

LBC Hurst Green

England & Wales · Charity number 701531

Details

Other names	HURST GREEN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, HURST GREEN FAMILY CHURCH
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1989-05-08
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: 1. ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH. 2. THE RELIEF OF PERSONS WHO ARE IN CONDITIONS OF NEED HARDSHIP OR DISTRESSOR WHO ARE AGED OR SICK. 3. THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION ON THE BASIS OF CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES.

Activities: A Christian Church providing all of the usual church activities including Sunday Services, Mid-Week Fellowship meetings, etc. with various outside ministries including Elderly Care Homes, Community Children's Club, support of the poor and needy, both overseas and at home.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Dudley
- Sandwell

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£111,453	£97,293	-	-
2024-04-05	£89,209	£61,564	-	-
2023-04-05	£90,656	£82,813	-	-
2022-04-05	£65,556	£67,404	-	-
2021-04-05	£53,213	£39,610	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dennis Shearman	Chair	2023-11-22
EDWIN ALLAN FLETCHER BSC PGCE		1987-01-08
JOAN BETTERIDGE		
Nicholas Harrison		2026-03-10

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Accounts



LBC HURST GREEN

BEAUMONT ROAD HALESOWEN B62 9HD

(Registered Charity No.701531)

ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED APRIL 5TH 2025

Minutes of LBC Hurst Green AGM 23rd September 2025

Held on the premises - Beaumont Rd, Halesowen B62 9HD

Registered Charity: 701531

Members Present: 14

Non-members Present: 1 + Kam Kaur (accountant)

Apologies: 3

The meeting opened with an extended time of praise & worship.

Kam Kaur, the accountant, explained the audited church accounts & encouraged people to tithe & Gift Aid. We thank God for His provision & faithfulness through the church finance & especially for enabling us to continue to support our first church plant. The major expense this year was to refurbish the kitchen which has needed doing for many years & is an investment for the future.

We recorded a vote of thanks to Kam for her work.

We then summarised the annual report for the year ending April 5th 2025.

There is now a rota of DBS accredited helpers for Kidzchurch on Sunday mornings, which has been a great help for the regular volunteer teachers, & the children have really enjoyed seeing different people (they have their favourites!). They are planning something for Christmas.

Nick is planning to take a small team down to LBC Woodrow, our new church plant, one evening in the week, so our mid-week meeting will just be discipleship groups on Tuesdays.

Paul is looking for somebody to do the content for website & social media.

The Bible college in Nagaland that we support is funding evangelists.

The minister Nick Harrison then summed up by thanking Jesus & the people who serve alongside him, who have prayed & worked to extend God's kingdom & he looks forward to the next year & our second church plant.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Nick & with prayer.

1) GENERAL CHURCH REVIEW APRIL 2024 TO MARCH 2025

The year from April 2024 started with Darren & Lisa renewing their wedding vows and being baptised immediately after. Darren, though terminally ill, showed great courage and determination to see the day through. It was a beautiful celebration that we were never sure would happen due to the hospital potentially not letting Darren out because of his illness.

Throughout the rest of April and May our ministries into the local area continued to spread the gospel, 'Café Church' for the elderly in a local care home and Friday Club for local unchurched kids. Whilst the Lord continued to save lost souls through church members witnessing in their workplaces and on the local streets.

During the summer months a number of the church members went along to the Franklin Graham 'God loves you' event at the beginning of June. The event was held at the NEC Birmingham and a free coach was provided, it proved to be an amazing experience for everyone, and to top it off a salvation amongst our party too!

Also in June was our annual community BBQ, this year we added a few stalls to the mix along with the bouncy castles, crafts and face painting and free food. Again, it was a well-attended event and two salvations to top off a brilliant day.

In July, we closed the church one Sunday morning as we all went to celebrate with our church plant LBC Rhayader for their first baptisms, with 4 new believers going through the waters including our own Leticha who decided to get baptized in the local river too. What a fantastic joyful experience that was! Unfortunately, we had to end our regular Café Church ministry for the time being as Pastor Nick had too many responsibilities elsewhere to continue, but we do hope

to pick this up again sometime in the future, and we plan to continue to visit the care home occasionally for communion.

Into August and we held a fundraiser 'family market day'. The day was a brilliant day, very similar to the community BBQ, with lots of good bargains had and we managed to raise over £220 too.

Sadly, in August our beloved Darren went home to be with the Lord after his long battle against cancer. The ensuing weeks and months proved to be very difficult for the family Darren left behind. Darren was a popular character and his funeral was well attended and led to three people surrendering their lives to Jesus during the service. We remember Darren with fondness.

Autumn was one of celebration with a baptismal service in October, and then the devastating news of our dear sister Christine Philips passing away after her extremely brave battle against cancer on 23rd October 2024. This was the second blow for the fellowship within a couple of months and left David, the children and the fellowship reeling as Christine was a longstanding member of the church. A packed church gathered for Christine's funeral and one thing that kept shining through was her kindness and generosity though she never spoke of this herself. We praise God for the impact Christine had on many lives.

Praise God that in the midst of our grief God gave us something to fix our minds on as a cause for celebration, with our first wedding service as LBC Hurst Green. Alex & Janette Southwick were married on 2nd November 2024, what a beautiful day for a beautiful couple. Later that month we had our senior leader Aaron Jarvis join us which was a special occasion as he has stepped back and doesn't preach so much due to growing commitments elsewhere. We also had visiting speakers Dr Klaus Dierter John who shared his testimony of building a

complete £10 million hospital by faith in south America and later that month we had Dave and Mandy Scott-Morgan join us for a Sunday morning too. A brilliant time on all occasions.

The year closed with our first 'Carols on the Carpark' event where we invited locals to join us for carols on the carpark with hot chocolate and toasted marshmallows, Christmas lights and crafts. Again, it was a brilliant time with a real sense of Christmas joy and laughter. The icing on the Christmas cake was our newest convert, Hazel, receiving her first ever Bible. Hallelujah!!

The new year started with our online Marriage course which proved to be a real success and a great help for those couples taking part – we hope to do a second one later in the year. The first major event of 2025 for us came in February with the annual celebration of our first church plant, LBC Rhayader. Again, we cancelled our Sunday morning service to join our brothers and sisters in Wales. It was astonishing to see what God had accomplished from nothing in 12 months with a few willing hearts. Amazing – Glory to God, we are so proud of Adam & Leonie and the Rhayader team.

This was followed by our first baptismal service of 2025 as Owen and Rachel went through the waters. And then a month later our second baptismal service of the year as Gemma and Kelly got baptised. We have much to look forward to in the months ahead, particularly with our 'missions' week in partnership with Mission 24!

2) MINISTERIAL REPORTS

Finance – Kam Kaur to report

Building Report – Joan Betteridge

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The major event during the year was the replacement of the kitchen. Eugene knocked the old tiles off the walls, after he & Nick had demolished the old counters & cupboards. Ken did work on the old & new electrics & plumbing, and Nick put all the cladding on the walls. The new oven was put in, then various people installed the new units, some of them stainless steel, and cleaned up afterwards. A big thank you to all who helped. We started in August and managed to finish for the wedding on 2nd November!

Sunday Services – Nick Harrison

We had several visiting speakers throughout the last year: Bernd Schulz continues to minister into the fellowship on occasional Sunday mornings, Bernd is a missionary street evangelist and brings good solid teaching. Pastor Craig Bennett who has an apostolic ministry has joined us on two occasions. We also had visiting speaker Dr Klaus Dierter John who shared his testimony of building a £10 million hospital in the mountains of South America, and then we had Dave & Mandy Scott-Morgan who brought a vibrant word of encouragement to us all. We would love to have these speakers back at some point in the future. What a blessing.

Prayer – Nick Harrison

The Engine Room prayer times every Thursday evening, have been well attended and Thursday nights continue to be a favourite time for the fellowship. We never really know which way the Holy Spirit is going to lead us in these times, we pray for one another, the church, the community, the home nations and the persecuted church. We realise more and more how significant these times of prayer and intercession are.

Discipleship Groups – Nick Harrison

The discipleship groups have continued to meet as one in the sanctuary of the church, but will be moved back into home venues later this year. During the last half of 2024 we all did the Romans course by the Bible Society, it was a really well put together course and everyone enjoyed it. The discipleship groups were started with a time of worship, then people split into two main groups. One group did a deep bible study on 1 & 2 Thessalonians, whilst the

younger Christians amongst us (after completing the Romans Course), did various short studies on things like the Sabbath, faith, witnessing etc.

Youth Work – n/a

The absence of youth work remains a focus of prayer for the church, we have been in talks in March 2025 with Youth for Christ to see if there was something we could do in partnership, though there was not much traction resulting from these discussions and the feeling is that we will take another route to minister to local youths.

Kidzchurch – Becky Davison

Leaders / Supporters

Rebecca Davison and Andrea Powell have continued to take on the role as joint leaders of KidzChurch.

Number of children

The number of children has increased this year; we now have 18 children on the roll (children that come sometimes).

We had 7 regular attendees – Joseph, Jacob, Jaden, Jemima, Jubilee, Janelle and Dylan. Unfortunately, we lost 4 regular attendees due to parents leaving the church.

Resources for planning

We have continued to use ‘Mission Bible Class’ – an online resource that provides detailed notes on how to deliver sessions and activities to support the sessions. We started regular team building games to encourage relationships between the children. We regularly use a quiz called ‘Kahoot’ which the children love and it allows the children to reflect on what they have learnt in lessons and recap previous lessons. We also use ‘Saddleback kids’ videos to emphasise the bible story that we are learning about.

Structure of KidzChurch weekly lessons – same as last year

1. Snack – various items of food have included toast, crumpets, pancakes, crisps, biscuits, fruit and cordial.
2. Kids Worship songs – You Tube

3. Main Lesson

4. Activity

5. Team building games outdoors, weather permitting

Themes covered during April 2024 – April 2025

Easter story, Holy Week, big focus on Ephesians – Love is, how children can grow in Jesus, how children can have a soft heart for Jesus, Baptism of Jesus.

We created monthly prayer promises to God – What can I do for Jesus this month?

Struggles of KidzChurch during period of April 2024- April 25

Lost a few regular members, still no additional supporters or leaders to help out with KidzChurch.

Highlights of KidzChurch during period of April 2024 – April 25

The continued relationships that the children have formed

New members joined – Jemima, Jaden, Jubilee, Janelle, Dylan

New focus on values – Safe, Respect, Ready

Attendance and good behaviour jars

Women's Ministry – Joyce Neech

The continued aim of the Ladies ministry is to encourage and grow the ladies of our church in their faith and to become all that God is calling them to be. We are also exploring ways to reach out into the community with the love of God to the lost.

The team leaders consist of Joyce, Andrea, Becky and Lisa. We try to meet at least once every 2 months to plan our quarterly meetings. We are still looking for any ladies who are interested in being part of this team to bring fresh insight and input into the work.

Our quarterly meetings are as follows: -

Saturday 27th April 2024 There were 10 ladies present

We began with worship time as always. We then did an exercise where there were a number of items placed on a table and everyone had to think of a scripture that related to the item. It was a great time; all ladies contributed at least one scripture.

We then had a video by John Bevere called gifts of the Spirit which was a continued theme from the previous quarterly meeting. This is to encourage us to find out what our gifts are and start using them. We ended with a pizza meal and fellowship.

Wednesday 10th July 2024

Meal out at the Fox Hunt, 12 ladies came. A great evening of food and fellowship was had by all so I am told, as I was recovering from an accident and not able to attend.

Saturday 26th October 2024

Only 9 ladies attended but we had a great meeting. We had a bible quiz which proved challenging but I think we all know a bit more about some of the bible characters. Becky then gave an excellent word about Rebecca which we all enjoyed.

26th February 2025

Ladies' meal out was held at the Wernley. There were 13 in attendance, great evening of food and fellowship.

Friday 18th and Sunday 20th April Easter Drama

In January I shared with the team the possibility of the ladies doing a drama for Easter. We share with all the ladies at the meal if they would be interested and everyone was keen to give it a go.

After discussing it with our Pastor, he suggested that we take over leading both the Good Friday and Easter Sunday services. This felt a bit daunting but as we progressed through the several rehearsals, we began to get more confident. We not only did 2 dramas but we also performed a dance to one of the praise songs. It was a great combined effort from all the ladies in the group and we had some good feedback from those watching.

In conclusion as a team, we feel that the last 12 months have been very good. We have lost some ladies but have also gained some new ones and friendships are developing between us all. There is much more to come as we are already planning for the coming year, broadening the things that we will be doing. We are also looking to expand our organisation team. So, if any ladies are interested in helping to plan our future events, please contact me.

Worship – Nick Harrison

Our worship continues to be through PA & YouTube via overhead screens.

Helps & Hospitality – Andrea Powell

We have helped many people this past year with our food store.

At Christmas we made 10 Christmas parcels to give out to the needy in our local community. They were full to the brim with staple food items and some treats! Most of the food came from the food store. We had lots of staple food items, not many treats, but thanks to our generous congregation we were able to add additional items. The parcels were a real blessing to those who received them. We also gave 5 bags of shopping out randomly to people/families on the street. Plus, over 100 party bags with bible tracts in for local kids, and donated £400 to make our 'Carols in the Carpark' a free event. Thank you for all of your support and prayers in making these things happen.

Following Christmas 2024, any food items that were nearing their best before date were offered out to the congregation or taken to the local Pantry Manna House by Joan.

We didn't buy any goods this last year for the food store, but we plan to start topping it up again over the coming weeks/months.

I am pleased with where our support has gone this year, we wanted to reach out to the community and I believe we have done that, whilst also supporting our own congregation. I pray that God continues to give us a clear vision of what He wants from this ministry and as always, I pray that it is for His Kingdom and His glory.

Website and Media Publicity - Paul Davison

Initial Objectives:

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Social media - To create a new Twitter account under a new @lbchurstgreen username.

Social media - To create an Instagram account to advance into outreach via alternative media methods

- Team - To grow the 'Website and Media Publicity' Team to assist in updating/managing the website and social media activity
- Website/social media - To connect the website and all social media accounts together, so that when we share on one platform, all platforms relay the same information
- Website – We will be introducing video recordings of the Sermons alongside the audio recordings

Successes:

- Website - Paul Davison will continue to maintain the website, carry out necessary updates, monitor security and upload sermons as required
- Website – The website continues to function successfully across all devices
- Website Security – The site security we have in place has been successful in defending against cyber-attack attempts on our website during this period

Struggles:

- Content Creation – We still require additional team members who can produce content for the website e.g. daily devotionals, testimonies, video and photography so that we can keep the website fresh and regularly updated
- Social media – Although we have an active Facebook account, which is viewable on the Website, we have not moved forward with setting up any additional Social Media platforms. This may be due to them not being required or due to a lack of team members/individuals being able to create and maintain them
- Website – Aside from uploading the latest sermon audio recordings, there hasn't been any new content added to the site during this period

- Website – We were unable to add video recordings of the Sermons alongside the audio recordings

Areas to Improve

- Website - It would be beneficial if the sermon speakers could provide a sermon title and brief outline of the sermon to enable a quicker upload time to the website and to give the sermon relative context
- Communication – It would be beneficial to have a definitive channel of communication where information that would benefit from being on the website e.g. events, date/time changes of meetings etc. were shared so they could be added to the website in a timely manner and therefore accessible to site visitors

Future Expectations:

- No further updates at this time

3) OUTREACH/EVANGELISM

Community BBQ

We had a brilliant Community BBQ in June 2024, what a blessing to have so many from the community come and enjoy the day, it was beautiful to see so many children there too. And to top a wonderful time off, the Lord blessed us with two salvations. These are always special times and a great tool for outreach. Thank you to everyone who rolled their sleeves up and helped the day happen. Praise God for those so willing to serve the community in Hurst Green.

