

REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD
FOUNTAIN OF LIFE, BRAINTREE PARISH
Registered Charity Number: 1103957

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2022

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CONSTITUTION

The Charity is constituted under a Trust Deed with registered Charity number 1103957

PRINCIPAL ADDRESS

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CHURCH LOCATION

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TRUSTEES

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Pastor (Mrs) Olubola Okuneye
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BANKERS

Barclays Bank

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS

Flourish Global Consulting
(A firm of Chartered Accountants & Management Consultants)
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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2022. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting 2005 and other applicable laws.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Charity is constituted under a Trust Deed with registered Charity number 1103957

a) Method of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the church is the responsibility of the Trustees who are appointed by the minister in charge under the terms of the Trust deed.

b) Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

The induction process for any newly appointed member of the Trustees comprises of an initial meeting with the chair and other Trustees, followed by meetings with the minister in charge on the powers and responsibilities of the Trustees. Information booklets are made available and referral to Charity commission website is also encouraged.

c) Organisational structure and decision making

The Charity is organised so that the Trustees meet regularly to administer its affairs. There is an administrator / account personnel that handles the daily affairs of the Charity.

d) Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

a) Policies and Objectives

The object of the Church are to advance the Christian religion for the public benefit in accordance with the doctrines of our Lord Jesus Christ, through the holding of prayer meetings, lectures, sermons, evangelism, distribution of literature and tracts, broadcasting and such charitable means as the Trustees consider appropriate; and the relief of poverty by such charitable means as the Trustees consider appropriate.

b) Strategies for achieving objectives

The church has adopted the following strategies for achieving the above objectives: Organising seminars and events with proven speakers and minister of the faith to guide members in the various aspects of the Christian faith; and support for other charities and Christian events.

c) Activities for achieving objectives

- Advancement of Christian religion
- Community outreach events
- Conferences and events
- Provision of welfare support to members
- Provision of support to other charities
- Provision of a regular presence in the Town Centre Market
- Provision of a food bank centre within the community

d) Grants making policies

In line with the object of the Charity, to relief poverty and the advancement of the Christian faith worldwide; the Charity has a policy of supporting missionary organisations such as Festival of Life, Christian Youth Outreach (CYO), World Evangelism Mission, University students, other charities, members of the congregation and non-members who are in need.

The church is also a member of the Braintree Association of Churches Together, working in conjunction with all the churches in Braintree to improve our community.

e) Volunteers

The church is grateful for the good efforts of its volunteers, who are involved in the service provision. The Charity has a volunteer coordinator to ensure that the best value is derived from the sterling efforts of our volunteers.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Review of Activities

The Charity is consolidating the gains of previous developments and has successfully ministered to the needs of various social groups within and outside the church. The church provides forum for manpower development for its members to be equipped educationally, socially and spiritually.

The Charity is an active member of the Braintree Association of Churches Together (BACT) which regularly liaises with the council and supports the Braintree Council community activities. The church is actively involved in joint programmes organised by the BACT within the community which is beneficial to the community as a whole. Every Christmas we reach out to the homeless shelter in our community and also organise a Christmas outreach within our community. We also join in the Braintree carnival; an annual community celebration.

We support the Christian Youth Outreach (CYO), which caters for the spiritual needs of children and teenagers in various primary and secondary schools in Braintree.

We offer services at the old people's home on a monthly basis. Whilst we initially visit only the Braintree Nursing Home every second Sunday, we have since added the Millard House Centre as one of our outreach activities every third Sunday. Both homes look forward to our monthly visits and we feel privileged to be able to affect lives positively this way. We also send gifts to the homes at Christmas and the Braintree Foyer, an organization that looks after homeless teenagers and youth.

With the advent of technology and online meetings during and after the pandemic, it has allowed the homes to join and participate in our live Church services which has been a joy to see.

We have an active children, teenagers, and youth church where they are taught and guided through this stage of their life, to help them grow into responsible adult members of the community and the church organises team building exercise for them so that they can learn how to effectively work in a team and more importantly have fun. They are encouraged to bring their friends from the community.

We have a market stall outreach centre at the Braintree town centre which affords us the opportunity to reach out to our community. At the market stall, members of the community drop in for a chat or sometimes for prayers. Also, the BME group from the council makes use of one of the rooms in the church from time to time.

