



LODGE FARM CHURCH

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE PERIOD 26th APRIL 2023 TO 5th APRIL 2024

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LODGE FARM CHURCH
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 5th APRIL 2024
CHARITY INFORMATION

Trustees:	Neil Broder Tracey Miles Jennifer Helena Persse John Derek Schneider
Charitable position:	Registered Charity number 1202845 Registered on 26 th April 2023
Governing Document:	Constitution dated 26 th April 2023
Address for correspondence:	Lodge Farm Church Lodge Hill Caerleon Newport NP18 3DL
Independent Examiner:	Paul Burnell ACMI C Management Services 69 Velindre Road CARDIFF CF14 2TF
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LODGE FARM CHURCH

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5th APRIL 2024

Lodge Farm Church transferred to a CIO (Charity Incorporated Organisation) on 26th April 2023, this report covers the period from 26th April 2023 to 5th April 2024 only.

We hold a Sunday morning services in person and on Zoom, as well as holding Sunday Club for primary school children and a Junior Church for comprehensive age young people. Sunday morning messages continued to be available through social media such as Facebook and YouTube.

In addition to our Sunday morning services we continued to meet throughout the year as a church on Zoom at 7:30pm for a time of corporate prayer, enabling us to keep up to date and focus our prayers on the needs of our church family, our community and the missionaries we support.

Through the year we strived to encourage our community to join us not only on a Sunday morning but to more relaxed services such as Messy Church, Family Services, Café style church and services to celebrate Easter, Harvest and Christmas.

MID-WEEK MEETINGS

Our Connect Groups continued to meet twice a week during school term times, in individual church family members' homes and on Zoom for those unable to make a meeting in person for Bible Study, Fellowship and Prayer

Women's Hour continues to be held once a month and Ladybirds (formerly Babies & Toddlers) started back up in late April 2023, with a number of local families attending for play and singing. Both these activities are seen as valuable in encouraging those in our community to come and get to know us as a church.

CAERLEON & PONTIR CHURCHES WORKING TOGETHER

We continued to work with other churches in the area and during the year worked together to:

- Provide a joint Pentecost service and tea
- Participate in the Caerleon Festival Songs of Praise
- Hold an Annual Children in Need Quiz with Bring and Share Buffet
- Visit our three local primary schools once a month as an Open the Book Team, taking assemblies introducing children to Bible stories, following national Open the Book guidance
- Provide Lenten lunches to the community during the six weeks of Lent

We continue to provide a Memory Café once a week for individuals in our community and their carers. Lodge Farm Church hosts this activity and provides volunteers to work with volunteers from other churches in the neighbourhood. We also work closely with the Alzheimer's Society.

PASTORAL CARE

As a Church we recognise that we all have a responsibility to look out for and support the church family and the wider community. During the year our Pastoral Team remained active in meeting the needs of those who were unable to leave their homes, those going through difficult times, those who were grieving the loss of a loved one and those who were ill. Examples of how they helped included prayer support, food shopping, cooking meals, telephone contact etc.

WEEKLY NEWS

To enable the Church family to remain in contact with each other we continued to produce a Weekly News which included a message from our Pastor, a diary of weekly and upcoming events, items for prayer, birthday notifications, messages of encouragement, word-searches and many other updates/activities. These were delivered electronically, given to those attending church and delivered to those unable to make church through illness etc. In early 2024 a new weekly bulletin was introduced, containing a diary of weekly and upcoming events, birthday notifications and other important information.

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES APPEAL

Work commenced in October on the filling of boxes with gifts suitable for various age groups, to be sent to needy families in Eastern Europe. Lodge Farm Church arranges the collections of boxes from local churches in the area, and deliveries to Eastern Europe are organised by Blythswood Care.

BUSINESS MEETINGS

Throughout the year the Church family, Leadership, Finance Team, Pastoral Team and the Trustees met regularly

IN SUMMARY

Throughout the year Lodge Farm Church remained active and continued reaching out to and supporting both the local and wider Community, aiming to fulfil its purpose to:

- share with passion the unconditional Love of God,
- nurture the faith of believers
- proclaim the Good News of Jesus
- have an impact in our community, meeting people where they are

FINANCIAL REVIEW

BUILDINGS

The insured value of the church building in December 2023 was £2,309,559. The insurance premium for the church building and contents and public liability cover was £3,041.80

POLICY ON RESERVES

Part of our reserves is used to maintain the buildings which continues to be expensive.

ETHICAL INVESTMENTS

Kingdom Bank, where we have a Deposit Account, have a strict policy in relation to ethical investments.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

Lodge Farm Church relies on donations for its income and does not carry out fund-raising.

