

Springs of Living Water Christian Centre Trustees' Annual Report

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From: April 2023 To March 2024

Charity registration number: 1198277



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Aims and Purposes

Springs of Living Water Christian Centre is led by Pastor Carole Haynes. The responsibility of Springs of Living Water Christian Centre is to promote and provide the Christian gospel message to the people of Ripley, Derbyshire and the surrounding area. This is shared via pastoral, social, evangelical, faith in action and healing. Sharing the compassion of Jesus Christ with the lost and broken.

We are responsible for the upkeep of the Church building and the attached Church Hall premises which is used as a pre-school.

Objectives and Activities

Springs of Living Water Christian Centre is committed to offering a welcoming place of worship for the people of Ripley and surrounding areas. We put faith into action by sharing the gospel message in our services through prayer, scripture, worship, music, water baptism and Healing.

When we plan our activities for the year, we are seeking the wisdom of Jesus Christ to guide us to reach the people of Ripley. We can offer activities such as: -

Worship and prayer evening

Sunday morning service

Food offered to anyone in need.

Warm Welcome space

Worship and Prayer

Our mid-week prayer evening is open for the people of Ripley to come and pray and worship together. We have a focus on prayer for the local people of Ripley. Leaders of the town and public services, as well as wider in the UK and around the world. This is a time for spiritual growth and uniting in prayer for the town.

We believe the impossible is possible through prayer and therefore this is attended by 90% of our congregation.

All are welcome to our services. For people who are not able to join us in person we livestream our Sunday services and share live on Facebook.

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We have approximately 25 congregation members. As well as our x25 members we have between x100-2 150 views on our Facebook page weekly. We can reach a wider population through this media.

We welcome families to our church and offer a children's church during our Sunday service. All our congregation who are involved in the delivery of children's church sessions have been DBS checked.

The Church Building

The lift was finally installed on 10th February 2023. We were able to secure the finance for the installation of a lift within the main church. As mentioned in our previous report, due to circumstances beyond our control this was postponed from April 2022 to February 2023.

Our café space was now made accessible to all.

Following the installation of the lift we were then able to open our café space as a Warm Welcome space.

- Warm Welcome space on a Friday morning.
- Craft activities were available within the space.
- It is planned to open more groups within this space such as a youth group, toddler group and stay and chat group within the next few years.

Church Hall

There is an established pre-school operating from our church hall. We are hoping to link in with this provision more. We have offered therapy support for the children who are attending this provision this so far as not been taken up.

Pastoral Care

Warm Welcome Space (Open and running March-June 2023 and October 2023-March 2024)

This is now running and open to all. We provide a warm space with free hot drinks and food for approx. 3 hours on a Friday morning. We have registered our space with the warm space campaign. We are show as live on the map so people can see we are open and available between March-June 2023 and October 2023 – March 2024. We supported the people of Ripley at this difficult financial time.

Following a visit from the environmental health we were awarded a hygiene rating of 5.

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We offer hot soup and toasties, homemade cakes and hot and cold drinks free of charge for anyone during this period of time.

We continue to link with our local MP and other agencies, along with schools within the town, to signpost families and young people to services which are available. We have linked in with other Churches, social care, schools, voluntary sectors within Ripley to share information. We continue to update this group with our services.

Future plans and hopes:

Stay and Chat

It is planned soon to open on a different day in our café area. This will be open to our more mature members of the town. This will be a safe space for people to come and have a drink and a chat. We hope to provide a place of sanctuary for people who may be lonely/living alone.

Youth Group

We hope to open our church soon as a mid-week safe space for the youth of Ripley to attend. We will offer drinks and snacks as well as games and activities in our café.

Toddler Group

We hope to offer a group for parents to bring their toddlers to enjoy a safe place where they can play and make friends, and parents can chat and meet other parents in Ripley and surrounding areas. This may be by linking in with the pre-school provision which is already operating out of our Church Hall premises.

Pre-school

We have a vibrant pre-school operating from our Church Hall. They have remained with us over the last decade. We have been able to support them through the difficult period of Covid and recently through the cost-of-living crisis by not increasing the rent or the utility bills. We hope to link in much more over the next year.

Therapy

We have approached the manager of the pre-school and offered Speech and Language Therapy support for the children attending with communication difficulties. We hope to develop this further throughout the year with our Speech and Language Therapist who is part of the congregation. This has not yet been taken up by the pre-school.

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We would also like to offer counselling and therapy to support the repair of relationships within families of Ripley. This is something we hope to develop further in the next year.

Food Distribution

We work closely with the Salvation Army in Ripley and provide food and toiletries as needed throughout the year to support people in Ripley. There are times when we provide families/people with food as needed on an individual basis. This is when we are approached directly or via other services.

Again, this is something we hope to develop further and continue to link in with others within the town.

