

The Wolverhampton Revival Centre

Annual Report for the year ended 31 July 2023

The Wolverhampton Revival Centre is constituted by Deed of Trust and is a registered charity number 2589422. The Trust now operates under the name of Wednesfield Christian Centre. Its address is 3 Broad Lane South, Wednesfield, Wolverhampton WV11 3RY. The Trustees during the year to 31 July 2023 were:

Mr Paul Lambert
Mrs Brenda Horsley
Mr Andrew Lambert
Mrs Chemaine Green

Mr Gary Lambert
Mr Wayne Nicholls
Mrs Tanita Carter

Objects and Requirements of the Trust Deed

The object of the charity is the “propagation of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and in particular by instruction in the doctrines and practices”. This is also to include gifts “for the support of or sponsoring any Christian Missionaries engaged in such propagation or instruction” or for the “relief of poverty”. The Deed also requires the trustees to “maintain and keep in repair” any buildings owned by the trust, as well as “making improvements on the property”.

Achieving the Objects and Public Benefit

The Trustees have considered the Commission’s guidance on public benefit for charities for the advancement of religion and are clear that the objects set out in our trust deed, and our practice in carrying them out, are in accordance with these principles.

Propagation of the Gospel

The Trustees plan to offer services to meet the needs of the community. Therefore in 2022/2023 we held:

- A regular Sunday morning service, catering mainly to the needs of regular attenders, but ensuring it is easy to follow so that a first-time visitor will feel comfortable and included. People are regularly invited to attend these services.
- Sunday morning services on special occasions (eg Mothers’ Day, Remembrance Sunday) which are very well attended by many visitors and may include a puppet show, play by the drama club or other activities as appropriate to the occasion.
- A regular midweek Bible Study attended by regular church members.

Gospel "Practices"

We put our faith into practice through several projects, all of which are attended by a mix of cultures, faiths and ethnic backgrounds.

- Kidz Klub offers mentoring to schools working with students individually and in groups to help support young people's emotional and behavioural development. These students are selected as some of the most vulnerable pupils who require extra support to help with their mental health. This has been focused mainly within one primary school five days a week offering individual and group mentoring to those who have been specifically chosen by the school.
- Kidz Klub are responsible for the planning and editing of the weekly worship at one primary school where they work with the school's worship council. The worship council consists of 8 children from year 6 who deliver the worship to the rest of the school. Kidz Klub go through the worship with the children and help them ready for when they deliver it to the rest of the school. The worship consists of a biblical message, scriptures, and drama.
- Wednesfield Christian Centre were given the opportunity to use and develop two rooms located at Ashmore Park Baptist Church for outreach purposes. We developed a room specifically for children's ministry and one for youth ministry.
- We hosted an open day at the new location so families who had previously attended the sessions at Wednesfield Christian Centre could ask questions and see the new room.
- After the development of the rooms a weekly Kidz Klub is ran on a Monday evening from Ashmore Park Baptist church. The group is for children aged 3 - 11 years old and it is a modern children's 'Sunday school' ran during term time. Kidz Klub take the children on different themed 'adventures' as they explore Bible characters and the stories from the bible. They then learn how they apply these lessons to their everyday lives.
- With the facilities available at Ashmore Park Baptist Church parents of children who attend Kidz Klub are given the opportunity to stay and have refreshments in another room. This gives the opportunity to build and strengthen relationships with the families.
- Wednesfield Christian Centre ran 'Messy church' services at Christmas and Easter where the children from Kidz Klub and Live-Wire were invited to Wednesfield Christian Centre alongside their families.
- Wednesfield Christian Centre put on a Christmas pantomime 'An Unexpected Visitor' as part of their annual Christmas Carol service.
- Following the development of a permanent youth room, Wolverhampton Youth for Christ began hosting a Youth Ministry called Live Wire for 11 - 16 year old's on Friday evenings. The sessions are a mixture of recreational and focused

group time. Where the youth play games together and began looking at confidence and what the bible says about our confidence. The youth really engage and were open to discuss their views on topics.

- Rachel and Chemaine provided mentoring sessions together at Ashmore Park Baptist church in order to support the young person with what they were going through as they required further emotional support with the transition to high school.
- Year 6 pupils who were transitioning to secondary school were supported through the work that Rachel and Chemaine do in school.
- Wolverhampton Youth for Christ continued to connect with the Catalyst youth trust for networking and for training. We attended the 'Stir gathering' with a focus on youth ministry and the affect modern society has had upon young people today. They also helped lead the Stir Gathering. We played worship and got involved in group discussion centred around God loving young people unconditionally and pursuing them.
- Social media provided a way to connect with young people, so Wolverhampton Youth for Christ produced social media posts. We did a social media focus with a volunteer who gave scriptures, encouragement and activity ideas throughout the summer.

All those working with children and young people have DBS checks and most hold first aid and food hygiene certificates. All projects have internally trained fire marshals.

Gifts to Support Missions and for the Relief of Poverty

During the year, the church continued our financial support to Release International, an organisation that aids Christians around the world who are being persecuted for their faith.

We also continued to supply 20 New Life Newspapers per month to HMYOI Prison Brinsford.

Through a one-off collection £150 was used to support a charity called PCF Romania. The money was to help supply meals at Christmas to street children.

The Toilet Twinning Project was put on hold due to previous Government Lockdown Restrictions.

