

Community of Christ - Clay Cross

Report and Financial Statements

Year ended 31st December 2023

Charity No: 247928

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Legal and Administrative Information

Charity Trustees

The following served as trustees for the whole of the financial year ending on 31st December 2023 and were trustees at the time of the signing of the annual report:

Barrie Fox (Financial Officer)

Cheryl Fox (Pastor)

Andrew Fellows (Leadership Team member)

Helen Fellows (Leadership Team member)

Address

Community of Christ, Thanet Street, Clay Cross, Chesterfield, S45 9JS

Independent Examiner

Paul Riley

Bankers

Lloyds Bank

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Report of the Clay Cross Trustees for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

The Trustees present their report together with the Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December 2023

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity, Community of Christ - Clay Cross (charity number 247928), was registered with the Charity Commission on 5th December 1966. The governing document is the Clay Cross Constitution dated 24th February 2010 which incorporates the World Church bylaws ("the Bylaws"). The trustees are the Pastor who is elected by the congregation, the Financial Officer who is appointed by the British Isles Mission Centre Financial Officer and the members of the Pastor Leadership Team appointed by the Pastor and sustained by the congregation.

Constitution and Objects

The objects of the congregation are the advancement of the Christian religion for the benefit of the public in accordance with the doctrine and statements of belief of the Community of Christ.

The Community of Christ is a Christian church whose purpose and mission is to proclaim Jesus Christ and promote communities of joy, hope, love, and peace. The Mission Initiatives of the church are to:

Invite People to Christ,
Pursue Peace on Earth,
Abolish Poverty, End Suffering,
Develop Disciples to Serve and
Experience Congregations in Mission.

Achievements and Performance

The congregation met in church each week for worship or Messy Church. We continued our practice of offering on-line worship most weeks to allow for participation by those restricted from attending in-person due to ill-health or distance from church. Weekly youth groups and BeanStill (a time to chat and eat together) and monthly games nights were also provided. A weekend retreat for members and friends of the congregation was held at Dunfield House, Community of Christ's British Isles Retreat Centre in September.

The congregation runs a food bank and employs a part-time food bank resilience officer and a part-time food bank administrative assistant. We also received funding for a Financial Inclusion officer who provides invaluable support and advice to foodbank clients helping them to resolve financial issues. The food bank has been open and busy throughout the year.

'Sharing in Community of Christ' 4th edition, produced by World Church, provides information about the identity, mission, message and beliefs of the Church. This has been used as foundational information for mission alignment, worship, teaching and preaching ministries.

The congregation also provides pastoral ministry to members and friends of the congregation.

The congregation has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

The congregation has sought to fulfil its responsibility to advance religion for the public benefit by:

- striving to be a community faithful to the risen Christ that courageously pursues matters of peace and justice;
- providing worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church has to offer.

Financial Structure

The congregation is funded by contributions from individuals, events, hire of the building and fundraising. The primary source of income is donations from individuals. Donations from individuals and organisations have been used to cover costs related to the food bank including the salaries. The ministers of the congregation all serve on a voluntary basis.

Financial Results

The Operating Fund surplus amounted to £2,407.

The Food Bank Fund surplus amounted to £3,573.

Key Risks

As the income from the hire of the building has not returned to pre-pandemic levels, there is a greater dependency on donations from individuals.

Current heating and lighting systems are old, inefficient and not ecofriendly. It is planned to replace these systems with more energy efficient ones. The cost of doing this will be significant and is dependant on securing a local authority grant and receiving a loan from the Community of Christ British Isles Mission Centre.

Usage of the foodbank has grown significantly in recent years. Whilst it has been possible to secure the needed financial support to run the foodbank, it has become more challenging for the congregation to oversee the work of the foodbank to the degree needed. For this reason, it has been agreed in 2024 that the Clay Cross Foodbank would be set up as a separate charity rather than continue as a ministry of the Clay Cross congregation.

