

LIFE STREAM CHURCH

Annual General Report for 2023

Partners in the Vision

2023: A year of growth

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Summary

This is the annual report for members of Life Stream Church.

This report consists of the Trustees report, the Finance Report and the Missions report. We personally thank Marianne Palin and Christine Mitchell for providing these reports.

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Trustees' Report

I write this report as Pastor, and chairman of Trustees, at the end of what has been a really encouraging year. We started off the year, once again, with a time of prayer and fasting, giving the years into God's hands, both individually and as a church. There was a real excitement, with many new people joining in, and we saw the blessing of this throughout the year.

Governance Structure

The year began with an important change that was not externally visible, but important to our future non-the-less. We changed our charity status to that of a CIO. This change was the culmination of a lot of hard work on behalf of the trustees, and we are particularly grateful to Liz Holdcroft for leading the way with that. To those not acquainted with charity law, this change may not mean a lot, but this charity status, which is relatively modern, is far better suited to a growing church.

We also said thank you to three trustees who have faithfully served for many years, Fred Challinor, who stood down at the end of 2022, and Jean Nicholson and David Walters, who stood down at the end of April. They have been such a wonderful support and, although the time was right, it was very sad to lose their strength and wisdom from the trustee team. We want to thank them for their years of faithful service.

We needed to strengthen the trustee team and we were delighted that Kristian Thorpe, Pastor of Arena Church, accepted our invitation to join our board of trustees. Kristian is both the Pastor and the chair of trustees of a large multisite church. He is also on the board of trustees for the AoG Property Trust. His church has supported and encouraged our church for many years. His wealth of experience was immediately evident in trustee meetings, and we are privileged to have him with us.

Sunday Services Mark

The Sunday Services have been really encouraging this year in a number of different ways. The serving teams have expanded and strengthened in all areas. This has included teams that often work behind the scenes, but are vitally important, such as 'Hospitality', led by Marianne Palin, 'Welcome', led by Liz Nicosia and 'Children's Ministry' led by Zoe Donnellan. The same is true for the ministries that are a little more visible such as the 'Creatives' (Worship and Tech) and the 'Preaching' teams. We have been delighted with the amount of people that have joined teams and served so faithfully throughout the year.

The attendance on a Sunday has grown throughout the year. This has included people who have moved into the area and people who found faith in Christ this year. It has been really encouraging to see these people integrate into the church family and begin to serve others. We now have people from many different nations and of all ages and backgrounds. The impact of this on the Sunday services has been so encouraging and there is a real joyous feel to the meetings.

We still Live Stream the services and this has been an effective outreach tool as well as serving those who have not been able to attend in person. This includes the repeat service which we show at 6:30pm on our online platform where we are joined by members from as far as the USA. It is great that people aren't just watching the services but are also interacting.

Groups

We have many different groups happening each week where we are able to really value one another and build one another up; *mutually honouring*. In our larger groups such as Tuesday Venue, and The Gathering, it has been

encouraging to see growth. Tuesday Venue have seen some new people begin to attend this year, notably a gentleman who is not born-again who came to the last meeting. He said he felt close to God after he heard the Gospel in the meeting. The Gathering has also seen increasing attendance during the year. It's also been great to see people grow in their giftings; a number of people have gone through a preaching course with Pastor Mark and have had the opportunity to preach several times.

We also have smaller groups that meet regularly such as our Monday morning prayer group, our fortnightly Tuesday prayer group and the YA (Young Adults) group. These groups have also experienced growth this year, particularly our Young Adults groups which meets regularly for fellowship and to grow spiritually.

Besides our regular groups we have also been able to provide special meetings for men and women. We've had two events for women, our *Flourish Conference* in April and *Conversation, Coffee and Cake* in September, and for our men we've had three men's breakfasts that were really well attended.

Missions School

Our Missions School is a really important part of discipleship, equipping the church for service. This year we ran 'Life Stream 101' which serves as an introduction to our church, it's vision and values. This was really well attended with around 20 people. Also, as part of 101, we ran the Renew Course which teaches foundational Christian theology. The course ran for 8 weeks and the majority of the people who attended have been baptised this year. Everyone who attended said they all benefited from doing the course and are growing in their relationship with God. It's good to see them finding their place in the Church.

As part of 201 we were able to run the Freedom Course. This 6 week course ran for a second time in February 2023. The course, which focuses on the armour of God, mental strongholds, the importance of forgiveness and walking in freedom, was well attended. This year it included more opportunities for discussion in small groups.

Significantly, we were able to add level 301 to the Mission school this year, which is the part of the school which is focussed on developing leaders. From September we have been meeting regularly with the main church leaders to bring teaching, direction and encouragement. We look forward to adding more courses over this next year.

Outreach

Our outreaches are an expression of our value, extravagantly blessing. We have a number of different outreaches serving different ages.

