

Clitheroe
**Community
Church**

Centred in CHRIST
Connected in
RELATIONSHIP
CALLED TO Community
Challenged to GROW

Our PURPOSE

The charitable purpose of the Clitheroe Community Church Trust is the **advancement of the Christian Faith, in particular by the provision and maintenance of a church in Clitheroe for public worship.** A variety of activities have helped the church to achieve its purpose over the year for the benefit of members, the local community, and others in the UK and abroad.

In planning these activities, the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit has been taken into account.

We believe that advancing the Christian faith is of benefit to individuals and to society as a whole by providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual development, and by promoting Christian values and service by church members in and to their communities.

ACTIVITIES and ACHIEVEMENTS

Over the year, we have continued with our **community outreaches** to meet local needs, especially during recent financially challenging times.

- Warm Welcome: a warm social space with a free lunch, which has been more frequent during the winter months
- Holiday Fun: free activities and lunch for local families who may struggle more when schools are closed.
- The Ark toddler group: a place for local families with young children to access play and activities, and to develop a network of relationships.

At all three, guests can access practical, pastoral and spiritual support. Information points around the centre provide Christian booklets alongside help leaflets from other local support organisations. These are well used.

For the coronation, a cabaret-style celebration was held to invite the local

community to. A community Christmas lunch was held as part of the Warm Welcome initiative. There was a good response to both events from guests at our community groups and also from advertising and personal invitations. Guests from these groups have also come along to special services at Easter and Christmas.

As a result of interest from guests at these groups and events, there's an **Alpha** course in spring 2024.

We continue to participate in joint '**Love Clitheroe**' outreach with other local churches. In addition to Warm Welcome and Holiday Fun, this included a townwide fun day/barbecue and Carols at the Castle, which engage with several thousand local people.

Prayer has been an important focus over the year. The Sunday pre-meeting prayer has moved both location and time to enable more people to take part, including the worship team. A main

purpose is to pray for the morning meeting and those who come.

2024 again began with a week of prayer and fasting. It was made accessible to all by including a range of times and prayer focusses, and concluded with a prayer walk around the local area.

Sunday meetings include a regular time of intercession, and Life groups offer opportunities to pray for others and receive prayer.

We have also joined internationally with 'Thy Kingdom Come' season of prayer, and taken part locally in 24/7 prayer initiatives at Turret House and 'Pray for Lancashire'.

Sunday meetings continue to provide a **CCC Kids** group and **creche area** with livestream. The **worship team** regularly meets to prepare for Sundays.

The **Romans Course** offered the opportunity for Bible teaching and life application. **Life groups** joined together

for this and a new Life group began when groups recommenced individual meetings for regular prayer, Bible study and relationship building. **C4 youth group** also joined with the course. Feedback from them and from adults was that all felt they benefitted from exploring Bible application from the other's perspective.

Powerhouse men's group and **Time 4 You Ladies' Group** continued to meet over the year, along with **one-to-one mentoring**..

Leadership forums have taken place for communication, sharing vision and feedback. All those in a leadership role have the opportunity for regular reviews with one of the elders to receive support personally and in ministry development.

A **Resource Hub** is being developed to help members engage with life issues, along with an **introduction to CCC life** for those considering joining the church family.

Life events over the year included two baptisms and one funeral.


In addition to church groups and events, **our facilities have been used** for local community groups, NHS training, diabetes prevention courses, nursery presentations and as a polling station. They also provide a low-cost children's party option for local families. As part of our relationship with local residents, a 'mates'rates' scheme has been introduced to give Millthorne Avenue residents a 50% discount on hire costs.


The trustees wish to place on record their thanks to the many volunteers who enable the ongoing work of the church and service to the community. It is not possible to quantify the value of this public benefit provided.



STAY CURIOUS
Try Alpha

2000 years ago in the Middle East,
God took on human form
and lived on earth for 33 years.
If it's true it's too big to ignore...

 **Try Alpha** clitheroecommunitychurch.co.uk/alpha



Managing RISK

The trustees are aware of potential risks to staff, volunteers, members and visitors, and to the organisation as a whole. They have put in place measures to manage these risks, which include the following.