Mission and Evangelism

Embedded in everything we do is our passion to share the heart of Jesus Christ to all. This is shared through the activities mentioned above. This is also shared through the demonstration of our faith. We were out on the streets of Ripley taking the time to listen and speak to people. We are hoping to further share the love of Jesus Christ in all our activities we offer.

This year we are particularly focusing on healing. Sharing the manifestation of the promises of God through His signs and wonders. We hope to develop these weekends within the next year. We hope to be a hub within the town supporting the local hospital and community settings which are struggling to meet the demands. Springs of Living Water Christian Centre will become a hub over the next year for the sick to come and be healed alleviating the demand on public services in the town.

Finances

2023/2024 accounts to March 2024:

Income: £57,331

Expenditure: £50,606

Due to the opening as a warm welcome space, we were awarded x2 £1,000 grants from Stewardship fund. This then enabled us to hire an electrician to update the wiring upstairs in our café area. He also installed the wiring ready for an oven in our kitchen area. This Resulted in our electric heaters working safely so the space is safe, warm and usable and wiring ready for our oven in the future.

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Plans for future finance are to continue to improve the main Church building, Church Hall, Church grounds and facilities in line with the plans already outlined in this report.

We have been able to improve the security of the church buildings this year by installing security cameras and a ringdoorbell. We are now able to monitor the building 24 hours.

Safeguarding

We are members of thirtyone:eight (formerly The Churches Child Protection Advisory Service) who are our umbrella organization for all areas of Safeguarding. All DBS checks are processed by them.

We have recently produced a comprehensive safeguarding policy which is in the process of being approved by thirtyone:eight.

The Church now has a Safeguarding Coordinator as well as a Deputy Safeguarding Coordinator. We do realise that the implementation of the Child Protection Policy, with all its paperwork and strict guidelines, will have an impact on every area of church life.

Structure, governance and management

The Pastor is appointed and agreed by the board of Trustees. The Trustees agreed to Pastor Carole Haynes taking over as Pastor in October 2012.

The board of Trustees meets regularly to make decisions on all matters regarding the Church and Church Hall.

Administrative Information

The address of Springs of Living Water Christian Centre is 109A Derby Road, Ripley, Derbyshire, DE5 3HT.

Springs of Living Water Christian Centre Trustees are members of the congregation. They are: -

Richard Haslam

Rebecca Grundy

Helen Beardsley

Nicola Flood

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Year ended 31 March 2024

Audited Fund Accounts

Client's certificate

I approve the financial statements set out on pages 3 and 4 in respect of the period ended 31 March 2024. I acknowledge my responsibility for the financial statements including the appropriateness of the accounting basis and for providing Mitchells with all the information and explanations for their completion.

I confirm that all the relevant records and information for the purpose of preparing the financial statements have been made available.

Dated:

Accountant's Report

We have compiled the income and expenditure account of the Springs of Living Water Christian Centre.

The income and expenditure account is not intended to achieve full compliance with the provisions of UK Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the accounts that we have been engaged to compile, report to you that we have done so, and state only those matters that we have agreed, and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Centre, for our work, or for this report.

We have carried out this engagement in accordance with technical guidance issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and we have complied with the ethical guidance laid down by the Institute.

You have approved the income and expenditure account for the period ended 31 March 2023 and have acknowledged your responsibility for it, and for providing all the information and explanations necessary for its compilation.

In our opinion, the Income and Expenditure account gives a true and fair view of the Centre's affairs as at 31 March 2024.

Mitchells Chartered Accountants
91-97 Saltergate
Chesterfield
Derbyshire
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Dated: 17 Jan 2024

Springs of Living Water Christian Centre
Year End 31 March 2024
Income and Expenditure Account

	2024	2023
Turnover		
Offerings Received	42 487.28	28 475.47
Grants Received	2 000.00	
Rental Income	<u>12 844.00</u>	<u>12 736.00</u>
	57 331.28	41 211.47
 Expenditure		
Gas & Electric	6 981.94	3 856.72
Gifts - visiting speaker	-	200.00
Insurance	2 199.79	1 722.73
Internet	-	119.88
Mobile	590.05	526.57
Repairs & Renewals	12 324.24	9 901.00
General Expenses	3 041.10	2 992.31
Sundries - TV License	159.00	158.70
Wages	18 520.00	18 550.00
Water	167.33	95.20
HMRC NDDS	4 985.16	5 124.86
Accountancy	1 638.00	1 080.00
	- 50 606.61	- 44 327.97
 Net Profit/Loss for the year	 <u><u>6 724.67</u></u>	 <u><u>- 3 116.50</u></u>

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Springs of Living Water Christian Centre

Year Ended 31 March 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the Income and Expenditure Account as above.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Centre, you are responsible for the preparation of the Income and Expenditure Account

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Centre are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Centre's accounts

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Centre
2. the income and expenditure account does not accord with those records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Laura Pain FCCA
Independent Examiner

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17/01/2025