Coffee House Toddlers, our parent and toddlers group, has been reaching, on average, 10 families per week. The session is full of fun and conversation and each session a spiritual thought is shared called *Pause for Thought*. We also had two craft groups running throughout the year; GEMS led by Liz Nicosia and *Chat and Craft* led by Anne Blunt. These craft groups have provided a space for people to come and connect with our church whilst doing something they truly enjoy. Many great conversations have opened up, as well as opportunities of witness.

A new ministry that began at the very end of 2022 is the SEND play session in response to a need voiced in the community for local play sessions catering specifically for children with special needs and disabilities. As we had just acquired the soft play equipment, Marianne reached out and offered a play session between Christmas and New Year. Ever since, we have offered a play session to this group of parents and young children once a month on a Saturday afternoon. An average of 8 children have attended each session (sometimes as many as 16 children). A couple of the parents have hired our rooms for their children's parties and we are able to advertise our services and events to them, offer prayer and support to them as well.

In January 2023, under the leadership of Gary and Cath, we were able to restart our regular youth meeting, now called *Thrive*. At first it ran fortnightly, but due to demand and the expanding of the team, it was able to go to weekly

sessions from September. It now includes a 10-15 minute 'God Slot' which has been brilliant as the young people are praying and reading the bible together. Alongside this, Gary and Cath sought to help disciple our church based young people and in November started a Youth Alpha course where young people are engaging with key topics in the bible. This is proving to be a great course, seeing change within the group weekly.

Special Events

In May we had a weekend away to **Cloverly Hall**. It was a repeat of what we did the year before but this time we had an even greater participation. It was wonderful to see some of our newer families join us for the weekend and it was great to get to know each other better. We had fun, relaxed, worshiped together and encouraged each other.

In June, we had a week of **Mission**. This was based both in Biddulph and in Chell, where we are starting a new missional location. We were delighted to have Jonathan Conrathe and his Mission24 team with us. We spoke to hundreds of students in the schools and had a large youth outreach. Jonathan then led us out onto the streets to share our faith and to pray for people. It was wonderful to see the church equipped and mobilised into local mission.

Tenacious! is our annual church conference that we hold in October. This year it was particularly special as it was also the 90th anniversary of the church. We invited two people that, not only are great speakers, but have also ministered apostolically into the church for many years, Kristian Thorpe and Miro Toth. It was one of the highlights of the year where we were encouraged to 'Go'.

Isaac and Esther Asplin worked hard to organise a number of Christmas outreach activities. We were, once again, able to bless our community in practical ways by gifting selection boxes to two of our local schools, and Christmas presents for some of our town's most needy families. We want to thank everyone that made donations.

We also had, for the first time, a Christmas Market held on the car park of the church. This was combined with several activities in the church such as a science show from our very own scientist, John Aruba and dance groups from the local community. Our local Town Crier even turned up and created a special poem for the occasion. It was a really great way of blessing the community as well as inviting them to join us for the Carol Service the following day. The Carol Service was attended by many new people and was a great opportunity to remind people of the meaning of Christmas.

Facilities

We have continued to work on the Coffee House and are hoping to open it as an outreach this year. In the meantime, the Soft Play which we got in 2022, has been permanently set up in there. This has been great for our outreach activities and has made a really welcome environment for families on Sundays.

Extending Our Reach

We believe that our calling as a church, is to be one church in multiple locations. In 2023 we made significant steps forward with this, by extending our reach as a church into Chell. Here's a short report from Isaac on our progress.

Over the year of 2023 the Campus Plant in Chell has gone from effectively an empty space to a strong foundation. At the start of the year there was no physical structure of what a Life Stream Campus would look like - all that was completed was a short report on the local area. On the other hand, by the end of the year we have a strong team of 10 that are bonding and getting stronger together, a plan for continued momentum for 2024, a Parents and Toddlers ministry that has been running for 4 months and local connections have been built with key people in the area.

Throughout 2023 a regular prayer meeting has been happening to break the spiritual ground in the area and a small group has started to build relationships and grow together spiritually both of which expressing our heart as being constantly seeking. We have a monthly meal together as a team developing time together and will lead into

moments of being mutual honouring. Finally, the parents and toddler group which has allowed Life Stream to get their name in the local area as people who are extravagantly blessing showing love without agenda.

Going forward we are expectant and excited as we start a typical Sunday expression monthly, plan to do an alpha course after Easter to hook people who are questioning faith, and launch an official weekly meeting at our Tenacious Conference 2024 on 6th October. Life Stream Chell has not just been the work of the people in the local area over the past 12 months but the work of the Life Stream Church as a whole as people have faithfully prayed, given and served expectant to see a move of God.

Missional Church

We are a church that is vision led. I want to finish by reminding us of that vision We use three phrases to describe the church that we see and the church we are becoming:

Missional Culture

Life Stream Church will have a transformational and pervasive missional culture. This culture is driven by its three core values; constantly seeking, mutually honouring and extravagantly blessing

Missional Locations

Life Stream Church will consist of, and multiply, missional, value based, communities of people gathering at different locations and in different, relevant ways. This already consists of the Biddulph location, and soon will include a location in Chell.

