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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

The cost of living increases that we have seen in the last year impact on everyone including Lansdowne. The Trustees understand that everyone feels the financial pressure of increased costs but I would encourage you to review your giving and if you are able, to increasing your giving. I would like to acknowledge the work done by Samuel Mfoafo-McCarthy and Peter Osborne in managing our finances. It is not any easy task and we are thankful to them for their diligence.

A significant event in 2023 was the sabbatical of our Pastor. I wish to record my thanks to the Trustees for their hard work not only during the sabbatical but throughout the year. The Trustees willingly give up their free time to serve God and you, the members. Much work goes on "behind the scenes" and it is right to acknowledge that here. Thank you for your hard work, wisdom, unity and commitment to serving the cause of Christ in this way.

On behalf of the Trustees

Lawrence Ovenden
Chair of Trustees

LANSDOWNE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

Annual Accounts Report

For the year ended 30 September 2024

Charity Number: 241507

Receipts and Expenses for the year ending 30th September 2024

ACCOUNTS OF LANSDOWNE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

For the Year ending 30th September 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Receipts			
Art Group		340	400
Acts. Fund		736	-
Interest Inc		2,535	1,048
Tax Refund		14,987	13,132
General Gifts		-	-
Specific Gifts		-	-
Missionary Gifts		8,496	550
General Offerings		58,428	71,760
Photocopy		-	-
Rainbow Tots		1,049	743
Rent Income (Cottage & UPC)		28,860	9,080
Youth Work		-	250
		115,430	96,963
Expenses			
Catering		-	945
Cleaning (inc. COVID19 exp.)		-	-
Cottage		90	
Evangelism		243	862
Acts. Fund Out		1,487	-
Gifts and Donations	C	-	520
Insurance		3,899	3,700
Maintenance General		6,290	-
Maintenance Large Jobs		17,120	-
Ministry Costs	A	51,642	50,109
Missionary	D	9,960	9,075
Music, Audio Visual		294	-
Offering Out		7,399	7,550
Rainbow		233	84
Stationery, Printing		412	413
Utilities		22,997	16,851
Youth Ministry		316	576
		122,381	90,834

This year there has been a deficit of £6,951 against a surplus in the previous year of £6,129.

Receipts and Expenses for the year ending 30th September 2024

Premises Funds		
Note		Total £
	Premises Fund Account Balance	
	At beginning of year	399
	Rental Income	15,460
B	Cottage Expenses	-90
B	Maintenance General	-6,290
B	Maintenance Large (includes Cottage windows)	-17,120
	At end of year	-7,641
	Missionary Fund	
Note		Total £
	Missionary Fund Account Balance	
	At beginning of year	1,425
	Missionary Receipts	8,496
	David & Ruth Burns	-3,600
	Gordon & Sandra Bull	-3,300
	David Easton	-1,400
	Others	-1,660
D	At end of year	-39
	Acts Fund	
		Total £
	Communion Fund Account Balance	
	At beginning of year	4,274
	Offerings	736
	Expenditure during year	-1,487
	At end of year	3,523
	125 Fund	
		Total £
	125 Fund Account Balance	
	At beginning of year	5,176
	Offerings	0
	Expenditure during year	0
	At end of year	5,176

Receipts and Expenses for the year ending 30th September 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Balances at year end			
General Fund		72,417	67,392
Premises Fund		-7,641	399
Missionary Fund		-39	3,147
Communion Fund		3,523	4,274
125 Fund		5,176	5,176
		73,436	80,387

Movement of **£6,951** from 2023 to 2024-year end balances.

Church Bank Balances

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Church Bank Account Balances at year end			
Barclays Current Account (Main Account)	E	23,415	32,901
Deposit Account HIBA		-	-
Stewardship		11,350	11,166
CCLA		38,671	36,321
		73,436	80,387

Movement of **£6,951** from 2023 to 2024-year end balances.

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

Receipts and Expenses for the year ending 30th September 2024

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	- 551
Church Repair Work	- 1,713
New Lights F.G.H.	- 1,266
New Cottage Windows	- 8,450
Yearly Boiler service	- 490
F.G.H. Redecoration part payment	- 2,250
Boiler work	- 279
Gen Main. Of Church Oct. 22 to Dec.23 Expenses	- 2,990
Safe S.I. Fire Alarm Service and Repair + Fire Extinguisher Maintenance	- 1,926
Gen Main. Of Church Jan. 24 - July 24 Expenses	- 1,830
Total Maintenance for Premises Fund	-23,499

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	-3,300
David Easton	-1,400
Food Bank	-60
Tearfund	-600
L.C.M.	-1,000
Total Missionary payments	-9,960

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

E Barclays Bank account opening balance should have been £40,850.84 higher by £7,950.12. This is due to a historical mismatch inherited balance. I shall adjust in 24-25 accounts.

Receipts and Expenses for the year ending 30th September 2024

Notes for Trustee's

23 November 2024

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You will have seen the Accounts for Lansdowne Church for the year ending 30th September 2024. 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.

You will see that the figures for receipts and payments has produced a deficit in the region of £7,000. There are a number of mitigating circumstances that contributed to this deficit which will be touched on by others at the meeting. However, while understanding that everyone feels the financial pressure of increased costs I would encourage you to review your giving and if your able, to increasing your giving.

It is right that I take this opportunity to acknowledge and give thanks for the work done by Samuel Mfoafo-McCarthy and Peter Osborne in managing our finances. It is not an easy task and we are thankful to them for their diligence.

It is also right to give thanks to the Trustees for their hard work throughout the year. The Trustees willingly give up their free time to serve God and you, the members. Much work goes on "behind the scenes" and it is right to acknowledge that here. Thank you for your hard work, wisdom, unity and commitment to serving the cause of Christ in this way.

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25th August 2025

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 30th September 2024.

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 brief examination was carried out during end of July and August 2025 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.



Maxwell Fiuza Morais (MAAT)

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