



## **LODGE FARM CHURCH**

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### **REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE PERIOD 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024 TO 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2025**

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**LODGE FARM CHURCH**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2025**  
**CHARITY INFORMATION**

<b>Trustees:</b>	Neil Broder (resigned 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2024) Samuel David Brown (appointed 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2024) Tracey Miles Jennifer Helena Persse John Derek Schneider
<b>Charitable position:</b>	Registered Charity number 1202845 Registered on 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
<b>Governing Document:</b>	Constitution dated 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
<b>Address for correspondence:</b>	Lodge Farm Church Lodge Hill Caerleon Newport NP18 3DL
<b>Independent Examiner:</b>	Paul Burnell ACMI C Management Services 69 Velindre Road CARDIFF CF14 2TF
<b>Bankers:</b>	HSBC Bank, 1 Bridge Street Newport NP20 4UT
<b>Deposit Account:</b>	Kingdom Bank, Media House, Padge Road, Beeston, Nottingham NG9 2RS

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## **LODGE FARM CHURCH**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

#### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2025**

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 on Sundays 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, the missionaries we support, and our world.

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) meets weekly, with a number of local families attending for play and singing. Numbers vary greatly from week to week, but some weeks we have many families attending. Both these activities are seen as valuable in encouraging those in our community to come and get to know us as a church.

#### **CAERLEON & PONTNIR 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 are blessed to have many volunteers for this valuable outreach. 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 produced a weekly bulletin containing a diary of weekly and upcoming events, birthday notifications and other important information. These were delivered electronically, given to those attending church and delivered to those unable to make church through illness etc.

## **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 2024 was £2,388,084. The insurance premium for the church building and contents and public liability cover was £3,098.70

### **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 21 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 2025 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.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026 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 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025, 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: 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026

**LODGE FARM CHURCH**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
<i>Receipts from generated funds</i>	2	41,764	4,912	46,676	39,535
<i>Receipts from charitable activities</i>	3	-	-	-	-
<i>Other receipts</i>	4	3,310	-	3,310	2,138
Interest received		4,258	-	4,258	3,730
Total Receipts		49,332	4,912	54,244	45,403
<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
Charitable activities	5	60,727	2,411	63,138	65,783
Governance costs		-	-	-	-
Total payments		60,727	2,411	63,138	65,783
<b>Net Receipts/(Payments)</b>		(11,395)	2,501	(8,894)	(20,380)
Transfers of assets from previous charity		-	-	-	204,922
Fund balances at 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2024		178,631	5,910	184,541	-
Fund balances at 5th April 2025		167,236	8,411	175,647	184,541

The notes on page 10 form part of these accounts.



**LODGE FARM CHURCH**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2025**

**1. Fixed Assets**

	Insurance value	
	2025	2024
	£	£
The value of assets owned are:		
Buildings	2,388,084	2,309,559
Equipment	<u>95,608</u>	<u>95,608</u>
	2,483,692	2,405,167

**2. Bank & Cash Balances**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Petty cash	-	500
Cash at bank	42,658	55,311
Investments	<u>132,989</u>	<u>128,730</u>
	175,647	184,541

**3. Other Assets and Liabilities**

	2025	2024
	£	£
<i>Assets</i>		
Gift aid tax recovery not yet received	8,363	8,067
<i>Liabilities</i>		
Unbilled fee for Independent Examination	200	200

The accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026 by Tracey Miles

Signature:

The notes on page 10 form part of these accounts.

**LODGE FARM CHURCH**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2025**

**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 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Gift Aid Donations	30,439	3,015	33,454	34,310
Donations	3,258	1,897	5,155	5,225
Gift Aid reclaimed	8,067	-	8,067	-
	<u>41,764</u>	<u>4,912</u>	<u>46,676</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 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Hire of building	3,310	-	3,310	2,135
Other sundry receipts	-	-	-	3
	<u>3,310</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,310</u>	<u>2,138</u>

**5. Charitable activities**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<b>a. Direct Charitable Costs</b>				
Salaries & staff costs	34,950	-	34,950	33,138
Missions	7,185	2,411	9,596	8,226
Ministries	2,174	-	2,174	1,618
	<u>44,309</u>	<u>2,411</u>	<u>46,720</u>	<u>42,982</u>

**b. Support and Administration**

Premises expenses	2,380	-	2,380	12,185
Utilities	8,303	-	8,303	3,918
Insurance	3,099	-	3,099	3,042
Equipment	338	-	338	29
Operations	2,298	-	2,298	3,627
	<u>16,418</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,418</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.