object**

Victory Church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) whose only voting members are its charity trustees. The organisation became a Registered Charity on 18 February 2022 and so this report covers from this start date to the end of the year.

The charity's object is to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs and the worship of God by any means whatsoever including (but not by way of limitation) the

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preaching and proclaiming of the Christian gospel. The object is also the teaching of Christian doctrine and principles and the pastoral care of Christian people and the printing and distribution of the Bible in the county of Staffordshire or elsewhere in the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees from time to time may think fit.

### **Aims and Objectives**

Victory Church Leek exists to advance the Christian faith and education in the United Kingdom and the world, for the benefit of the public, under the direction of the Church Leadership Team. It also aims to benefit the public by relieving financial hardship and the provision of funds and services, to disadvantaged people throughout the world.

When planning our activities for the year, the Leadership Team have considered the Charity Commissions's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement on religion. In particular, the team utilise ways to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our Church community.

### **Activities**

The Church Leadership Team is committed to enabling the Church congregation, and members of the public, to engage in church activities and partake in the worship and other services carried out by the Church.

The Church services put into practice these benefits by providing Sunday Communion meetings alongside regular Bible study, prayer, praise, and worship services. Other meetings are arranged when necessary, such as specific events for religious festivals including Christmas and Easter. These meetings are open to members of the public.

Other Church activities include weekly Life Group meetings, at different locations and times, which provide benefits tailored to cater for the needs of each group.

Online video services are also provided, free of charge, to benefit the Church congregation and the general public who cannot attend the Church building in person.

Victory Church Leek is regularly invited to speak on the local radio.

During March and April we received two teams of students from Bible College who stayed in the town for a week and became a part of the church. Various activities were presented such as worship evenings, testimony evenings, engagement with the general public in the streets and a healing school. Members of the public attended these activities.

Planned visits have been made throughout the year to visit the Macari Centre in Stoke which is a charity organisation looking to relieve homelessness and people living out on the streets. We are aware when this occurs in Leek then people concerned have availed themselves of this centre. At Christmas we attended and gave out much needed suitable warm clothing and food during our Christmas Carol Service that we held with them.



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### **Performance**

In the early part of 2022 we were seeing a normalisation of all activities within the organisation as a result of the curtailment in all of the restrictions caused by the COVID-19 global pandemic.

During the year Victory Church has been able to reach out and connect with different communities within the surrounding areas of Leek and surrounding towns which has resulted in an increase in the awareness of the Church and people coming to be a part of our community.

We have seen the life of the Church grow throughout the year where people of varied age groups and varied walks of life have attended services of the church and gained tremendous benefit.

We seek to meet as a Church in our different groups at various retail premises within the town of Leek. This in turn brings the benefits of patronage to the town and surrounding area.

During the year we started a new group within a residential complex and in this group the Church brings worship and Bible study. This is proving to be popular with people and is an excellent resource in which to reach out to the community of Leek.

Due to the valuable support of the Church congregation and members of public, the performance of Victory Church last year has had a big impact up on the lives of many people both in Leek and the surrounding areas. Peoples lives have been changed and transformed in amazing ways.

The year has been of great encouragement and enables Victory Church a valuable platform for the coming year in which to progress further in its purpose and objective.

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf. 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023 (Date)

By B. Hagger B. Hagger, Chairperson

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Members/Trustees of Victory Church Leek, Staffordshire.**

I report on the accounts for the period ended 31 December 2022, which are set out above.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner –

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under the section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of Independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 explanation 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

Have not been met; or

- (2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:  ACMA.

Name: Christine Vaughan

Address: Tall Trees, Park Road, Leek, Staffordshire. ST13 8JS.

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## Charity Accounting Year From 18 February 2022 to 31 December 2022

Church Income		Church Expenditure	
Tithes & Offerings	£55,000	Direct Expenses	£7,957
		Donations to Third Parties	£13,784
		Accountancy Fees	£150
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£55,000</b>	Equipment	£3,861
		Insurance	£185
		Hire of Buildings	£1,685
		Scholarship Fees	£4,314
		Subscriptions	£297
		IT	£144
		Legal	£145
		Travel	£259
		Depreciation	£700
		<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£33,481</b>
<b>Reserve Funds Total</b>	<b>£21,519</b>		