Missional School

Life Stream Church will train missional servants and leaders and release them to reproduce themselves.

We are delighted to be church with such a wonderful group of people. We are privileged to have you with us on the journey.

With Every Blessing, *Mark Holdcroft*
Chairman of Trustees

LIFE STREAM CHURCH

Annual Accounts - 2023

INCOME			EXPENSES		
	2023	2022		2023	2022
OFFERINGS	£ 19,808.32	£ 17,114.00	PASTOR MARK HOLDCROFT	£ 14,457.54	£ 13,749.59
OFFERINGS PAID DIRECT	£ 16,008.46	£ 13,382.29	PASTOR LIZ HOLDCROFT	£ 14,492.94	£ 13,697.19
GIFT AID OFFERINGS	£ 3,210.00	£ 3,050.00	CARETAKER JASON CHALLINOR	£ -	£ 3,231.95
GIFT AID PAID DIRECT	£ 27,278.85	£ 19,784.20	TAX & NI	£ 2,610.84	£ 2,041.26
GIFT AID INCOME	£ 9,390.55	£ 5,517.92	NEST PENSION	£ 1,423.94	£ 1,240.32
SPECIAL GIFTS/OFFERINGS	£ 9,103.86	£ 9,892.21	BUSINESS MILEAGE	£ 1,372.85	£ 1,006.23
TENACIOUS CONFERENCE	£ -	£ 801.60	MOBILE & GIFTS	£ 1,720.24	£ 255.84
BUILDING FUND	£ 330.00	£ 185.00	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	£ 3,069.12	£ 8,652.30
CHELL CHURCH PLANT	£ 135.00	£ -	CHELL CHURCH PLANT	£ 5,122.41	£ -
CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY	£ 5,121.00	£ 2,946.00	CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY	£ 5,391.50	£ 4,035.79
LIFE STREAM KIDS	£ 270.00	£ 240.00	LIFE STREAM KIDS	£ 41.96	£ 67.75
PARENTS & TODDLERS	£ 573.09	£ 778.80	PARENTS & TODDLERS	£ 1,332.77	£ 645.96
ROOM HIRE	£ 775.00	£ -	LIMITLESS KIDS/SISTER ACT	£ -	£ 112.80
YOUTH WORK	£ 80.00	£ -	YOUTH WORK	£ 484.71	£ -
MISCELLANEOUS	£ 166.00	£ 99.24	GENERAL EXPENSES	£ 2,030.05	£ 3,292.44
TUESDAY VENUE	£ 651.45	£ 822.15	TUESDAY VENUE	£ 2,390.65	£ 3,248.04
MISSIONS FUND	£ 1,785.11	£ 1,970.76	GIFTS/TITHES TO MISSIONS	£ 9,765.94	£ 8,944.15
TRANSFER BALANCE TUES VENUE	£ -	£ -	SUPPORT FROM ARENA CHURCH	£ 300.00	£ 300.00
FLOURISH WOMENS MINISTRY	£ 1,664.64	£ 1,429.30	AOG SUBSCRIPTION	£ 3,260.00	£ 1,936.30
GEMS	£ 20.00	£ 402.00	PAYROLL/AUDIT	£ 1,074.00	£ 1,032.00
			CHURCH INSURANCE	£ 2,020.36	£ 1,851.47
			SAFEGUARDING	£ 362.73	£ 180.50
			GAS	£ 5,398.15	£ 1,535.69
			ELECTRICITY	£ 996.93	£ 1,187.73
			WATER	£ 167.33	£ 95.20
			PHONE/BROADBAND	£ 1,022.40	£ 1,022.40
			TENACIOUS CONFERENCE	£ 1,010.64	£ 2,030.05
			GUEST SPEAKERS	£ 1,180.43	£ 200.00
			EVENTS	£ 1,260.80	£ 1,657.78
			CARE VISITING	£ -	£ 35.00
			SOUND & MEDIA	£ 2,977.04	£ 1,306.16
			PRINTING & STATIONARY	£ 248.84	£ 302.84
			REFRESHMENTS	£ 1,046.62	£ 505.46
			CLEANING	£ 695.76	£ 597.89
			COURSES	£ 1,743.61	£ 30.17
			MISCELLANEOUS	£ 1,965.43	£ 5,350.95
			SOLICITOR FEES	£ 85.00	£ 4,082.40
			FLOURISH WOMENS MINISTRY	£ 1,897.21	£ 1,437.81
			GEMS	£ 190.00	£ 262.00
TOTAL INCOME	£ 96,371.33	£ 78,415.47	TOTAL EXPENSES	£ 94,440.74	£ 91,161.41
			Current account	£ 14,220.34 *	
Balance b/fwd	£ 12,289.75		Balance in hand	£ -	
	£ 108,661.08			£ 108,661.08	
RESTRICTED FUNDS AT 31.12.23			DESIGNATED FUNDS AT 31.12.23		
Missions Fund	£ 3,135.48		Coffee House Set Up	£ 122.31	
Building Fund	£ 1,734.00		Youth Alpha Course	£ 93.57	
Tuesday Venue	£ 628.80		Sending Fund	£ 1,360.00	
Life Stream Kids	£ 127.78		Chell Church Plant	£ 404.19	
Thrive Youth	£ 251.79		Heating Fund	£ 300.00	
Flourish 2024	£ 301.80				
TOTAL IN FUNDS:	£ 6,179.65		TOTAL IN FUNDS:	£ 2,280.07	
TSB BANK BALANCE	£1,660.00				
CO-OP BANK BALANCE	£12,560.34				
BANK BALANCE 31.12.23	£14,220.34 *				

