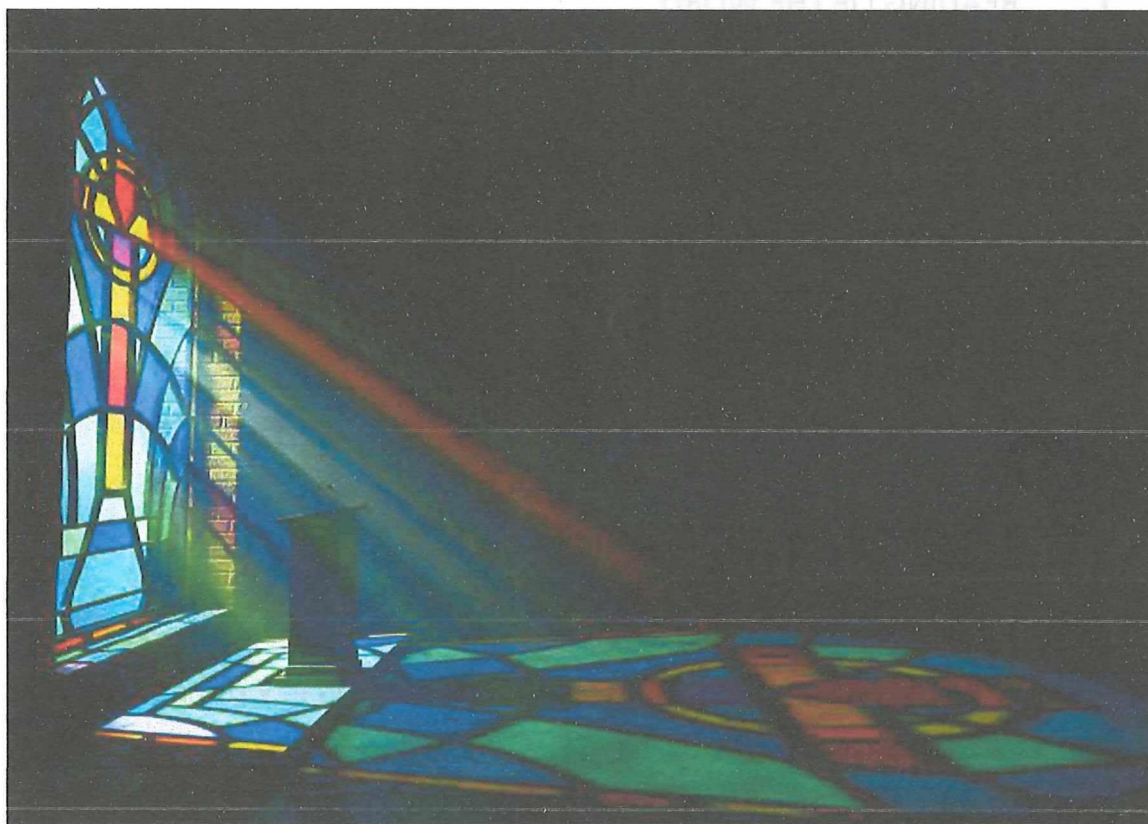


SPRINGS

Christian Fellowship



AGM Report 2023

including

Minutes from AGM meeting

S. J. DAVEN

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03 DEC 2023

Agenda

Annual General Meeting 03-Dec-2023

All Members are expected to make every effort to be present, it is part of your membership and a meeting that is required by Law.

PRAYER

1. READING OF THE WORD
2. REPORTS
 - a. Leadership Report
 - b. Financial Report
 - c. Youth & Sunday School – Church Council
 - d. Worship
 - e. Prayer Ministry
 - f. FaithBuilders
 - g. Street (Open Air)
 - h. Drop In – Church Council
 - i. Volunteers - Church Council
3. FUTURE PLANS
4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS This should be submitted in writing to the Church Council and be received 2 days before the AGM meeting.
5. DATE OF NEXT AGM
6. CLOSING REMARKS
7. THANKSGIVING TO GOD

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Leadership Report

Introduction

This is the fifteenth year of producing a printed annual report for members in which we provide our reports, the accounts and look to the future.

This report deals solely with the events and activities of 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023.

Overview

In the previous year, the overall objective was to continue to build a stable structure for meetings and administration and the slow improvement of the building. It also aimed at encouraging the ongoing growth in the body of the church. As part of achieving this aim, the leadership continued its search for appointing a new minister in order to bring a vision for the church. In the year under review, these objectives were continued to be given priority. Meetings, administration processes, and improvements of the building were addressed. The church has begun to grow in quality and quantity. Processes for appointing a new minister were undertaken including job advertisement but no suitable applicants applied. The leadership is keen to encourage every individual in the church to become people who read bible, pray regularly and develop their personal relationship with the Lord. We thank one and all who help out in so many different and varied ways, all equally important. We all continue to appreciate each other and thank those who support the varied activities needed to keep God's church functioning.

