

**THE APOSTLES'
CONTINUATION
CHURCH
INTERNATIONAL
LEWISHAM BRANCH**

**TRUSTEES REPORT AND
ACCOUNTS
2024**

Prepared by: Kaxton Advisory

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THE APOSTLES' CONTINUATION CHURCH INTERNATIONAL LEWISHAM BRANCH

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2024

The trustees of the charity present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st July 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in January 2021.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity Number **1204586**

Registered office

St. Marys Centre
Ladywell Road
London
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Trustees

Pastor Kwasi Owusu	Chairman
Ms Agarthah Serwaah	Trustee
Mr Gideon Anim Asare	Trustee

Independent Examiners

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, the Constitution and constitutes a charity, as defined by the Charities Act 2011.

Membership of trustee board:

The trustees of the charity are also voluntary trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the charity's Constitution are known as members of the Trustees Board.

Induction and training of trustees

All trustees are familiar with the practical work of the church and have undertaken training to support their role.

Organisational structure

The Trustee Board meets quarterly and a quarterly report is given at each meeting. The Pastor has the responsibility for the day to day operational management of the church supported by the Assistant Pastor elected by the church.

Risk management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures and risk assessments are in place to ensure compliance with Health and Safety of volunteers; members; children; and visitors to the church.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The charity's objects and its principal activity were:

1. To advance the Christian faith in accordance with statement of beliefs appearing in the scheduled hereto in London and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world.
2. To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship, are elderly or sick, to train Pastors and to relieve the distress caused thereby in London and such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world.
3. To promote and fulfil such other charitable purposes beneficial to the community in London and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The results for the year and financial position of the charity are as shown in the annexed financial statements.

The main areas of charitable activity are tailored to meet the requirements of the church and throughout the year the church continued to provide a quality and caring service for members and the community and their families. The church under its charitable responsibilities of advancing the Christian faith has increased membership over this period.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The trustees review the reserves of the charity annually and acknowledged that the level of funding at present will put the Church in a position where it would not resort to its reserves to run the charity. When we consider the growth in numbers and donation receipts policy implemented as recommended in the trustee board, the trustees are confident that the church should be in a position to sustain itself more effectively. It is the trustees' policy to generally maintain reserves at a low level and to apply donation receipts to funding its activities.

Principal funding sources

At present the majority of the church's funding continues to come from the tithes and collection of alms and the special appeal of priority needs.

Funding for the church ministry activities comes from the members donation. The church finance committee was responsible for the financial planning during the year. The church was able to raise **£65,374** as against expenses of **£55, 586** within the year resulting in a surplus of **£9,788**.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (UK GAAP).

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the surplus or deficit of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS

So far as the trustees are aware, there is no relevant information of which the charity's independent examiners are unaware, and each trustee has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make them aware of any examination information and to establish that the charity's independent examiners are aware of that information.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS

The independent examiners, Kaxton Advisory Ltd., will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:



Pastor Kwasi Owusu
Chairman

7th March 2025

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE CHURCH
COUNCIL OF THE APOSTLES' CONTINUATION CHURCH
INTERNATIONAL LEWISHAM BRANCH**

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31st July 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes set out on pages 9 to 12

This report is made solely to the Trustees Board in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Church and the Church's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They 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 Charities Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities 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 Commissioner.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Church 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.

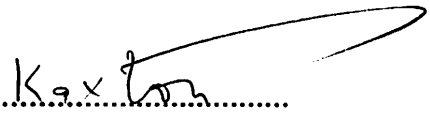
The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
☐ to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act ;and
☐ to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the
accounting requirements of the Charities Act
have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper
understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**EMMANUEL ASHLEY. ACCA.
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Signed: 

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LEWISHAM BRANCH
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2024

	Note	General £	Restricted £	2024 Total £
INCOMING RESOURCE				
Voluntary Income	2	65,374	-	65,374
Total		65,374	-	65,374
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Management and Administration	3	55,586	-	55,586
Total		55,586	-	55,586
Net Incoming Resources		9,788	-	9,788
Net Movement in Funds		9,788	-	9,788
Balance Brought Forward				
Transfers		149,506	-	149,506
Balance Carried Forward		159,294	-	159,294

**THE APOSTLES' CONTINUATION CHURCH INTERNATIONAL
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST JULY 2024**

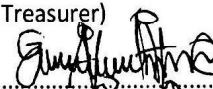
	<u>Note</u>	2024 £
Non-Current Assets		
Fixed Assets	4	15,260
		<u>15,260</u>
Current Assets		
Cash and Bank		144,633
		<u>144,633</u>
Creditors: Amount falling due within 1 year	5	599
Net Current Assets		<u>144,034</u>
Net Assets		<u>159,294</u>
Funds		
General Reserves		159,294
		<u>159,294</u>

Approved by the board Council on 31ST MARCH And signed on its behalf by

Ps. Kwasi Owusu
(Pastor in Charge)


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(Treasurer)


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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP.

Basis of Accounting:

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Church Council is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming Resources:

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income.

Voluntary Income is received by way of collection of alms, tithes, special appeal for funds, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of specific performance by the charity are recognized when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Gifts donated for resale are included as incoming resources within the activities for generating funds when they are sold.

Income from investment is included in the year in which it is receivable.

Resources Expended:

Expenditure is recognized on the accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure included any VAT which cannot be fully recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and costs of trading for fundraising purposes including the charity's shop.

Charitable expenditure comprises of those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs are those costs incurred in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management.

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LEWISHAM BRANCH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 31ST JULY, 2024**

2. INCOMING RESOURCES

			<u>2024</u>
	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Voluntary Income			
General Fund			
General Offering	23,488	-	23,488
Tithes	11,367	-	11,367
Welfare/Donation	23,440	-	23,440
Thanksgiving	5,473	-	5,473
Harvest/Convention	1,606	-	1,606
	65,374	-	65,374
Total	65,374	-	65,374

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3. RESOURCES EXPENDED:

	2024
	Management & Admin
	£
Rent	19,230
Charitable Donations	10,970
Pastoral Expenses	11,000
Welfare	9,030
Repairs & Maintenance	500
Accountancy fees	599
Bank Charges	207
Depreciation	3,350
Vehicle Hire	700
	55,586

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31ST JULY 2024

4: FIXED ASSETS

	<u>Computer</u>	<u>Instruments</u>	<u>Fixtures & Fittings</u>	<u>Minibus</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Cost					-
Additions	3,750	4,112	6,248	4,500	18,610
Disposal					-
Balance as at 31st July 2024	3,750	4,112	6,248	4,500	18,610
Depreciation/Rate					
As at 5th September 2023	-	-	-	-	-
Charge for the year	675	740	1,125	810	3,350
Balance as at 31st July 2024	675	740	1,125	810	3,350
Net Book Value					
As at 5th September 2023	-	-	-	-	-
As at 31st July 2024	3,075	3,372	5,123	3,690	15,260