



Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees of Cliff Park Community Church

On accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023

Charity no (if any)	1201799
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Respective responsibilities of trustees and 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 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 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 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

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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.

Signed:

Becky

Date:

8th May 2024

Name:

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

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ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR CLIFF PARK COMMUNITY CHURCH, GORLESTON-ON-SEA

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

Aims and Purpose

Cliff Park Community Church (CPCC) Leadership Team (LT) is responsible for co-operating with the Minister to promote the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. Due to renting from Ormiston Academy Trust, there are no buildings, in which worship takes place, for which the LT have responsibility, but there are significant stored goods and materials, and a new Shed, for which care and maintenance is the responsibility of the LT. Due to a generous donation from a previous member of CPCC, there is a house (147 Brasenose Avenue) for which the LT are the Landlords and which is managed on behalf of the LT by Darby & Liffen.

Structure, Governance and Management

Cliff Park Community Church is a Local Ecumenical Partnership and is a Registered Charity, Registration Number 1201799. The administrative address is 283 Lowestoft Road, Gorleston, Great Yarmouth NR31 6JW.

The method of appointment of membership is outlined in our constitution. LT members are either ex officio, elected by the Annual Church Meeting (ACM) or co-opted in accordance with the appropriate Church Representation Rules. During the year, the following served as members of the LT.

Cliff Park Community Church Trustees (Leadership Team)

<i>Minister</i>	The Rev Derek McClean – Chair of Trustees (from April 2023)
<i>Elected Trustees (members)</i>	Ruth Pillar
	Robert Groome
	Suzanne Coldman
	Susan Dyson
	Martin Wilkes
<i>Representative Deanery Synod</i>	John Stephens
<i>Church Administrator and Secretary</i>	Tracy Mayne
<i>Treasurer</i>	Elmira Tabora

Ministries

There are a number of Ministries which operate under the supervision of the LT. These include: KidzChurch; A Team; Q3; After 8s; Welcome Team; Prayer Ministry Team; Pastoral Care Team; Parish Nursing; Kitchen Table; House Groups; and Men's Breakfast.

Church Attendance

Number on the Membership Roll is, currently, 67.

Average attendance at main Sunday morning service: Approx. 70-80 adults, and between 5-15 children.

Financial Review

This is the first year that Cliff Park Community Church is reporting its own accounts, we are reporting using cash accounting method.

Review of 2023 - The Rev Derek McClean – Chair of Trustees

Having joined CPCC just after Easter 2023, it is fair to say that a great deal has happened, and that those who have been involved in the LT (both before and after the ACM in 2023) have been an invaluable support. I thank them, and any Leaders of any of the Ministries. Together we build the Lord's Kingdom.

As I learned about this community, I saw a community still coming to terms (as we all are) with the post-COVID reality. A community that longs to serve the Lord, and one another. And seeks to take that love and service out in mission to the surrounding community.

Some do it through practical giving of time and skills. Some by helping other Church communities with their projects.

Not long after I joined, we commissioned Ruth Pillar to her role of Parish Nurse, and we continue to support her in this invaluable work.

The Summer services were, mostly, held outside, and we saw many new faces. Although the first of the Bandstand services was 'rained off', the second one was more successful. We look forward to the services in 2024.

We were delighted when some of our young people were Confirmed by Bishop Ian in October.

During the latter end of 2023, we have had some members move to worship in a different community. It was a sadness, and we sent them with our prayers. Lester, Louise, John and Iris are deeply missed and thanked for their immense contributions to the life of CPCC over the years.

We have also had some move to join us, and they have become a great boon to our community, getting involved in quite a few ministries.

By far the biggest change has been the move from OCPPA to OCPA. Whilst this happened at the start of 2024, it began in 2023.

Despite the prospect of some unsettlement, the Christmas Services went well, and the congregational survey was largely positive.

We had one significant loss when our dear Sister, Beryl, died, and some members of the community were bereaved through the loss of their relatives.

Through it all, the Pastoral care of the community, for one another, has been evident.

Looking ahead into 2024, we will continue to settle into OCPA, despite the teething problems, and we continue to seek to decide whether or not a new Building is right for us. Something highlighted in my October 2023 reflection.

