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Charity Number: 241507



25 November 2023


Dear Sisters and Brothers

You will have seen the Accounts for Lansdowne Church for the year ending 30 September 2023. The Accounts are produced on a cash basis and show Receipts and Payments of the fellowship during the year together with a statement of funds and balances. Income for the year 2022/23 was £125584 and expenditure was £106343. The income was almost identical to last year but expenditure was down by approximately £4500

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On behalf of the Trustees

  
Lawrence Ovenden  
Chair of Trustees

**LANSDOWNE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH**

Annual Accounts Report

For the year ended 30 September 2023

Charity Number: 241507



## Receipts and Expenses for the year ending 30th September 2023

### ACCOUNTS OF LANSDOWNE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

For the Year ending 30th September 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Receipts</b>			
Art Group		400	300
Audio		-	16
Interest		1,048	-
Tax Refund		13,132	10,854
General Gifts		-	-
Specified Gifts		550	-
General Offerings		71,760	74,700
Photocopy		-	25
Rainbow Tots		743	243
U.P.C. Rent		9,080	9,685
Youth Work		250	-
Sundries		-	-
		<b>96,963</b>	<b>95,823</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Catering		945	159
Cleaning		-	-
Covid 19 Expenses		-	1,002
Evangelism		862	118
Gifts and Donations	C	520	-
Insurance		3,700	3,241
Ministry Costs	A	50,109	49,523
Missionary	D	9,075	6,111
Offering Out		7,550	5,300
Music, Audio Visual		-	-
Photocopying		413	-
Rainbow		84	-
Stationery		150	62
Utilities		16,851	421
Youth Ministry		576	15,660
Sundries		-	379
		<b>90,834</b>	<b>81,976</b>

This year there has been a surplus of £8,858 against a surplus in the previous year of £13,035.

## Receipts and Expenses for the year ending 30th September 2023

<b>Premises Funds</b>		
<b>Note</b>		<b>Total £</b>
	<b>Premises Fund Account Balance</b>	
	At beginning of year	-5,798
	Rental Income	11,080
	Cooker Gift	1,150
	Trans from Tax ref.	4,000
<b>B</b>	Cottage Expenses	-139
<b>B</b>	Maintenance General	-2,844
<b>B</b>	Maintenance Large (includes boiler)	-7,051
	At end of year	<u><u>399</u></u>

<b>Missionary Fund</b>		
<b>Note</b>		<b>Total £</b>
	<b>Missionary Fund Account Balance</b>	
	At beginning of year	2,530
	Missionary Receipts	9,642
	David & Ruth Burns	-3,600
	Gordon & Sandra Bull	-3,400
	David Easton	-600
	Others	-1,425
<b>D</b>	At end of year	<u><u>3,147</u></u>

### **Acts Fund**

	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Communion Fund Account Balance</b>	
At beginning of year	2,572
Offerings	2,602
Expenditure during year	-900
At end of year	<u><u>4,274</u></u>

### **125 Fund**

	<b>Total £</b>
<b>125 Fund Account Balance</b>	
At beginning of year	5,176
Offerings	0
Expenditure during year	0
At end of year	<u><u>5,176</u></u>

## Receipts and Expenses for the year ending 30th September 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Balances at year end</b>			
General Fund		<b>67,392</b>	56,784
Premises Fund		<b>399</b>	-5,798
Missionary Fund		<b>3,147</b>	2,530
Communion Fund		<b>4,274</b>	2,572
125 Fund		<b>5,176</b>	5,176
		<b>80,387</b>	61,263

Movement of **£19,124** from 2022 to 2023-year end balances.

### Church Bank Balances

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Church Bank Account Balances at year end</b>			
Current Account		<b>32,900.72</b>	14,824.51
Deposit Account HIBA		<b>0.09</b>	0.09
Stewardship		<b>11,165.81</b>	11,127.11
CCLA		<b>36,320.61</b>	35,311.74
		<b>80,387.23</b>	61,263.45

Movement of **£19,123.78** from 2022 to 2023-year end balances.

Movement between 5 above funds match the deficit movement within current account.

## Receipts and Expenses for the year ending 30th September 2023

### Notes

**A** This figure includes Wages, Employer's N.H.I. Contributions, Claimed Expenses, Conferences, Books, Pulpit Expenses for Visiting Preachers, etc.

**B** The maintenance figure broken down is made up as follows:

	£
Cottage Expenses	- 139
Brickwork Church F.G.H.	- 600
3 new pumps for boilers in church	- 951
13 days of repairs to the roof's	- 5,500
Yearly Boiler service	- 490
F.G.H. Brickwork	- 400
Boiler work	- 269
Replacement of all church light bolbs	- 516
Safe S.I. Fire Alarm Service and repair +Fire Ext.Main.	- 842
Sundries (Day to Day Main.)	- 326
<b>Total Maintenance for Premises Fund</b>	<b>-10,034</b>

We have paid out the Tax amount immediately on Specific Gifts which were Gift Aided, so that the work in need has the full amount of money "Up Front"

The Gift Aid Money is Claimed back in the usual way

**C** The Gift Aided Tax Payments were **£nil**

**D** The missionary gifts are made up as follows:

	£
David & Ruth Burns mission support	-3,600
Gordon Bull & family	-3,400
David Easton	-600
Open Doors	-200
Missionary Speaker expenses	-75
Spical Gift Noble David & Ruth's Nephew	-1,150
<b>Total Missionary payments</b>	<b>-9,025</b>

Please note there is now a Missionary account so all missionary Gifts and payments will come from this account

TRUST PROPERTY HELD IN CONNEXION WITH LANSDOWNE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

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## Receipts and Expenses for the year ending 30th September 2023

### Notes for Trustee's

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26th July 2024

**Independent Examiner's Report to Trustees of Lansdowne Evangelical Free Church SE27:**

I report on the attached accounts of the church for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

The Church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year as laid down in the Charities Act 1993 (The Act) and that an independent examination is acceptable.

My examination was carried out during end of July 2024 in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners.

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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Following my examination of the accounts and supporting evidence, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that the Church accounts have been misrepresented in any way or require any subsequent auditing.

A summary of the accounts is included within the documents circulated annually to the Church membership where opportunity is also given to raise any issue of concern. Any issues or concerns are duly commented upon by a trustee member and included within the minutes.



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Maxwell Fiuza Morais (MAAT)

Former member of Lansdowne Evangelical Free Church  
Independent to Trustee / Elders & Treasurer