

WHITEHOUSE CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1200199

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-08-26

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSES OF THE CHURCH ARE:- 3.1.1 THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE BAPTIST DENOMINATION. 3.1.2 THE CHURCH MAY ALSO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND CARRY OUT OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND/OR OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

Activities: The advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. The Church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Milton Keynes

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£101,487	£101,617	-	-
2023-08-25	£59,109	£49,155	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Jebajothi Beaulah Balraj	Chair	2025-06-22
Andrew David Wall		2023-11-11
Moir Rumbidzayi Mawuru		2025-02-02
Pedro Fajardo		2025-02-02
Tessa Joy Cox		2025-02-02
Tony William McGinley		2022-08-07
Yee Tuen MOK		2026-01-18

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Trustees Annual report

26 Aug 2023 – 31 Dec 2024
(16 Months)



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Annual Report

The Trustees of Whitehouse Church are delighted to present this second annual report, covering the period from 26 August 2023 to 31 December 2024 together with the independently examined financial statements of the charity.

Since our formal registration as a charity on 26 August 2022, we have continued to see God's faithfulness at work in the life of our church. To bring our reporting in line with the calendar year, we have moved our year end to 31 December, making this a 16-month reporting period up to 31 December 2024.

This report, together with the financial statements, has been prepared in line with the Church's governing document and all relevant legal requirements. It also follows the principles set out in Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for charities applying the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name Whitehouse Church, Milton Keynes

Registered Charity Number 1200199

Registered Office and principal address

This has changed since the reporting period as the Church Secretary stepped down at the end of his term in August 2025. The current Chair and Church Secretary is Mrs. Beulah Antony (Official Name: Jebajothi Beulah Balraj).

New Registered Address 13, Bridgnorth Drive, Kingsmead, Milton Keynes
MK4 4AJ.

The following served as Trustees during this reporting period:

Trustee Name	Office	Date
Rev. Tony William McGinley	Minister	Appointed 7 th August 2022
Andrew James Ware	Chair of Trustees and Church Secretary	Appointed 7 th August 2022
Charles Park	Elder	Appointed 5 th March 2023
Clare Elizabeth Ware	Elder	Appointed 5 th March 2023 Resigned April 2024
Andrew David Wall	Treasurer	Appointed 11 th November 2023

Secretary's Spiritual Reflection

"It is God who calls you, and He is faithful to bring it to pass." – *1 Thessalonians 5:24*

As I look back over this reporting period, I'm truly thankful for God's faithfulness and the many ways He has blessed our church family. It has been a joy to step into the role of Church Secretary and Chair of the CIO, following the handover from Andrew Ware. I'm grateful for the solid foundation he laid and the thoughtful notes he passed on, which have helped guide this transition.

Serving alongside our Minister, Revd. Tony McGinley, the Elders, and fellow Trustees has been a privilege. Together, we've seen growth, new beginnings, and a continued commitment to building a church rooted in faith, community, and generosity.

Week by week, our church has gathered to worship, serve, and grow. It's clear that God is at work in and through His people here in Whitehouse. Reflecting on all that's happened, I'm reminded of 1 Corinthians 3:6: "*I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow.*" After five years of faithful groundwork, we stand at a meaningful point in our journey—ready to build on what has been sown.

Each member of the Leadership Team brings unique gifts, and together we seek to oversee the ministries entrusted to us with prayer and purpose. As we look ahead, we do so not in our own strength, but with confidence in the One who has called us.

Constitution and Objectives

Whitehouse Church is registered with the Charities Commission as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registration number **1200199**, operating as a place of worship.

The church's primary function is "*the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination.*" In addition, the church may advance education and carry out other charitable purposes within the United Kingdom and internationally.

The activities of Whitehouse Church, overseen by the Trustees, are shaped by three principal values:

- ✓ **Faith** – Promoting and living out the Christian faith.
- ✓ **Community** – Being rooted in and actively building the Whitehouse community.
- ✓ **Generosity** – Sharing God's unconditional love through giving and service.

Church Background

Whitehouse Church was planted in **November 2019** from the long-established Loughton Baptist Church into the growing Whitehouse estate on the western edge of Milton Keynes, which is expected to reach over 4,300 homes. At its inception, the church comprised 12 adult members, including newly graduated Minister **Rev. Tony McGinley**, who has served as full-time Minister since **September 2022**, employed by the Trustees.