In addition to this the building has been hired for private birthday parties and to local organisations, allowing us to raise much needed income to meet the expenses of running a busy church and the maintenance of the church building and grounds

EXPENSES

The Trustees were not paid any expenses during the financial year.

PAYMENTS IN SUPPORT OF OUR OBJECTIVES

Our donations to individuals and charities and support for community activities during the year remained an important part of our total expenditure.

GIFT AID

During the year 18 members made regular donations under the Gift Aid scheme. We also took part in the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

The Annual Accounts for period ending 5 April 2024 are attached to this report.

THANKS

A sincere thank you to everyone who has contributed to helping to provide the necessary income to meet our ongoing commitments.

Five members of our church family, including our Treasurer, are involved in overseeing the accounts and are helping to ensure that as we go forward, the administration of our financial affairs is on a sound footing.

Our reports and accounts are subject to the requirements of regulatory bodies, the Charity Commission, HMRC, and The Pensions Regulator.

Our Accounts Examiner performs a valuable service in helping the church to keep to regulatory guidelines.

In reports to church meetings, and in the Weekly News, we continue to aim to highlight the causes to which we send donations and publicise the thank you letters we receive.

Thus report was approved by the Trustees on 22nd May 2025 and signed on their behalf by Tracey Miles

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF

LODGE FARM CHURCH

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the period ended 5th April 2024, which are set out on pages 8 to 10.

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 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me reasonable 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.

Paul Burnell

Paul Burnell ACMI

For and on behalf of:

C Management Services (trading name of C Mgmnt Services Ltd)
69 Velindre Road
Cardiff CF14 2TF

Date: 22nd May 2025

LODGE FARM CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5th APRIL 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
RECEIPTS				
<i>Receipts from generated funds</i>	2	32,533	7,002	39,535
<i>Receipts from charitable activities</i>	3	-	-	-
<i>Other receipts</i>	4	2,138	-	2,138
Interest received		3,730	-	3,730
Total Receipts		38,401	7,002	45,403
PAYMENTS				
Charitable activities	5	62,131	3,653	65,783
Governance costs		-	-	-
Total payments		62,131	3,653	65,783
Net Receipts/(Payments)		(23,730)	3,349	(20,380)
Transfers of assets from previous charity		202,361	2,561	204,922
Fund balances at 26 th April 2023		-	-	-
Fund balances at 5th April 2024		178,631	5,910	184,541

The notes on page 10 form part of these accounts.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5th APRIL 2024

1. Fixed Assets

	Insurance value 2024 £
The value of assets owned are:	
Buildings	2,309,559
Equipment	<u>95,608</u>
	2,405,167

2. Bank & Cash Balances

	2024 £
Petty cash	500
Cash at bank	55,311
Investments	<u>128,730</u>
	184,541

3. Other Assets and Liabilities

	2024 £
<i>Assets</i>	
Gift aid tax recovery not yet received	8,067
<i>Liabilities</i>	
Unbilled fee for Independent Examination	200

The accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on 17th April 2025 by Tracey Miles

Signature:

The notes on page 10 form part of these accounts.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 5th APRIL 2024

1. Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis with a statement of assets and liabilities

2. Voluntary receipts	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £
Gift Aid Donations	29,953	4,357	34,310
Donations	2,580	2,645	5,225
Gift Aid reclaimed	-	-	-
	<u>32,533</u>	<u>7,002</u>	<u>39,535</u>

3. Receipts from charitable activities
Conferences and events

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4. Other Receipts	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £
Hire of building	2,135	-	2,135
Other sundry receipts	3	-	3
	<u>2,138</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,138</u>

5. Charitable activities	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £
a. Direct Charitable Costs			
Salaries & staff costs	33,138	-	33,138
Missions	4,574	3,653	8,226
Ministries	1,618	-	1,618
	<u>39,330</u>	<u>3,653</u>	<u>42,982</u>

b. Support and Administration			
Premises expenses	12,185	-	12,185
Utilities	3,918	-	3,918
Insurance	3,042	-	3,042
Equipment	29	-	29
Operations	3,627	-	3,627
	<u>22,801</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,801</u>

6. Staff and Trustees

The charity has one employed member of staff, Phil Jones, who is paid in his capacity as the Pastor of the church but he is not a Trustee and one part-time employed member of staff. Its activities are generally carried out by volunteers. No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

No remuneration or trustee expenses were paid to any other trustee during the year, nor to any person connected to them.

7. Transfer between Charities

During the year, the old excepted charity in the same name was closed and the assets transferred into this new Charitable Incorporated Organisation.