

## **Lighthouse Church Telford**

### **1. Introduction**

Lighthouse Church continues to shine as a beacon of hope and faith in our community, dedicated to spreading the message of Jesus Christ, supporting individuals and families, and engaging in meaningful outreach initiatives. Our core mission is to **Love Jesus and Love People**, reflecting our commitment to faith, service, and compassion. This report provides an overview of our activities, achievements, financial stewardship, and future aspirations over the past year.

### **2. Objectives and Activities**

The mission of Lighthouse Church remains to glorify God by making disciples, fostering a welcoming community, and providing practical and spiritual support to those in need.

Throughout the year, we have pursued these objectives through:

- Weekly worship services and teaching sessions.
- Small groups, prayer meetings, and discipleship programs.
- Community outreach, including the Community Grocery in partnership with The Message Trust.
- Support for families and young people, including fostering initiatives.
- Collaboration with local charities and service providers.
- We have 18 community tables meeting primarily across Telford and Shropshire.

### **3. Achievements and Performance**

Over the past year, Lighthouse Church has seen growth and impact in several key areas:

- Attendance has remained strong, with an increase in engagement in small groups and discipleship programs.
- Expansion of our community initiatives, including providing food support and practical aid to families in need.
- Increased participation in youth activities and mentorship programs.
- Strengthening of our digital presence, allowing for broader reach and engagement through online services and resources.
- We have seen over 200 people become followers of Jesus, approximately 50 baptised, and significant growth in numbers since moving into the new space at the rear of the building.

### **4. Financial Review**

Lighthouse Church is committed to financial transparency and good stewardship of resources.

The key financial highlights for the year include:

- Income received through tithes, offerings, and donations.
- Expenditure on operational costs, outreach programs, and community support.
- Responsible financial management ensuring sustainability and future growth.

- Total income from August 2023 to April 2024 was £100,392, while total expenditure during the same period was £93,707.

A full financial statement is available upon request.

## **5. Governance and Leadership**

The Trustees, together with the Core Team, have continued to oversee the church's mission, vision, and operations with diligence and faithfulness. The Core Team have all been given areas of responsibility for the wider church and departments. This year, we have:

- Strengthened governance structures to ensure compliance with all legal and financial obligations.
- Invested in leadership development and pastoral support.
- Continued to support the well-being of our team and volunteers.

## **6. Future Plans**

Looking ahead, Lighthouse Church is committed to:

- Expanding our discipleship and leadership training programs.
- Enhancing our community engagement and support initiatives.
- Exploring new ways to reach and serve our congregation and wider community.
- Strengthening partnerships with local and global mission efforts.
- Finding a new building to house the growth.

## **7. Conclusion**

We give thanks for God's faithfulness and the generosity of our congregation and supporters. We remain steadfast in our mission to be a light in our community, bringing hope, healing, and transformation in Jesus' name.

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### **Approved by the Trustees**

Signed: R Kaul



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