Missions Report

The purpose of the mission ministry is to equip believers to reach those that do not know Jesus, to proclaim the good news and doing more to express God's love for the world.

The mission team consists of a group of five people lead by Christine Mitchell. We usually meet regularly at Life Stream Church or virtually, to pray and discuss funds to send to missionaries.

A year in review

This year we had two members added to the mission's team, Marianne Palin, and Catherine Morris, which take our team from a group of three people to a group of five. This year has been a very productive year as our team has been planning short term mission trips, the first one will be to Slovakia next year, date to be confirmed. This year we had three visiting missionaries, James Kotey from Ghana, and Claire Kincaid from Jamaica in June, and in July we had Marian and Vlasta Poljak from Slovakia visited to speak on multicultural Sunday in highlight of our missionaries and short-term mission trips.

A list of missionaries we support

- Zion Ministries, Sierra Leone, (Michael Kanu)
- Ask of Ghana (James Kotey)
- Jamaica Ministry and Cuban Relief (Claire Kincaid)
- Slovakia (Marian Poljak)
- Operation mobilisation (Deborah James)
- Wow. Ministries (Formerly the Philippines)

Vision for the coming year

To equip and mobilised people for long- and short-term missionaries, to highlight and work alongside missionaries and to make a lasting difference in people's life in our community and in the world, constantly seeking God for direction.

Prayers/Financial/Practical Needs

Prayer and fasting

Continual financial support

Missionaries ("The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few" Luke 10:2).

Many Thanks

Christine Mitchell

LIFE STREAM CHURCH FINANCES 2023

2023 INCOME	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS
OFFERINGS	£1,804.60	£1,777.40	£1,258.50	£2,135.00	£2,163.00	£1,389.12	£1,567.00	£2,020.00	£1,189.00	£1,714.70	£1,262.00	£1,528.00	£19,808.32
OFFERINGS PAID DIRECT	£1,649.73	£1,413.80	£1,024.98	£2,144.58	£921.14	£1,654.13	£1,472.32	£1,166.55	£1,098.96	£1,091.23	£1,253.37	£1,117.67	£16,008.46
GIFT AID OFFERINGS	£290.00	£350.00	£370.00	£270.00	£270.00	£430.00	£270.00	£390.00	£130.00	£160.00	£160.00	£120.00	£3,210.00
GIFT AID PAID DIRECT	£3,757.60	£1,207.60	£1,967.60	£1,761.60	£1,728.60	£2,817.60	£2,194.60	£1,894.60	£1,965.60	£1,857.60	£3,117.60	£3,008.25	£27,278.85
Total	£7,501.93	£4,748.80	£4,621.08	£6,311.18	£5,082.74	£6,290.85	£5,503.92	£5,471.15	£4,383.56	£4,823.53	£5,792.97	£5,773.92	£66,305.63
OFFERINGS TOTAL	£7,501.93	£12,250.73	£16,871.81	£23,182.99	£28,265.73	£34,556.58	£40,060.50	£45,531.65	£49,915.21	£54,738.74	£60,531.71	£66,305.63	
GIFT AID INCOME	£376.62	£939.44	£366.04	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,679.36	£514.64	£0.00	£1,075.18	£2,650.27	£7,572.27
GA INCOME ON SML DONATIONS	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,818.28	£1,818.28
GIFTS & SPECIAL OFFERINGS	£1,619.00	£1,180.00	£470.00	£0.00	£190.00	£440.00	£1,335.00	£1,450.00	£212.00	£1,600.42	£328.72	£278.72	£9,103.86
BUILDING FUND	£0.00	£30.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£300.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£330.00
CHELL CHURCH PLANT	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£50.00	£45.00	£20.00	£20.00	£135.00
LIFE STREAM KIDS	£20.00	£20.00	£20.00	£20.00	£20.00	£20.00	£20.00	£20.00	£20.00	£20.00	£20.00	£50.00	£270.00
COFFEE HOUSE TODDLERS	£50.00	£57.00	£33.00	£54.00	£131.99	£65.00	£76.36	£0.00	£0.00	£105.74	£0.00	£0.00	£573.09
THRIVE YOUTH	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£30.00	£50.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£80.00
ROOM HIRE	£47.00	£440.00	£0.00	£24.00	£0.00	£74.00	£0.00	£95.00	£0.00	£40.00	£0.00	£55.00	£775.00
TUESDAY VENUE	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£211.95	£144.24	£130.35	£164.91	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£651.45
CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY	£997.00	£147.00	£1,298.00	£2,406.00	£273.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£5,121.00
TENACIOUS CONFERENCE	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
AOG CALLED TO BE ONE	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
FLOURISH WOMEN'S MINISTRY	£0.00	£330.00	£226.00	£684.44	£170.00	£0.00	£0.00	£134.00	£43.40	£76.80	£0.00	£0.00	£1,664.64
GEMS	£0.00	£10.00	£10.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£20.00
MISSIONS ACCOUNT	£45.00	£40.00	£120.00	£20.00	£123.40	£40.00	£976.35	£70.00	£40.00	£45.00	£120.00	£145.36	£1,785.11
MISCELLANEOUS	£40.00	£10.00	£19.00	£0.00	£20.00	£8.00	£10.00	£29.00	£0.00	£14.00	£16.00	£0.00	£166.00
Monthly Sub Total	£3,194.62	£3,203.44	£2,562.04	£3,420.39	£1,072.63	£1,107.35	£2,632.62	£4,477.36	£149.24	£1,946.96	£1,579.90	£5,017.63	£30,065.70
Annual Sub Total	£3,194.62	£6,398.06	£8,960.10	£12,380.49	£13,453.12	£14,560.47	£17,193.09	£21,670.45	£21,521.21	£23,468.17	£25,048.07	£30,065.70	
MONTHLY TOTALS	£10,696.55	£7,952.24	£7,183.12	£9,731.57	£6,155.37	£7,398.20	£8,136.54	£9,948.51	£4,234.32	£6,770.49	£7,372.87	£10,791.55	£96,371.33
ANNUAL TOTAL	£10,696.55	£18,648.79	£25,831.91	£35,563.48	£41,718.85	£49,117.05	£57,253.59	£67,202.10	£71,436.42	£78,206.91	£85,579.78	£96,371.33	