Friday Club – Nick Harrison

What a brilliant ministry this is has developed into with 70 kids on the books and an average of 30 -35 kids each session. None of these kids have heard the gospel, so we realise how important it is to ensure we bring a gospel message each session. The children love the activity games that we do and are very

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receptive to the gospel when done via a fun objective method. Joan and Edwin joined the team of volunteers in the summer of 2024. Opportunities for evangelistic conversations to share Jesus with the parents as well as the children are one of the objectives. The highlight of the year is the 4 lads at Fridy club who surrendered their life to Jesus towards the end of 2024. All glory to God.

Street Evangelism – Nick Harrison

We have not been able to do so much street evangelism this last year as in previous years, this has been due to in-house pastoral issues such as planning for weddings, funerals, church events, supporting church plants etc. and other demands on our time. We do have planned street evangelism forthcoming in April 2025 and hope to be busier on the streets during this coming year.

Church planting – Nick Harrison

Our vision as a local fellowship is to be a church planting church, which fits in with the LBC global vision ‘to plant churches from here to the coast, into Europe and the world’ Our aim is to plant 3 churches in 5 years. Our God-given model for church planting is to 1) plant 2) establish 3) repeat. Now that LBC Rhayader is established as a young church, we can start looking and planning our second plant. We have earmarked a few places in Redditch, but are holding these in prayer until we receive confirmation of which one God is sending us too.

Café Church – Tender Care - Nick Harrison & Dennis & Sandra Shearman

Unfortunately, we have had to bring this ministry to a close for the time being, though we have had a very fruitful time in the care home and the door is open for us to go back at any time in the future. We are grateful to the manageress and staff at the care home and we are grateful to the Holy Spirit who gave us much fruit in the way of salvations and even a baptism over the last 18 months. We look forward to returning in the future.

Overseas Mission:

We have been called to evangelise and plant in the UK and so that is where our focus remains. However, we do understand the importance of sowing into our brothers and sisters abroad. So, we have increased our giving to the Nagaland

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Bible College in India, whose mission is to raise up 1000 missionaries to send into south east Asia. We really enjoyed meeting the principal Senti at the end of 2023 and continue to stay in touch to support them in prayer and cheer them on in their mission.

Salvations:

This last year we witnessed salvations:

- 25th April 2024 - James at work - Karl Hill
- 25th April 2024 – Archie (aged 13) school - Joseph Harrison
- 30th April 2024 – Marium at Russell’s Hall Hospital - Nadine
- 30th April 2024 – Roman (aged 14) walked into church – Dennis Shearman
- 30th April 2024 – Dylan (aged 14) walked into church – Dennis Shearman
- 30th April 2024 – Lewis (aged 32) Online Alpha – Nick Harrison
- 15th June 2024 – Letisha (aged 40) - Franklin Graham event
- 16th June 2024 – Nickie (aged 37) church – Nick Harrison
- 16th June 2024 – Makala (aged 12) church – Nick Harrison
- 24th June 2024 – Tia (aged 42) church – Nick Harrison
- 24th June 2024 – Deborah (aged 36) church – Nick Harrison
- 24th June 2024 – Joseph (aged 14) church – Nick Harrison
- 29th June 2024 – Nurse at New Cross Hospital– Mark Gall
- 6th July 2024 – Sophie (aged 20) streets – Nick Harrison
- 16th July 2024 – Stuart (58) window cleaner – Nick Harrison
- 7th August 2024 – Shannon (20’s) streets – Nadine
- 7th August 2024 – Rob (28) streets - Nick Harrison
- 16th July 2024 – Jaz (39) streets – Nadine
- 12th September 2024 – Tina (50’s) Rhayader – Nick Harrison
- 11th October 2024 – Alex (40’s) church – Nick Harrison

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5th November 2024 – Kelly (23) church – Nick Harrison

9th November 2024 – Damiya, Michah, Josh, Callum (aged 11) - Nick Harrison

14th November 2024 – Kieran (aged 32) church – Nick Harrison

30th November 2024 – Emma (20's) church – Nick Harrison

1st December 2024 – Hazel (30's) church – Nick Harrison

20th December 2024 – Kylie (20's) church – Nick Harrison

20th December 2024 – Jordan (28) church – Nick Harrison

28th January 2025 – Rachel (40's) church – Nick Harrison

14th March 2025 – Janet (aged 83) streets – Nick Harrison

Baptisms

13th October 2024 Gary Newman

5th May 2024 Jo Jo

12th February 2025 Owen

12th February 2025 Rachel

2nd March 2025 Gemma

2nd March 2025 Kelly

Final Word – Pastor Nick Harrison

Well, I think it is only fitting to sum this last year up with a note of thanks, first to Jesus and then to the people he has put me amongst to serve.

As always, my first note of thanksgiving is to Father God, I find my heart echoing the words of Paul... *'Thanks be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ Jesus our Lord and Saviour'* (Ephesians 1:3)

God has constantly given us reason to be encouraged and strengthened through His glorious joy. So much fun and laughter despite the tears of losing those we love, health issues and personal struggles that come to every follower of Jesus. God has blessed us with abundance in all we need, practically, physically and spiritually. Thank you, Father God, it's been a privilege to lead LBC Hurst Green this last year.

My second note of thanks is extended to every saint in LBC Hurst Green Church family for their hard work and faithful support as we seek to fulfil the great commission. Also, for releasing me to support Adam & Leonie in their first year at LBC Rhayader, and for being willing to sacrifice LBC Hurst Green services on occasion to go and stand with them on special occasions.

I am blessed to be given responsibility for such an amazing family of believers in LBC Hurst Green, who make so many personal sacrifices of time, finances and devotion for the cause of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

I am filled with confidence for the year ahead, despite the hard work that will be required for our second church plant.

If any of us are lacking faith, we need only consider this last year, and how God not only brought us through, but brought us through triumphantly. Glory to God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

AMEN & AMEN.



Report to the Trustees

Charity Name
LBC HURST GREEN, Beaumont Road, Halesowen, B62 9HD

**On accounts for the year
ended**

5 th April 2025	Charity No: HMRC Ref:	701531 XN77764
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I report to the Trustees on the accounts of the above Charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 5th April 2025, which are attached herewith.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner:

As the Charity's Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Section 43 (2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 43 (7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of 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 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 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 Statement:

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or
- b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

KJ

Date:

23/9/25

Name and Address:

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**Relevant Professional
Qualification or Body:**

AAT (Association of Accounting Technician)
Registered with HMRC as an Agent and Money Laundering Regulations
Registration No: XPML00000148114

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

NONE TO REPORT

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**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2025**

	<u>Year Ended 5th April 2025</u>		<u>Year Ended 5th April 2024</u>	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME:				
General Collections (Gift Aid)	34,218.00		40,276.65	
Loose Cash Collections	8,905.88		13,969.19	
Other Donations Via Church Plant	21,467.30		-	
Tax Refund on Total Gift Aid	9,279.50		10,673.93	
	<u>73,870.68</u>		<u>64,919.77</u>	
Other Income:				
Sale of PA Equipment, Clubs, Food Offering	-		297.00	
Kitchen Refurbishment Donations	5,323.95		-	
Donations for BBQ, Brick Kiln, for Ministers	910.65		-	
Mission 24 Donations	3,700.00		-	
Other Donations	19,950.00		-	
Bank Interest Received	137.38		41.74	
		<u>103,892.66</u>		<u>65,258.51</u>
Specified Gifts (Gift Aid & Cash):				
Church Planting Fund	7,560.65		23,377.95	
Pakistan Gift Fund	-		573.00	
		<u>7,560.65</u>		<u>23,950.95</u>
TOTAL INCOME		111,453.31		89,209.46
Less: Specified Gifts Paid Out or Reserved		<u>- 7,560.65</u>		<u>- 23,950.95</u>
		103,892.66		65,258.51
Less: CHURCH TITHE:				
Nagaland Bible College	1,200.00		1,145.00	
Evangelical Alliance	90.00		180.00	
Operation Mobilisation	-		1,050.00	
Londonderry Baptist	1,000.00		1,000.00	
Aiela Arif Tithe	1,500.00		-	
Burundi Church	2,400.00		2,400.00	
		<u>6,190.00</u>		<u>5,775.00</u>
TOTAL NET INCOME CARRIED DOWN		97,702.66		59,483.51

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2025

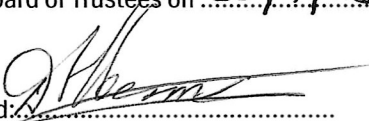
	Year Ended 5th April 2025		Year Ended 5th April 2024	
	£	£	£	£
TOTAL NET INCOME BROUGHT DOWN		97,702.66		59,483.51
EXPENDITURE:				
Staff Costs:				
Salaries	21,819.52		24,203.54	
Employer's Tax & National Insurance Contributions	4,523.22		2,324.38	
NEST Monthly Pension Contributions	1,316.15		1,128.14	
	27,658.89		27,656.06	
General Expenses:				
Caring in the Community	360.00		2,956.02	
Visiting Speakers	1,530.00		760.00	
Travelling and Fuel Expenses	3,522.39		2,857.30	
Vehicle Insurance	834.94		388.13	
LBC HG, Car Hire, Mini Bus and Van Hire	1,436.02		-	
Printing, Stationery and Postage	1,354.90		1,912.62	
Telephone and Broadband	1,072.40		2,456.21	
Gas and Electricity	3,957.25		2,809.86	
Business Insurance	4,631.95		-	
Water Rates	1,029.89		1,769.69	
Hygiene, Cleaning and Refuse Collection	1,547.89		306.53	
CCTV Alarm System Maintenance	1,127.61		2,107.36	
Computer and Software Subscriptions	411.70		1,711.54	
P A and Music Equipment	501.48		533.85	
Church Office Equipment	1,619.27		-	
DBS Check Fees	161.56		145.00	
Advertising	-		813.28	
Books and Teaching Materials	-		158.26	
Training Costs	1,150.00		500.00	
Subscriptions and Licences	891.38		822.96	
Sunday School and Creche Facilities	-		135.57	
Jungle Bugs Room Hire	2,520.00		780.00	
Outreach Expenses	545.00		1,707.56	
Miscellaneous Expenses	2,126.73		2,767.88	
Refreshments & Subsistence	1,107.60		597.96	
Pest Control	373.80		235.20	
Accountancy and Professional Fees	2,690.00		72.00	
Bank Charges and Interest	4.80		7.29	
Hotel Accomodation Mission 24	1,792.72		-	
Kitchen Refurbishments & Church Maintenance	18,428.32		2,045.67	
Rhayader Church Plant Expenses	304.90		550.00	
Rent for Rhayader	12,000.00		2,000.00	
Rhayader Insurance	250.00		-	
Rhayader Minibus Hire	350.00		-	
	69,634.50		33,907.74	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		97,293.39		61,563.80
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		409.27		- 2,080.29

**LBC HURST GREEN
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2025**

	Year Ended 5th April 2025		Year Ended 5th April 2024	
	£	£	£	£
General Fund Brought Forward		3,341.27		5,421.56
Balance for the Year		409.27	-	2,080.29
GENERAL FUND CARRIED FORWARD		3,750.54		3,341.27
 REPRESENTED BY:-				
Barclays Bank Balance	3,404.45		11,279.08	
Barclays Church Planting Fund Acc	7,560.65		9,347.17	
Petty Cash Balance	37.96		88.92	
Gift Aid Refund Due	3,028.50		10,673.93	
Pastor's Petty Cash Float	321.63		330.12	
TOTAL ASSETS		14,353.19		31,719.22
 Less: FUNDS RESERVED:-				
Loan Repayment Balance	3,042.00		5,000.00	
Church Planting Fund Balance	7,560.65		23,377.95	
		10,602.65		28,377.95
GENERAL FUND CARRIED FORWARD		3,750.54		3,341.27


TRUSTEES' APPROVAL:

We confirm that we have made available all relevant records and information for preparation of these Income and Expenditure Accounts for the year ended 5th April 2025. We can confirm that these Accounts have been approved by the Board of Trustees on 23/19/25..... and were signed on it's behalf by:

Signed: 
.....
TRUSTEE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S APPROVAL:

These Income and Expenditure Accounts have been prepared from the accounting records of LBC Hurst Green in order to fulfil their Charity's responsibilities. These Accounts have been examined and prepared by me and I consider them to be true and fair.

Signed: 
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Ms K Kaur trading as DKP Accountancy
23 Quadrant Court, 48 Calthorpe Road, Birmingham, B15 1TH

Dated: 23/09/25



LBC Hurst Green

England & Wales - Charity number 701531

Accounts



Beaumont Road, Halesowen, West Midlands, B62 9HD
Registered Charity Number: 701531

ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2024

Minutes of LBC Hurst Green AGM 17th September 2024

Held on the premises - Beaumont Rd, Halesowen B62 9HD

Registered Charity: 701531

Members Present: 15

Non-members Present: Kam Kaur (accountant)

Apologies: 5

The meeting opened with praise & worship.

Kam Kaur, the accountant, gave out copies of the audited church accounts & explained them. We thank God for His provision & faithfulness through the church finance & especially for enabling us to support our first church plant.

We recorded a vote of thanks to Kam for her work.

We then read the annual report for the year ending April 5th 2024.

We particularly asked for prayer for the Lord to supply anointed worship team members.

The minister Nick Harrison then shared his vision for us to plant more churches, whilst building and increasing the congregation at LBC Hurst Green, he also set out a five year timeline for the fellowship to achieve our goals.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Nick & with prayer.

1) **GENERAL CHURCH REVIEW**

In some areas the church had a difficult year between April 2023 and April 2024. As the year passed by – our dearly loved brother in Christ, Frank, lost his daughter Niki to sepsis in May 2023. Then in an eight-week period we lost our eldest member Evelyn Deeley in August 2023, and our newest member Lee, who died suddenly in October 2023. Our pastor lost his eldest sister in August 2023 too with heart failure, whilst Eugene and Mark said goodbye to their mom – Marjorie in January 2024.

Others such as Christine Philips, along with her husband David continue to battle in faith against cancer, David Simpson snapped his quads and was out of work for months as he recovered, then his wife had a cancer scare. In February this year we said goodbye to Nigel and Christine Powell as they headed south to ‘retirement land’ with their son and daughter-in-law Tim and Lynn.

There were other upheavals too in autumn 2023, as we had to, sadly, stand two members of the leadership team down from ministry.

But our God is faithful, and despite the difficulties we managed to launch a brand-new children’s ministry in the community (June 2023) and plant a church (February 2024). We have witnessed 14 salvations and had 8 wonderful baptisms, which leaves us rejoicing in the grace of God.

We are very optimistic that what at times seemed like a heavy pruning of God is over, and our Lord is starting to rebuild us at the time of writing. A few encouraging scriptures have come our way, and we now feel it’s time to look forward in reaching the lost and fulfilling the vision of ‘planting churches from here to the coast, into Europe, and the world’.

All Glory to God!

2) **MINISTERIAL REPORTS**

Finances

Kam to report

Deaconship - Joan Betteridge

Only normal maintenance work carried out on the building.

