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REPORT OF MIDDLESBROUGH COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST March 2022 – March 2023

Middlesbrough Community Church (MCC) has during this past year pursued the objects of 'The Middlesbrough Community Church Trust' which was first established in September 1981 and formally known as 'The Kingdom Life Trust'. The number of trustees reduced from five to four. Their primary purpose was to ensure the objectives and aims of the Trust were carried out and described in the Trust deed as follows: 'to advance the Christian Faith in accordance with the doctrines set out in the fourth schedule of the Trust and the worship of God both locally and in other areas.'

A brief description of the past year's activity is set out below:

1. Weekly meetings have been conducted throughout the year for worship, preaching, teaching and supporting the local Christian community that meets as Middlesbrough Community Church (formally known as St Aidan's Community Church). The meetings continue to be available on Zoom for those who can't attend in person.
2. Christian literature including Bibles have been freely given to those who need them to support their connection with the Christian Faith.
3. Training sessions on child protection and vulnerable adults has been provided to increase the safeguarding skills of the Church and support better the community we serve.
4. To aid cross cultural connection various social groups and events have taken place to support multicultural Christian relationships and help non-UK families socialise, find support and become accustomed to UK culture. This has included practical provision.
5. Tuesday morning prayer meeting with local church leaders. This includes many churches from across Teesside.
6. The church is an active participant in the "Transforming Teesside Together" movement which is a grouping of local churches of many denominations. Its purpose is to help unify the churches on Teesside and see Christ glorified in our area.

7. Children and young people ministries (ages 3 to 15) have been expanding as more families have joined the church. The Sunday morning meetings are aimed at encouraging, developing and nurturing young people in their Christian faith.
8. MCC has partnered with the 'Message Trust' to see our older Youth develop in evangelism and discipleship skills and we have hosted meetings at the St Aidan Centre to support this.
9. The Middlesbrough Foodbank operates a drop-in collection centre one day per week within the St. Aidan's building and is being supported by members of the congregation.
10. The annual free Christmas Meal was held on Christmas day for the 31st Year and connected the local community together over a service and celebration with a meal to support the homeless and lonely.
11. A "Feast of Fun" week of activities was hosted in the building during the school summer holidays which was run by members of the church and open to local children of primary age with free food and crafts to support families in a time without school meal provision.
12. "Messy Church" children's group run by members of MCC has continued to offer free craft, story and singing time once a month for Primary aged children and families from the Church and community.
13. A local group (Recipe) uses the church building on a Friday evening to provide food and community support one evening per week.
14. The hall and buildings were used to serve the family of the church and there were a number of private hire events.

The Trustees meet regularly to ensure that the trust funds are spent appropriately to further the aims outlined above, that the accounts are annually, independently reviewed and that they are invested wisely as a resource for future plans. Meetings are chaired and formally structured with minutes written and kept for future reference.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Walker

Andrew P Walker M.A. CEng MIMechE
Chair of Middlesbrough Community Church Trust

MIDDLESBROUGH COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST
Statement of Income and Expenditure
For the Financial Year April 2022 to March 2023

	2023
INCOME	£
Regular Giving	80,260
One Off Gifts	1,429
Grants	571
Gifts to Specific Causes	13,378
Trading Income	889
Other Income	0
Total Income	96,527
 EXPENDITURE	
Staffing Costs	44,597
Lease & Utilities	15,054
Waste & Insurance	6,793
Buildings, Maintenance & Security	5,271
Subscriptions	1,500
Office Running Costs	2,053
Office Equipment	0
Operational Costs	3,394
Conferences	195
Bank Charges, Interests and Fees	1,109
Discipleship / Teaching	645
Family & Pastoral Care	1,270
Social Actions	299
Kids & Youth Work	1,169
Evangelism	1,042
Mission Teams	396
Total Expenditure	84,786
 Surplus/(Loss)	 11,741
 Reconciliation of Funds:	 £
Bank Accounts and Cash Opening Balances:	
Virgin Money	13,069
Savings A/C Yorkshire Bank	19,091
Green Pastures Savings	10,000
Petty Cash	89
Total	42,248
 Add: Total Income	 96,527
Less Total Expenditure	-84,786
Funds at 31 March 2023	53,989
 Bank Accounts and Cash Closing Balances:	
Current A/C Virgin Money	24,790
Savings A/C Yorkshire Bank	19,110
Green Pastures Savings	10,000
Petty Cash	89
Total Funds at 31 March 2022	53,989



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name

Middlesbrough Community Church

**On accounts for the year
ended**

March 2023

**Charity
no (if any)**

511864

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**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Susana Sargeant

Date:

11/01/2024

Name:

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

Address:

Section B	Disclosure
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

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

None
