



Trustee's Annual Report & Financial Statements

For the period ending 31st March 2024



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Report and Financial Statement

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2024

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TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report for the financial year ending 31st March 2024.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Charity Name : Assemblies of God, Easterhouse, known as
"Easterhouse Community Church"

Charity Number : SC042698

Principal Address

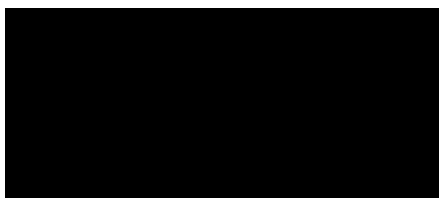


Constitutional form : Unincorporated Association

Registration date : 28th October 2011

Accounting reference date: 31st March

Charity Trustees :



Bankers :

Bank of Scotland, Johnston.



Independent Examiner [Redacted] "Peter Hall Finance & Accounting
Solutions", Tillicoultry, Clackmannanshire.

Senior Staff member responsible for day-to-day management of the charity [Redacted]



The charity has income below £250,000, and as such is eligible to prepare its accounts on a "Receipts and Payments" Basis. The governing document does not require the charity to prepare fully accrued accounts and neither does it require an audit. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, the charities and Trustee investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, issued by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator in its role as a SORP making body, recognised by the Financial Reporting Council.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE, MANAGEMENT

Governing document: The charity is administered in accordance with the terms of the Trust Deed. The Church's charitable objectives are the advancement of religion and the prevention and relief of poverty.

The Charity is registered with the "Office of Scottish Charity Regulator".

Organisational structure and decision-making process: The Trustees are the managerial arm of the charity. They meet regularly and make decisions for and on behalf of the church. Major decisions of a managerial and financial nature are minuted.

How trustees are appointed and recruited: The trustees were those appointed on the establishment of the trust and represent the minimum number required. Appointment and removal is in accordance with the Trust Deed which requires that appointment is approved by unanimous agreement of the existing trustees and removal of any trustee by the unanimous agreement of the others.

Risk Management: The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. It is considered by the Trustees that there is no foreseeable risk where the Church is exposed.

Affiliations and connections: The charity is affiliated with the "Assemblies of God, Great Britain". ("Assemblies of God" is a company limited by guarantee (No. 2873415) registered in England, having its registered office at [REDACTED] and is also a registered charity (No. 1032245)).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The purpose of the charity as set out in the governing document: The purpose of the charity is the advancement of religion; provision of assistance to those in need through age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes: The charity helped several people in the community through counselling, financial and practical help; including "hardship payments".

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE & FUTURE

In the twelve months April 2023 to March 2024 “Easterhouse Community Church” has continued to work hard at establishing itself both as an asset to the Kingdom of God in the local community AND to the local community.

Church activities resumed their normal timetable and setup. Our women’s spring and autumn conferences continue to be a significant part of the church’s role in the church at large in the West of Scotland and beyond. Our men’s conference took place again at Auchenfoyle Camp. Our annual gala was, once again located in the grounds of Easterhouse Parish Church, due to the continued deterioration of The Lochs Shopping Centre car park. Through 2023-2024 the church has grown slightly in numbers, but still others moving on to new locations.

Sunday Gatherings and midweek Bible Studies

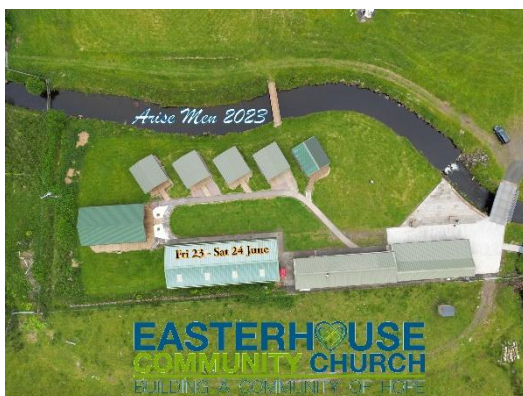
The church gatherings have moved to upper twenties and early thirties in numbers, seeing us break through the thirty barrier through much of the past twelve months. The stability we saw last year being maintained and increased as the past year went on.

Our core group has shown themselves to be an excellent management team, and, with the addition of [REDACTED] we finally look forward to training them up and having elders/trustees from within the local fellowship.

In person gatherings have revolved around raising up speakers and platform ministers of our own, as well as bringing in guest speakers that fit in with the overall vision and planning of the local church.

We use many events themed meetings as a way of connecting with the local community and have enjoyed seeing some come over the doors – especially from the new houses facing the church.

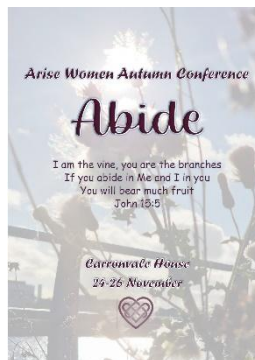
Our mid-week Bible studies are in the building, with a constant sixteen attending. These take the form of Bible based discussions and teachings, where congregants have seen their own Bible knowledge grow. It has been good to see some being able to lead this. The theme across these has been the person of Christ in His cultural settings and how that inspires us as we live out our lives. The questions being asked and answers given shows an ongoing development and growth in our gathering. Many showing tremendous growth and understanding over the past twelve months.