In **August 2022**, the church registered as a **Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)** aligned with the **Baptist Union of Great Britain**, under registration number **1200199**. Like most British Baptist churches, Whitehouse Church operates as an independent charity.

The church does not own or lease property. Weekly services are held at **Whitehouse Primary School**, with additional rooms hired for Youth and Children's work. Since **April 2024**, the church has also hired space at **Watling Academy** for weekly prayer gatherings, and since **September 2024**, **The Hive** community space has been used for expanded youth work, Bible courses, and social events.

In **2024**, the Trustees appointed a small **Buildings Group** to begin exploratory discussions with relevant bodies regarding future options for acquiring land or property.

A key milestone during this reporting period was the **ordination of Rev. Tony McGinley as full-time Minister in May 2024**, affirming his spiritual leadership and pastoral role within the church.

During the reporting period, **12 new adult members** were voted into membership, bringing the total to **36 Core Team members**. The Core Team holds ultimate control of the church and met **eight times** during the period, including the **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** in **January 2024**.

Day-to-day management is carried out by the **Minister, Elders, and Trustees**, with the number of Trustees and Elders determined by the Church Members' Meeting. In line with the CIO constitution, all serving Trustees resigned and were re-elected at the charity's first AGM. One Trustee resigned during the period, and a new Trustee was appointed.

Church Life and Ministry Highlights

Whitehouse Church continues to grow as a vibrant and inclusive community, welcoming individuals from diverse backgrounds and age groups. Our commitment to accessibility and visibility is reflected in regular updates across digital platforms and community engagement.

During the reporting period, the church introduced new initiatives to support families and deepen fellowship. A **sensory play area** was added for babies and toddlers, benefiting up to **10 families** and helping parents feel more integrated during services. The **Whole Church Away Day** in **October 2023** provided a valuable opportunity for collective reflection, fellowship, and spiritual renewal. A **Trustees Away Day** followed in **Q1 2024**, supporting strategic planning and governance.

In **December 2024**, we held our **first Christingle service**, marking a joyful milestone in our seasonal celebrations. Church attendance has continued to rise, and **three baptisms** were celebrated in **September 2024**, using the facilities at Loughton Baptist Church.

Regular Ministries

Prayer Room

In response to a growing spiritual hunger, the pastor and elders established a weekly Prayer Room in April 2024 to seek God together and intercede for revival across Whitehouse – and potentially Milton Keynes.

The vision was shaped through prayer journeys, including time spent in New York's Church of the City and a visit to the Hebrides, where historic revival was sparked by prayer. A six-week prayer walk across the estate preceded the Prayer Room's launch.

Since then, the space has become a place of renewal, Scripture reflection, and spiritual breakthrough – with baptisms and new faith decisions marking its impact.

Worship Team

The Whitehouse Worship team has continued to support the church by leading "live" (as opposed to pre-recorded) worship 2-3 times per month. The small team meets regularly to encourage and support one another and prepare for Sunday morning worship. During the year the team started a 12-month Worship development course to further deepen the understanding and practice of worship and worship leading. The vision of the team is to see everyone draw closer to God and experience Him more fully through worship and to provide "live" worship every week.

Children's Ministry

The ministry has grown from 4 to 8 children, thanks to new families joining the church. We've moved from the main hall to a dedicated room, allowing for quieter, more focused teaching.

Highlights

Recruited new volunteers to replace those who stepped down.

Using a full-year curriculum from *Sunday School Ministry*, starting with the *Wonder Kids* series, which encourages children to use their voices and listening ears in God's work.

Each theme runs for 4–5 weeks and includes object lessons, games, and crafts. Parents receive summary notes after each session.

Current Focus

Encouraging children to engage in singing and Bible verse memorisation, despite initial shyness.

Vision

To help children confidently share memorised verses with the wider church during Family Sunday.

Youth Ministry

Over the 16-month period, our youth ministry has grown significantly—from 6 to approximately 25 young people—reflecting the overall growth of the church.

Key Achievements

- Relocated to The Hive, making full use of the new space.
- Introduced youth-led planning through sessions like "*Who am I?*", encouraging feedback on topics, format, and age-based groupings.
- Delivered engaging teaching on themes such as *Joy* and the *Ten Commandments*.
- Facilitated interactive sessions and several social gatherings, especially during exam season.
- Conducted a successful youth prayer walk, offering a simple yet spiritually impactful experience.