The church organises a yearly conference tagged "Catch the Fire Conference" which includes seminars, health talks, musical outreach, youth empowerment seminars amongst others. We also organise a singles and couples retreat to help foster peace, joy, and harmony in homes.

BRAINTREE NURSING HOME



BRAINTREE MILLARD HOUSE



BRAINTREE TOWN CENTRE – MARKET STALL

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets ("the free reserve") held by the church should be 3 months of annual expenditure. At this level, the Trustees feel that they would be able to continue the current activities of the church in the event of a significant drop in funding.

Principal Funding

This is provided majorly through voluntary tithes and offerings by the church members and through the gift aid scheme. Pledges are also taken for specific projects.

Plans for the Future

The Charity aims as part of fulfilling its main objectives to continue to explore various ways of spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ in an effective manner. The Charity is also looking to grow in membership and continue to develop its members to make life-changing impact on the society. The Charity hope to reach out to more old peoples' home in the community.

One of the proposed plan for the future is to create a food bank walk-in centre within the Church premises. Whilst we currently have a food bank primarily accessed by members, we aim to extend this out to the whole community. We intend to set this up by collecting the food items from local stores and shops and making it available freely to any member of the Braintree Community irrespective of their background. This is to positively impact the lives of people in the community with access to food.

The Charity is also trusting God for a permanent place of worship that we can also extend to cater for the food bank centre. With this in mind, we are actively sourcing a proper shed in the meantime and necessary items to enlarge the food bank centre. The centre will be manned by volunteers.

Trustees' Responsibilities in Relation to the Financial Statements

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under the law the Trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the surplus or deficit of the Charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are requested to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operations

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the General Directions given by the Charity commission. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking any reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on:

22/10/23 and signed on its behalf by:

Name: AFOLABI BEWASI

Signature: 

Date: 22/10/23

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Accountants / Independent Examiner's Report For The Year Ended 31st December 2022

We have examined the financial statements on pages 2 to 15 which have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 8.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and independent examiner

The charity trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements.

The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144 (2) of the charities (Act 2011) (the 2011 act).

It is our responsibilities to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the organisation and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and, seeking explanation 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, we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

It is our responsibilities to form an independent opinion, based on our examination, on those financial statements and to report on our opinion.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- 1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirement of the 2011 Act have not been met.
- 2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Flourish Global Consulting

26/10/2023
Date

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Statement of Financial Activities For The Year Ended 31st December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2022 £	2021 £
Incoming Resources					
Voluntary Sources - tithes, offerings, donations, thanksgiving, etc	4	117,851	-	117,851	96,206
Gift Aid Reclaim	4	22,845	-	22,845	14,481
Building Fund	4	2,300	-	2,300	-
Miscellaneous receipt - activities in furtherance of the charity's objectives	4	-	-	-	-
Investment income	4	103	-	103	13
Total incoming resources		<u>143,099</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>143,099</u>	<u>110,700</u>
Resources Expended					
Cost of generating funds in furtherance of the charity's objectives	5	-	-	56,927	34,890
Management & Administration of Charity	6	-	-	58,299	41,040
Total resources expended				<u>115,226</u>	<u>75,930</u>
Net incoming resources / (outgoing) resources				<u>27,873</u>	<u>34,770</u>
Other recognised gains and losses				0	0
Gross Transfer between funds				0	0
Net movement in funds for the year - Net income/(expenditure) for the year		<u>27,873</u>		<u>27,873</u>	<u>34,770</u>
Total funds brought forward 1/1/2022		83,461	0	83,461	48,691
Total Funds Carried Forward At 31st December 2022		<u>111,334</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>111,334</u>	<u>83,461</u>

Name: ACAB1 BIVAT

Sign: 

Date: 22/10/22

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Balance Sheet As At 31st December 2022

Fixed assets	Notes	£	<u>2022</u> £	£	<u>2021</u> £
Tangible assets	2		15,774		11,822
Current assets					
Debtors		-		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		96,260		72,739	
		<u>96,260</u>		<u>72,739</u>	
Creditors : Amount falling due within one year	3	(700)		(1,100)	
Net current assets			95,560		71,639
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities- Net Assets / (Liabilities)			<u><u>111,334</u></u>		<u><u>83,461</u></u>
 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
Funds			£		£
Restricted funds			-		-
Unrestricted funds			111,334		83,461
Fund balances			<u><u>111,334</u></u>		<u><u>83,461</u></u>

Board of Trustees Name: AFOLABI Gbowee

Signature: 

Date: 22/10/23

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Notes To The Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31st December 2022

1. Accounting Policies

1.1) Accounting Convention

The Financial Statements has been prepared under the historical cost convention, in accordance with applicable UK Accounting Standards and also with the recommendations in the Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice (SORP) Accounting and Reporting by Charities - issued in October 2000.

