

# **Victory Church Leek**

## **Report and Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31st December 2024**

**Charity Number: 1197972**

### **Legal and Administrative Information**

#### **Charity Trustees**

Brett Hagger (Chairperson)  
Patricia Hagger  
Melissa Kenny

#### **Principal Address**

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#### **Bank**

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#### **Independent Financial Examiner**

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## **Report of the Trustees for Victory Church Leek for the year ended 31 December 2024**

### **Constitution and object of the Organisation**

Victory Church Leek is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) whose only voting members are the Trustees of the Charity.

The organisation became a Registered Charity on the 18th February 2022.

The church is known as "Victory Life Church" and operates under its registered name of "Victory Church Leek."

This report covers the operating year of the charitable organisation from 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024.

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

## **Report of the Trustees for Victory Church Leek for year 2024 (continued)**

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 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 providing funds and services to disadvantaged people throughout the world.

In planning the activities of the church for the year, the Leadership Team has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, the team utilises 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 within the Christian faith context.

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 and available for members of the public to attend and are widely advertised.

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.

In the year, we moved the Bible Study sessions the church holds, from a room in a large residential home to a more accessible building at Longsdon Memorial Hall. The effect of this was for the church to be able to make the in-person Bible Studies more accessible to both the congregation and public. The number of people attending these sessions has increased.

The on-line 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. The church services are watched by people in countries worldwide, which include Bulgaria, Slovakia, USA, Canada, Italy, India, Kenya, France, Pakistan, and South Africa.

Victory Church Leek has been invited regularly throughout the year to speak on the local radio, "Moorlands Radio," and is delighted that this has continued throughout the year. We value this opportunity within the community and give thanks to everyone at Moorlands Radio.



## **Report of the Trustees for Victory Church Leek for year 2024 (continued)**

In March 2024, the church received two teams of students from Charis Bible College, Walsall (8) and (9) in the teams respectively. The students stayed in the town for a week and became part of the church. These were mission teams coming to the town of Leek and helped with the presentation of the various church activities such as worship evenings, testimony evenings, and engagement with the general public in the towns of Leek and Buxton.

These services were advertised widely and provided free for members of the congregation and the public. Another of the activities was to provide evening services at which prayers and healing were offered.

Victory Church Leek hosted a team of Leaders from Bulgaria for a week, during which training, seminars, and workshops were held in the church. Many of these sessions were open to the public and widely advertised.

The church has been host to a number of visiting speakers at the various public-held worship services throughout the year. This has included Simon Turpin, UK Director of Answers in Genesis, Will and Barbara Graham of Kingdom Highways Ministry, and Andrea Williams, Chief Executive of Christian Concern.

The church held a Christmas Carol service at a large local retirement home for all the residents. It has also hosted various children's activities throughout the year. The church celebration services have been held during the Christmas and Easter times and for the church's 5 year celebrations.

Members of the Church Leadership Team have attended several Charity Commission seminars and workshops throughout the year as part of training in their roles and responsibilities within a faith-based charity context.

Pastors of Victory Church were invited by a church in Manchester to speak and minister in the church.

The church saw a member of the congregation, supported by the Church, successfully graduate their second year at Charis Bible College, Walsall.

A group of ladies from Victory Church attended the European Conference "Women Arise" held in Walsall.

### **Performance**

During the year, Victory Church has been able to reach out and connected 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, Victory Church Leek gave to various charitable organisations the total amount of £12,862, which represents a total of 15.8% of the receipts and donations received during the year. This is an increase from the previous year, 2023, which was 13.33%.

## **Report of the Trustees for Victory Church Leek for year 2024 (continued)**

These donated funds have gone towards making an impact on tackling poverty, persecution, welfare issues, several children's welfare agencies, Christian education, and support. This also includes support of other churches and outreaches within the UK.

The church has supported other charitable Christian organisations at a local, national, and international level. These agencies have been supported either on a monthly basis throughout the year or on a one-off basis, usually over the Christmas period.

Due to the valuable support of the Church congregation and members of the public, the performance of Victory Church during the reported year has made a tremendous impact upon the lives of many people in Leek and the surrounding areas, nationally and internationally. People's lives have been impacted, changed, and transformed in amazing ways.

The year has been of great encouragement and provides Victory Church a valuable platform for the future in which to progress further in its purpose and objectives as a Christian charitable organisation.

Finally, the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when organising and providing the activities of the Charity.

A summary of the Charity accounting year is provided at the end of this report together with the independent examiners report on the accounts held and operated by the Charity.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf... 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025... (Date)

By Brett Hagger..... Brett 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 2024, 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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Christine Vaughan

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

Date:

1<sup>st</sup> April 2025



## Charity Accounting Year From 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024

Church Income			Church Expenditure		
	Tithes & Offerings	£71,407		Direct Expenses	£12,587
	Interest from Bank	£2,920			
	Gift Aid/GADS	£10,543		Donations to Third Parties	£41,637
				Accountancy Fees	£200
	Total Income	£84,870			
				Equipment	£2,950
				Insurance	£209
				Hire of Buildings	£3,315
				Subscriptions	£172
				IT	£158
				Legal	£138
				Travel	£104
				Depreciation	£1,300
				Total Expenditure	£62,770
	Reserve Funds Total	£22,100			