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Sunday Services

Our morning services continued as normal throughout the year. Bernd Schulz continued to be a source of inspiration with excellent Biblical teaching. Visiting Speakers included Daniel Shearer and Charlie from LBC Birmingham. Nigel Powell preached his last sermon at the fellowship before moving south, and Adam & Leonie Barratt visited the church for the first time to introduce themselves to the wider congregation... it was a joyous occasion! We also managed to cover a broad range of Biblical topics from April to September 2023 and then from September to April 2024 the three main areas of teaching were the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, the Fruit of the Holy Spirit, followed by the book of Acts from January to March 2024.

Our evening services began to reduce in number, and in January 2024 we took the decision to end evening services for the foreseeable future until we are prompted by the Holy Spirit to restart them. This decision proved to be impeccable timing for our Pastor Nick Harrison to support LBC Rhayader who hold their services 4pm on Sundays, which would have proved impossible had our evening services continued.

Senior leader of LBC Churches - Aaron Jarvis reduced his preaching appointments to once a quarter from March 2024, this was to free himself up to preach at other younger churches such as LBC Langley.

Prayer – Nick Harrison

The Engine Room:

The Engine room attendance has fluctuated over the last year; however, numbers never stop God from answering our prayers and being ever present in our times of prayer. During these times we pray for the church, for the local community, for LBC network and LBC leaders and our home nations.

Some members had very serious health issues over the summer of 2023, and without prayer these may have been more serious. We know that those with life-threatening issues felt the power of prayer at work in their lives. All glory to God our Father.

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24 Hour Prayer Meeting:

These started in January 2023 and continued monthly through to December 2023. Even though our available numbers were low, the church was never empty during these 24-hour prayer meetings. We thank God for the faithful and true servants who endured in prayer through 2023, despite some extraordinary circumstances, in which the Lord uncovered some longstanding ungodly practices by some of the church members.

The first six 24-hour prayer meetings seemed to be about God uncovering some foundational issues within the church, making way for the rebuilding of the fellowship as we headed into 2024. As always, prayer is the most fundamental practice of the church, and as such can prove the most difficult thing for Christians to attend, but the God we serve is forever faithful, and we look forward to increased prayer towards the end of 2024.

Discipleship Groups

The existing 'Life Groups' were renamed 'Discipleship Groups' in September 2023 to better reflect the purpose of the groups. In September we launched two new groups led by Joyce Neech & Edwin Fletcher and Dennis & Sandra Shearman.

Dennis and Sandra Discipleship Group:

The group was meeting at our house on Wednesday evening, until it was decided by the group to move to a Tuesday evening to join the other groups for a short time of worship before going into our discussion group. This proved a wise move as it enabled all the groups to look at topics together.

During our times together we looked and discussed several subjects i.e. St John's Gospel: Acts chapters 1-8: The image of God (all groups)...
Spiritual Gifts : Personal Gifting : How to share your faith ...this was very helpful and fun when we did some role playing....

The group enjoyed good times of fellowship with some very challenging discussions. Open times was also given to prayer and when allowed we prayed for each other. The group was enjoyable to do and we look forward to what the Lord has for us when we restart in September.

Joyce Neech & Edwin Fletcher Group:

From April 2023 to the middle of May we finished off the study on the book of John. I believe we all found the study very helpful, and it created a great deal of discussion. From May to July, we began our journey through the book of Acts which again created many interesting discussions, before we broke up for August.

The groups were reshuffled in September, and I was asked to lead a group with Edwin. I am truly thankful for Edwin's help as he is a great support to me with his many years of knowledge and wisdom.

In the month of November, we began another in depth study on the fruit of the Spirit as listed in Galatians 6:22-23 which led up to Christmas 2023. There were a good number of wonderful testimonies shared between us all during these studies.

At the start of 2024 we had another joint meeting which focused on prayer, and we split into pairs to ask the Lord for a word for one another. Edwin led the group during February as I was ill. During March we were planning Easter and one Tuesday evening we were all asked to design posters to display in church for Easter. There were some funny ones and there were some great ones. It's amazing what you can do when you put your mind to it. Then we moved on to the first 5 chapters of Acts to help us to understand evangelism and how we can reach out into our community. I think we all found that very challenging.

Youth Work –Nadine Hill

Nadine stepped down from youthwork December 2023. We currently have no facility or youth workers and are waiting on the Lord to send an anointed worker who has a passion for this ministry.

KidzChurch – Becky Davison

Leaders / Supporters

Rebecca Davison and Andrea Powell have continued to take on the role as joint leaders of KidzChurch. More members have completed their DBS checks, so we have more support when required.

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Number of children

We had a varied number of children who came to KidzChurch from month to month, but consistently we had Joseph, Jacob, Violet, Libby and Connor, on occasions Reuben and Lilly attended too.

Resources for planning

We have continued to use 'Mission Bible Class' – an online resource that provides detailed notes on how to deliver sessions and activities to support the sessions. Rebecca completed a long-term overview for each term outlining which Bible Stories will be covered each week. These have had to be altered occasionally such as for preparation for Christmas services and when the Spirit leads us elsewhere – such as addressing swearing, temptation, worry and being kind to others.

Structure of KidzChurch weekly lessons – same as last year

1. Snack – various items of food have included toast, crumpets, pancakes, crisps, biscuits, fruit and cordial.
2. Kids Worship songs – You Tube
3. Main Lesson
4. Activity
5. Team building games outdoors, weather permitting

Themes covered during May 2023 – April 2024 (In order)

Easter Story, including the resurrection and ascension, Jacob, Esau and the birthright, Christmas, Creation, meaning and purpose of communion, the birth of Moses, Burning Bush, Plagues, Crossing the red sea.

Struggles of KidzChurch during period of April 2023- April 24

None really, would be nice to have other leaders for KidzChurch so that we can alternate planning and teaching, but Andrea and I are happy doing it weekly.

Highlights of KidzChurch during period of April 2023 – April 24

The continued relationships that the children have formed. The Christmas performance – when the children took over the Christmas morning service for the second time, Church BBQ – Kids crafts, Kids joining in with evangelism on the streets of Blackheath for Easter March 24.

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Women's Ministry – Daughters of Zion – Joyce Neech

Ladies Ministry Team - Joyce Neech, Becky Davison, Andrea Powell

The three of us have been a team since June 2022 and we have developed an extremely good relationship together. We have strived to get together at least once a month to plan our quarterly meetings.

The first quarterly meeting was on 1st April 2023 where we met for prayer and worship then Nadine shared her experience at the Evangelist workshop. Then Joyce spoke on the story of Leah from the bible. We had a quiz and then food and fellowship.

Our second meeting was on the 29th July 2023. Prayer and worship began our meeting. Becky then spoke extensively on the importance of prayer. We concluded this by selecting a prayer partner from names in a hat. We then spent some time in these twosomes to pray for each other. It was hoped that these partnerships would become more permanent, and we would continue encouraging and praying for each other on a daily/weekly basis, with varying degrees of success. We finished with food and fellowship.

At our 4th August team meeting we decided that it would be good to have a ladies meal out and so on the 15th September we all went to a local pub for our second evening meal together. It was a resounding success, and it was decided that we would be doing this again.

Our third quarterly meeting was held on November 18th, 2023, beginning as usual with prayer and worship. I shared a little about the gifts of the Spirit and gave each lady a copy of Christine Darg's book on 50 gifts of the Spirit. We then listened to a DVD by John Bevere called Bait of Satan, which discussed what holding on to an offence and anger creates in us. We then split into 3 groups to pray for each other concerning anything the Holy Spirit had revealed to us through the DVD.

Becky handed out some notes pinpointing important areas from the talk for us to take home and reflect on. We finished as usual with food and fellowship.

Our final quarterly meeting was held on 27th April 2024. Prayer and worship followed by a game. This involved placing everyday items on a table and for each person to select an item that reminded them of a scripture and then

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to find that scripture in the bible. Everyone enjoyed this and it was surprising how many scriptures were found just through looking at everyday things. We then had our second DVD by John Bevere concerning the gifts of the Spirit. We re-capped the book that had been given out the previous meeting and shared if the DVD had helped us grow in the gifts of the Spirit.

We finished with food and fellowship. During which time we had a short discussion on how we as the ladies of this church can reach out into the community. We did think that a fete may be one way, but other than that we were a bit short on ideas.

Overall, all the meetings were good and the average number per meeting was between 10 and 12. We hope that in the coming year this will increase. We are also looking for someone to join the team. So, if any of the ladies feel motivated, and more importantly called to help develop the ladies ministry, please contact Joyce.

Worship – Nick Harrison

The worship team ministry has been undergoing major restructure and so for the foreseeable future we will continue to use YouTube as a source for worship.

Prophetic Guild – Joyce Neech & Nick Harrison

On Saturday 20th May we held our second Prophetic Guild conference.

This was our second conference about prophecy and the role of the prophetic gifting within a church context.

The first meeting was held in 2022 which focused on hearing God for ourselves. This second meeting was about hearing God for others.

The session began with a review of what we learned at the previous meeting and then we focused on how to hear from God for others. We learned about the difference between the gift of prophecy in a church context. The Holy Spirit gives the gift of prophecy as and when He wills. Prophets are part of the governing Fivefold ministry. We learned that all prophecy must line up with the word of God. We learned that humility is one of the main characteristics of someone operating in the prophetic gifting. We learned

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that God could speak in many ways through scripture, through nature, through other people. We split into pairs and prayed and prophesied to each other before moving on to another person. We repeated this exercise in the afternoon using different methods such as music or pictures.

We learned about prophetic protocol and the process of accountability as follows:

What to do if we receive a prophetic word for someone in the church?

- a) If it is a word of encouragement, we may share it.
- b) If it is a word of direction or admonition or correction it must be submitted to leadership first to be weighed.

All in all, it was a very useful time, helpful, and instructive. Our plan was to hold a third Prophetic Guild workshop on hearing God outside of the church, which was initially planned for 2024, but this has not yet been possible, and we hope to look at this at a more convenient time.

Food Warehouse Project – Andrea Powell

Nick asked me to start a food rotation project in 2022 and with the help of Joan we purchased some basic food store items (tinned goods, dry food, toilet rolls etc...) A food store folder was set up to keep track of items stored and expiry dates. Some food was recently due to go out of date, so we offered it to the church members.

This food ministry is still in the early stages and I'm not completely sure where it is going to take us! I am open to where God leads with this. However, I do feel drawn to support our local community in some way, this may be food banks, or the local Pantry Manna House. Also, I'd like us to be able to help our own congregation, maybe through food donations or Christmas boxes.

I am praying that God gives me a clear vision of what He wants from this ministry. I just want to make sure that wherever it leads it is for His Kingdom and His glory. Please contact Andrea if you would like to be involved with this ministry.

Website and Media Publicity AGM Report - Paul Davison

Initial Objectives:

- Social media - To create a new Twitter account under a new @lbchurstgreen username
- Social media - To create an Instagram account to advance into outreach via alternative media methods
- Website - To include multi-media (namely videos) on the website to appeal to a wider audience and enable us to be more engaging
- Team - To grow the 'Website and Media Publicity' Team to assist in updating/managing the website and social media activity
- Website/social media - To connect the website and all social media accounts together, so that when we share on one platform, all platforms relay the same information

Successes:

- Website - Paul Davison will continue to maintain the website, carry out necessary updates, monitor security and upload sermons as required.
- Website – The website continues to function successfully across all devices
- ***Website Security – The site security we have in place has been successful in defending against cyber-attack attempts on our website during this period***

Struggles:

- Content Creation – We still require additional team members who can produce content for the website e.g. daily devotionals, testimonies, video and photography so that we can keep the website fresh and regularly updated
- Social media – Although we have an active Facebook account, which is viewable on the Website, we have not moved forward with setting up any additional Social Media platforms. This may be due to them not being required or due to a lack of team members/individuals being able to create and maintain them.
- Website – Aside from uploading the latest sermon audio recordings, there hasn't been any new content added to the site during this period

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Areas to Improve:

- Website - It would be beneficial if the sermon speakers could provide a sermon title and brief outline of the sermon to enable a quicker upload time to the website and to give the sermon relative context.
- Communication – It would be beneficial to have a definitive channel of communication where information that would benefit from being on the website e.g. events, date/time changes of meetings etc. were shared so they could be added to the website in a timely manner and therefore accessible to site visitors

Future Expectations:

- Website – We will be introducing video recordings of the sermons.

3) EVANGELISM***Community BBQ***

We had a good turnout to the summer Community BBQ held on 22nd July 2023, and despite the heavy rain we managed to hold the BBQ in the courtyard under gazebos, and we celebrated two people coming to faith. Local families with small children were in attendance, and three people who got saved at the BBQ in 2022 returned, saying they wanted to get baptised. The whole church was involved in helping the event be a huge success, with hot food, face-painting, kids crafts and bouncy castles. There isn't enough room to mention everybody's name as the whole church was involved in making the day a huge success, but Pastor Nick would like to thank everyone involved for a sterling effort once again in reaching out to the community with the love of God.

Friday Club – Nick Harrison

Friday Club was launched in June 2023 with the aim of taking the gospel to unchurched kids aged 7 to 11 years. This was instantly successful and by April 2024 had 70 kids registered with an average of 30 kids attending each week. The church subsidises the cost, but we have also been given a reduced rate for hiring by the owner, Natalie.

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The format of the club is simple but effective:

6pm - 45mins play

6.45-7pm fruit and drinks break followed by a short gospel story

7- 7.30pm play

7.30pm close with the Lord's prayer (either sign language or verbal)

We are beginning to see breakthrough with parents as some of the mums have asked for prayer recently even though they have never been to church. We have a limited time of impact for these families, due to children being moved on at the age of 11.

(We were considering purchasing Junglebugs which is where Friday Club is held, but sadly, the asking price was too high for investment.)

Street Evangelism – Nick Harrison

From April 2023 we continued to go into Blackheath though not as often as the year before, but people were getting saved as a result of our street evangelism. Highlight of the year was on Good Friday, when a number of the fellowship carried the cross into Blackheath and did an hour's outreach on the streets – even the kids got involved! Some great conversations were had, and some of the those from the fellowship were doing evangelism for the first time.

During 2024 and 2025 the whole focus will be on helping the church members become witnesses for Christ, through the sharing of the gospel – two main areas of focus are courage and confidence in the gospel.

Church planting – Nick Harrison

Adam & Leonie and a small team launched LBC Rhayader on 4th February 2024. LBC Hurst Green, closed for the morning and headed over to LBC Rhayader to support Adam & Leonie as they stepped into their calling. We love and appreciate Adam & Leonie for their humility, obedience and incredible hard work to get things up and running – we wait in anticipation of what the Lord will do through them.

Pastor Nick Harrison will attend the services at Rhayader to oversee and support Adam and Leonie in the initial phase of the church (other members of the leadership team will attend with Nick as and when they are available)

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with a view to stepping back as and when the church is established enough. LBC Hurst Green has agreed a financial package with Adam & Leonie to help LBC Rhayader for the first two years. Afterwards it is expected that LBC Rhayader will become more financially independent and less reliant on LBC Hurst Green.

Café Church – Tender Care - Nick Harrison & Dennis & Sandra Shearman

Café Church has been running just over 12 months and we have seen some wonderful fruit from this ministry to the elderly with ten salvations and one baptism. They love a good praise knees-up at the care home and the up-tempo praise song 'My Lighthouse' has become an anthem amongst the staff and residents alike.