We will also lose Jamie and Hilary. Jamie will be Ordained in July and enter his next phase of his journey with our Lord. Both he and Hilary have been stalwarts of CPCC since its inception. Their joy and love will be deeply missed, and we send them with our love and prayers.

It has been my joy to Supervise Jamie, even for such a short time, and I know that both he and Hilary will be an immense blessing during the time of Jamie's Curacy.

On behalf of the Leadership Team
Rev. Derek McClean (Rector)

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Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2023
General Fund Receipts & Payments Account.

		2023			
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Other Fund £	Total
Receipts					
Voluntary receipts					
Planned Giving		77,641.50	-	-	77,641.50
Collections at services		2,007.72	-	-	2,007.72
All other voluntary receipts	a	-	2,753.87	6,470.62	9,224.49
Gift Aid recovered		21,130.92	-	-	21,130.92
		100,780.14	2,753.87	6,470.62	110,004.63
Interest Income		1,448.08	-	-	1,448.08
Other Receipts		4,102.63	-	-	4,102.63
Total Receipts		106,330.85	2,753.87	6,470.62	115,555.34
Payments					
Church Activities					
Diocese Parish Share		45,000.00	-	-	45,000.00
Minister and staffing Costs	b	14,755.35	-	-	14,755.35
Church running expenses	c	22,309.18	-	-	22,309.18
Minister's house maintenance		-	-	-	-
Church Tithe and all other donations		13,303.39	3,724.41	-	17,027.80
Refurbishment Cost		-	-	16,906.74	16,906.74
Total Payments		95,367.92	3,724.41	16,906.74	115,999.07
Surplus / -Deficit		10,962.93	-970.54	- 10,436.12	-443.73
Cash in Bank 1st January 2023		58,731.54	-	10,052.61	68,784.15
Cash in Bank 31st December 023		69,694.47	-970.54	-383.51	68,340.42

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Statement of Assets

		2023			
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Other Funds £	Total £
Cash Funds					
Bank Current Accounts		16,352.80		4,616.49	20,969.29
Bank Deposit Accounts		38,313.49	2,790.51	6,267.13	47,371.13
		54,666.29	2,790.51	10,883.62	68,340.42
Other Assets					
Investment				250,000.00	250,000.00
		-	-	250,000.00	250,000.00

Notes:

1. The Financial Statements of the Cliff Park Community Church have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

2. Analysis of Restricted Funds

	Opening Balance	Receipts	Payments	Balance C/fwd
Benevolent Funds	2,001.71	180.00	-	2,181.71
Donations	1,559.34	2,573.87	- 3,724.41	408.80
Building Fund	200.00			200.00
Church Week-end Away	-	-	-	-
	<u>3,761.05</u>	<u>2,753.87</u>	<u>3,724.41</u>	<u>2,790.51</u>

These are accumulated donations to be used for the following purposes:

Benevolent Funds	for families, individual who are experiencing financial difficulties
Donations	for charitable appeals and other specific donations
Church Week-end Away	for the congregation week-end way

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3. Analysis of Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Other Fund
Receipts			
a. All other voluntary receipts			
Donations	-	2,573.87	-
Rent and Bank Interest	-	-	6,470.62
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	-	2,573.87	6,470.62
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Payments			
b. Minister and Staffing Expenses			
Church Admintrator		11,833.75	
Pastoral Co-ordinator		563.85	
Parish Nursing		1,329.99	
Ministers work expenses		<u>1,027.76</u>	
Total Minister and Staffing Expenses		<u>14,755.35</u>	

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c. Church Running Expenses

Ministers House Refurbishment	-
Baptist Home Mission	3,000.00
School Hire	5,771.00
Bank Charges	116.09
Stationery, Office Supplies & Other Supplies	1,189.43
Insurance, Licences and Subscriptions	3,953.14
Mileage, Travel, Meal & Small Repairs	1,304.12
A Team	-
After 8's	223.20
Kidz Church	220.66
Pastoral Care Team excl Benevolent	-
Special Church	-
Youth Group Q3	154.75
Outreach	2,502.74
Alpha	-
Grow	-
Worship Group	-
Sound Desk	-
Training	486.19
Capital Items	2,801.49
Publicity	-
Visiting Speakers	100.00
Kitchen Catering	486.37
Total Other Expenses	22,309.18

TOTAL EXPENDITURE	37,064.53
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