Serious Incidents

No serious incidents have been brought by the trustees to the attention of the Charity Commission over the previous financial year. The trustees have considered the list of serious incidents that should be reported to the Charity Commission and declare that there are no serious incidents or other matters relating to the charity over the previous financial year that they should have brought to the Commission's attention but have not.

Future Activities

Since the start of 2024, a full programme of worship, youth groups and games nights has taken place. A congregation retreat at Dunfield House has also been held. The food bank, previously run as a ministry of the congregation, is now a separate charity. The congregation continues to make the church building available for foodbank use.

Reserves

In the opinion of the trustees, the Operating fund reserves of £33,739 and Food Bank fund reserves of £78,157 at the end of 2023 were adequate but not excessive.

Volunteers

Community of Christ is primarily a volunteer organisation, with almost all priesthood and leadership roles being filled by self-sustaining personnel. The church could not function without such dedicated service. The congregation is blessed by the availability of dedicated persons who give of their time and skills to facilitate the achievement of the mission of the church and the functions of the congregation. To all who serve in this way we offer our grateful thanks.

Approved by the Community of Christ (Clay Cross) Trustees on 1st October, 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Cheryl Fox (Pastor)

Community of Christ - British Isles Mission Centre Independent Examiner's Report

To the members of the Community of Christ - Clay Cross congregation.

I report on the accounts of Community of Christ Clay Cross Congregation for the year ended 31st December 2023. In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011 have not been met. In my opinion there is nothing to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts.

Signed Paul Riley

Date 1/9/2024
Paul Riley
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Community of Christ (Clay Cross)
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

OPERATING FUND

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
OFFERINGS				
Offerings	6,955.07		6,174.72	
Youth Groups	835.39		761.98	
Toddler Group	0.00		200.00	
Gift Aid Tax Refunds	1,125.01		1,090.58	
Dunfield Weekend	0.00		0.00	
Donations	<u>1,045.00</u>		<u>455.43</u>	
		9,960.47		8,682.71
OTHER RECEIPTS				
Hire of Building	3,040.00		2,720.00	
Warm Space	1,000.00		0.00	
Electricity refund	0.00		4.60	
Special Efforts	0.00		34.90	
Sundry Income	<u>0.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>	
		4,040.00		2,759.50
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>14,000.47</u>		<u>11,442.21</u>

PAYMENTS

PROGRAMME/MISSIONARY				
Youth	391.52		291.66	
Messy Church	480.82		641.55	
Worship Resources	0.00		16.93	
CCL Licence	222.30		205.89	
Dunfield Weekend	796.00		927.95	
Guest Ministry	0.00		0.00	
Publicity and Outreach	0.00		0.00	
Rise Magazine	0.00		60.00	
Mission Centre Ministries	1,500.00		1,100.00	
Zoom Payments	170.09		172.68	
Warm Space	440.69		0.00	
Dunfield House	500.00		500.00	
Congregation Support Minister	<u>0.00</u>		<u>350.00</u>	
		4,501.42		4,266.66

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PROPERTY			
Cleaner/Cleaning Materials	2,250.24	2,591.12	
Water	302.52	389.25	
Electricity	1,407.94	966.25	
Gas	1,463.93	1,552.77	
Insurance	1,297.59	1,198.69	
Repairs and Maintenance	300.12	1,316.81	
New Church Floor	0.00	11,610.00	
Equipment	40.14	69.21	
	<u>7,062.48</u>	<u>19,694.10</u>	
MISCELLANEOUS			
Leadership Development	0.00	0.00	
Offering Envelopes	20.00	20.00	
Stationery/Postage	0.00	0.00	
Gifts/Donations	9.99	50.00	
Sundry	0.00	4.61	
	<u>29.99</u>	<u>74.61</u>	
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>11,593.89</u>	<u>24,035.37</u>	
NET RECEIPTS/ (PAYMENTS)	2,406.58	(12,593.16)	
Transfer to Foodbank Fund	0.00	0.00	
Net after transfers	2,406.58	(12,593.16)	
Balance brought forward 1 January	31,332.13	43,925.29	
Balance carried forward 31 December	<u>33,738.71</u>	<u>31,332.13</u>	