Financial Review

The church is dependent for its income on weekly collections taken during the Sunday Service or online giving. Most wage earners have completed tax forms enabling a tax rebate to be claimed. The projects are mostly self-supporting, although the church gives £250 a month towards the school's work.

We completed the year with a surplus of £3,333 in the General Fund.

Total receipts for the year were £38,633. This consisted of unrestricted church funds of £19,211 restricted church funds of £19,422.

Expenditure totaled £27,946 which enabled us to provide all the services, gifts and building upkeep detailed above.

The bank, deposit and cash in hand balances carried forward at the end of the year amounted to £49,051.

No additional members of staff became eligible for auto-enrolment.

Reserves Policy

Since the projects are all self-sustaining and would fold should this cease to be the case, the reserves policy is set at 12 months 'operating costs for the General Fund alone. This is set at £15,000. We have £11,027 on deposit and £23,614 in current accounts in unrestricted funds. This creates an excess of £19,641. The Trustees plan initially to increase our giving to charity and necessary maintenance work is planned for the building.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work both in the church and its projects. We achieve an enormous amount for a small church, and this is entirely due to the large number of people who give so much of their time, effort and commitment to serve the community.

Structure, Governance and Management

The work is overseen by a Pastor who is in full time secular employment and who draws no stipend from the trust.

There are seven current trustees. The trustees met four times to review the quarterly accounts/budget and discuss health & safety, purchases and other church matters.

Approved by the Trustees on 10th May 2024 and signed on their behalf by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Lambert', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Paul Lambert, Chair of Trustees

The Wednesfield Christian Centre

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st July 2023

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 £	2022 £
Income and Expenditure				
Income				
Tithes and offerings	12,705	1,124	13,830	9,040
Interest receivable	43		43	0
Payments/Donations	1,455	1,258	2,713	3,460
Donations to Charity	0	0	0	41
Toilet Twinning	0	0	0	0
Earned Income	0	17,040	17,040	11,304
Other Income (Gift Aid)	4,448	0	4,448	2,389
Other Income	560	0	560	558
Internal Transfers	0	0	0	0
Total Income	19,211	19,422	38,633	26,792
Expenditure				
Wages	0	10,944	10,944	14,875
Ministerial and speakers fees	360	0	360	240
Church celebrations and events	472	95	567	358
Christmas gifts	0	0	0	42
Charitable gifts and donations	408	2,730	3,138	2,739
Insurance, Fire and water rates	2,244	0	2,244	2,045
Heating and Lighting	1,355	0	1,355	1,445
Printing	0	0	0	0
Books, Videos, Downloads & Publications	0	0	0	0
Telephone & Internet	680	0	680	422
Postage	0	0	0	0
Travelling and motor expenses	280	0	280	165
Repairs and renewals	371	0	371	2,267
New and Replacement Equipment	5,558	1,937	7,495	3,834
Toilet Twinning	0	0	0	0
Stationery	50	14	64	657
Reprographics	20	0	20	0
Hygiene	18	0	18	42
Floor Renovation	0	0	0	0
Pantry Items	101	27	128	0
Flowers & cards	0	0	0	137
Cash Error	0	0	0	100
Professional fees	282	0	282	467
Bank charges	0	0	0	0
Rent / fees	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0
Training	0	0	0	0
Awaiting Reimbursement by Bank	0	0	0	0
Total expenditure	12,198	15,748	27,946	29,834
Net surplus (deficit) for the year	7,013	3,675	10,687	
Transfers between funds (unres'ted to res'ted)	-4,746	4,746	0	
Transfers between funds (res'ted to unres'ted)	953	-953	0	
Bank transfers				
Fund balances brought forward	31,601	6,763	38,364	
Fund balances carried forward	34,641	14,411	49,051	

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets				
Freehold Property	500,000		500,000	500,000
Equipment				
Motor Vehicle				
	500,000		500,000	500,000
Current Assets				
Debtors and Prepayments(reimbursement)				
Church Cash at bank	18,614	5,000	23,614	21,833
Church Cash in hand				
Project Cash at bank		14,361	14,361	6,713
Project Cash in hand		50	50	50
Deposit Fund (Reserves)	11,027		11,027	9,767
Current Liabilities				
Creditors				
	529,641	19,411	549,051	538,363

Represented by

Unrestricted Funds

General Fund	529,641	529,641	526,446
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Restricted Funds

Kidz Klub			
Schools & Pre School	14,411	14,411	4,991
Schools held in church account	5,000	5,000	5,000
Youth			789
Parent and Toddlers Group			297
Refresh Coffee Morning			686
Toilet Twinning Fund			154
Present giveaway fund			
Vision Offering			

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Notes on the Financial Statements for the year to 31st July 2023

1 Accounting Policies

The Accounts have been prepared using the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with applicable accounting standards

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of

Wednesfield Christian Centre.

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended July 31st 2023 which have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis.

Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner

The trustees of the charity are responsible for the preparation of accounts; they consider that the audit requirement under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 does not apply. It is my responsibility to:

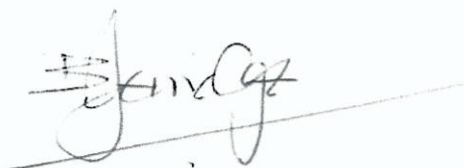
- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011
- Follow procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Qualified Statement

Based on my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act, or that the accounts presented do not accord with those records, or comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act. No matter has come to my attention in connection with my examination to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts reached.



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30 April 2024.