

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

FOR

WORLDWIDE CRUSADES

OPERATING AS

WHITTLESEY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Trustees Report April 2023 to March 2024

The trustees are pleased to present the report on the activities of Worldwide Crusades Charity. The charity operates as Whittlesey Christian Church and during the period has operated from its base at 23 Broad street, Whittlesey.

Community Activities AA The charity offered use of its facilities to the AA who ran rehabilitation groups every Thursday for anyone in the community who required their service. The charity did not charge rental fees for this but the AA made a donation to the charity. The AA group reports this has enabled them to provide this service free to their members which has been offered benefit due to the current hardships many face and the reduction in public funding.

T@23

This has proved a popular community activity for all adults. This was led by Elaine May and has seen a number of people who would otherwise be lonely come in every Wednesday morning for a fellowship.

Children's Ministry The charity through the church has run children play groups every week led by Cate Ross. These provide a social space for members of the community to come and spend time with others whilst the young ones learn social skills in a play and learn environment.

The Holiday Club was also successfully hosted during the course of the financial year. Although reduced to 3 days due to volunteer capacity, 55 children attended and enjoyed games, social interaction and learning about our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The charity also attended School assemblies at the 3 local primary schools. The team shared the gospel news with the children and staff.

Women's Ministry

The women held a number of monthly events. These included prayer breakfasts, prayer walks,

International Day

In September the church launched its inaugural International Day. This was the brainchild of Rachel Bull. The purpose was to bring together all the different nationalities in the church and community and celebrate our unique and diverse food and culture based on our common love for God. About 10 nations were represented.

This event helps to foster community cohesion.

Men's Ministry

The men during the year have held a number of events. These included breakfast and meals at the church and at local restaurants. They have been able to interact and share their faith with different people and also encouraged each other. The events were ably arranged by Kevin before his retirement. We thank Kevin for his dedication.

The charity has continued to maintain a strong presence in the community and has been ready to support those in need. Through the church the emphasis has been to ensure that Jesus Christ is at the centre of our community activities and outreach.

Governance

The charity is governed by a trust deed and its activities were managed and overseen by the leadership team comprising, Richard Bibby, Geoffrey and Margaret Rondozi, Christine Price, Sue MacDonald, Rachel Bull, Elaine May, Cate Ross and Megan Ross.

Trustees

Richard O. Bibby

Elaine May

Rachel Bull (from February 2024)

Geoffrey Rondozi (left 03/07/2023)

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Worldwide Crusades is a charitable trust set up in 1977 to use its resources to promote the Gospel in any area of the world. The charity operates as

Whittlesey Christian Church, based at 23 Broad Street, Whittlesey, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, PE7 1HA.

The Church Office has not been open at set times, but has been available on an on demand basis.

Those who served from 1st April 2023 until the date this report was approved was Elaine May; Richard Oliver Bibby left 10/10/2024 , Geoffrey Rondoza (ceased 3/7/2023 and rejoined 07 July 2024), Rachel Bull from 27/02/2024 .
STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The activities of Whittlesey Christian Church are overseen by the Leaders of the Church. The governing document of the registered charity is the founding Trust Deed dated 1977.

The Trustees are responsible for the financial administration of the Church, and the care and maintenance of Church premises. The Business Meeting (of all members wishing to attend) gives general guidance on the life and work of the Church.

The members of the Leaders Meeting include the minister in charge (Richard Bibby) and heads of department within the Church, as appointed by the minister in charge. Currently, there are no appointed senior leaders (elders) who will assist in strategic planning.

The Head of Department Leaders met on a monthly during the year. A Business Meeting has not been held during the year.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Whittlesey Christian Church seeks to advance the Christian religion through its activities and the facilities offered to the community by its building, and described more specifically in its mission statement as "Serving the Fenland Community".

The Leaders of the Church are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance

on public benefit in "The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit" and has regard to it in the administration of the Church.

The Trustees believe that the Church provides benefit to the public by providing resources and facilities for public worship, pastoral care and the teaching of Christian doctrine, both for the congregation and the local community.

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

FINANCIAL REVIEW

(1) There has been an increase of total overall receipts of 26%, assisted by income from solar panels. The level of giving has remained largely similar to the previous financial year.