Overseas Mission

Principal Senti from Nagaland Bible College visited us in September 2023 for the first time. Nagaland Bible College has been supported by LBC Hurst Green for over 20 years. Principal Senti, brought us encouraging news from Nagaland of how they are training up and sending out newly commissioned pastors into southeast Asia, and how the Bible College runs an orphanage of over 100 children.

Some of the challenges they face is persecution from local government officials, but the work of God goes from strength to strength despite the challenges.

Salvations:

22nd April 2023 – Christopher – 72 – streets – Nadine Hill

14th June 2023 – Carlos – 39 – Blackheath – Nick Harrison

14th June 2023 – Zoey – 38 – Blackheath – Nick Harrison

18th June 2023 – Lee – in the Lord's house – Karl Hill

19th June 2023 – Brian 73 on the streets – Nick Harrison

19th June 2023 – Mel 36 – on the streets – Nick Harrison

22nd July 2023 – Nathan (20's) Church BBQ – Nick Harrison

22nd July 2023 – Sharnie (20's) Church BBQ – Nick Harrison

5th September 2023 Jamie Dean – workplace – Nadine Hill

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17th December Nick & Kelly - in-house – Nick Harrison

6th February 2024 Val – streets – Yvonne Gisbourne

27th February 2024 Rob - 46 – Café Church

26th March 2023 Shirley Pace aged 79 Café Church

31st March 2024 Owen - in-house – Nick Harrison

Baptisms

Anne – Care Home (aged 79) 2nd May 2023

Ben from Newport Wales (aged 22) 28th May 2023

Janette Southwick 10th September 2023

Lee 8th October 2023

Pat Southwick 8th October 2023

Jo 31st March 2024

Darren Bromley 31st March 2024

Lisa Bromley 31st March April 2024

Other news:

We had an amazing day out at Himley Hall in July 2023 at the Churches Together Festival. Lots of worship, fellowship and fun. To top it off, Pastor Nick Harrison was given a word for Leonie Barratt regarding God using her more in the ministry of worship and opening a door for her. From that conversation, Leonie introduced Nick to her husband Adam and 9 months later LBC Rhayader was launched with Adam and Leonie leading that church plant.

We also had a fantastic ‘all age’ day out at Stourport on Severn in July. Everyone had a super time with field games, picnics, river walks, fair rides and a general wholesome church family day out!

We were given a wonderful prophetic promise during a leadership meeting in February 2023

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But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings, and you will go free, leaping with joy, like calves let out to pasture. (Malachi 4:2)

Another verse given whilst we waited on the Lord towards the end of 2023 regarding the church plant in Rhayader was:

In the third year, sow and reap, plant vineyards and eat their fruit. (Isaiah 37:30)

Given LBC Hurst Green had entered its third year in September 2024, we took this verse as a great encouragement and confirmation that we were in the will of God with LBC Rhayader.

Shared Joys

Nadine started her new job with Travis Perkins,

Joe Davison's op was successful

Nigel and Christine Powell came through some long-term health issues.

Nadine passed her driving test

Alex & Janette got engaged to be married November 2024

Gavin & Katie got engaged

Libby got into Hurst Green school

Shared sorrows

May 2023 - Niki (Frank's daughter)

August 2023 - Evelyn Deeley

August 2023 – Stephanie (Nick's sister)

October 2023 - Lee

January 2024 - Marjorie Edwards (Eugene & Mark's Mum)

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Final Word – Pastor Nick Harrison

Well, I think we all at LBC Hurst Green can say it has been an eventful twelve months since the last AGM report. There have been many peaks and valleys, but God is faithful through every season of the soul. Indeed, what I have learnt personally is that Father God uses adversity in many ways; to shape us and grow us, but most importantly to demonstrate He is with us by sustaining us through each adversity that comes.

We have all suffered loss in the fellowship this last year with one thing and another, and had to deal with damaged trust in certain individuals. We continue to suffer with those amongst us who are sick and weak, indeed the word of God says that we are a body of believers and when one suffers, we all suffer (1 Corinthians 12:26)

Nonetheless, we know that whatever form of suffering we must go through

“We learn to rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope. Now this hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. (Romans 5:3-5)

On reflection, I have found this verse to be so true and find myself rejoicing when I think of how the church served Evelyn and her family in the last weeks of her life with her daughter saying that she “had never experienced anything like it” when referring to the love of God she received as expressed through the church. Also, the way the church rallied round Lee’s parents who were touched by the kindness of the church.

I rejoice that we were able to serve Eugene and Mark’s family in their grieving. I rejoice that the church gave so generously to Dave Simpson when he was out of work, and to several other needs when asked. I rejoice because the church has never stopped praying for Christine and David Phillips, and I rejoice in the way Christine has stayed so positive sharing her faith at the hospital when going through so much herself. I rejoice that God gave David Phillips the gift of tongues with a song and laughter at his time of need. I rejoice because of Nigel & Christine Powell witnessing to people when they themselves were in hospital.

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Report to the Trustees

Charity Name

LBC HURST GREEN, Beaumont Road, Halesowen, B62 9HD

**On accounts for the year
ended**

5th April 2024

Charity No:
HMRC Ref:

701531
XN77764

I report to the Trustees on the accounts of the above Charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 5th April 2024, which are attached herewith.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner:

As the Charity's Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Section 43 (2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 43 (7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of 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 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 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 Statement:

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met;
- or
- b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

KK

Date:

17/09/24

Name and Address:

KAMALJIT KAUR Trading As DKP ACCOUNTANCY
Office: 23 Quadrant Court, 48 Calthorpe Road, Birmingham, B15 1TH
And 106 Kingsway, Oldbury, West Midlands, B68 0PL

**Relevant Professional
Qualification or Body:**

AAT (Association of Accounting Technician)
Registered with HMRC as an Agent and Money Laundering Regulations
Registration No: XPML00000148114

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

NONE TO REPORT

LBC HURST GREEN

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2024**

	Year Ended 5th April 2024		Year Ended 5th April 2023	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME:				
General Collections (Gift Aid)	40,276.65		30,438.76	
Loose Cash Collections	13,969.19		17,325.54	
Tax Refund on Total Gift Aid	10,673.93		13,343.69	
	64,919.77		61,107.99	
Other Income:				
Sale of PA Equipment, Clubs, Food Offering	297.00		-	
Bank Interest Received	41.74		-	
		65,258.51		61,107.99
Specified Gifts (Gift Aid & Cash):				
Needy Fund	-		2,400.00	
Church Planting Fund	23,377.95		15,023.00	
Car for N Harrison	-		11,350.00	
Brazilian Church	-		450.00	
Earthquake Appeal	-		325.00	
Pakistan Gift Fund	573.00		-	
		23,950.95		29,548.00
TOTAL INCOME		89,209.46		90,655.99
Less: Specified Gifts Paid Out or Reserved		- 23,950.95		- 29,548.00
		65,258.51		61,107.99
Less: CHURCH TITHE:				
Nagaland Bible College	1,145.00		600.00	
Evangelical Alliance	180.00		90.00	
Visiting Speakers	-		1,390.00	
Youth for Christ	-		-	
Operation Mobilisation	1,050.00		1,800.00	
Londonderry Baptist	1,000.00		-	
Burundi Church	2,400.00		2,400.00	
		5,775.00		6,280.00
TOTAL NET INCOME CARRIED DOWN		59,483.51		54,827.99

LBC HURST GREEN
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2024

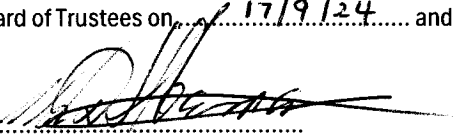
	Year Ended 5th April 2024		Year Ended 5th April 2023	
	£	£	£	£
TOTAL NET INCOME BROUGHT DOWN		59,483.51		54,827.99
EXPENDITURE:				
Staff Costs:				
Salaries		24,203.54		25,437.48
Employer's Tax & National Insurance Contributions		2,324.38		-
Employer's Pension Contributions		1,128.14		575.94
		27,656.06		26,013.42
General Expenses:				
Caring in the Community		2,956.02		660.00
Visiting Speakers		760.00		-
Travelling and Fuel Expenses		2,857.30		3,315.36
Vehicle Insurance		388.13		-
Printing, Stationery and Postage		1,912.62		1,259.95
Telephone and Broadband		2,456.21		2,768.47
Gas and Electricity		2,809.86		2,999.69
Insurance		-		4,571.41
Water Rates		1,769.69		1,203.13
Rent for Rhayader		2,000.00		-
Cleaning		306.53		-
Building Repairs and Maintenance		2,045.67		4,109.36
CCTV Alarm System Maintenance		2,107.36		-
Computer and Software Subscriptions		1,711.54		2,159.30
P A and Music Equipment		533.85		1,881.33
DBS Check Fees		145.00		-
Advertising		813.28		-
Books and Teaching Materials		158.26		539.59
Training Costs		500.00		-
Subscriptions		822.96		-
Sunday School and Creche Facilities		135.57		41.78
Jungle Bugs Room Hire		780.00		-
Outreach Expenses		1,707.56		3,695.48
Miscellaneous Expenses		2,767.88		4,779.49
Refreshments & Subsistence		597.96		-
Pest Control		235.20		-
Audit Fee		-		175.00
Consultancy and Professional Fees		72.00		-
Bank Charges and Interest		7.29		-
Rhayader Church Plant Expenses		550.00		-
Major Building Works		-		22,640.06
		33,907.74		56,799.40
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		61,563.80		82,812.82
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		- 2,080.29		- 27,984.83

**LBC HURST GREEN
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2024**

	Year Ended 5th April 2024		Year Ended 5th April 2023	
	£	£	£	£
General Fund Brought Forward		5,421.56		33,406.39
Shortfall for the Year		- 2,080.29		- 27,984.83
GENERAL FUND CARRIED FORWARD		3,341.27		5,421.56
 REPRESENTED BY:-				
Barclays Bank Balance	11,279.08		9,607.78	
Barclays Church Planting Fund Acc	9,347.17		-	
Petty Cash Balance	88.92		367.47	
Tax Refund Due	10,673.93		6,022.56	
Pastor's Petty Cash Float	330.12		600.00	
TOTAL ASSETS		31,719.22		16,597.81
 Less: FUNDS RESERVED:-				
Loan Repayment	5,000.00		-	
Church Planting Fund	23,377.95		11,176.25	
		28,377.95		11,176.25
GENERAL FUND CARRIED FORWARD		3,341.27		5,421.56


TRUSTEES' APPROVAL:

We confirm that we have made available all relevant records and information for preparation of these Income and Expenditure Accounts for the year ended 5th April 2024. We can confirm that these Accounts have been approved by the Board of Trustees on 17/9/24 and were signed on it's behalf by:

Signed: 
TRUSTEE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S APPROVAL:

These Income and Expenditure Accounts have been prepared from the accounting records of LBC Hurst Green in order to fulfil their Charity's responsibilities. These Accounts have been examined and prepared by me and I consider them to be true and fair.

Signed: 

Ms K Kaur trading as DKP Accountancy
 23 Quadrant Court, 48 Calthorpe Road, Birmingham, B15 1TH



Dated: 17/09/24

LBC Hurst Green

England & Wales - Charity number 701531

Accounts

LBC Hurst Green

Charity no. **701531**

Minutes of AGM - 12 September 2023

Held on the premises - Beaumont Rd, Halesowen B62 9HD

Members Present: 28

Apologies: 3

The meeting opened with praise & worship.

The annual report for the year ending 31st March 2023 was read.

1) **GENERAL CHURCH REVIEW APRIL '22 TO MARCH 23**

Wow, what a year upon reflection!!! Its not until we come to review church life over the past year (April 2022 to April 2023), that we get a true sense of the enormity and intensity of Father God's love for His children and Jesus' love for His bride. I am sure as you read through this report, you too will appreciate the speed at which we have been developing and growing as a fellowship.

Spring of 2022 saw the beginning of the church sanctuary refit, with the old bar area being dismantled and removed to make way for a permanent baptismal area. We also had the first of our baptismal services for the period April 2022 - April 2023 with Amelia Fisher, Paul Palmer, Gavin Tether, Mark Gall and Alex, all taking a step of obedience and going through the waters.

The summer of 2022 was a particular busy time for the church with 2 BBQ's, an Alpha course, The Bible Course, street evangelism with LBC Oldbury around the Olympic stadium and other towns & areas, and the first Prophetic Workshops. Thank you to everyone who served in any way in each of these areas,

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there are too many names to mention individually in this report – but the most important thing is that Father God sees all that you do and will reward you according to His promises. This period also proved to be a difficult time as John and Michelle Fisher stepped back from training for church planting and despite being supported in this decision, felt the need to also leave LBC Hurst Green and go to another church in the LBC network. John and Michelle are dearly loved by all at LBC Hurst Green, and we are delighted to see them now serving in LBC Langley (one of the latest churches to join the LBC Network.)

Late summer leading into autumn saw the launch of Life Groups at a church family BBQ and everyone did extremely well coping with having Sunday services in the middle of a working building site. A number from our fellowship attended an evangelistic training day in October 2022 hosted by Rise for Christ and as a result of this evangelist Virginia Logan was invited to preach at an evening service. Autumn saw the completion of the refit (apart from the lighting system).

Winter leading into 2023 saw: Sandra Gall, Katie Garner, Harvey Gall, Ravinder getting baptised in November, and Adam Hughes & Sandra (Sandie) getting baptised in December, and we all enjoyed a fantastic Christmas meal at the Toby Carvery, Quinton.

In January 2023 we continued with our street evangelism and were joined one morning by our dear sister Evelyn, who was admitted to hospital shortly after. After many tests Evelyn has only recently been released from hospital. We were also involved in the reunification of Ken and Pearl Palmer after months of them being separated – (seeing Ken and Pearl together again, was one of the highlights of the past year). In January 2023 LBC Hurst Green Café Church was launched and proved to be very fruitful with salvations and a baptism.

In February 2023, a new Church Membership was launched, giving people the opportunity to evaluate and commit to the vision of the church in the form of membership if felt called. During one prayer night in the Engine Room, the church received an amazing ‘faith challenging’ word through our

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brother Edwin in which God challenged us “you take the initiative, and I will back you all the way”. This has proved to be an inspiring word for helping the church to push through when birthing new ministries/church plants as we move forward.

At the start of spring (March) 2023 Nick Braine from Newport Wales came and took a morning service and shared his testimony. This was part of the developing relationship between Nick and LBC Hurst Green as Nick considered heading up a church plant for the LBC Network under the apostolic covering of LBC Hurst Green. It was a time of worship, food & fellowship, which also saw our final baptism of the year to April 2023, with Barry from Newport deciding to be baptised on the afternoon, sealing a year of adventure, growth, sorrows, celebration, salvations and baptisms.

Yes, we are a blessed Church! and we can sincerely declare this despite having some very tough times, sad times, even heartbreaking moments over this last year with a few of the congregation losing close family members and others experiencing long-term sickness. However, we have also experienced constant outpourings of the Holy Spirit and lots of laughter amongst the tears.

Father God has more than demonstrated his ability to keep us in the midst of trials. It’s worth mentioning too, that apart from various new ministries starting up over the last year, such as Life groups, youthwork, Men’s & Women’s ministry and the Café Church, God has graciously given us salvations in every month throughout the last year. Hallelujah! And all Glory and Praise to our God.