Benefiting the Community

The Objects of the Charity are principally to the advancement of Christianity. This will be done by the declaration and upholding of the Gospel concerning God's Son Jesus Christ the Lord and the preaching and teaching of the Word of God by the Church in accordance with the Statement of Faith of the Assemblies of God in Great Britain as approved by the General Council from time to time. In addition, the objectives allow the church to minister into key areas of our society and the world and therefore allow us to minister to the whole person for a complete answer to our societies needs as the Leadership lead and resources allow.

In the ongoing work, we have continued throughout 2022 and into 2023 to hold a Sunday service where the full Gospel of Jesus Christ is proclaimed, and people are challenged to put their faith into action. Our obvious aim is to teach and train people of all ages from the Bible in ways that are relevant to their age and culture, to be obedient to God, provide positive input into their families and to be good citizens in our community.



Leadership Report

A part of fulfilling our objectives is a commitment to missionary and social work overseas and in this country. For a small church we endeavour to serve our community well with street and residential outreach. Drop In has added to the services we offer our community, but due to the restriction caused by Covid, we were not able to continue the Drop In for the year under review.

We support organisations that specialise in Bible centred teaching, work with ex-prisoners and people in the community. Our support is also given to those organisations that provide help with social problems and support people and children around the world whose lives have been devastated by natural disasters.

Annual Events

- Easter
- Christmas Services
- Area Conference

Concerning the Coming Year

The Leadership and the church is fully committed to pray for the appointment of a new minister and ensure that a suitable appointment is made for the on-going growth of the church. We will continue to advertise and make enquiries for a suitable candidate where possible.

The next part of this transition will be more fully owning of "Changed Hearts, Changed Lives and Changed World".

Church Leadership and Management

While the structure for the church leadership development is now more detailed there are other areas that are still under development. Like the previous year, the church council needs support and strengthening. Other areas that need further development will be practical as more people join the church.

Evangelism: while some of these events or activities are not for proclaiming the Gospel, they give opportunity for interaction with our community and the availability to answer questions. Community Interaction helps break down some of the myths about Christians and the church. It allows our community to see the authenticity of our faith and the consistency of our lives.

Leadership Report

Projects or Events Planned

- Developing the structure of the family service
- More frequent youth and family service on Sundays
- Reinstating prayer meetings and bible study
- Items for Social Oversea & Teaching Project

Building Development

- Ongoing external Maintenance Program
- Ongoing Internal Decoration of hall and church building.
- Church Entrance Modernisation
- Disabled toilet access

Vote for Angela Kolnb to be added to church council was agreed by 100% of the membership present.

S.J. Rowden

 03 Dec 2023

Treasurers Report

Introduction

For the financial year ending 31st March 2023 our income and expenditure were both up; see Table 1. The total income for this financial year increased by £12,975.

The total expenditure has increased by £8,928. The main increase in expenditure is due to the building work at the church, and utilities and insurance costs.

Springs Christian Fellowship Registered Charity No. 1054358

Summary Receipts and Payments For The Year Ended 31st March 2023

	Receipts			Payments	
	2021 / 22 £	2022 / 23 £		2021 / 22 £	2022 / 23 £
Church Giving	30,431	43,270	Pastoral/Ministry Expenses (see note 1)	4,866	4,987
Restricted Income	0	1,000	Establishment Costs (see note 2)	22,024	30,643
Interest	31	58	Administration (see note 3)	1,794	1,982
Other Income	4,937	4,046			
	35,399	48,374		28,684	37,612

Table 1 Summary of Receipts and Payments

Treasurers Report

Springs Christian Fellowship
 Registered Charity No. 1054358

Payments for the year ended 31st March 2023

	2021 / 22		2022 / 23	
	£	£	£	£
Pastoral/Ministry Costs (Note 1)				
Ministry Fees: Pastor	4,102		4,136	
Expenses	0		0	
Ministry / Mission	234		300	
Youth Ministry	130		130	
Tithes & Gifts	400		421	
		4,866		4,987
Establishment Costs (Note 2)				
Utilities & Insurance	4,792		7,466	
Cleaning Services	1,700		3,430	
Building & Repairs	10,587		9,787	
Church Manse Utilities & Insurance	3,293		3,031	
Church Manse Repairs	770		5,482	
Catering & Facilities	626		1,207	
Music Licence	206		222	
Equipment	50		18	
		22,024		30,643
Administration (Note 3)				
Fees	374		468	
Computer	406		477	
Membership & Dues	767		767	
Child Protection	214		234	
Stationery & Postage	26		36	
Sundries	7		0	
		1,794		1,982
Total		28,684		37,612