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption of Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 from the requirements to produce a Cash Flow Statement on the ground that it qualifies as a small charity applicable accounting standards and the charities SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice).

1.2) Fund Accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds, which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the company and which have not been designated for other purposes. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund will then be set out.

1.3) Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are included at cost.
Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost over their expected useful lives as follows :

Leasehold improvement	25% written down value
Church & Office equipments	25% written down value
Motor vehicle	25% written down value

1.4) Incoming Resources

Income is mainly from voluntary contributions from members of the church and bank interest received which are included in the financial statements.

1.5) Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accrual basis and are classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category on a consistent basis year to year. Management and administration costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the organisation and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

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2. Fixed Assets

	Leashold improvement	Church & office equipments	Motor vehicles	2022 Total
Cost	£	£		£
At 1 January 2022	11,366	67,198	11,148	89,712
Additions	-	9,209	0	9,209
At 31 December 2022	<u>11,366</u>	<u>76,407</u>	<u>11,148</u>	<u>98,921</u>
Depreciation and amounts written off				
At 1 January 2022	11,325	57,401	9,164	77,890
Charge for the year	10	4,751	496	5,257
At 31 December 2022	<u>11,335</u>	<u>62,152</u>	<u>9,660</u>	<u>83,147</u>
Net Book Value				
At 31 December 2022	<u>31</u>	<u>14,255</u>	<u>1,488</u>	<u>15,774</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>41</u>	<u>9,797</u>	<u>1,984</u>	<u>11,822</u>

3. Creditors

	2022 £	2021 £
Taxation & Social Security	-	-
Other Creditors	-	-
Accruals	700	1,100
	<u>700</u>	<u>1,100</u>

4. Incoming resources

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	2021 £
Tithes, Offering & Thanksgiving	117,851	-	117,851	96,206
Building Fund	2,300	-	2,300	-
Gift Aid Reclaim	22,845	-	22,845	14,481
Investment income	103	-	103	13
	<u>143,099</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>143,099</u>	<u>110,700</u>

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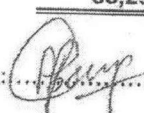
**5. Cost of generating funds in furtherance
of the charity's objects:**

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	£	£
Telephone, Internet & Call centre expenses	1,827	1,421
Rent & rates (incl water)	25,430	23,908
Honorarium	3,600	2,300
Books & Teaching Materials	1,246	332
Church Outreach & Publicity	8,264	560
Training, Meetings & Conferences	1,959	96
Hospitality & Welfare Support	14,601	6,273
	<u>56,927</u>	<u>34,890</u>

6. Management & Administration of Charity

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	£	£
Charitable donations:		
Central Office Fund	550	600
WEM Fund	22,103	16,093
Festival of Life	-	300
Christ Redeemer College	360	360
Other donations	1,700	300
Church Running Expenses & Administration	6,816	5,347
Wages & Salaries (Incl. NI)	8,400	9,604
Travelling expenses	6,313	1,530
Light, Heat & Power	1,905	1,107
Printing, Postage & Stationery	30	250
Repairs & Maintenance	375	105
Computer Costs & Consumables	820	-
Legal & Professional fees	-	350
Insurance (church bus)	705	604
Insurance (ecclesiastical)	690	-
Sundry Expenses	636	-
Bank Charges	75	-
Motor Running Expenses	964	50
Accountancy fees	600	500
Depreciation:		
leasehold improvement	10	14
church & office equipments	4,751	3,265
motor vehicles	496	661
	<u>58,299</u>	<u>41,040</u>

Name: AFOLABI EKWAKI

Sign: 

Date: 22/10/23