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LIFE STREAM CHURCH FINANCES 2023

2023 EXPENDITURE	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	
LIFE STREAM KIDS	£0.00	£0.00	£37.97	£0.00	£3.99	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£41.96
COFFEE HOUSE TODDLERS	£12.99	£12.98	£45.59	£62.97	£29.09	£2.60	£41.22	£0.00	£0.00	£6.49	£857.67	£26.00	£1,097.60
AREA YOUTH GATHERING	£0.00	£36.50	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£36.50
THRIVE YOUTH	£0.00	£7.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£70.44	£232.42	£138.35	£0.00	£448.21
SEND SOFT PLAY GROUP	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£235.17	£0.00	£235.17
REFRESHMENTS	£86.51	£0.00	£98.09	£94.90	£0.00	£110.36	£285.26	£53.62	£100.10	£52.23	£72.08	£93.47	£1,046.62
CARE VISITING	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
TUESDAY VENUE	£0.00	£50.00	£512.99	£151.01	£698.48	£101.71	£123.51	£17.99	£0.00	£100.00	£20.36	£614.60	£2,390.65
CONNECT	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
EVENTS	£0.00	£219.74	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£729.43	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£101.64	£209.99	£1,260.80
TENACIOUS CONFERENCE	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,010.64	£0.00	£0.00	£1,010.64
COURSES	£323.00	£190.23	£580.00	£142.00	£0.00	£135.01	£138.00	£0.00	£128.94	£0.00	£95.46	£10.97	£1,743.61
GUEST SPEAKERS	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£135.00	£200.00	£514.03	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£331.40	£0.00	£1,180.43
SOUND & MEDIA	£0.00	£316.00	£1,183.30	£112.75	£41.97	£155.48	£891.28	£6.48	£9.98	£61.58	£198.22	£0.00	£2,977.04
PRINTING & STATIONARY	£0.00	£0.00	£203.67	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£100.07	£0.00	£85.31	£20.00	£39.93	£0.00	£248.84
SAFEGUARDING	£0.00	£0.00	£25.20	£11.00	£103.80	£11.00	£19.40	£14.00	£12.50	£12.50	£86.03	£67.30	£362.73
GENERAL EXPENSES	£248.04	£33.99	£89.94	£260.98	£680.20	£0.00	£85.82	£8.95	£51.80	£303.79	£208.96	£57.58	£2,030.05
CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£29.50	£5,362.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£5,391.50
CHELL CHURCH PLANT	£0.00	£0.00	£923.01	£0.00	£98.23	£2,464.17	£437.00	£200.00	£250.00	£250.00	£250.00	£250.00	£5,122.41
FLOURISH WOMEN'S MINISTRY	£0.00	£0.00	£50.00	£1,319.81	£365.00	£0.00	£0.00	£100.00	£27.40	£35.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,897.21
GEMS	£40.00	£18.54	£40.00	£7.76	£33.70	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£50.00	£0.00	£0.00	£190.00
TITHES TO MISSIONS FUND	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
GIFTS TO MISSIONS FUND	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,100.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,100.00
MISSIONARY SUPPORT	£325.00	£580.00	£425.00	£325.00	£660.00	£940.00	£1,442.94	£710.00	£325.00	£937.96	£760.04	£1,235.00	£8,665.94
MONTHLY TOTALS	£4,938.02	£6,710.94	£9,172.47	£6,394.04	£14,468.69	£9,068.99	£9,313.58	£5,452.43	£4,693.49	£7,742.32	£8,280.71	£8,205.06	£94,440.74
ANNUAL TOTALS	£4,938.02	£11,648.96	£20,821.43	£27,215.47	£41,684.16	£50,753.15	£60,066.73	£65,519.16	£70,212.65	£77,954.97	£86,235.68	£94,440.74	
BALANCE B/FWD £12,289.75	£18,048.28	£19,289.58	£17,300.23	£20,637.76	£12,324.44	£10,653.65	£9,476.61	£13,972.69	£13,513.52	£12,541.69	£11,633.85	£14,220.34	