Table 2 Payments breakdown

Treasurers Report

Springs Christian Fellowship Registered Charity No. 1054358

Statement of Assets and Liabilities As At 31st March 2023

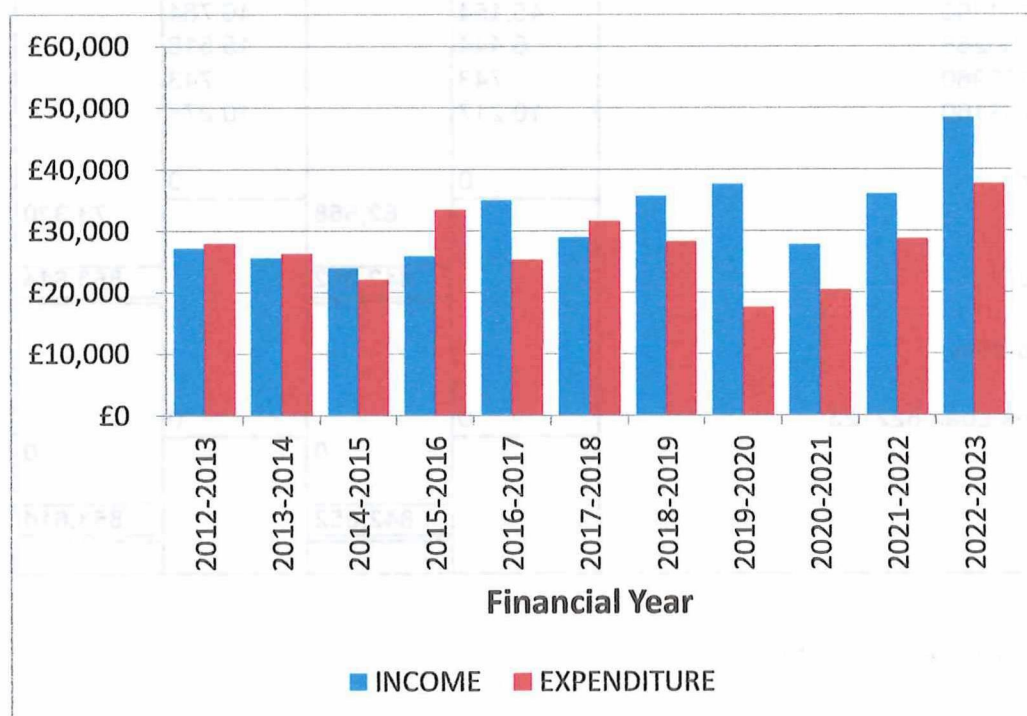
	2021 / 22		2022 / 23	
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets				
Church Premises - Insurance Value	612,711		612,711	
Contents of Premises - Insurance Value	23,099		23,099	
Church Manse - Insurance Value	144,484		144,484	
		780,294		780,294
Current Assets				
<u>Bank Balances:</u>				
TSB A/C 30154860	45,154		46,784	
TSB A/C 30460268	6,444		15,518	
TSB A/C 30460960	743		743	
TSB A/C 30709160	10,217		10,275	
Cash in Hand	0		0	
		62,558		73,320
Total Assets		842,852		853,614
Current Liabilities				
Kingdom Bank Loan 822123	0		0	
		0		0
Net Assets		842,852		853,614

Table 3 Assets and Liabilities

Treasurers Report

The income and expenditure table and chart below show that over the income and expenditure over the last 10 years for Springs Christian Fellowship.

FINANCIAL YEAR	INCOME	EXPENDITURE	FINANCIAL YEAR	INCOME	EXPENDITURE
2012-2013	£27,185	£27,977	2018-2019	£35,700	£28,253
2013-2014	£25,591	£26,286	2019-2020	£37,634	£17,529
2014-2015	£23,983	£22,052	2020-2021	£27,756	£20,367
2015-2016	£25,901	£33,440	2021-2022	£35,999	£28,684
2016-2017	£35,000	£25,300	2022-2023	£48,374	£37,612
2017-2018	£28,989	£31,600			



Treasurers Report

Church Tithe

The church council continues to tithe to Watoto a sum of £300 pa to sponsor a child.

