

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

Ark Church Nottingham

Registered Charity Number 1052625

88 Strelley Road, Nottingham, NG8 3AQ

SECTION A: REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity:

Mark Wheatley

Ellen Daft

Sarah Wheatley

Kate Simspon

Names of the holding trustees who hold the deeds for the building:

Mark Smedley (to be replaced by P Blyth when possible)

Eunice Blyth

Ellen Daft

Salary Committee Members:

Kate Simpson

Joan Arogbo

Paul Blyth

Joan Rix

Ellen Daft

SECTION B: STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Type of governing document:

Model Trust Deed

How the charity is constituted:

Assemblies of God Model Trust adopted in Oct 2006

Trustee selection methods:

Appointed by minister, approved by church council

SECTION C: OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of the charity as set out in its governing document are:

1. To advance the Christian Faith
2. To relieve sickness and financial hardship
3. To advance education

Summary of the main activities of the church in relation to these objects:

1. The church holds Christian worship services providing teaching and spiritual encouragement.
2. The church supports a number of missionaries, projects and other worthy causes both in this country and overseas as well as looking for opportunities to express God's love through practical support in our immediate community.
3. A dedicated team of children and youth workers provide activities and opportunities for spiritual encouragement and education and growth for young people throughout the year.
4. The development of the community nursery Ark Angels which not only provides standard childcare, but also seeks to provide an environment which sets the nursery apart from others. It enables the church to support local families with difficulties, build relationships and reach out into the community as well as generate funds to support the church's wider work.

SECTION D: ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

This year has been a time of rebuilding (post covid) and services and opportunities have opened up again for us and in many ways though numbers can be variable we have a warm and welcoming church family that many local people access. And although numbers on Sunday can be variable we have seen some new people attending & returning.

We do feel in era of larger churches that local churches in poorer deprived communities and on outer urban satellite estates are vital to community cohesion.

The Church WhatsApp group has again continued to be a useful means for many to keep in touch and share news and information.

Our Ark Angels Nursery has opened throughout the year, and numbers have been low, and we then latterly had an issue with OFSTED so this has culminated in our taking the decision to close down our nursery at the end of the year and so we closed it in December 2022. We feel that this was the only choice we had with the rules on ratios, with staffing shortages and intake being so low it was the right decision for us.

We sought advice from Nottingham City Council Early Years and followed ACAS advice to go through the redundancy process. We have helped our staff wherever possible to find new employment and redundancy payments have been made to those who qualified.

Once all the payments have been settled, we will emerge from this not with a huge amount of profit but with pride that we employed and trained local young people who will go on to have good careers from the start that they received with us.

We believe that this has made a difference in the lives of several local young people, some who have already gone into new employment.

We continue to fundraise for our extension project though conditions are very tough at the moment and prices high we are still raising money & we are trying hard to get the funds needed.

Our people continue to give, but streams of grant funding have been harder to find though we have received another couple of grants this year. In particular, we have secured a grant from the Asda Community Foundation of £15,000.

Our minister Mark has also continued to be the local police chaplain and is involved with the local police station on a regular basis and he is also a part of the wider chaplaincy team for Nottinghamshire police.

SECTION E: FINANCIAL REVIEW

Despite the difficult year, the church people have continued to be very faithful in their giving, and we are thinking about ideas of new projects & opportunities for the coming year for income for possible projects and income streams.

The church has a Reserves Policy in line with advice from the Charity Commission. Wherever possible the church will aspire to maintain reserves of at least 3 months' running costs based on the previous year's expenditure. This is currently set at £20k for in reserves in total. All of the reserves are met by the church's funds.

The costs for the closure of the nursery were met by the nursery reserves set aside.

The closure of the nursery marks the end of one era, but we will be prayerfully exploring options for the future use of the building and how we can use it to serve the local community and to support the finances of the church.

DECLARATION:

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Full name: Sarah Wheatley

Position: Treasurer / Trustee

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Ark Church Nottingham
I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 2 to 4.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

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.

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Date

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

RECEIPTS	Unrestricted	Mission Benevolent Set aside	Other Restricted xPlore	Building Fund Restricted	Nursery Restricted	2022 Total	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Offerings	5,461	607	0	0	0	6,068	25,028
Gift Aid	15,467	1,719	0	0	0	17,186	14,972
Tax Refunds	6,298	700	0	0	0	6,997	0
Bank interest	55	6	0	0	0	61	15
Room Hire	0	0	0	0	0	0	234
Sundry income	398	0	0	0	0	398	6,045
Miscellaneous Set aside Restricted	0	231	0	0	0	231	7,071
Xplore income	0	0	1,109	0	0	1,109	0
Extension Fund (Restricted)	0	0	0	14,846	0	14,846	50,632
Ark Angels Nursery	0	0	0	0	65,009	65,009	63,436
TOTAL RECEIPTS	27,679	3,263	1,109	14,846	65,009	111,906	167,433

PAYMENTS	Unrestricted	Mission Benevolent Set aside	Other Restricted xPlore	Building Fund Restricted	Nursery Restricted	2022 Total	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Ministry Costs and Pension	24,183	0	0	0	0	24,183	23,269
Missionary Benevolent Fund	0	3,901	0	0	0	3,901	2,948
NI and Tax	4,586	0	0	0	0	4,586	4,364
Utilities	2,993	0	0	0	0	2,993	2,167
Repairs and Replacements	106	0	0	0	0	106	1,342
Insurance and Business Costs	2,936	0	0	0	0	2,936	2,038
Other Restricted – xPlore	0	0	92	0	0	92	328
Misc and kitchen Supplies	398	0	0	0	0	398	294
Extension Project Costs	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,452
Ark Angels Nursery	0	0	0	0	61,127	61,127	57,320
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	35,202	3,901	92	0	61,127	100,322	95,522

Transfer between funds	5,589	621	0	0	-6,210	0	0
NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS	-1,934	-17	1,017	14,846	-2,328	11,584	71,911
BANK BALS B/FWD 1 JAN 2022	99,587	6,092	0	55,072	4,737	165,487	93,575
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