- The condition of buildings and equipment is kept under review. A major refurbishment programme has continued over the financial year.
- All boilers are professionally serviced annually and a Gas Safe certificate obtained.
- Regular inspections of portable appliances and electrical installations take place, with a full Electrical Installations Condition Report every 5 years.
- The fire safety installations and equipment are regularly inspected/maintained.
- Annual reviews completed of the fire safety risk assessment and financial controls.
- The church operates a safeguarding policy, which is reviewed annually.
- All children's/youth workers, trustees and elders have Enhanced Disclosures from the Disclosure and Barring Service, updated every three years. They receive child protection training and a copy of our safeguarding policy.
- Food safety training is provided for those preparing/serving food or refreshments.
- Data protection and security procedures are in place, and privacy information is communicated on our website.
- Other policies and procedures are reviewed and updated as appropriate. Copies are made available on the church Google Drive and the literature stand.
- The church holds public/employer's liability Insurance and copyright licences.
- Anti-virus protection and backups are in place for church computer equipment.

Finance REVIEW

The annual accounts show the finances for the year. The trustees are satisfied that they are sound and were prepared in accordance with the relevant regulations and guidance. Expense Plus has begun to be used for accounting records, which is streamlining many processes and supporting good financial controls.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Income is largely derived from free-will giving, with most coming from church members. Tax refunds via the Gift Aid scheme supplement this, and Government grants have supported our Warm Welcome and Holiday Fun community provision. Room hire payments contribute towards running costs and building refurbishment.

Many areas of the church centre have been refurbished over the past year as this had not been done for many years. Much of the work has been undertaken inhouse to reduce costs. A special offering was taken up and reserves had been put aside.

Feedback from church groups and hirers has been very positive about improved appearance and functionality. Re-positioning the PA speakers has had a positive impact on the sound quality.

The trustees work closely with the elders to establish spending priorities. Quarterly and ad hoc board meetings, aided by treasurer's reports, allow the trustees regularly to make judgements relating to available funds and the appropriate allocation of those funds. We ensure that at least 10% of our income goes to support other ministries who have similar aims, alongside using funds for the relief of poverty and special needs. In addition to our regular support, there were special offerings this year for disaster relief in Turkey, Morocco, Libya and Israel/Gaza. We also supported the work of Great Lakes Outreach amongst the poor in Burundi and SportsReach, which enables children and adults to hear the good news about Jesus while enjoying group sports.

RESERVES POLICY

The level of reserves is reviewed regularly by the trustees. They are satisfied that the assets of the charity are available and adequate to fulfil the obligations of the charity.

Our PARTNERSHIPS

We have partnered with a number of other organisations and groups for greater effectiveness in specialised work. Some of these partnerships involved the church as a whole and others were through links with individual church members. Support took the form of volunteer help, prayer and/or donations. Financial support is detailed in the annual accounts.



MOVING forward

OUR VISION

We believe the good news of Jesus is for everyone and we aim to partner with the Holy Spirit in seeing our community impacted by God's transforming power.

You can see our **vision** and **values** displayed around the church buildings, but most of all, we want to see them displayed in the life of the church. Our vision drives all our planning, and our values underpin how we work this out and our character as a church.

The elders regularly devote time to praying about and developing a strategy for a healthy, vibrant church and to evaluating progress. **This is a brief overview of plans that are in addition to regular church life.** More detail about working them out in 2024/25 will be communicated over the year. The elders will also be making use of new church health resources that have just been made available by Assemblies of God.

CENTRED IN CHRIST

Jesus said, 'Without me, you can do nothing.' We aim that the following will help us keep Jesus at the centre and to engage with what's taught in the Bible:

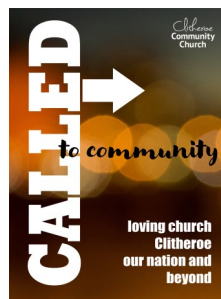
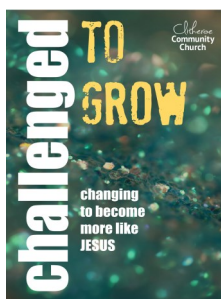
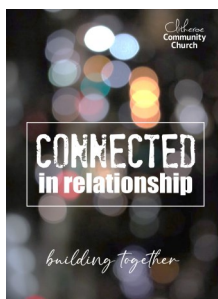
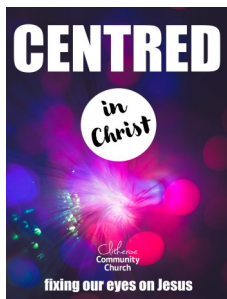
- A new regular Sunday evening event with a focus on worship and prayer ministry
- Keep prayer as a high priority, continuing to find ways to facilitate engagement as individuals, groups and as a church
- Continue to develop our Resource Hub to help us approach life's complicated issues with biblical insight and Christ-like compassion
- Use recently developed materials to help those settling into CCC gain an insight into how we work out our faith as a church

CONNECTED IN RELATIONSHIP

'And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.' (Ephesians 2:22) Meaningful relationships are integral as we're being built together. We aim to strengthen these through:

- New women's group accessible to those who work
- Supporting young families to connect with Sunday mornings
- Planning for events to build relationships, e.g. picnic, curry night, etc.