Concerning the Future

God has been good during these uncertain times and continues to provide for our needs. However, if you feel that God is leading you to help financially, either in general or on a specific project e.g. renovation, please feel free to contact our treasurer Sarah Cook.

I would like to encourage everyone to follow the Biblical principal of tithing, and those who pay tax to consider Gift Aiding their tithe, which means the Church receives about 25% back from the taxman. Also, an easier way to manage personal giving is to set up a monthly standing order to the Church. We will explore the facility to give online and to text a gift as our society moves towards not carrying money.

Finally, I would like to thank God for his faithfulness and each person who gave money faithfully to the work of this church in the financial year ending March 2023. I hope and pray that you will continue to support the work of this church this year through your financial contribution as well as other help.

Sarah Cook

Vote for acceptance of accounts
was 100% agreement agreed
by members present S1/M
03 Dec 2022

Trustees and Church Council

Philip Sharp *P. Sharp*

Natasha ~~Lancaster~~ SALVADOR

N. Salvador

Simon Donger

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STATEMENT

We certify that the books, vouchers and information produced to enable the independent examination of our accounts to be conducted contain a full and correct record of our financial transactions and activities to the best of our knowledge and belief.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES

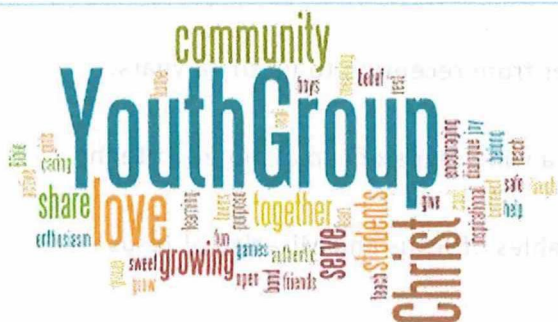
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Springs Youth Group



Two of the members were baptised – praise God!

We continue to meet every first Sunday of the month at 3pm in the church, followed by a fellowship meal.

Various members of the team led sessions on topics of interest. Topics included identity of the Christian, the gifts and fruit of the Spirit, the Armour of God, Christian dating and courting, Christian perspective on mental health and cancel culture. We have had very interesting and meaningful discussions, with youth opening up on the issues they face. They have found these topics of discussions very useful and the close relationship they have built over the years with one another has helped them share frankly in a safe environment. They also pray for one another, sometimes sharing specific prayer needs.

The youth got together for several social events including a barbecue and Christmas dinner (thank you Grant!).

We have encouraged the young people to read and study God's Word and have covered the books of Ruth and Matthew, holding an informal quiz at the youth meeting. One of the youth sends a verse out to the group by WhatsApp, helping everyone to read a verse from God's Word every day in addition to their personal devotions.

The youth have continued to play an important role in the church. As before, during Christmas, we contributed an item during the service – Christmas traditions from various parts of the world and their significance was presented by each member. The gifting of some of them was such a joy to watch.

We pray the young people will grow from strength to strength, grounded and nourished by God's Word, demonstrating the fruit of the Spirit, using the amazing gifting of the Spirit and contribute to the growth of God's Kingdom at Springs Christian Fellowship.

Christina Baskaran

Church Ministries

Sunday School

Sunday school has 4 leaders and helpers. We cater from reception to up to 18 years.

Simon and Mary delivered Culture shock covering a wide range of topics aimed at teens.

Christina and Isabel delivered sessions on the Parables of Jesus and Miracles of Jesus



Courtney has been a real blessing working with the younger children and reading short bible stories. Thank You!

At Spring Kids we have been looking at social media and how it affects us as a Christian. We looked at mothers in the Bible, who they were and why they are important. We also looked at what the Beatitudes are and how they impact us today.

Mary Deadman

Church Ministries

Worship (Tash)



As a Church we are extremely blessed to have such a variety of worshipers and leaders providing a different style of music, leadership and sound that has the capacity to appeal to different ages ranges and cultures.

Most recently we have seen a growth in the number of young people developing and taking an interest in the worship, notably Courtney and Destiny over the past year. We also have the privilege of being joined by Pedro & Chantal who moved to England from St Lucia last year. Both are Worship leaders and respected Gospel artists back home. The age range for our current team is between 16-35. I for one know the church is raising up some passionate and anointed leaders, notably Isabel who will now start leading.

Many thanks to brother Eric, who continues to lead Worship regularly with his group, alongside his other ministries.