2) **MINISTERIAL REPORTS**

Sunday Services

Our Sunday services remain a source of inspiration. We did not have so many visiting speakers as we did during the first six months of life as LBC Hurst Green. In addition, Senior Leader of the LBC network, Aaron Jarvis reduced his preaching input on ***‘To plant Churches from here to the coast, into Europe and into the rest of the world’***.

Sunday evenings over the year April 2022 to April 2023, from once a fortnight to once per month. This would be a challenge for LBC Hurst Green evening services as Aaron has a great evangelistic anointing, but on the positive side it shows that LBC Hurst Green is now able to stand on our own two feet and hold two services per week with much less support. This move also freed Aaron to speak at other LBC churches who are just starting out and need the support we were so privileged to have during the first 6 months or so.

Morning Services:

We interrupted a few of our usual Sunday morning services to support other churches in their first services in the LBC Network. During August 2022 we all joined LBC Earl Shilton as they launched their first service under the LBC Banner, and in March 2023 we cancelled the morning service to join LBC Langley as it became the fourth local church in the Birmingham area to be relaunched under the LBC banner. At the time of writing, we are planning to cancel another service so that we are able to stand with our brothers and sisters in Newport, Wales as we venture on our first church plant after their visit from Newport at the end of March. Apart from our regular visiting speaker Bernd, we had only Matthew from Hereford as our other visiting speaker.

Evening Services

We experienced some incredible evening services during the summer of 2022, with the Holy Spirit moving powerfully and giving gifts to the church. It is such a delight to see so many receive the gift of tongues over the last year - one of the most immediate evidence of regeneration in scripture. There will clearly be other gifts imparted but it will take time for the fruit of these to be seen. We have had fewer visiting speakers over the last year (April '22 -April '23), but those we have had, have brought some very rich teaching. Bernd always brings a good Biblical teaching and besides him we had Virginia Logan a street evangelist, bringing a stirring word and testimony, in October, what a blessing. A few people from our fellowship

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joined Virginia Logan in Dudley and learnt how to do street evangelism.

We also had Arif Anees, who brought us three monthly teachings from January to March 2023 about Islam and taught us some of the mindsets we would face in witnessing to those of the Islamic faith. We also had Daniel Shearer from Hull - Daniel brought us a very powerful message. In March 2023 we had Andy Flute back to take the evening for us. This was less well attended than when he visited in 2021. Still a powerful time in the Holy Spirit and several people were ministered to.

Prayer

The Engine Room:

The Engine room always proves to be a powerful time with no two weeks the same, however there seems to be a number of people who are not as regular as a year ago in the prayer room. Sustained prayer of any sort is always difficult, and this is something we as a fellowship must remain faithful to, in order to see any lasting fruit in the life of the church collectively and in our lives individually. Some of the answered prayer highlights over the last year are:

Ken & Pearl Palmer who were separated when Ken was admitted to hospital in November 2022. God answered our prayers, and they were both reunited with each other in the same care home 7 March 2023.

Nola Hoggart was rushed into hospital with a suspect clot on the brain behind her eyes, we prayed that the clot would dissolve to the extent that when Nola had her ultrasound nothing would be found. Again, the Lord answered our prayers as the results of the ultrasound and other tests showed nothing and Nola was given the all-clear and released from hospital.

Gavin, Katie & kids received the keys for their new home - what an answer to prayer!!!

Mark Whitehouse sister-in-law came through brain surgery successfully.

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Laura Burns spinal fluid leaking from her spinal cord and running down her nose. Laura was rushed into hospital and surgery was expected once they had the results from the MRI scan. The church prayed that when the surgeons investigated, they would find that Laura would not need an operation. Laura's husband John messaged us the next morning to let us know that consultants had informed Laura after checking the x-ray, that the leak had stopped and healed up and that they 'couldn't understand how it happened' Laura was discharged on the Monday without surgery. Praise Jesus!

During another time of prayer in the engine room one Thursday night in February - our dear brother Edwin Fletcher was praying. In the middle of his prayer, he uttered this line... "and we know Lord that if we take the initiative, you will back us all the way". Nick heard and received this in the Holy Spirit anointing, and this has become a 'now word' for 2023. Keep taking the initiative for the church to experience the full weight of our Father's backing you in your faith ventures.

24 Hour Prayer Meeting:

One Sunday evening during November 2022, Nick received a word of knowledge from a visitor regarding his involvement with 24-hour prayer meetings in Birmingham City and LBC Oldbury and a prophetic word that the Lord was saying it was time to start doing 24-hour prayer meeting again. We held our first 24-hour prayer meeting at LBC Hurst Green the following week and was joined in the early part of the evening by others from across the LBC Network.

In January 2023 we held the first of our 12 monthly 24hour prayer meetings of the year, and at the time of writing have completed 3. These have been amazing times with each prayer meeting being very different. It has been wonderful to see the whole church get involved and use the time to spend quality time with Father God.

Life Groups / Bible Study

Up to September 2022 the midweek groups were segregated into mens and womens groups. Both mens and womens groups did the Bible Course and Rionhert Bonke's 'Full Flame' ***'To plant Churches from here to the coast, into Europe and into the rest of the world'***.

evangelistic course. Then from September 2022, three mixed groups were started with around 36 people across the 3 groups. These were going well and after being given a month or so to settle in, the groups began an extensive study on the Gospel of John, carried all the way through to April 2023. The study proved to be a popular and a number of people experienced their relationships with God being revived/restored. We will seek to do another intensive study when the time is right, but with the groups changing in the summer of 2023, the plan is to stick with a short bible study course. A few people petered out over the 9 months to April and together with illnesses, all of the groups reduced numerically. This will be addressed over the summer as we seek to press into God and build a strong community (in word, faith & relationship) of believers.

Youth Work - Nadine

In October 2022, I began to help out with the youth work.

It's only a small group, currently having 6 youths, but GOD has plans that this is going to grow. It might be slow, but I will be looking into how we can get the word out to grow GOD'S kingdom more to the younger generation.

Activities that youth have done include: 1) Art & Crafts, 2) Role play for our Easter production, 3) Movie & Pizza nights, 4) Fashion show made from recycled materials 5) Disco and games night 6) Nerf cup building and aim.

In December 2022, the youth gathered some gift bags, we filled the bags with essentials, gifts and a bible. We went into Dudley town centre where we did some street evangelism. What the youth learnt from this experience was that it was very cold/wet and dark, and it was not a nice place to be at nighttime.

It says in (Job 5:15-16) "He saves the needy from the sword, from the mouth of the mighty and from the clutches of the powerful. So, the poor have hope, and injustice shuts its mouth." AMEN.

The youth team did well in Dudley, and I really do hope to do street evangelism with them again. Going forward, with this ministry we are looking at involving other youth groups from

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other LBC congregations. Also, I would like to get them out feeding the homeless and leafleting for this event. I would like nothing more than to see the younger generation planting the seed.

Running the youth group has a few low points e.g., space, places to store things etc. I can see a lot of room for growth in GOD'S timing.

Kidzchurch - *Becky Davidson*

Leaders / Supporters

Rebecca Davison and Andrea Powell have continued to take on the role as joint leaders of KidzChurch. Other members of the church have put their name forward for supporting roles within KidzChurch but due to ongoing health... issues with Nigel Powell their DBS forms have not been sent for approval. Mark Whitehouse has been helping out when both Andrea and Rebecca are unable to attend church due to supporting Nigel Powell. Olivia Harrison has been supporting KidzChurch when either Andrea or Rebecca is unable to attend church.

Number of children

There are five children who consistently come to KidzChurch - Joseph, Jacob, Libby, Connor and Violet. On occasions Reuben (Rosamund's grandson) has come but due to Rosamund's' ongoing health issues his attendance has been reduced.

Resources for planning

The primary resource for planning comes from 'Mission Bible Class' - an online resource that provides detailed notes on how to deliver sessions and activities to support the sessions. Rebecca completes a long-term overview for each term outlining which Bible Stories will be covered each week.

Structure of KidzChurch weekly lessons

1. Snack
2. Kids Worship songs via You Tube
3. Main Lesson
4. Activity
5. Team building games.

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Themes covered during April 2022 – April 2023: Creation, Cain and Abel, Noah, Easter Story, Tower of Babel, Abraham and Lot, Sodom and Gomorrah, Christmas and birth of Jesus, Jonah and the whale, David and Goliath, Joseph and his coat.

Struggles – needed more adults to support weekly lessons.

Highlights – the relationships that the children have formed.

Christmas performance – when the children took over the Christmas morning service.

Church BBQ – Kids crafts.

Confidence of Rebecca and Andrea in delivering new curriculum.

The introduction of Life Groups has enabled Andrea and Rebecca to grow spiritually.

Men's Ministry – Karl Hill

At the beginning of 2023, I was asked to be a part of LBC's men's ministry and was asked if I'd take the part of representing LBC Hurst Green which I accepted and see this as a privilege and it's an honour to do something I feel close to my heart. During the period of January 2023 (when I started) and March 2023. So far this year we have had 3 men's breakfasts held at Oldbury which we had 3 talks, 2 of which were testimonies whilst I did one. We have had a pizza night at Hurst Green. All were well attended. We have a men's conference in October which will be held at LBC Langley.

Women's Ministry - Daughter of Zion – Joyce Neech

The aim of the women's ministry is two-fold. Firstly, it is to encourage and build up the women of the church to become all that God has called them to be. To help them to find what their giftings are and encourage them to use them.

Secondly our aim is to find ways to reach out into our community to support families in need, and to show them the love of Jesus. This is not to be done in a purely welfare capacity but in ways that emphasise Gods love towards them.

The organizing team consisted of Joyce Neech, Christine Powell, Michelle Fisher and Sandra Shearman. Our aim was to have a

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quarterly meeting on a Saturday afternoon and by and large for the year up to December we managed to do this. However, during the year Michelle resigned and Christine became too ill to continue in the role. It was decided that the quarterly meetings would stop until March 2023 in order to enlist another organization team.

The meetings that we did have are as follows:

First meeting 5th February 2022. We shared with all the ladies present what the aim of the group was and asked for input from them. We had a time of worship and most importantly eats and fellowship afterwards.

Second meeting 7th May 2022. The theme of the meeting was "I am who you say I am" I gave a word to encourage the ladies to know who God says they are. I then passed a bowl around with scripture verses written on them saying who God says He is for each of them to keep. We had a time of worship and then eats and fellowship after.

Third meeting 10th August 2022. We had a really lovely meal out at the Royal Oak. There were 12 of us there. It was a good time where we got to know each other so much better. It was great to see the new ladies of our church settling in and feeling part of everything. We decided that we will be doing this again. As I shared earlier there were no further meetings until April 2023

Fourth meeting 1st April 2023. We had a worship and prayer time. Then Nadine spoke about her experience at the Evangelist conference that she went to. I then spoke about the story of Leah to encourage all ladies to see that none of us are disqualified from being used by God. His standards are not our standards. And to learn to praise Him through the difficult times. We then had a quiz time which was great fun, and finally eats and fellowship.

Just a final comment. During the membership meeting on 24th January 2023, I put out a call for any ladies who felt they would like to become part of the organization team. I have since received confirmation from Becky Davis, Andrea Powell and Sandra Gall that they are willing to join with me. We have been meeting since June and we are all very excited at the way

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things are developing and look forward to where God is leading the ladies of Hurst Green in the future.

Worship – Mark Whitehouse

At the start of this period, I had taken up leadership of the worship team. We have always sought to put Jesus at the centre of meetings at LBCHG, and to ascend God's holy hill through Spirit-led worship. The team members were, me, Nigel, Frank, John Fisher, Yvonne, Nicole. Shortly after this, Nigel had to cut down his involvement, due to helping care for his father-in-law. We had a team meal at Franky & Benny's in early July, and later that month, John Fisher left the church, and thus, the worship team also.

Live worship was suspended at the end of July 2022, initially, to allow reconfiguration of the stage & associated electrics. We have subsequently felt that the Lord is taking us through a time of transition, and that He will make clear when He wants us to take up live worship on a regular basis. Through various comings and goings, by the Autumn of 2022, the team comprised of Yvonne, me, & Nadine Hill, who had recently joined the church.

The team attended the Ascend Worship School at Revival Fires church, in Feb 2023. We experienced the anointing on this course, and on their worship team, led by Ryan Baker-Barnes. We have played for live worship from time to time, but we are still in the transition, knowing that we will get the 'go-ahead' from God when the time is right. We have also been logging the lists of songs used in each meeting, both from live and YouTube worship. This can help us to see where there is an anointing on particular songs, and to review where there have been 'breakthrough' points during worship.

Yvonne regularly does a lot of work, sorting out the master-list of live worship songs, changing keys when necessary, printing off new songs, & helping download and sort out words for songs on the computer. We look forward to the new things which we believe God is going to do in terms of the worship team, as well as in our church generally.

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Prophetic Guild (prophetic workshop)

16th July 2022 saw the introduction of the Prophetic Guild workshops – this is a very practical prophetic ministry lasting for one day, teaching people how to hear from God. This was such a Holy Spirit filled time and over twenty people attended. Everyone benefitted from this day and there was such enthusiasm and hunger to hear God speak during the day. Quote of the day ‘...I didn’t realise how accessible God is...’ In September 2022 Joyce Neech and Nick Harrison began to plan the next prophetic workshop for 2023. This is an exciting ministry growing.

The Bible Course

Edwin Fletcher hosted the Bible Course, a brilliant course that gives an overview of the salvation story through the whole Bible. The Bible Course ran for a second time from October to December 2022, during the day with a number of people benefitting and appreciating the course material complimented by Edwin’s teaching gift and depth of Biblical knowledge.

Website and Media Publicity AGM Report – by Paul Davidson

(Persons Responsible: Nick Harrison | Paul Davison)

Initial Objectives:

- **Domain Name** - To replace the old domain name (hurstgreenchurch.co.uk) with the new domain name (lbchurstgreen.co.uk)
- **Website** - To carry out a complete redesign of the site using a more modern and updated Wordpress template whilst incorporating the LBC branding.
- **Website** - To produce a website that is not only informative for existing Church members but also spreads the news of the Gospel with unchurched visitors of the website.
- **Social Media** - To regain management of both the Church Twitter and Facebook social media accounts.

Successes:

- **Social Media** - We managed to regain access to the Church Facebook account and have now replaced the ***‘To plant Churches from here to the coast, into Europe and into the rest of the world’***.

historic personal email addresses used to login for new Church admin emails, therefore avoiding losing control in the future.

- **Website** - We have a live website that meets the 'Initial Objectives' outlined above.
- **Website** - Paul Davison will continue to maintain the website, carry out necessary updates, monitor security and upload sermons as required.

Struggles:

- **Content Creation** - we require additional team members who can produce content for the website e.g., daily devotionals, testimonies, video and photography so that we can keep the website fresh and regularly updated.
- **Social Media** - We have been unable to recover the original @hgfamilychurch Twitter account, we have contacted them multiple times and they continue to ask for specific details that we do not have, they are no longer responding to our enquiries.
- **Website** - It would be beneficial if the sermon speakers could provide a sermon title and brief outline of the sermon to enable a quicker upload time to the website.

Future Expectations:

- **Social Media** - To create a new Twitter account under a new @lbchurstgreen username.
- **Social Media** - To create an Instagram account to advance into outreach via alternative media methods.
- **Website** - To include multi-media (namely videos) on the website to appeal to a wider audience and enable us to be more engaging.
- **Team** - To grow the 'Website and Media Publicity' Team to assist in updating/managing the website and social media activity.
- **Website/Social Media** - To connect the website and all social media accounts together, so that when we share on one platform, all platforms relay the same information.