LIFE STREAM CHURCH FINANCES 2023

% of EXPENSES	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS
STAFF EXPENSES	£2,637.37	£2,963.52	£2,876.72	£2,930.92	£2,989.87	£2,799.32	£4,018.47	£2,774.12	£2,753.22	£2,825.87	£3,669.95	£3,223.00	£36,462.35
40-60%	53%	44%	31%	46%	21%	31%	43%	51%	59%	36%	44%	39%	39%
FACILITIES	£1,265.11	£2,282.44	£2,080.99	£945.44	£3,267.36	£1,419.91	£1,416.72	£1,567.27	£878.80	£743.84	£1,215.45	£2,417.15	£19,500.48
20-40%	26%	34%	23%	15%	23%	16%	15%	29%	19%	10%	15%	29%	21%
CHURCH MINISTRIES (incl admin)	£710.54	£884.98	£3,789.76	£2,192.68	£7,551.46	£3,909.76	£2,435.45	£401.04	£736.47	£2,134.65	£2,635.27	£1,329.91	£28,711.97
20-40%	14%	13%	41%	34%	52%	43%	26%	7%	16%	28%	32%	16%	30%
MISSIONS	£325.00	£580.00	£425.00	£325.00	£660.00	£940.00	£1,442.94	£710.00	£325.00	£2,037.96	£760.04	£1,235.00	£9,765.94
10-30%	7%	9%	5%	5%	5%	10%	15%	13%	7%	26%	9%	15%	10%
TOTALS	£4,938.02	£6,710.94	£9,172.47	£6,394.04	£14,468.69	£9,068.99	£9,313.58	£5,452.43	£4,693.49	£7,742.32	£8,280.71	£8,205.06	£94,440.74
% TOTALS	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

AOG Subs 3% of unrestricted Funds			
Offerings	£66,305.63		
GA Income	£9,390.55		
Legacy	£0.00		
TOTAL	£ 75,696.18		
3%	£ 2,270.89		
Paid	£2,260.00	JAN-DEC	
	£ 10.89	TO BE PAID JAN 2024	

Tithes to Missions			
Offerings	£66,305.63		
GA Income	£9,390.55		
Legacy	£0.00		
TOTAL	£ 75,696.18		
10%	£ 7,569.62		
Paid	£7,569.62	JAN-DEC	
	-£ 0.00		

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LIFE STREAM CHURCH FINANCES 2023