We encourage individuality within our groups and love to incorporate the different cultures / nationalities in our Church, with us sometimes singing songs in a variety of languages.

Grant & Ernie continue to set up and run our soundboard every Sunday. We welcome anyone who might be interested in learning this in order to help them. The same goes with the projector which a member of the worship team also operates each week.

Ernie & Grant – a massive thank you from all of us!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who is involved in the worship; from leading and playing to singing and operating our sound desk and projector. Preparing and taking part in the worship is a big responsibility and not something we take lightly. A lot of prayer, thought and practice goes in each time we worship with one another, so I want to express my appreciation for all your hard work and devotion and may we continue to praise and magnify the Lord together.

A huge thank you to the musicians for their faithful hard work and dedication.

Tash Salvador

Church Ministries

Prayer

We believe that prayer is the backbone of the church. The aim of this area of ministry is to see the fulfilment of Isaiah 56



***“For my house will be called a
house of prayer for all nations”***

Prayer Time at the church is on Tuesdays from 5 pm for around 45 minutes. If you can't do the full time, come and do what you can. I encourage you all to be part of this vision bring your good ideas and let us advance the kingdom of our God.

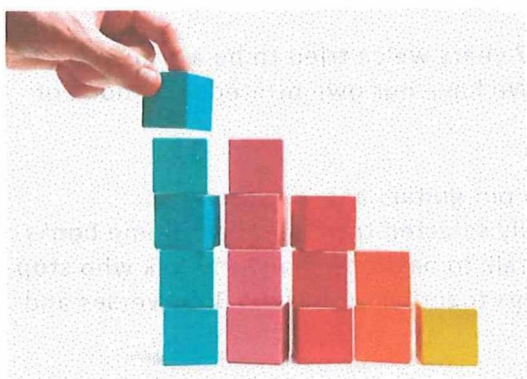
We need to be a church that prays together and develops this ministry to cover every area of ministry.

We continue to pray for a new Pastor and that God's chosen person will be delivered to us.

Brian Oxborough.

Church Ministries

FaithBuilders



FaithBuilders has been running for nearly 10 years now. We meet once a fortnight on alternate Fridays and have from 8 to 14 people of all ages most weeks. We always start with a time of Praise and Worship led by Immanuel, and sometimes Isabel helps. Then we share Prayer needs and requests and spend some time praying for these and for one another. Following this our Bible Study lasts from 30 to 45 minutes, and then we finish off with a nice Supper!

Although I usually lead the Bible Studies, I have involved others in leading them as well, and everyone is also encouraged to be involved with comments or questions during the evening.

Providing the Suppers is shared by Christina, Grant and myself, and every third FaithBuilders, when Grant is doing the Supper, we meet at his house instead of ours.

The Covid lockdowns resulted in us meeting on Zoom instead for a couple of years, and I started making a monthly payment to Zoom so that our Meetings can last for more than their basic 40 minutes, and we have continued to put the Meeting on Zoom for the benefit of anyone who isn't able to get to our house - late home from work or illness etc. and also my sister Jan who lives in Yorkshire, and who joins us regularly.

We enjoy great Fellowship and the evenings are clearly greatly enjoyed as the hardest part is getting everyone to go home afterwards!

Eric Hallsworth



Church Ministries

Street (Open Air) and Residential Homes Outreach

We like to call it an Open Air and for the last 7 years we've tried to be a group of Christians having a Gospel Service outdoors. We have our own printed Song book of over 60 Gospel hymns and choruses.

We all sing while Immanuel and myself are on our guitars and Isabel on her saxophone, and we have a table full of carefully selected tracts, leaflets, some books and Bibles. We also look for opportunities to talk to passers-by and the folk who stop to listen to the singing. I link some of the songs together with short Bible verses and comments and we also offer to pray for folk.

Quite a few people do stop to listen, and we've been amused as some have even taken their mobile phones out to film us while we've been singing!

We always enjoy ourselves, and I am very proud of and grateful for everyone who helps, because it is a team effort that couldn't happen without such support.

Sadly the Covid lockdown measures meant that Springs weren't able to do its regular Residential Homes ministry during that period. When the measures were lifted the Homes understandably were still very negative about having visitors other than close friends or family of the residents, and the only one we have been able to go to recently is the Beane River Home in Hertford, where we have received a great welcome!

We have greatly missed taking Services in the Ware Homes, especially at Easter and Christmas, and pray and hope that the situation will soon change for the better so that we can get back to doing what our Lord Jesus told us to do, just before He ascended into Heaven:

Go into all the world and preach the Gospel!

Eric Hallsworth