Leadership

Mark Whitehouse and Joyce Neech were welcomed on to the leadership team in August 2022 to work alongside Andrew & Yvonne Gisbourne, and Pastor Nick Harrison who heads up the

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team. The leadership team give tirelessly into the fellowship with many hours and a lot of hard work done behind the scenes. Our Pastor would like to extend his love and appreciation to each member of the leadership team for stepping up and serving the church in such a sacrificial way.

3) **EVANGELISM**

Community BBQ

We had a good turnout to the summer Community BBQ held 25th June 2022 and we saw 3 people come to faith on that day – a couple (Darren and Lisa) from the same street as the church, and a 10-year-old boy from amongst our own congregation. It proved very successful again and there were a number of local families with small children in attendance. The whole church was involved in helping the event be a huge success. With hot food, popcorn, candyfloss, face-painting, kids crafts and bouncy castle. We did have a bit of rain on the day, but we were able to carry on regardless. A huge thank you to everyone who helped on the day. There isn't enough room to mention everybody's name as the whole church was involved in making the day a huge success, but Pastor Nick would like to thank everyone involved for a sterling effort once again in reaching out to the community with the love of God.

The Alpha Course

Between April 2022 and April 2023 there was a slowdown in the amount of Alpha courses that we were able to do. This was partly do with the cooks on the Alpha team being unable to cook due to various health issues, but also time played a factor as we started Life groups in September 2022.

The Last Alpha Course we did started June 28, 2022. The course lasted for 6 weeks. It started the Tuesday after the Community BBQ and those who had given their lives to Jesus attended for the first couple of weeks, but the Alpha course proved to be a step too soon for new babes in the faith.

We also had one man from the local community attend for about 4 weeks but sadly he stopped coming as work

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commitments and late finishing became priority for him. His name is Anthony – and he came because his daughter was asking questions. Please do take a moment to pray for him and his family that he will answer the call again. We have sown the seeds of the gospel at least.

Finally, one couple who attended and completed the whole 6 weeks was James & Beth who are now in training (under Senior Leader Aaron Jarvis) to take on LBC Langley in 18 months or so. James & Beth have both mentioned how significant Alpha was at that time in helping to establish a firm foundation in their faith. James gave his life to Jesus the year before even though he had attended the same church as Beth for a number of years, both had never made any serious commitment to follow Christ before 2022. Praise God for Alpha.

Illnesses with volunteers have limited our ability to carry out further Alpha courses, but we are looking at ways to get round our limitations – one suggestion is that we only do a meal on the Holy Spirit evening.

Street Evangelism

From April 2022 we continued to go into Blackheath each Friday up until March 2023. During this time, we saw so much fruit of people getting saved as a result of our street evangelism.

March 2023 saw a significant slowdown in our outreach on the streets – something Pastor Nick is eager to get moving again when the time permits.

Street Evangelism teams

Between April 2022 and April 2023, the street evangelism team consisted of Evelyn Deeley, Nick Harrison, Joyce Neech, Karl & Nadine Hill, Rosamund Hearnshaw, Joan Betteridge, Mark Gall, Mark Whitehouse, Dennis Shearer, Andrew & Yvonne Gisbourne and John Fisher.

We preached the gospel in Cheltenham, Hereford, Halesowen, Blackheath, Leicester, Dudley, Bromsgrove, Redditch and Birmingham.

Church planting

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John & Michelle Fisher decided in July 2022, that church planting was not for them, and then also decided to leave LBC Hurst Green on the back of this decision, as John felt he had let people down and felt a bit embarrassed. Although John & Michelle, were assured that we all loved them and would stand with them in their decision, they still felt it was right to move on. John & Michelle are still loved by all at LBC Hurst Green.

We do not base our love for people on what they can bring to the church but solely on the fact that they are our brothers and sisters, and love is a commandment in the law Christ (Phil 4) When John & Michelle decided to leave it was a low point for the church, but we were able to pick ourselves up and continue after a month or so.

In October 2022, Nick Braine from Newport in Wales came to Birmingham and approached Nick Harrison with a view to plant a church within the LBC Network. Nick & Aaron initially met Nick Braine whilst visiting South Wales for other business in April 2022. Back then Nick B and some other guys were looking to join LBC Network as a church plant but decided they would go it alone under another name. that didn't work out and Nick B felt that God was calling him to LBC to plant, hence his visit to Birmingham.

Nick B and a few people from his church visited LBC Hurst Green and took a service one Sunday morning. It was a Spirit filled time and a real celebration took place with a meal after. Later that day, a brother in Christ named Barry (from Wales) decided to take a step of obedience and get baptised - what a brilliant day it was... awesome!

As part of our continued outreach in Cheltenham, a team consisting of Mark Whitehouse, Yvonne Gisbourne and Pastor Nick went and painted a bungalow for a man named Martyn. Martyn was under 'Supported Living' care and was being moved from a temporary hostel into more permanent accommodation after living on the streets as an alcoholic. Pastor Nick had ministered to Martyn on the streets and Martyn contacted the church for help with moving in

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In addition, another brother named Chris Walters whom Pastor Nick had known since Chris came to faith in 2021 began to meet with Pastor Nick. There is a developing opportunity for a possible church plant in 2024/2025 in Cheltenham. Nick is continuing to meet with Chris who is planning to come and meet LBC Hurst Green fellowship in the summer. We will continue to follow the Lord's guidance and keep the church undated with any developments. Please cover this with prayer and particularly Chris.

LBC Hurst Green Café Church

The Café Church was launched on Tuesday 21st January 2023, and resulted from a visit Nick and Mark Whitehouse were making to Tender Care, a local care home, whilst visiting Ken and Pearl Palmer. At the time of writing the Café Church is proving really popular in the care home, with an average of 20 - 25 elderly residents attending. It is clear that some of those attending have never surrendered their lives to Jesus. We decided to run an Alpha course at the care home, and we are currently on week 8 of the Alpha course. It is wonderful to see the manageress and some staff attending every week too. It is a real privilege to be serving the elderly in this way and is all our Lord's doing. A couple of highlights are when a lady named Anne gave her life to Jesus, when asked why she asked Jesus to be her Lord and Saviour, she said it was because she wanted a "new start"- remarkable really as Anne is aged 83! The second highlight is when a 17-year-old named Kiera popped into the care home to see if they had any work placements available. Kiera sat in the café church whilst waiting to speak to the manageress and surrendered her life to Jesus after hearing the gospel preached.

Salvations:

We had a total of 66 salvations between April 2022 and April 2023. They were as follows: 41 through street evangelism; 4 in the workplace; and 21 in church, (names are available from Nick).

Baptisms

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From April 2023 to April 2024, we held 4 baptismal services. These were all really joyous occasions, with 12 wonderful and varied testimonies.

April 2022: Amelia Fisher, Paul Palmer, Gavin Tether, Mark Gall and Alex.

November 2022: Sandra Gall, Katie Garner, Harvey Gall, Ravinder

December 2022: Adam Hughes & Sandra (Sandi)

March 2023: Barry (Wales)

Missions

Burundi – Mark Whitehouse

I visited Burundi for 10 days, last September 2022, with Senior LBC

Pastor Aaron Jarvis, and LBC Oldbury Pastor Stuart Yates.

We were met by and spent most of our time there with Pastor Anicet Kimana, of the LBC Burundi church. We visited this church in Bujumbura, the capital of Burundi, as well as a church in the mountain village of Buye, several hours drive from Bujumbura. In both cases we were struck by how vibrant, enthusiastic, exuberant, and lively their worship is.

The meetings typically lasted 3 to 4 hours, or more. Aaron preached at these and other meetings. At Buye there were three salvations from the meeting. We also had free time to do some sightseeing, as well as visiting Pastor Anicet's home, & meeting his family of eight children.

Later in the week we visited another church in Bujumbura, not yet fully a part of the LBC network. The Pastor of this church is Fiston. Again, lively worship for several hours, and a powerful word from Aaron. At the end of the meeting

Two main impressions:

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1, The poverty - people in Burundi have very few 'creature comforts', like TVs, computers, even running water, mains gas, or electricity.

2, Total abandonment in worship, giving God everything they've got.

All in all, a wonderful, eye-opening, & blessed experience

Other Business

Coming and Going

New faces Since April 22

Jeanette, Craig, Jo Hughes, Rojinder, Arif & Willemyn Anees, Richard Jones, Karl & Nadine Hill, Adam Hughes, Paul Palmer, Ravinder, Rojinder, John Lewis, Bill & Nola Hoggart, Richard Jones plans to join us permanently in November 2023.

People who have moved on since April 2022:

John & Michelle Fisher, Andy & Bev Dawes, Stephanie Blinten, Arif & Willemyn Anees, Stuart & Hillary Rushden, & 5 others who only attended for less than 6 months.

Arif & Willemyn Anees were at the church whilst Arif completed his training with Church of England. Stuart & Hillary Rushden now lead George Road Baptist church. Andy & Bev Dawes & Stephanie Blinten were original members and moved on to pastures new.

Preaching Ministry

Over the last year the aim for the preaching ministry was to get a preaching team established and then set various teaching series in place throughout the year so that the teaching would become more structured and purposeful. At the time of writing a preaching team and preaching rota is now established, but a pre-organised teaching plan is yet to be introduced. The preaching team currently consist of Dennis Shearman, Nick Harrison, Andrew Gisborne & Mark Whitehouse

Nagaland Bible College

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Nick contacted Principal Senti of Nagaland Bible College to get a more in-depth understanding of what the college was about and whether it was in-line with the vision of LBC Hurst Green to become a 'church planting church' as the fellowship has sponsored the college over many years with a £50 per month commitment. Nick discovered that Principal Senti has taken responsibility for the vision of Nagaland Bible College since the passing of her father in the early 2000's and has arranged for Principal Senti to visit LBC Hurst Green September this year. We look forward to this visit to discover what is happening in Nagaland, India.

Anti-Abortion bill

Most of the church signed the anti-abortion petition in February 2023 against the full-term abortion bill. Nick also wrote personally to House of Commons on behalf of the congregation and received a letter in response from the MP stating that though the letter of petition had been acknowledged, the law would be passed later this year.

Final Word from the Pastor

As I reflect on church life over the last 12 months, Ecclesiastes 3:1 comes to mind "There is a season for every activity under the sun".

I am not sure if its just me, or if time really *is* going faster, but this last year has gone seemingly, in the blink of an eye. Yet since April 2022 we have grown and ministered in so many ways, serving both the Church and the lost, following in the likeness of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. It's amazing to see how much has happened in just one year.

During the upheaval of the sanctuary refit, the church managed to hold twice weekly services, BBQ's, an Alpha course, Life Groups, a Bible Course, baptisms, continued street evangelism, Kidzchurch and Thursday night prayer. This past year has certainly felt like 'a season' filled with 'every activity under the sun'.

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In addition, there was an extensive list of new ministries launched since April 2022. These included: Life Groups, Youth Group, Men's Ministry, Women's Ministry, Prophetic Workshop, Media Publicity (& new website), Café Church and monthly 24-hour prayer times. This is exciting, but we must remain sober minded, knowing that it is relatively easier to start a ministry than to keep that ministry going over years and eventually carry it over the finishing line.

Ecclesiastes says: "Finishing is better than starting" 7:8 (NLT). So, whilst we rejoice in the starting of these new ministries, we too must remember that the real reward comes at the end of the race, not the start. Stickability is the name of the game for Church ministry. So, for those who have started ministering in the church this last year, my prayer is that you remain faithful, focussed, and joyful in the Lord. For those continuing with ministries in the last year, I thank God for your faithfulness, and I pray that you will be inspired, refreshed, and encouraged by Holy Spirit.

It is so encouraging to see those new to the Christian faith stepping out into various roles and serving the Body of Christ alongside the more mature Christians "presenting our bodies as a living sacrifice to God, which is our spiritual service" (Romans 12:1)

Some standout moments to praise God for are the constant flow of salvations throughout the year. The baptisms, Ken and Pearl Palmer being reunited. The Christmas meal, the launch of the Café Church, answers to prayer, Gavin, Katie, & family getting their new house! But the moment that stands out above all these is 83-year Anne surrendering her life to Jesus in Feb '23 because in her word she "wanted a new start..." and then having the privilege of baptising her a few weeks later. Glory to God alone.

On another front, sadly there have been some significant and long-standing illnesses for some in our fellowship, so it is reassuring to know that Father God is attentive to our prayers as we have been standing together in prayer with those suffering more than others.

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We are a praying church – Jesus said my house will be called a house of prayer (Matthew 21:13) Prayer is the lifeblood of the church and is essential for any and every ministry within church life. If we don't pray, we don't live in Christ, its that simple. Let's keep the fires constantly burning on the altar of prayer.

Finally, it is a real honour to lead this fellowship and serve Jesus alongside you all, I continue to pray for wisdom and grace as we move forward. I thank God for the support I feel as I pour my life into this church for His kingdom's sake and for the freedom allowed to accomplish the vision that God has given us to be a 'church planting church'. I sense church plants on the horizon despite setbacks and I look forward to doing greater exploits in the coming year.

I love and appreciate you all more than you will ever know.

In service of our King,

Pastor Nick

"Thanks be to God our Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms". (Ephesians 1:3)

AMEN & AMEN

LBC Hurst Green **Premises Report** April 2022 – March 2023

In April 2022 50 more blue chairs were purchased so we now have 101.

In May Kevin built the plinth & desk, the central heating contractors fixed a leaking pipe in the wall in the creche, & some external LBC signs were put up. July saw the arrival of the baptismal pool, via the bay window, which had to be taken out & re-installed. Then Andrew built the stage after several committee!! attempts at getting the curve right.

Nadine & Nick painted the main hall, and Nick excavated a round hole for the baptismal pool, laid a level base and then

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fitted floorboards round the pool. Andrew built a banister along one side for safety.

Ken, Max & Kevin rewired the stage, set up & wired in the screen displays & sound & installed cabling to link everything back to the desk. I would like to record our thanks to Ken, Max & Kevin.

The carpet tiles were laid on stage by Nadine, and contractors did the main hall & the waterproof flooring round the baptistry. Then we had our first baptismal service using the new pool.

Finances Report

A copy of the audited accounts for the year ending 31st March 2023 is appended to this report. Our thanks re due to the auditor Peter Kelly ACMA CGMA

The meeting closed with prayer.

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I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 5 April 2023 attached herewith.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner.

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Basis of independent examiners report.

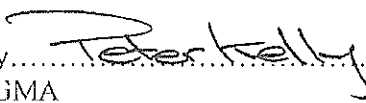
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Income and Expenditure Accounts

Year Ended 5 April 2023

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<u>Income</u>		
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Loose Cash Collections	17,325.54	10,681.41
Tax Refund on Total Gift Aid	13,343.69	11,487.23
Room Hire	0.00	1,397.38
Bequests	0.00	0.00
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	61,107.99	51,363.92
<u>Specified Gifts (Gift Aid & Cash)</u>		
Christmas Offering	0.00	1,110.00
Needy Fund	2,400.00	7,745.16
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Car for N.Harrison	11,350.00	0.00
Brazilian church	450.00	0.00
Earthquake appeal	325.00	0.00
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	29,548.00	14,192.16
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Nagaland Bible College	600.00	600.00
Evangelical Alliance	90.00	90.00
Visiting Speakers	1,390.00	750.00
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<u>Total</u>	<u>-6,280.00</u>	<u>-5,690.00</u>
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Excess/(Shortfall) for the Year	-27,984.83	-1,848.62
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General Fund Carried Forward	5,421.56	33,406.39

Represented by:-

Assets

Bank Balance	9,607.78
Petty Cash Balance	367.47
Tax Refund Due	6,022.56
Pastor's Petty Cash Float	600.00
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>16,597.81</u>

Less:-

Funds reserved:-

Church Planting Fund	11,176.25
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	<u>5,421.56</u>

These Accounts have been prepared by me from the records of LBC Hurst Green and I consider them to be true and fair.