Expenses	JANUARY	FEBUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	TOTALS
Regular Standing Orders													
WOW World of Worth	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 600.00
AOG World Ministries (Claire Kinhead) Jamaica	£ 65.00	£ 65.00	£ 65.00	£ 65.00	£ 65.00	£ 65.00	£ 65.00	£ 65.00	£ 65.00	£ 65.00	£ 65.00	£ 265.00	£ 980.00
CAM International	£ 90.00	£ 90.00	£ 90.00	£ 90.00	£ 90.00	£ 90.00	£ 90.00	£ 90.00	£ 90.00	£ 90.00	£ 90.00	£ 90.00	£ 1,080.00
Ask-Of Ghana orphanage project	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 240.00	£ 680.00
Zion Ministries (Michael Kanu) Sierra Leone	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 600.00	£ 77.94	£ -	£ -	£ 612.96	£ 187.04	£ -	£ 1,477.94
Quarterly Gift to Marian Poljak (Slovakia)	£ -	£ 225.00	£ -	£ -	£ 225.00	£ -	£ -	£ 225.00	£ -	£ -	£ 225.00	£ 200.00	£ 1,100.00
Operation Mobilisation (Deborah James)	£ 80.00	£ 80.00	£ 80.00	£ 80.00	£ 80.00	£ 80.00	£ 80.00	£ 80.00	£ 80.00	£ 80.00	£ 80.00	£ 280.00	£ 1,160.00
Bank Charges for International Payments	£ -	£ 10.00	£ -	£ -	£ 10.00	£ 15.00	£ 15.00	£ 10.00	£ -	£ -	£ 13.00	£ 30.00	£ 103.00
TO SENDING FUND	£ 1,030.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 1,360.00
Irregular Special Payments													
Christian Solidarity Worldwide	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 100.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 100.00
Gift for Deborah James	£ -	£ -	£ 100.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 50.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 100.00	£ 250.00
V Kinhead Barrel Appeal	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Gift for Ask-Of Ghana Special Offering (James Kotey)	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 250.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 250.00
Gift M Poljak, Slovakia Special Offering	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 475.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 475.00
Gift C Kinhead, Jamaica	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 300.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 300.00
Gift Tobias Pass trip to USA	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 100.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 100.00
Gift to Miro Toth (via E Holdcroft)	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 1,000.00	£ -	£ -	£ 1,000.00
Gift for Ukraine Couple (via E Holdcroft)	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 100.00	£ -	£ -	£ 100.00
AOG Earthquake Turkey/Syria Appeal	£ -	£ 20.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 20.00
Monthly Expenses Totals	£ 1,355.00	£ 610.00	£ 455.00	£ 355.00	£ 690.00	£ 970.00	£ 1,472.94	£ 740.00	£ 355.00	£ 2,067.96	£ 780.04	£ 1,285.00	£ 11,135.94
Balance in hand in current account b/f £3,571.79	£ 2,277.27	£ 2,515.13	£ 2,773.95	£ 2,937.66	£ 3,002.18	£ 2,642.45	£ 2,769.95	£ 2,695.34	£ 3,175.93	£ 2,741.75	£ 2,564.06	£ 3,135.48	

LIFE STREAM CHURCH FINANCES 2023

SENDING FUND	JANUARY	FEBUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	
	£ 1,000.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	
Create a 'Sending Fund' towards supporting a person to go on overseas mission trip and designate £1000 of Mission Fund to it. Also save £30/month to this fund.													
	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	
	£ 1,030.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 1,360.00
TOTAL	£ 1,030.00	£ 1,060.00	£ 1,090.00	£ 1,120.00	£ 1,150.00	£ 1,180.00	£ 1,210.00	£ 1,240.00	£ 1,270.00	£ 1,300.00	£ 1,330.00	£ 1,360.00	

LIFE STREAM CHURCH CIO
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023
ANNUAL GENERAL ACCOUNT

CHARITY NUMBER 1199373

BK PLUS LIMITED
CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS

Adventure Place
Hanley
Stoke on Trent
Staffordshire
ST1 3AF

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of Life Stream Church CIO

I report to the trustees on my examination of Life Stream Church CIO accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 2 and 6.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trustee's accounts carried out under s.145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under s.145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by s.130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do 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.


K. R Salt FCCA

26th April 2024

BK Plus Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £
Receipts			
<i>transferred from Life Stream charity to Life Stream CIO</i>			
- Gift Aid debtor	377	-	377
- Bank balances	6,071	6,218	12,290
Offerings	59,660	6,646	66,306
Grants & donations (note1)	2,832	5,768	8,600
Special Mission (Chell)	-	2,404	2,404
Gift Aid Reclaim	8,074	939	9,014
Building Fund	-	330	330
Life Stream Kids	-	270	270
Coffee House Toddlers	573	-	573
Thrive Youth	-	80	80
Church Away Weekend 2023	5,121	-	5,121
Tuesday Venue	-	651	651
Flourish Women's Ministry	1,665	20	1,685
Gems	-	20	20
Room Hire	775	-	775
Sundry income	251	-	251
Total receipts	85,399	23,347	108,746
Payments			
Pastors' stipend	28,223	557	28,781
Tax and insurance	2,780	-	2,780
Pension	1,424	-	1,424
Repairs and renewals	3,343	690	4,033
Pastors' mileage	1,373	-	1,373
Cleaning	696	-	696
Gas	5,348	50	5,398
Electricity	997	-	997
Water	167	-	167
Telephone	1,022	-	1,022
AOG Subscription	3,260	-	3,260
Life Stream Kids	-	42	42
Church event costs	2,307	-	2,307
Stationery, literature and advertising	249	-	249
Visiting ministry	1,180	-	1,180
Church insurance	2,020	-	2,020
Miscellaneous	946	-	946
Conference costs	1,536	-	1,536
Accountancy fees	384	-	384
Tuesday Venue	-	2,391	2,391
Church away weekend	5,392	-	5,392
Media and audio equipment	302	-	302
Church capital costs (note 3)	1,158	-	1,158
Pastor mobile phone and gifts			
- (partially funded by donation's)	385	1,335	1,720
Training courses	1,744	-	1,744

