

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
26th July 2023 - 30th June 2024
House of Prayer Empowerment - 1204107

Overview

This past year has proven to be exceptionally rewarding and fruitful for our charity. Achieving official recognition and registration under the Charity Commission marked a significant milestone in our journey as a fledgling organisation. Our overarching goal has always been to lay down the groundwork necessary to build a sustainable church community, and securing this official status was a crucial step in that direction. Central to our mission has been the unwavering commitment to serving both the local Edgware community and our church members. Recognising and serving the diverse needs within our congregation, particularly among the millennial and Gen-Z cohorts, has been one of our top priorities. In light of the ongoing financial crisis and the myriad challenges posed by the current socio-economic climate, it has been imperative for us to extend our support and resources to these demographics.

We have dedicated considerable efforts to devising tailored programs and initiatives aimed at addressing the unique struggles and aspirations of our younger members. From financial literacy workshops to mental health support groups, our endeavours have been multifaceted and responsive to the evolving needs of our community. By fostering a sense of belonging and empowerment among our youth, we aim to cultivate a vibrant and resilient church community capable of weathering any storm. Furthermore, our commitment to the broader Edgware community extends beyond mere philanthropy; it is rooted in a genuine desire to foster meaningful connections and effect positive change. Through collaborative partnerships with local organisations and initiatives, we strive to amplify our impact and create lasting social change.

As we reflect on the past year's achievements and look towards the future, we remain steadfast in our dedication to building a more inclusive, compassionate, and sustainable future for all. With the unwavering support of our community and stakeholders, we are confident in our ability to overcome any challenges that may lie ahead and continue making a tangible difference in the lives of those we serve.

Meetings

Over the past year, we have focused on the community through a variety of gatherings, including outreach initiatives, monthly events, Sunday services, and Bible studies. These gatherings have not only become integral to our organisation but have also made a profound impact on the Edgware community at large. Our outreach efforts have allowed us to extend a helping hand beyond our church walls, reaching out to those in need through evangelism, praying for people and establishing meaningful connections with local organisations and initiatives. In addition to our outreach endeavours, our calendar has been filled with a diverse array of monthly events designed to cater to the varying interests and needs of our congregation. From prayer meetings, bible studies to recreational outings, these events have provided opportunities for fellowship, learning, and personal growth, strengthening the bonds of friendship and camaraderie among attendees. Our Flames of Fire conference last year

attracted an attendance of over 120 people for a time of teachings, worship and prayer. Central to our community engagement efforts are our weekly Sunday services, which serve as the cornerstone of our spiritual community. These services offer a sacred space for worship, reflection, and spiritual nourishment. Through uplifting music, inspiring sermons, and communal prayer, we seek to cultivate an atmosphere of reverence and connection, empowering individuals to deepen their faith and live out their values in their daily lives. Complementing our Sunday services are our Bible studies, which provide a more intimate setting for exploring the teachings of scripture and fostering meaningful relationships with fellow believers. By dividing into smaller groups, we ensure active engagement and create opportunities for deeper discussion and reflection. These Bible studies have become not only a source of spiritual growth but also a place for mutual support and encouragement within our community. The collective impact of our gatherings cannot be overstated. Through our concerted efforts, we have witnessed firsthand the transformative power of community, as individuals come together to support, uplift, and inspire one another. As we look ahead, we remain committed to nurturing these bonds of fellowship and continuing to make a positive difference in the lives of those we serve.

Education

As a ministry, we have placed a strong emphasis on education as a cornerstone of our mission. Recognising the importance of spiritual literacy, we have implemented various initiatives aimed at deepening our congregation's understanding of Christianity and its teachings. Through engaging workshops, seminars, and study groups, we have provided opportunities for our church community to delve into the rich tapestry of Christian theology and tradition. By exploring topics such as biblical interpretation, church history, and theological doctrine, we seek to equip individuals with the knowledge and tools necessary to navigate their faith journey with confidence and conviction.

Furthermore, our commitment to education extends beyond mere intellectual understanding to encompass spiritual formation and growth. Through personalised mentoring, discipleship programs, and pastoral care, we strive to nurture a holistic understanding of Christianity that transcends mere knowledge to encompass transformational experiences of grace and love. By empowering individuals to deepen their relationship with God and live out their faith in tangible ways, we aim to cultivate a community of disciples who are not only well-informed but also spiritually vibrant and empowered to make a positive impact in the world.

Signature on behalf of trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'George Ankomah', written over a set of horizontal lines.

George Ankomah

**HOUSE OF PRAYER EMPOWERMENT
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDING June 30th 2024**

**George Ankomah - Chair
Johnson Agyemang - Trustee
Lucky Yeboah Addai - Trustee**

Functions and duties of charity trustees

The charity trustees shall manage the affairs of the Church and may for that purpose exercise all the powers of the Church. It is the duty of each charity trustee:

- To exercise his or her powers and to perform his or her functions in his or her capacity as a trustee of the Church in the way he or she decides in good faith would be most likely to further the purposes of the Church; and to exercise, in the performance of those functions, such care and skill as is reasonable in the circumstances having regard in particular to:
- Any special knowledge or experience that he or she has or holds himself or herself out as having; and, if he or she acts as a charity trustee of the Church in the course of a business or profession, to any special knowledge or experience that it is reasonable to expect of a person acting in the course of that kind of business or profession.

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**HOUSE OF PRAYER EMPOWERMENT
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
(YEAR ENDING 30th June 2024)**

*** It is important to recognise that the financial position of the church is sustained by the generous weekly donations we receive from our church members. The chair and trustees do not receive any monetary remuneration for the services they render for the smooth operations of the church.**

RECEIPTS

Tithes and Offerings £35,358.61
Gift Aid Tax Recovered 0
Interest Received 0
Other Income 0
TOTAL Income £35,358.61

Administration, Licences & Subscriptions £410
Venue £7,762.31
Food, Catering Outreach £138
Travel £2,073.15
Church Van £5,305.50
Equipment £5,531.34
Guest Ministers Remuneration £2,788.50
Church members relief £50

Approved by the trustees on 13th April 2025

Signed on their behalf :



George Ankomah