Nigel D. Powell, FCCEA.....
TRUSTEE & TREASURER

Date.....

12/9/23

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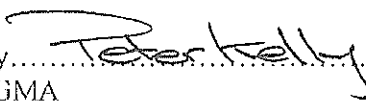
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General Fund Carried Forward	5,421.56	33,406.39

Represented by:-

Assets

Bank Balance	9,607.78
Petty Cash Balance	367.47
Tax Refund Due	6,022.56
Pastor's Petty Cash Float	600.00
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>16,597.81</u>

Less:-

Funds reserved:-

Church Planting Fund	11,176.25
	<u>11,176.25</u>
	<u>5,421.56</u>

These Accounts have been prepared by me from the records of LBC Hurst Green and I consider them to be true and fair.

Nigel D. Powell, FCCEA.....
TRUSTEE & TREASURER

Date.....

12/9/23

These Accounts have been examined by me and I consider them to be true and fair.

Peter Kelly, ACMA CGMA.....
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Date.....

6/9/23

LBC Hurst Green

England & Wales - Charity number 701531

Accounts

LBC HURST GREEN

BEAUMONT ROAD HALESOWEN B62 9HD

(Registered Charity No. 701531)

ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED APRIL 5th. 2022

1) GENERAL CHURCH REVIEW

The first half of the year was largely taken up with the whole church considering and discussing the future following a decision by Pastor Nigel Powell that it was time for him to retire.

Prophetic words and visions flowed freely as major decisions were taken resulting in an agreement with Aaron Jarvis for Hurst Green Family Church to join with the LBC Network of churches. Nigel agreed to stay in position until such time as a replacement could be found which ultimately took place at the end of August 2022.

September started with Hurst Green Family Church becoming part of the LBC network of churches and thus the name of the church changed to 'LBC Hurst Green' to better fit in with its amalgamation into the LBC network of churches. This change also included Nick Harrison taking up position as Pastor of LBC Hurst Green following the retirement of Nigel Powell from the Pastorate and Nigel Powell & Edwin Fletcher retiring as Church Elders. It was agreed prior to Nick's appointment as Pastor in September 2021 that all running ministries would end to give Nick a clean slate to start from.

The same month saw first outreach community BBQ & family fun day, aptly named both in a spiritual and seasonal sense as the 'Harvest time BBQ'. This was a great success with many people from the neighbourhood attending and the weather was fantastic too given it was late summer/early autumn. The aim of the day was to have fun whilst reaching out to a lost world. Fun was had by all who attended, and we made some great connections with the community. The day took a lot of organising and so we thank all those who helped bring the day together including those who came to help from our sister churches LBC Birmingham and LBC Oldbury. There are too many names to thank people individually.

October to Christmas saw the launch of our first Alpha Course (see further details of this under Alpha Course). We also had a few 'impact' visiting speakers such as Craig Bennet (a street preacher/pastor from Castlegate Church – Dudley), Jay Smith (from Rise for Christ – an evangelistic ministry born out of Cfan), Andy Flute (an ex-professional boxer), and our own LBC senior leader Aaron Jarvis bringing an evangelistic anointing and supporting us in the initial months.

Sunday evening services were certainly times to set cold hearts on fire for the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ and we had four salvations between September and December 2021.

Christmas services were disrupted somewhat with the continued Covid19 situation and people falling ill, but we managed to remain open and continued with both morning and evening services. We were also able to deliver 57 free food hampers for needy families in the local area, which were supplied by a Christian charity. Nick is particularly thankful to Joan Betteridge and Mark Whitehouse for their help with the logistics in getting these hampers out.

The families received them gratefully and we have kept the contact details should we be able to this again in the future.

The new year of 2022 saw the beginning of some structure in LBC Hurst Green with Andrew & Yvonne Gisbourne and John & Michelle Fisher being invited to serve the church as the new LBC Hurst Green leadership team. In Addition, Nick asked Nigel Powell to chair the new Advisory Counsel consisting of Nigel & Christine Powell, Dennis & Sandra Shearman, and Joan Betteridge. The Advisory Counsel was set up based on a scripture from the book of proverbs

'Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisors' plans are established'
Proverbs 15:22

The purpose of the Advisory Counsel as the name suggests is to advise the Leadership Team where relevant on how to achieve short-, mid- and long-term goals as the church endeavours to fulfil the vision of becoming a church planting church. This AC team has proved invaluable for the church and is working well at the time of writing, thank you to those involved and named above.

We also had our men's group lead by Nick start on a Tuesday and women's group lead by Joyce Neech start on a Wednesday (see below for further details of these groups). The men also joined in fellowship with LBC Birmingham and Oldbury at men's breakfasts and pizza night. The women likewise joined in with the women from LBC Birmingham and Oldbury on women's fellowship days.

On 30th January 2022 we had our first salvation of the year during an evening service and salvations every week following this for eight weeks straight up to

the end of March. We were seeing salvations both in services and on the streets.

During the period of September '21 to March '22 we sadly had ten existing members leave the fellowship for pastures new; however, ten new believers joined the fellowship in the same period, so numerically we were pretty consistent during the initial months of the change.

Looking back, we have had some intense spiritual battles to get the church where God wanted us in heart and mind. It's been very busy and we have experienced many highs and a few lows as a fellowship over these first six or seven months. We have witnessed some incredible miracles and breakthroughs. The weekly corporate prayer evenings known as the Engine Room of the church have consistently proved to be an amazing place of encounter.

We have some very gifted and committed people at LBC Hurst Green and thanks be to God for the pure blessing it is to be part of the loving church family that is LBC Hurst Green. You are all loved, valued, and appreciated. God bless and thank you for your continued service to The King of Kings.

2) MINISTERIAL REPORTS

Sunday Servies

Morning & evening church services have been held weekly since September 2021. Various street evangelists were invited to come and speak on Sunday evenings with the sole purpose of encouraging the fellowship to more evangelism. One highlight of our Sunday evenings was at the end of November 2021, we had ex professional boxer Andy Flute come and give his testimony as part of the ongoing outreach. We celebrated our second decision for Christ at this event.

Sunday evenings continued over the Christmas period of 2021 and at the end of January we celebrated our first evening salvation of 2022. This was a great encouragement for the church as we sensed a real move of God beginning.

Summary – Sunday morning services became more focussed on Biblical teaching for building the body of Christ, whilst evening services proved to be more evangelistic by nature.

Prayer – The Engine Room

The plan for prayer to become the bedrock of church activity took the form of corporate prayer meetings held in the main sanctuary of the church building. These meetings are held every Thursday evening and open to everyone, they consist of worship and prayer, words of knowledge, people getting scriptures and pictures from the throne room of heaven. These prayer meetings are by and large, well-attended by up to twenty people. We have recognised many answers to prayer since September '21, but the highlight up to March '22 has to be when news came through to the fellowship one Thursday night of a young mum who was pregnant and had been rushed into hospital after contracting Covid19.

We were told that her condition had deteriorated so much that they were considering delivering the baby by Caesarean Section and that the mother had less than 10% chance of surviving.

Whilst in prayer for this woman, God gave a picture of a woman disappearing down a water swirl and into a plug hole. The church began to pray in earnest that God would deliver this woman out of this 'swirl', give life to her and that the pregnancy would go full term. God answered our prayers and the young woman recovered miraculously. Upon gaining consciousness she told her mother that she felt her life ebbing away from her and that it felt like she was 'going down a plughole and there was no way she could stop herself'. The same night we prayed was the same night she said she felt God lift her out of the swirl. Glory to God alone.

Life groups / Bible study

In January 2021, we launched our men's and women's midweek groups which initially proved very popular. Both groups worked through the Reinhart Bonke 'Catch the Fire' teaching series as part of Bible study. The purpose of the teaching series was to inspire and give confidence for people to share the gospel with non-believers who wouldn't necessarily call themselves

evangelists. The scriptures teach that every Christian is to be a witness for the gospel and so we must change the way we think if we think differently to this.

The purpose of the men and women meeting separately for a few months was that the meetings were more apt for each of gender groups and allow a space for relationships and friendships to be built after the initial upheaval of change during the first three months from September.

The understanding is that men will share more openly with men if women are not around and vice versa. If people are sharing more openly it will encourage trust between people in the fellowship with a view to the two groups dovetailing into smaller mixed gender groups in September of 2022.

Youth Work

Youth work was non-existent in September apart from an occasional Sunday morning teaching. In January, Nick and Andrew Gisbourne began to run Friday night youth meetings.

Whilst these nights seem to run well it soon became obvious that we were putting a sticky plaster on a gaping wound and the young people in the church need and deserved something far more substantial. These nights were drawn to an end, and we decided to wait and pray that God would send a youth worker who had a passion for working with young people.

Children's Ministry – *by Becky Davison*

Leaders / responsibilities

Rebecca Davison and Andrea Powell are the joint leaders of KidzChurch. Rebecca Davison is responsible for the planning, resourcing of weekly lessons, delivery of lessons and ensuring that all children have permission forms completed, identifying any allergies.

Andrea Powell is responsible for setting up snack in the morning, cleaning up after snack, supporting Rebecca Davison with delivery of lessons and supporting the resourcing of lessons.

Number of children

In September 2021, 9 children regularly attended KidzChurch – Joseph, Jacob, Reuban, Ella, Joanna, Arrabella, Holly, Sophie and Jessica. By January 2022 that number had dropped to 6 and stayed at that amount until March 2022.

Resources for planning

Rebecca Davison used an array of trusted websites to plan and resource weekly lessons, these included ministry to children, children's ministry and ministry

spark. Rebecca Davison was never happy with the planning of weekly lessons due to lack of vision and planning resources, Andrea and Rebecca resourced a range of different schemes but were never entirely happy. Rebecca reached out to Abigail Yates at LBC Oldbury and she recommended 'Mission Bible Class' Rebecca then started to use this resource from March 2022.

Structure of KidzChurch weekly lessons

Each week we start off with snack and catch up with the children, snacks include biscuits, fruit, crisps and juice. We then carry out a short worship session where children sing Kids worship songs from YouTube, these include videos from Hillsong Kids, Bethel Kids and CJ and friends. We then introduce the main theme for the lesson, watch a video from Saddleback Kidz or other trustable site, we then carry out a craft to reflect the learning in the lesson. In the warmer months we then go outside and complete team games.

Themes covered during September 2021 – March 2022

Armour of God, Christmas and the birth of Jesus, how to pray to God, why we pray to God, Jesus calms the storm, Jesus calms the sea, purpose of communion

Struggles of KidzChurch during period of September 2021 – March 2022

Adult support – needed more adults to support weekly lessons

Lack of input for leaders – as it is the same adults carrying out KidzChurch leaders do not get to listen to any sermons during church

Low number of children – some activities that we had planned for required more children

Lack of room to carry out activities – this changed when we moved downstairs

Lack of funds to buy resources – After discussions with Nick Harrison he provided us with funds to buy what we needed

Highlights of KidzChurch during period of September 2021 – March 2022

New planning resource – Mission Bible class – much better structure to lessons

Move of classroom to downstairs – more space and definitive areas for different aspects of the lesson

Pot of funds available for KidzChurch Access to outdoors area

Women's Ministry - *By Joyce Neech*

The aim of the women's ministry is to encourage our women to become all that God has called them to be both inside the church family and outside in our

community. We are looking for ways to reach out in an evangelistic way into the area. Our aim was to have quarterly meetings to be held on a Saturday afternoon.

The first of these meetings occurred on the 5th February which was very successful. As it was our first meeting, we shared with those attending what the aim of the group was and asked for input from them. We had a worship time and eats afterwards.

In order for us to fulfil the call of this ministry we need to enlist the help of leaders who can commit time and ideas to move forward. I am in the process of praying and seeking the right women for the job and am looking forward positively to re-starting in March of 2023.

Worship by Mark Whitehouse

Where this report begins, the worship team at LBC Hurst Green had 10 members, and the leader was Tracy Evans. There was a rota, so that members got a break from always playing every Sunday. Tracy was keen for all to have time just worshipping in the main congregation. The team was leading worship at morning and evening meetings on Sundays, as well as at the engine room (prayer meetings) on Thursday evenings.

However, we were only practicing once per month, usually on the evening of the last Monday of the month. It was felt that this needed to change, and so from late October, Monday evenings became the regular practice night for the worship team.

John Fisher joined us, and Andy & Bev Dawes left the team around this time.

We continued leading worship at Sunday morning and evening services and on Thursday evenings throughout the Autumn.

In early December, we began to plan for the Christmas services - Carol services on Sunday, December 19th, and the service on Christmas day. We planned to have a normal morning service on the morning of the 19th, and, in the evening, an outdoor service on the church car park, involving the local community. This would entail the group singing along to a backing track, to avoid having to move electronic instruments outdoors. This plan had to be abandoned, and the service moved indoors due to inclement weather. We had a traditional Carol service on Christmas morning.

Barbara Murdock left the team at the end of December, while Isaac & Josiah Gisbourne were added. We continued into the new year.

Different members of the team had a variety of illnesses during the winter months.

Then, in March, Tracy Evans, and her husband, Jason, decided to leave the group and also left the church. I was then invited to move into leading the team, and also at this time began actually leading worship, something I had begun to do when we started a men's fellowship group during this month. This coincided with the purchase of a new keyboard, specifically intended for me to lead worship.

We carried on leading worship through the month of March, operating a similar rota system to the one set up by Tracy. This was the position at the end of March 2022. At this point, the worship team had eight members.

Church Membership

The formal idea of church membership was shelved for a time, it was not possible to talk about membership with churchgoers whilst the church was going through such a change. When things have settled more, we will visit this again and offer a constructive membership to regular and committed attendees.

Website & Media Publicity

The website needs to be revamped and simplified. It has a nice appearance but needs to be simplified so that people are able to navigate round it easier especially with a view to it becoming a major source of outreach.

Media publicity is virtually non-existent and needs to be grown as a ministry. We will look at how we can best utilise media for church publicity and the spreading of the gospel – this is our main priority in all areas. Paul Robinson is looking in to this and we can't wait to see the results.

The Bible Course

A big thank you to Edwin for leading the Bible course during men's midweek group. This is an excellent course for getting an overview of the Bible and will prevent Biblical illiteracy if continued to be used to equip the saints in the future.

3) EVANGELISM

Community BBQ

In line with the vision, Nick set out to lead the church to be more purposeful in evangelism, meaning the church members would need to be further equipped and encouraged in outreach. This began with a church community BBQ at the end of September 2021 which was set out with dual purpose of LBC Hurst Green getting to know those in the immediate neighbourhood and to invite people to attend the forthcoming Alpha Course, an introductory six week course teaching people the basics of the Christian faith. The BBQ proved very successful in terms of being well attended by the community and 15 people were signed up for the Alpha Course.