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £
Safeguarding	363	-	363
Donations (note 2)	30	9,853	9,883
Special Mission (Chell)	1,473	3,649	5,122
Honorarium & gifts	502	-	502
Arena Church	300	-	300
Fire safety assessment	570	-	570
Software & Licenses	1,517	-	1,517
Flourish Women's Ministry	1,877	20	1,897
Coffee House Toddlers	1,098	-	1,098
Gems	180	20	200
Outreach ministry costs	235	-	235
Youth outreach	405	80	485
Soft Play group	362	-	362
Amounts paid on behalf of old Charity	690	-	690
Total payments	75,839	18,687	94,526
Increase / (reduction) in funds	9,560	4,660	14,220
Transfer between funds	750	(750)	-
Opening bank & cash balances	-	-	-
Closing bank & cash balances	10,310	3,910	14,220

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT CONTINUED

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

SUMMARY OF FUNDS (represented by bank balances)

	Transferred from Life Stream Charity Balance 01.01.23 £	Closing Balance 31.12.23 £
RESTRICTED FUNDS		
Tuesday venue fund	2,386	646
Building Fund	260	-
Missionary fund - (from Church designated Tithe)	3,572	3,135
Life Stream Kids	-	128
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	6,218	3,910
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	6,071	5,742
Building fund (designated)	-	1,734
Coffee House Set Up	-	122
Youth Alpha Course	-	94
Sending Fund	-	1,360
Chell Church Plant (Esther S/Sheet)	-	404
Heating Fund	-	300
Thrive Youth	-	252
Flourish 2024	-	302
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	12,289	14,220

STATEMENTS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

GENERAL ACCOUNT

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	2023 £
Debtors	
Gift Aid refund due	735
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	735
Cash Funds	
TSB Account	1,660
Co-op Account	12,560
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	14,220
Liabilities	
Independent examination fee	726
Sundry liabilities	2,115
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	2,841

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT CONTINUED

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Non Monetary Assets

For use by the charity and belonging to the General Purposes Fund:

Assets transferred from Life Stream Charity to the CIO on the 1 January 2023

Church building and grounds	Furniture and general furnishings
Church hall (on same grounds)	Projector
Garage for minibus	Sound system and booth
Photocopier	2 Apple Mac Computers and 1 PC
Sound and P. A. equipment	TV's
Amplifiers, etc.	Camera equipment
Tents & camping equipment for Youth Group	Soft play equipment

Purchased in the year

New computer for audio and media

The trustee's confirm the following:

- a) there were no guarantees given by the CIO, where any potential liability under the guarantee is outstanding at the date of the statement; and
- b) there were no debts outstanding at the date of the statement which is owed by the CIO and which is secured by an express charge on any of the assets of the CIO.

These financial statements were approved by and signed on behalf of the Trustees of Life Stream Church CIO

Trustee :



Date

15/04/2024

LIFE STREAM CHURCH CIO

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

1 Donations & Grants	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023
Building Fund	-	-	-
Biddulph Town Council Grant (Soft play equipment)	-	750	750
Biddulph Town Council Grant	1,000	-	1,000
Pledges to missions account	-	1,805	1,805
Miro Toth's work in Slovakia/Bratislava	-	1,100	1,100
Donations collected for Biddulph Community Spaces	-	170	170
Heating costs donations	-	50	50
Donations towards Pastor Salaries	-	557	557
"Honour our Pastors" Donations	-	1,335	1,335
Funeral Donations	1,832	-	1,832
	2,832	5,768	8,600

2 Donations	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total
Irregular Special Payments			
Donation to Knypersley Knights FC	-	100	100
Donation to BCYZ Church Rd	30	70	100
Miro Toth's work in Slovakia/Bratislava	-	1,100	1,100
Mission donations and support			
WOW World of Worth	-	600	600
AOG World Ministries (Claire Kinhead) Jamaica	-	1,480	1480
CAM Zaire Evan. Mission	-	1,080	1080
Ask-Of Ghana orphanage project	-	730	730
Zion Ministries (Michael Kanu) Sierra Leone	-	1,568	1,568
Quarterly Gift to Marian Poljak (Slovakia)	-	1,575	1575
Operation Mobilis (Deborah James)	-	1,330	1330
AOG Earthquake appeal	-	20	20
T Pass	-	100	100
Christian Solidarity Worldwide	-	100	100
General mission pledges used for the above			-
	30	9,853	9,883

3 Capital costs	Unrestricted/ Designated funds	Restricted funds	2023 Total
New computer for media and audio	1,158		1,158
	1,158	-	1,158

4 Legal status

The church was previously run as an unincorporated charity. On the 1st January 2023 the assets, liabilities and activities of that charity were transferred to Life Stream Church CIO which is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and is registered with the Charity Commission

5 Transfer between funds

A grant was received this year in relation to the purchase of assets for the soft play area which were actually paid for last year out of general funds.