The outlook for income in the following year is expected to increase with not only an increase in the number of congregants but donations.

(2) The Church would like to maintain an amount equal to at least 12 months’ regular expenditure as “free” reserves, in order to meet future shortfalls in income. The current account balance of £73039 (including non-identified savings) at 31 March 2024 represents about 11 months of net expenditure.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 30/01/2025 and is signed on their behalf by Geoffrey Rondozaï (Chairman).

ceased to be trustee

Richard Bibby



Geoff Rondozaï

Elaine May

Rachel Bull

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Whittlesey Christian Church

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Whittlesey Christian Church (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2024

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under s. 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under s. 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed _____ LWSisimayi

Name MR LOVEMORE WILSON SISIMAYI

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Date 30th Janaury,2025

WORLDWIDE CRUSADES OPERATING
AS WHITTLESEY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
		Total for Year £	Total for Year £
<u>Assets</u>			
Monetary assets:			
Barclays Community current account		12409	10274
Barclays Active Saver.		73039	72170
Barclays Active Saver – Reserve.		5042	10001
T@23 Bank Account		680	418
		<u>91170</u>	<u>92863</u>
		<u>3</u>	
Non-monetary assets:			
Property at 23 Broad Street	2	881,477	881,477
Land at 19 Broad Street	3	25,000	25,000
Furniture and equipment (net book value)	4	475	475
		<u>906,952</u>	<u>906952</u>

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NOTES TO THE STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL

ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Notes on accounts

1) Accounting policies

These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis.

2) Property

The insurance value of the property at 23 Broad Street has previously been £854,535 as at 31 March 2014. The extension work is now complete. In September 2015, the church purchased solar panels to the value of £17,812, increasing the value of the property to £872,347. In August 2018, the church upgraded the heating system and installed new radiators to the value of £9,130, increasing the value of the property to £881,477.

3) Land

The remaining land at 19 Broad Street has been included at a value equal to the net cost balance of £25,000.

4) Furniture & equipment

Furniture and equipment has been depreciated by the reduced balance method at a rate of 25%.

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS			
FOR THER YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024			

TAX YEAR	2024	2023
	£	£
<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
Bank Interest.		
Donations, legacies and other.		
similar receipts:		
Identified giving.	17637	25773
Donations.		
Unidentified Donations.	10292	
Cash deposits(Rev Richard)	375	
Tax recovered		
Activities for generating funds:		
Venue and room hire		3986
Investment Income receipts:		
Bank Interest	959	
Other income:	680	214
Inncome gerenated from Solar Panels	5152	
Other income(Grant-Support Services)	2000	
Totals	<u>37095</u>	<u>29973</u>

<u>Paymentts : Charitable Services</u>		
<u>Pastoral Services</u>		3300
Zambian orphanage	0	0
Speakers expenses (honorarium)	400	370

Pastoral Services(other)	607	
Special events	0	1692
Catering	913	2259
Donations given		121
Support costs		0
Wages	0	0
Subscriptions	914	386
Church light, heat and water	4146	3613
Maintenance & upkeep	16161	2386
Telephone	1376	2208
Training courses Creative arts	81	0
Management & administration		0
Printing, stationery & postage		1057
Bank charges		61
Accountancy	400	600
Insurance premiums	1877	1884
Depreciation	0	158
Other	1534	
Other payments		
Licences		
Sundries	2446	267
Advertising	904	1370
Legal fees	0	445
Equipment	27	
Software Package	141	
Plumbing	263	
Charitable activities(tlcr us)	275	
Video Hosting	121	
Other charities	60	
Support costs	1150	
Sundries	413	
Cleaner	1125	
Sundries(Paypal)	749	
Sundries(Sump)	0	
Transport	0	
Utilities(Gas)	377	
Utities (Energy)	1130	
Other(God Powered)	434	
Identified Giving()	82	
Printer	770	
Other utilities	291	
Sundries (Ebay)	1091	
TOTALS	40258	22177

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Bank charges		61
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Surplus /Deficit	-3163	7796

SUMMARY

Net receipts / payments	-3,163	7,796
Balance brought forward from previous year	464,264	456,468
Balance carried forward at end of year	£461,101	£464,264