

Victory Church Leek

Report and Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

Charity Number: 1197972

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Report of the Trustees for Victory Church Leek for the year ended 31 December 2023

Constitution and object of the Organisation

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. This report covers the operating year of the organisation from 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023.

The principle activities of the church are conducted within the town of Leek at the Memorial Hall, Longsdon, Leek Road, Leek, Stoke, ST9 9QF.

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 for people to live out their faith as part of the Church community.

Activities of the Organisation

The Church Leadership Team is committed to enabling both the Church congregation, and members of the public, to engage in church activities and partake in worship and other services conducted 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 and where necessary, such as specific events for religious festivals including Christmas and Easter. All these meetings are open to members of the public.

On the Public Holiday of Good Friday 2023 Victory Church Leek funded Manna Theatre Company to put on the production called "Passion." This was performed in the open air in the centre of Leek. Approximately 200 people were in attendance at this free event. Members of the congregation took part in the production and in the helping with the assembling of staging and equipment.

Other Church activities would include weekly held Life Group meetings, at various locations and times, which provide benefits tailored to cater for the needs of each group. These groups provide Bible study and a time of socialising and fellowship. There have also been arranged throughout the year women's groups and men's groups organised around various activities.

Online video services are also provided across various social media platforms, free of charge, to benefit the Church congregation and the general public who are not able to attend the Church building in person. These services, as well as reaching people within the local community are also reached by people in the rest of the UK. Also reached are people in countries world wide, which include, Bulgaria, Slovakia, USA, Canada, Italy, India, Kenya, France, Pakistan and South Africa.

Victory Church Leek has been regularly invited to speak on the local radio, "Moorlands Radio."

In March 2023 the church received a team of 9 students from Bible College, who stayed in the town for a week, and became part of the church. This was a mission team to the town of Leek and helped with the presentation of various church activities such as worship evenings, testimony evenings, engagement with the general public in the streets and presenting a healing school. Members of the public attended these activities which were provided free.

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Planned visits have been made at various times in the year to the "Lou Macari Centre" in Stoke, which is a charity organisation looking to relieve homelessness and to help alleviate those

living rough on the streets. We are aware that this organisation has reached people and helped those who have been in these situations within the Leek locality.

The church has been host to various people visiting, speaking and presenting to the community.

Performance

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 the 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 have met as a Church throughout the year at various retail premises within the town of Leek, which has brought the benefits of patronage to different kinds of businesses within Leek and the surrounding area.

During the year a new group started within a residential complex in Leek and this group brings worship, Bible study and activities of the church to the residents and staff. This 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 made 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 objectives as a charitable organisation.

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

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf.....26th June 2024.....(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 2023, 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

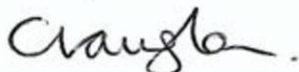
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (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:



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Date:

12th April 2024

Charity Accounting Year From 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023

Church Income		Church Expenditure	
Tithes & Offerings	£82,723	Direct Expenses	£10,194
		Donations to Third Parties	£29,397
		Accountancy Fees	£150
Total Income	£82,723		
		Equipment	£1,521
		Insurance	£192
		Hire of Buildings	£2,520
		Scholarship Fees	£2,590
		Subscriptions	£170
		IT	£144
		Legal	£174
		Travel	£708
		Depreciation	£1,100
		Total Expenditure	£48,860
Reserve Funds Total	£33,863		