The Alpha Course

The first Alpha Course in November 2021 was well attended by 25 people, most were new Christians (2 years and under in the faith) from another LBC church whom we had the privilege of ministering to. There were a few from LBC Hurst Green, five of these were non-believers and one of these made a decision to follow Jesus.

The second Alpha (attended by about 15 people) saw more people attend as a direct result of LBC Hurst Green outreach and evening services. This was really encouraging and showed that God was on the move bringing new life into the church. Again, we saw another salvation on the second Alpha course and other new Christians within the fellowship being given a solid foundational teaching in the Christian faith.

Thank you, Christine Powell, Chris Armstrong, Ruth Saul, Evelyn, Joan Betteridge, Mark Whitehouse and Brian Summerfield, for serving so faithfully to make the Alpha Courses such a success.

Our first salvation at LBC Hurst Green was not from Alpha or the BBQ but was a tradesman visiting the premises to do some work in October 2021. At the time of writing this person is attending services on a regular basis and growing in the faith.

Street Evangelism

No street evangelism occurred during the months September to December 2021, but in January 2022 a team began to prayer-walk the local streets around Hurst Green each Friday. This continued for 6 – 8 weeks and quickly developed into street evangelism in Black Heath (a shopping town local to LBC Hurst Green). The team felt it was right to spend more time where the shoppers were as this gave ample opportunity for street evangelism. During February, there were no salvations then through March 2022 we saw 4 decisions for Christ through street evangelism.

Church planting

In line with the vision to become a church planting church, John and Michelle Fisher were approached in November 2021, with a view to heading up LBCHG first church plant. They agreed and at the time of writing the husband is working through LBC Hurst Green leaders training manual. The expectation is that this couple will remain with LBC Hurst Green for one year whilst they work through the training manual. Then come January 2023 they will begin to seek a location in Bromsgrove to plant a church. A few people in LBC Hurst Green fellowship are funding a part time wage for two years (16 hours per week) for John. Michelle will continue in her current job until such a time that she is able to find

Overseas Mission

LBC Hurst Green continue to sow financially in to the LBC Church Network funds for church planting. At the time of writing, funds are being used to fund a church plant in Burundi and a small team are planning to go to Burundi late

summer to consolidate the mission work there. LBC Hurst Green will be sending Mark Whitehouse with the team to weigh up whether this is something LBC Hurst Green is being called to work with the Burundi Church more closely and directly.

LBC Hurst Green donate £50 per month to a Bible College in Nagaland, Northwest India – we are praying and weighing whether this is something where we can develop a closer partnership in order to plant in South East Asia.

Oversees vision is that when the time is right, and the Lord opens the doors we will hopefully plant in Southeast Europe and Israel.

Building Report *by Joan Betteridge*

There were only minor maintenance issues at the start of this period, including a re-weld on one of the mesh gateposts, and two water pipe leakages in the toilets.

In January the office was moved from the house to the old Busy Hands storeroom nearer the front door. This involved double glazing & electrical work, window blinds & carpets, whilst Nick did the decorating himself.

In February a new boiler was fitted upstairs, and an area at the back of church was sectioned off for very young children to stay in during the service.

March saw new blinds in the main hall instead of curtains, and new expansion vessels on the other boilers.

Much more work is planned for the summer holiday period.

Final word from the Pastor

The vision of LBC Hurst Green is to become a ***'church planting church'*** first & foremost in the UK and then beyond, but my God-given passion is to see the UK in revival.

The fulfilment of this vision will not come to pass overnight, but with steps of faith and obedience in time we will plant our first LBC Hurst Green plant. God once showed me that when the other side is too far to reach in one jump, He provides smaller more manageable steppingstones, it may take longer but these steppingstones are an essential part of achieving the vision.

Firstly, these steppingstones give us the time to go through necessary process, so that we have longevity when we reach the other side. For us the other side is multiple church plants. We are in the process of reformation. Holy Spirit is reforming our hearts and minds, that we become more zealous for Jesus and more radical in evangelism.

Secondly, if we are to plant healthy churches, then we need to have a healthy church to plant from. We can only reproduce after our own kind, so we need to learn first what makes a church healthy - love for God and love for one another, commitment, patience, preferring one another above ourselves, not being self-centred but being God-centred, putting off the old self and putting on the one man etc. these are all things we grow into. Imagine planting a church full of envy and back-biting – it doesn't bear thinking about.

Finally, we should be greatly encouraged by the fruit we are already witnessing in church growth, it's beyond what I think any of us expected in the first 7 months. So long as we focus on the Lord Jesus and live for Him alone, I believe God will truly give us the blessing that He is setting us up for – to reap a harvest of souls and plant many churches.

I can't wait to see what God does over the next year, and the cherry on the cake for me is that I get to do the journey with people I sincerely love and enjoy being around.

Praise be to God alone!

AMEN

LBC Hurst Green

Income and Expenditure Accounts

Year Ended 5 April 2022

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>Income</u>		
General Collection (Gift Aid)	27,797.90	27,136.05
Loose Cash Collections	10,681.41	5,478.20
Tax Refund on Total Gift Aid	11,487.23	10,443.36
Room Hire	1,397.38	546.00
Bequests	0.00	0.00
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	51,363.92	43,603.61
<u>Specified Gifts (Gift Aid & Cash)</u>		
Christmas Offering	1,110.00	1,450.00
Needy Fund	7,745.16	6,869.20
Youth for Christ	0.00	490.00
OM	0.00	140.00
Christians Against Poverty	0.00	660.00
Car for Burundi pastor	1,520.00	0.00
Church Planting Fund	3,817.00	0.00
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	14,192.16	9,609.20
TOTAL INCOME	65,556.08	53,212.81
Less:- Specified gifts paid out or reserved	-14,192.16	-9,609.20
	51,363.92	43,603.61
Less:- <u>Church Tithe</u>		
Nagaland Bible College	600.00	600.00
Evangelical Alliance	90.00	90.00
Visiting Speakers	750.00	100.00
Project Right Start	0.00	8,750.00
Youth for Christ	2,250.00	3,000.00
Operation Mobilisation	1,800.00	1,800.00
Burundi Church	200.00	0.00
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	-5,690.00	-14,340.00
<u>TOTAL NET INCOME C/DOWN</u>	45,673.92	29,263.61

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>TOTAL NET INCOME B/DOWN</u>	45,673.92	29,263.61
<u>Expenditure</u>		
<u>Staff Costs</u>		
Salaries	14,583.34	0.00
Employers Pension Contributions	328.30	0.00
Travelling Expenses	687.48	0.00
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	15,599.12	0.00
<u>General Expenses</u>		
Printing, Stationery & Postage	951.11	537.49
Telephone & Broadband	1,006.86	1,171.04
Gas & Electricity	1,995.65	1,509.28
Insurance	4,263.42	1,545.54
Water Rates	1,049.86	1,103.41
Building Maintenance	7,148.36	6,355.94
Computer/Projector Costs	2,527.88	455.75
P.A. & Music Equipment	1,106.61	1,205.54
Outreach Expenses	709.44	0.00
Books & Teaching Materials	22.96	26.50
Miscellaneous	3,412.14	1,600.77
Audit Fee	150.00	150.00
Major Building Works	7,579.13	0.00
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	31,923.42	15,661.26
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u>	47,522.54	15,661.26
<u>Excess of Income over Expenditure</u>	-----	-----
	-1,848.62	13,602.35
General Fund Brought Forward	35,255.01	21,652.66
Excess/(Shortfall) for the Year	-1,848.62	13,602.35
General Fund Carried Forward	-----	-----
	33,406.39	35,255.01

These Accounts have been audited and found to be true and fair.

Peter Kelly ACMA CGMA.....

Represented by:-

Assets

Bank Balance	26,900.86
Petty Cash Balance	1,002.17
Tax Refund Due	7,442.29

<u>Total Assets</u>	35,345.32

Less:-

Funds reserved:-

Needy Fund	1,165.13
Church Planting Fund	773.80

	1,938.93

	33,406.39

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of LBC Hurst Green
Beaumont Road, Halesowen, West Midlands. B62 9HD
(Registered Charity No. 701531 :- HMRC Ref. XN77764).

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 5 April 2022 attached herewith.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner.

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43 (7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners 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 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 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 examiners statement.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act
have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name & Signature:-

Peter Kelly.....

Relevant professional qualification:-

ACMA CGMA

Address:-

3, Yoxall Road, Shirley,
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Date:-

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LBC Hurst Green

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Accounts

HURST GREEN FAMILY CHURCH
Beaumont Road, Halesowen. B62 9HD

Registered charity: 701531

Annual General Meeting

Year ended 31 March 2019

Held on the premises on 9 July 2019

**1) Annual Review :- Year ended 31 March
2018**

The three house-groups run by Andy & Bev, Tim & Lin and Joyce have continued throughout the year as has the ladies evenings run by Sue, the monthly Prophecy Group meetings run by Joyce together with a new intercessory group meeting once a month on a Thursday evening run by Jason. Reports from each of the leaders will come later on.

We have also continued our morning tea & toast gatherings on Sunday mornings which have grown in popularity and now is a great feature of our church family life together....again, many thanks to Sue & Andrea, and others who step in from time to time for the way that they serve and bless the family each week.

Tim started up a monthly gathering of those men in the church who occasionally enjoy a glass of ale and a curry.....and most of the last Friday evenings of each month this year have been spent in the Swan Inn followed by curries of various levels of hotness being enjoyed at Spice Fusion on Shell Corner....long may they continue, I say!!

Our first church family event of the year came just a few weeks into April when we had the joy of baptising Janet & Michelle.....they were both touched powerfully by God with Michelle coming up out of the water being filled with the Spirit and then speaking in tongues just a few days later.

Following the decision last summer, we have continued to run Sunday evening meetings throughout the year, with just a break in the month of August. They have proved most worthwhile, with many visitors from local churches that do not have evening meetings, enjoying a variety of visiting speakers, video teaching nights, intercessory meetings and the very popular, extended worship nights, on the last Sunday of each month.

Several years of major building works finally came to a close during the year with the eventual completion of a brand new, modern glazed entrance porch together with signage on both the building and within the car park area. Much appreciation is given to Joan Betteridge who has spent many, many days on site dealing with all sorts of issues as they have arisen over these past few years.

We have, again, had a good many visiting speakers throughout the year, including visitors from OM, Loaves & Fishes, Bernd Scholz, Isaac & Beate, Faith & Dennis from Flame and, of course, Graham McClellan from Northern Ireland. Graham, has, in fact, become a regular visitor of at least once a month and has been involved in training and mentoring of many within the fellowship. With his particular gifts in these areas, we have established a Ministry Development Team that meets quarterly and we continue to look at the whole area of mentoring any who are seeking to grow in their gifts and ministries.

Graham also organised an Irish Outreach event for us in November with Noel Mills and his band from Northern Ireland and we all had a wonderful weekend. A few weeks later, Andy Dawes, together with Frankie & the Flames, ran a support evening for Grange Mission raising funds to help them stay afloat and before we knew it, we were in to our Christmas Celebrations, with a meal out together at the Fairfield Inn and Carol Services, again, with Graham bringing gospel messages.

The New Year of 2019 started with much sadness and heartache as we had three funerals in succession during January and February, starting with Brian Millsom and followed by Cheryl Mc.Clellan and Dot Nicholls. We are, however, comforted by the knowledge that they were each believers and are now in the Presence of Jesus for all eternity....and we shall all one day be together again.

None of us know the future.....God purposely did not give mankind that gift.....He calls us to a walk of faith.....learning along the way that He is utterly trustworthy....and although we might not always understand what is going on....we can know in our hearts, the truth.....that He is at work in all things together for the good of each one of us who believe....and as we look forward to another year.....let us look together with the eyes of faith and hope and expectancy.....for God is Good.....all the time....and all the time....God is good!

Every blessing to you all for the coming year.

Nigel Powell

Hurst Green Family Church

Income and Expenditure Accounts

Year Ended 5 April 2021

	<u>2021</u>	
<u>Income</u>		
General Collection (made via Gift Aid)	27,136.05	
Loose Cash Collections	5,478.20	
Tax Refund on Total Gift Aid	10,443.36	
Room Hire	546.00	
Bequests	0.00	

		43,603.61
<u>Specified Gifts (some via Gift Aid)</u>		
Christmas Offering	1,450.00	
Needy Fund	6,869.20	
Busy Hands	0.00	
Youth for Christ	490.00	
OM	140.00	
Homeless Ministry	0.00	
Christians Against Poverty	660.00	

		9,609.20

TOTAL INCOME		53,212.81
Less:- Specified gifts paid out or reserved		-9,609.20

		43,603.61
Less:- <u>Church Tithe</u>		
Nagaland Bible College	600.00	
Evangelical Alliance	90.00	
Visiting Speakers	100.00	
Project Right Start	8,750.00	
Youth for Christ	3,000.00	
Operation Mobilisation	1,800.00	

<u>Total</u>		-14,340.00

<u>TOTAL NET INCOME C/DOWN</u>		29,263.61

	#	<u>2021</u>	#
<u>TOTAL NET INCOME B/DOWN</u>			29,263.61
<u>Expenditure</u>			
<u>Staff Costs</u>			
Salaries		0.00	
Travelling Expenses		0.00	

		0.00	
<u>General Expenses</u>			
Printing, Stationery & Postage		537.49	
Telephone & Broadband		1,171.04	
Gas & Electricity		1,509.28	
Insurance		1,545.54	
Water Rates		1,103.41	
Building Maintenance		6,355.94	
Computer/Projector Costs		455.75	
P.A. & Music Equipment		1,205.54	
Outreach Expenses		0.00	
Travelling Expenses		0.00	
Books & Teaching Materials		26.50	
Miscellaneous		1,600.77	
Audit Fee		150.00	
Major Building Works		0.00	

		15,661.26	
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u>			15,661.26

<u>Excess of Income over Expenditure</u>			13,602.35

General Fund Brought Forward			21,652.66
Excess/(Shortfall) for the Year			13,602.35

General Fund Carried Forward			35,255.01

These Accounts have been audited and found to be true and fair.

Peter Kelly ACMA CGMA.....

Represented by:-

Assets

Bank Balance	25,384.30
Petty Cash Balance	671.04
Tax Refund Due	10,443.36

<u>Total Assets</u>	36,498.70

Less:-

Funds reserved:-

M.Roberts	29.94
Youth for Christ	730.00
OM	260.00
Needy Fund	223.75

	1,243.69

	35,255.01

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24,510.65
6,499.27
10,160.15
4,004.72
0.00

45,174.79

1,600.00
7,185.70
1,800.00
490.00
220.00
969.00
0.00

12,264.70

57,439.49

-12,264.70

45,174.79

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2,574.15

3,773.44

1,703.89

4,234.16

492.79

7,040.98

501.04

1,200.00

55.74

3,095.28

150.00

2,075.00

29,258.42

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-5,533.63

27,186.29

-5,533.63

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Hurst Green Family Church
Beaumont Road, Halesowen, West Midlands. B62 9HD
(Registered Charity No. 701531 :- HMRC Ref. XN77764).

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 5 April 2021 attached herewith.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner.

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43 (7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners 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 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 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 examiners statement.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act
have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name & Signature:-

Peter Kelly.....
ACMA CGMA

Relevant professional qualification:-

Address:-

3, Yoxall Road, Shirley,
Solihull, West Midlands. B90 3SD

Date:-

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