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FOODBANK FUND

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Financial Inclusion	42,121.50		41,805.95	
Asda Grant	0.00		0.00	
Donations - Organisations	5,095.89		10,694.74	
Donations - Individuals	20,461.42		6,503.65	
Tesco	2,104.66		1,921.10	
Fundraising Events	0.00		0.00	
Affordable Foodbox Scheme	4,952.00		4,410.10	
Bank Interest	104.12		31.30	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>74,839.59</u>		<u>65,366.84</u>
PAYMENTS				
Financial Inclusion	36,558.78		27,264.75	
Food & Toiletries	883.76		3,900.81	
FareShare Payment	6,396.00		4,160.00	
Salary & NIC	17,295.64		15,002.87	
Mileage Expenses	1,353.70		890.28	
Marketing & Fundraising	0.00		0.00	
Stationery	0.00		0.00	
Hub	2,932.19		915.04	
Phone and Internet	150.58		286.64	
Trussell Trust	0.00		0.00	
Bank Fees	60.00		81.00	
Winter Grant	2,949.64		0.00	
Wednesday Food	1,916.84		0.00	
Eat Well Spend Less	0.00		0.00	
Poverty Fund	303.99		245.17	
Sundry	465.87		0.00	
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>71,266.99</u>		<u>52,746.56</u>
NET RECEIPTS/ (PAYMENTS)		3,572.60		12,620.28
Transfer from Operating Fund		0.00		0.00
Net after transfers		3,572.60		12,620.28
Balance brought forward 1 January		74,584.34		61,964.06
Balance carried forward 31 December		<u>78,156.94</u>		<u>74,584.34</u>

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OTHER CHARITIES FUND

	2023		2022	
Donations Received For:	£	£	£	£
World Church				
Worldwide Other	0.00		0.00	
Use Where Needed Most	6,617.03		6,436.25	
Abolish Poverty, End Suffering	853.59		925.14	
British Isles Mission Centre				
Mission Centre Ministries	655.00		630.00	
Congregation Support Minister	5.00		60.00	
Children's Holiday Camps	0.00		0.00	
Peacemobile UK	0.00		0.00	
The Dunfield Charity	1,906.25		1,965.50	
UNICEF	130.00		0.00	
Outreach International	378.25		332.50	
		10,545.12		10,349.39
Less Amounts Paid ToThe Above Charities		10,545.12		10,349.39
		0.00		0.00
Balance brought forward 1st January		0.00		0.00
Balance carried forward 31st December		0.00		0.00

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SUMMARY OF FUNDS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Operating Fund	33,738.71	31,332.13
Foodbank Fund	78,156.94	74,584.34
Other Charities Fund	0.00	0.00
	<u>111,895.65</u>	<u>105,916.47</u>

Note: £941 of the Operating Fund balance is restricted to maintenance or replacement of the organ

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31st DECEMBER 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Cash Funds		
Cash balances	0.00	0.00
Bank current account- Operating Fund	33,738.71	31,332.13
Bank current account - Foodbank Fund (Co-op)	891.38	50,534.95
Bank current account- Foodbank Fund (CAF)	77,265.56	24,049.39
	<u>111,895.65</u>	<u>105,916.47</u>

Other monetary assets

None

Church building and contents

The church building and contents were insured for:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Building	764,555	764,555
Contents	76,412	76,412

The land and buildings are held in trust for the Presiding Bishopric as trustees for the World Church. In accordance with church policies any decisions by the congregation in respect of the purchase or sale of properties must be approved by appropriate Mission Centre and World Church leaders with final approval being given by the Presiding Bishopric.

Liabilities

None