Tuesday Night Connect group

The group met fortnightly (with breaks during school terms) for Bible study using the Swedish method, based on Sunday sermons. Each session included praise and prayer, creating space for personal and communal intercession.

Key Achievements

- Consistent attendance of 6–8 participants.
- Deepened biblical understanding and strengthened fellowship.
- Meaningful spiritual growth through regular engagement.

Seasonal Ministries

Bible Reading Together

Bible Reading Together is a vital ministry that encourages the church to dwell on the Word of God – the essence of our Christian faith. Every few months, a selected book of the Bible is read collectively, fostering spiritual growth and deeper engagement with Scripture.

Books covered during the reporting period included *Genesis*, *1 Samuel*, *Romans* & *Ephesians*, *John*, *Revelation*, and *Mark*. Average participation remained steady at 12-15 attendees, reflecting consistent interest and commitment.

Men's Prayer Breakfast (Monthly)

Held monthly within the Whitehouse community, the Men's Prayer Breakfast provided a space for fellowship, shared meals, and prayer. Each gathering focused on spiritual growth and mutual support, with men praying over personal challenges, family, and wider concerns.

Key Achievements

- Consistent monthly attendance of 7–10 participants.
- Strengthened relationships and spiritual encouragement among men in the church.
- Welcomed both regular attendees and newcomers, fostering inclusivity and growth.

Light party 2024 at the Hive

In October 2024, we hosted a Light Party at The Hive as a positive alternative to Halloween. Children were invited to attend in non-scary fancy dress, and the evening featured themed crafts, goody bags with 'light'-focused gifts and a Scripture Union book, ending with a lively disco.

We received **97 sign-ups for primary-aged children**, with additional attendance from adults, teens, and preschoolers. The majority were from the wider community, not our church, and feedback was overwhelmingly positive. The event created a welcoming space for families and strengthened community engagement. Plans are in place to run it again next year.

Messy Church

Further innovations have included two hugely popular 'Messy Church' services for Christmas and Easter when we welcomed families of primary and pre-school aged children (over 120 people) to join in with accessible, fun services that have included themed crafts, activities, songs, a talk and a free lunch.

Football Outreach Ministry

This ministry provides a meaningful outlet for physical activity and mental wellbeing, particularly supporting local young men through sport. It also fosters connection, community, and relational growth – serving as a bridge between the church and the wider public.

Main Activities

- Weekly 7–9-a-side football sessions on Monday evenings at a local artificial grass pitch, serving up to 18 players.
- In September 2024, an additional Tuesday session was introduced, expanding capacity to a further 36 players.

Key Achievements

- A growing community group of 100+ members, with 30–40 players attending weekly.
- Inclusive outreach to individuals from Luton, Olney, Buckingham, and Milton Keynes, representing a diverse mix of nationalities and cultures.
- The ministry has cultivated a supportive, friendly, and authentic environment for men to build relationships and improve wellbeing.

Communications & Publicity Ministry

As the church continues to establish its presence in Whitehouse, various modes of communication and publicity have been used to engage the wider community and support church ministries.

Main Activities

- Regular posting on social media
- Creation of flyers and event graphics
- Website updates and calendar management via ChurchSuite
- Promotional support for events including the launch of Alpha

Key Achievements

- Consistent turnout at Messy Church
- New visitors attending services and events through flyer outreach
- Strong engagement with the Advent calendar initiative
- Development of an online events calendar to improve visibility and accessibility

Generosity Sunday

Generosity Sundays have been a key feature during this reporting period, designed to allocate a portion of church giving to local and national charities. The process spans three Sundays:

1. **Week 1** – The church is informed of the total amount to be given and invited to pray and nominate charities.
2. **Week 2** – Nominations are reviewed, and three charities are selected.
3. **Week 3** – A members' meeting is held to decide fund allocation: one charity receives the largest share, while the other two receive equal smaller portions.

Recent Allocations

- **November 2024:** *St Marks Meals* (main beneficiary), *MK Money Lifeline* and *Baby Basics MK* (smaller shares).
- **April 2024:** *Youthwork+* (£2,800), *The Man Cave* and *Return MK* (£500 each).

Community charitable activities

Whitehouse Church continues to build meaningful relationships within the local community through a variety of outreach initiatives.

