



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 6/4/2023

Period start date To 5/4/2024

Period end date

Charity name: Lichfield Christian Church

Charity registration number: 1203650

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The primary objective of Lichfield Christian Church (LCC) is to advance the Christian faith in Lichfield and surrounding communities. This includes offering worship, fellowship and outreach. Through these efforts, we seek to foster a sense of community and provide both spiritual and practical support to individuals from all backgrounds.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	LCC aims to help as many people as possible to grow in their Christian faith through their involvement with our church. This has resulted in regular worship services, pastoral care, community support, outreach programs, and various educational and youth activities
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	To those ends we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and the advancement of religion.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Summary of Activities and Achievements</p> <p>1. Worship Services and Pastoral Care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We held regular worship services throughout the year, including Sunday services, mid-week home fellowship groups, and special services during Easter, Christmas (e.g. carols service), and other significant Christian festivals. Despite challenges presented by the dwindling number of regular church-goers generally in the UK, we've adapted to online and hybrid formats to ensure continuity of fellowship groups and home groups. ● Pastoral care remains central to our mission. Our pastoral team and volunteers provided emotional and spiritual support to members of our congregation, including home visits, hospital visits, and counselling. Our mid-week home fellowship groups of 6 – 10 persons provide a mechanism for pastoral care. <p>2. Community Engagement and Outreach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We initiated and supported various community

		<p>programmes, including the local food bank to address local needs, particularly assisting vulnerable individuals and families.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We organized community-wide Christmas Carol service with refreshments (63 attended). This was open to all in our local area and was advertised publicly in our local area. One attendee said that they were "... really keen to sing Christmas carols this year" which shows a benefit to mental health. ● Our outreach activities included support for local charities (food enough for 76 meals provided to the local foodbank) to enhance service provision in Lichfield. <p>3. Youth and Educational Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Our weekly Sunday School and periodic all-age services programmes continued to thrive, with weekly activities designed to engage young people in understanding the Christian faith and encouraging positive community participation. ● We ran a series of adult education programs, such as Bible study groups, to foster personal growth within our congregation and community. <p>4. Global Mission Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We continued to support missionaries and partner organizations abroad, providing financial aid and supplies to support global humanitarian efforts, such as disaster relief and education initiatives. We support Michael and Lisa Schmid in
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		<p>their mission of establishing churches among the Tarahumara tribe in Mexico (SIM – www.sim.co.uk). We also support James and Danielle Gullet, missionary aviator and doula (respectively), in their mission among the aboriginal people in Arnhem Land, Australia (MAF – Mission Aviation Fellowship UK). They are helping with transporting supplies to remote areas and teen pregnancies.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Lichfield Christian Church has maintained careful stewardship of funds and resources. We became a CIO this year and the transfer of funds from our Trust to our CIO took place on 30 th November. Thus financial reporting covers 30/11/2023 – 5/4/2024. This year, as a CIO, our total income was £5633.80 while our total expenditure was £7303.62. Over the 12 month financial year however this deficit was much smaller (approximately £900) which is adequately covered by our HMRC Gift Aid subsequent to this tax period as well as by our healthy bank balance.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	This is under review as it is our first year as a CIO and the Trustees are in the process of determining a more detailed financial policy.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	N/A
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Policy under review (see above)
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Donations
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, primarily, but not exclusively, within Lichfield and the surrounding neighbourhood; and 2. such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, put into practice the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, including but not limited to: the prevention and relief of need, hardship and sickness; the advancement of education; and the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life;
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. 2. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the Church. 3. Subject to clause 10.5, every charity trustee shall be a Pastor, an Elder or a Non-Elder Trustee and no-one may be appointed as a Pastor, an Elder or a Non-Elder Trustee without also being

		<p>appointed as a charity trustee.</p> <p>4. The charity trustees may describe the role and responsibilities of Pastors, Elders and Non-Elder Trustees in more detail in the Rules.</p> <p>5. The charity trustees may use the Rules to specify circumstances in which a person may be appointed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. as a Pastor, an Elder or a Non-Elder Trustee without being a charity trustee; or 2. as a charity trustee without also being a Pastor, an Elder or non-Elder Trustee. <p>6. Whenever it is the case that the charity trustees are not exactly the same group of people as the Pastor, the Elders and the Non-Elder Trustees, the charity trustees must exercise control and independent decision-making, but may delegate powers to the Pastor, the Elders and the Non-Elder Trustees.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	We are a member of the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC).
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	

Other		
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Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Lichfield Christian Church
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1203650
Charity's principal address	4 Caterbanck Way, Lichfield, Staffs, WS13 6LR

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Jeff Fry	Chairperson & Pastor		Trustees
2	Tamer Panagiotis Doss	Treasurer & Elder		Trustees
3	Sarah Lucy Frances Fry			Trustees
4	Amber Rozalyn Doss	Secretary		Trustees
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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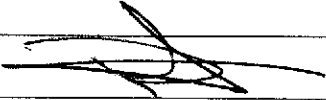
Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Jeffrey Scott Fry	Tamer Panagiotis Doss
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairperson	Treasurer
Date	19/1/2025	

Financial Statement for YE 5/4/2024*		
Section 1: Charity Details		
Charity Name: LICHFIELD CHRISTIAN CHURCH		
Charity Number: 1203650		
Financial Year: 6/4/2023 - 5/4/2024		
Section 2: Receipts and Payments Account		
Income		
Category	Amount (£)	
Voluntary Income		
- Donations and Gift Aid	5,633.80	
- Legacies	0.00	
- Grants	0.00	
Dividend Income		
- Bank interest	0.00	
Other Income		0.00
Total Receipts		5,633.80
Payments (Expenditure)		
Outgoings	7,303.62	
Total Payments		7,303.62
Section 3: Statement of Balances		
Item	Amount (£)	
Cash funds at the start of the year	22,734.80	
Plus: Total Receipts	5,633.80	
Less: Total Payments	7,303.62	
Cash funds at the end of the year	21,064.98	
Bank Account Balance: £[amount]	21,064.98	
Cash in Hand: £[amount]	0.00	
Section 4: Reserves (Optional)		
Type of Fund	Amount (£)	
Restricted Funds	0.00	
Unrestricted Funds	0.00	
Total Reserves		0.00

Section 5: Notes (Optional but Recommended)		
Use this section to explain any significant items in the accounts. For example:		
Details of any grants received or given.	£5,000.00	received from FIEC Training Fund (restricted for ministry training - Adam
Any extraordinary income or expenditure.	£0.00	
Brief explanation of restricted funds (if applicable).		

* Due to our charity transferring from an Association (exempt) to a CIO registered with the Charity Commission, we have only shown the our accounts for the CIO which received all assets from the Association on the 30th November 2023.