MOVING forward



VISIT WWW.CLITHEROECOMMUNITYCHURCH.CO.UK TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR VALUES

CHALLENGED TO GROW

'Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.' (Ephesians 4:15). We aim to support each person's spiritual growth through:

- Establishing a budget for visiting speakers to support the breadth of ministry
- Continuing to develop a discipleship roadmap, helping everyone to be clear how they can make progress on their spiritual journey
- Facilitating mentoring
- Workshops for worship band and tech

CALLED TO COMMUNITY

Jesus intends that we're a visible and integral part of our community: 'Make your light shine, so others will see the good you do and will praise your Father in heaven.' (Matthew 5:16) Over the year, we plan to:

- Develop youth provision to include an outreach focus
- Continue to provide community outreaches such as warm spaces, school holiday activities/lunches, toddler group
- Run Alpha as there is interest from community groups, etc.
- Look at broadcasting options to enable public engagement with our YouTube channel

"You turned up on my doorstep with a bag of shopping when I needed it. I've never forgotten that."

Feedback from a previous toddler group parent

CHARITY information

Name of the charity	The Clitheroe Community Church Trust
Registered charity number	701869
Principal office	Clitheroe Community Church, Millthorne Avenue, Clitheroe, Lancashire, BB7 2LE
Charity trustees	Paul Cowen, Richard Douglas, Andrew Piercy, Gillian Whitfield

GOVERNANCE

The charitable trust was established by a declaration of trust on 29 June 1989. The trustees are to be four in number and they may appoint additional trustees, provided they accept the statement of faith in the declaration of trust.

The trustees cooperate with the elders in furthering the object of the trust. The primary responsibilities of the elders are spiritual, pastoral and for the ministries of the church. The trustees are mainly responsible for financial, legal and property-related matters. Both groups meet regularly and require unanimous decisions from a quorum of at least three. A register of interests is kept, where trustees declare any potential conflicts of interest. New trustees receive support from an existing trustee sponsor, and all trustees are provided with information from the Charity Commission.

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ME!

APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

The annual report was approved by the trustees and signed on behalf of the board by

Richard Douglas (Richard Douglas)

on 28 May 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Clitheroe Community Church Trust

No (if any)
701869

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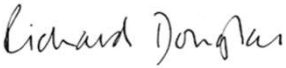
Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/02/2023	To	Period end date 31/01/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Tithes & Offerings	65,471	-	-	65,471	50,603
Special Offerings	-	1,492	-	1,492	2,548
Room Hire	7,220	-	-	7,220	5,193
Gift Aid Reclaim	11,857	-	-	11,857	13,150
Grant Income	-	1,300	-	1,300	1,400
Sundry Income	1,517	-	-	1,517	1,597
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	86,065	2,792	-	88,857	74,491
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	86,065	2,792	-	88,857	74,491
A3 Payments					
Salaries	57,681	-	-	57,681	53,260
Speakers' Expenses	655	-	-	655	585
Donations	7,842	1,492	-	9,334	12,089
Insurance	1,317	-	-	1,317	1,271
Fuel, Power and Telephone	3,543	-	-	3,543	3,712
Repairs and Maintenance	7,593	-	-	7,593	1,821
Equipment	989	-	-	989	841
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	265	-	-	265	62
Youth & Childrens' work	71	-	-	71	526
Outreach	422	-	-	422	1,389
Licenses & Registrations	1,162	-	-	1,162	1,077
Ministry Training & Materials	435	-	-	435	16
Hospitality / Catering	313	-	-	313	453
Consumables	398	-	-	398	504
Warm Spaces/Lunch clubs	488	1,300	-	1,788	865
Sundry Expenditure	2,048	-	-	2,048	1,217
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	85,222	2,792	-	88,014	79,688
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	85,222	2,792	-	88,014	79,688
Net of receipts/(payments)	843	-	-	843	- 5,197
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	29,633	-	-	29,633	34,832
Cash funds this year end	30,476	-	-	30,476	29,635

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Yorkshire Bank	29,991	-	-
	Cash In Hand	485	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	30,476	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Land & Buildings	Unrestricted	354,473	183,564
	Equipment Fixtures & Fittings	Unrestricted	36,685	985
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Richard Douglas	13-May-24	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Clitheroe Community Church Trust

On accounts for the year
ended

31/01/2024

Charity no
(if any)

701869

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/01/2024.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

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

Independent
examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:

J. Williams

Date: 06/06/2024

Name:

Joel David Williams

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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