We have maintained a strong partnership with Whitehouse Primary School, where the Minister has led occasional assemblies. In early 2023, we launched a monthly Pop-up Larder at the school during term time, providing free household food and hygiene items to families in need. As a gesture of appreciation, we also gifted quality doughnuts once a term to staff at both Whitehouse Primary and Secondary schools.

Seasonal outreach included the Living Advent Calendar trail, run across the estate in December 2022, with 24 households decorating their homes – some hosting social gatherings during their “switch-on” evenings.

In August 2023, regular services were replaced with community picnics in the local park, encouraging informal fellowship. We also participated in the Whitehouse Community Council’s Coronation Picnic in May and hosted free games and competitions at the Summer Fete in September. In October, we joined the MK Food Bank’s longest can lining initiative, further strengthening our commitment to local charitable engagement.

List of Ministry Leads

Advent Windows – Susan Puchner
Bible Reading Together, Prayer walks & outreach – Charles Park
Children's Ministry (Sundays) – Bing Jones
Communications Team – Chisomo Fajardo and Susan Pucher
Community Council Fete – Tessa Cox
Connect Group – Pedro and Chisomo Fajardo
Light party & preschool socials – Kelly Cutting & Sarah McGinley
Men's Prayer Group – Pedro Fajardo
Messy Church – Andrew Ware
Monday / Tuesday night Football – James Messenger
Pop-up Larder – Tony McGinley
Prayer Room – Tony & Charles
Preschool on Sundays – Ruth Ruston
Safeguarding Designated point person – Fiona Wall
School RE Lessons – Tony McGinley
Welcome Team – Andrew Ware
Worship Team – Jonathan and Tessa Cox
Youth Ministry – Dan and Kelly Cutting

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature: 

Full name: Beulah Antony (Official name: Jebajothi Beulah Balraj)

Position: Chair

Date: 12 October 2025

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD 26/08/2023 TO 31/12/2024

GENERAL RECEIPTS & PAYMENT ACCOUNT

	Note	Total at 31/12/2024
Receipts		
Weekly offerings		£94,276.84
Donations and other income	2	£7,027.92
Income tax recovered on gifts		N/A
Investment income	3	£181.97
Rents and contributions for use of premises		N/A
Raised for other causes	4	N/A
Home Mission grant		N/A
Total Receipts		£101,486.73
Payments		
Ministry	5	£66,880.76
Mission	6	£21,012.35
Upkeep of church premises	7	N/A
Administration	8	£2,475.62
Amounts passed on to other causes	9	£11,248.62
Total Payments		£101,617.35
Net receipts / (payments) for the year		-£130.62
Cash balance at current year end		£68,911.06

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Note	Total at 31/12/2024
Assets		
Bank and other cash balances		
Current Account		£33,719.09
Savings Account		£35,191.97
Other monetary assets:		
Debtors		N/A
Loans made		N/A
Gift aid claimed but not received		N/A
Investment Assets	10	N/A
Assets Held for Church's own use	11	N/A
Total Assets		£68,911.06
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities	12	N/A
Long Term Loans	13	N/A
Pension Scheme liability	14	N/A
Other liabilities	15	N/A
Total Liabilities		N/A

The accounts and statement of assets and liabilities set out on pages [1 & 2] relating to Whitehouse Church's reporting year ending 31/12/2024. This period of accounts is longer than usual due to the change in our Financial year to align to the calendar year.

Signed: Andrew Wall

Date: 19/08/2025

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Basis of accounts

These accounts have been prepared on a 'receipts and payments' basis and in accordance with Section 133 Charities Act 2011.

2. Donations and other income

	Total at 31/12/2024
Monday Night Football	7,027.92
Total Donations and Other Income	£7,027.92

3. Investment income

	Total at 31/12/2024
Interest from Savings Account	181.97
Total Donations and Other Income	£181.97

4. Raised for Other causes

N/A

5. Ministry

	Total at 31/12/2024
Minister's stipend	£56,999.75
Employer National insurance	N/A
Minister's travel & Training	202.00
Pulpit supplies	N/A
Manse costs	N/A
NAM Fees	332.00
HMRC Backdated PAYE Payments	9,347.01
Total Ministry	£66,880.76

6. Mission

	Total at 31/12/2024
Bible Reading Together	106.77
Church Away Day	1,277.56
Church Core Meeting	443.94
Messy Church	1,007.60
Football Bibs & Balls	477.09
Football Pitch Hire	6,598.50
Pop Up Larder	2,200.39
Prayer Room Hire	2,170.00
School Hall Hire	5,800.50
Trustees Meetings Office Hire	138.00
Community Ministries and Outreach	517.21
Refreshments	274.79
Total Mission	£21,012.35

7. Upkeep of church premises

N/A

8. Administration

	Total at 31/12/2024
Website Management	320.24
Computer Software	296.64
BU Subscription	184.00
Church Suite	304.00
Insurances	439.47
Quickbooks	590.40
Safeguarding	110.00
Other Admin Expenses	230.87
Total Administration	£2,475.62

9. Amounts passed on to other causes

	Total at 31/12/2024
Generosity – Giving to other Charities	8,217.19
Other Gifts	3,031.43
Total	11,248.62

10. Investment Assets

N/A

11. Assets Held for the Church's own use

N/A

12. Current Liabilities

N/A

13. Long-Term Liabilities

N/A

14. Pension Scheme Liabilities

N/A

15. Other Liabilities [if applicable]

N/A

NOTES:

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4. The 'New Church Building Fund' is an example of a 'capital' (restricted) fund which is available only for a defined capital purpose. – This is not relevant to Whitehouse Church so has been removed.
5. No other funds were raised for other causes therefore this section is blank.
6. Whitehouse Church owns no buildings therefore the upkeep for Church buildings has been left blank.
7. Whitehouse Church has no investment assets therefore this section has been left blank
8. Whitehouse Church has no current nor long term liabilities therefore these sections are also blank.



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

Whitehouse Church

On accounts for the year ended

31/12/2024

Charity no (if any)

1200199

Set out on pages

3 to 8

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024.

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 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 (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

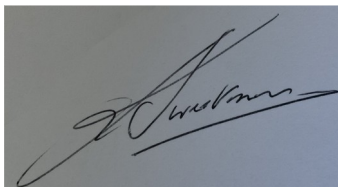
- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:
7th



September 2025

Kevin

Sweetman

Name:

N/A

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address:

42 Longmead Gardens

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PO9 1RR

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

N/A

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13.Long-Term Liabilities

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14.Pension Scheme Liabilities

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15.Other Liabilities [if applicable]

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The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees:



Signature:

Full name: Andrew James Ware

Position: Chair

Date: 15/06/2024

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD 26/08/2022 TO 25/08/2023

GENERAL RECEIPTS & PAYMENT ACCOUNT

	Note	Total at 25/08/2023
Receipts		
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Donations and other income	2	£9,465.00
Income tax recovered on gifts		N/A
Investment income	3	N/A
Rents and contributions for use of premises		N/A
Raised for other causes	4	N/A
Home Mission grant		N/A
Total Receipts		£59,109.48
Payments		
Ministry	5	£32,760.00
Mission	6	£12,509.28
Upkeep of church premises	7	N/A
Administration	8	£3,885.64
Amounts passed on to other causes		N/A
Total Payments		£49,154.92
Net receipts / (payments) for the year		£9,954.56
Cash balance at current year end		£69,031.68

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

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Assets		
Bank and other cash balances		
Bank Account 2		36,907.42
Bank Account 1		32,124.26
Other monetary assets:		
Debtors		N/A
Loans made		N/A
Gift aid claimed but not received		N/A
Investment Assets	9	N/A
Assets Held for Church's own use	10	N/A
Total Assets		69,031.68
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities	11	N/A
Long Term Loans	12	N/A
Pension Scheme liability	13	N/A
Other liabilities	14	N/A
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27/04/2024

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Church Assets - iPad	£1842.95
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Template for Independent Examiners report (where independent examiner does not wish to highlight any issues)

Report of the Independent Examiner(s) to the Trustees of WHITEHOUSE CHURCH

On the accounts for the year ended 25/08/2023

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the church 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 explanations from the 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

Since the Church's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of [insert named of applicable listed body], which is one of the listed bodies. (Delete if income is less than £250,000)

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination. (if accounts prepared on accruals basis)

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

**Delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply*

Signed by or on behalf of the Examiner  Date 4/5/24

Name KEVIN SWEETMAN

Relevant Professional Qualification(s) or body (if any) N/A

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