Men’s Ministry

We have men’s ministry on several fronts, including prayer meetings (Prayer in the Square) and social gatherings. Our annual Men’s Conference – Arise Men, returned to Auchenfoyle Camp in June where we saw almost seventy men gather from different church backgrounds and traditions. Men gathered from as far apart as Fraserburgh, Dublin and even Warrington. We held several men’s breakfast,

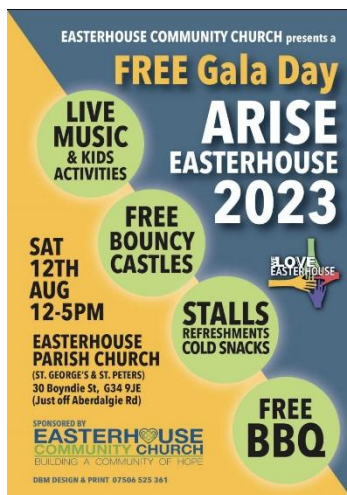
inviting men from many partner churches and were delighted with ministry from men within our own fellowship.



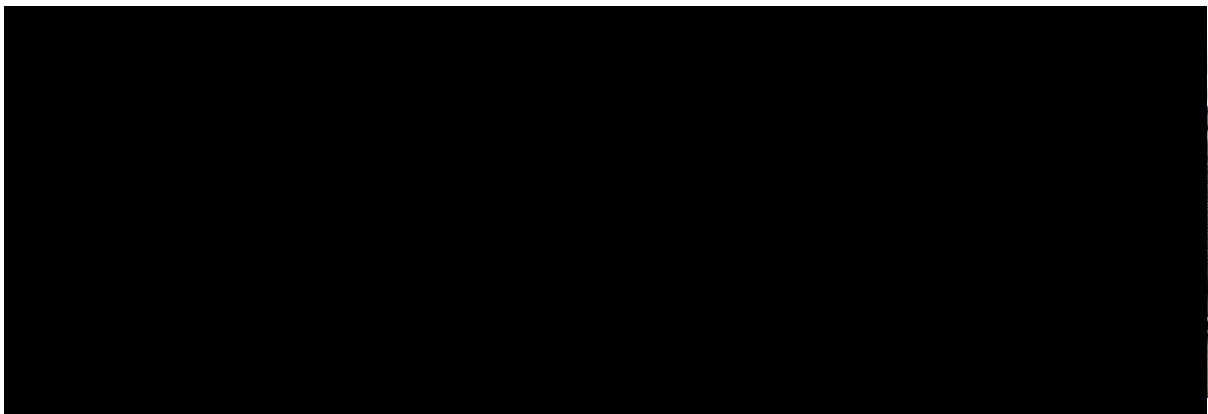
Women's Ministry

Our women's ministry, headed up by [REDACTED] continues to thrive. With a smaller spring conference in church premises and the larger autumn weekend conference at Carronvale they now see over seventy women in attendance, this has allowed us to raise up female leaders and provide a ministry platform and connection to other believers in a setting that would normally be denied women of a church as small as ours.

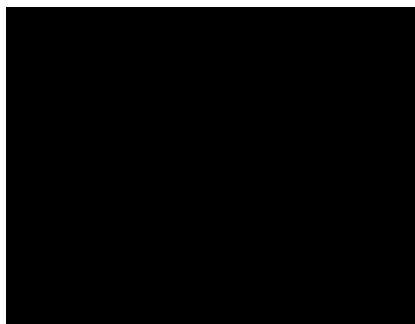
Annual Gala



Our annual gala returned to its Saturday afternoon time. Unfortunately, City Property deemed the Lochs Shopping Centre car park still not fit to hold a large-scale event so we were delighted to partner once again with Easterhouse Parish Church and held an event there with between 1000-1500 through the doors. It has also served annually as a great opportunity for individuals for other churches we partner with to learn to serve and support in such a large community event. This year our volunteer pool of sixty was taken from across ten churches from afar afield as Dublin, Ireland. Serving the church's mission to be a testimony to the church at large.



Arise Christmas



At Christmas we partnered with the #LoveYourNeighbour campaign and local businesses to reach out to the local community. We once again gave an approximate 1000 meals through 200 food parcels as well as a large distribution of toys and gifts.



We also distributed over 100 chocolate advent calendars around the doors on the evening of 30 November. It was felt that this may be one thing many local families would sacrifice due to the cost of living crisis. This proved to be correct and they were greatly received around the doors. On the week leading up to Christmas we also distributed over 100 breakfast packs around the doors. As well as providing relief it also gave an opportunity for church congregants to grow in confidence on speaking to people and in evangelism.

Our various services included women's meal, men's meal Christmas celebration, outreach in the mall and a Boxing Day 'Isolation Meal' in partnership with Wee Bettys Café in the mall.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total receipts for the financial year 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024 was £41,450 (£47,336 in 2023).

Total payments were £42,579 (£46,660 in 2023).

The Pastors of the church are self-funded, and therefore, there are no salary and wages payments.

Net (Payments £1,128). Net receipts were £677 in 2023.

"Travel" expenses of £9,661 (£12,374 in 2023) are reimbursements to the Pastor (who is not a Trustee) for ministry travel.

"Outreach Work" £17,372 (£14,706 in 2023) is for the "Arise Easterhouse" events as follows;

- "Arise Christmas"	£ 812	
- "Arise Gala"	£ 7,903	(£5,753 in 2023)
- "Arise Women"	£ 9,355	(£7,903 in 2023)
- "Arise Men"	£ 1,060	(£1,050 in 2023)
	£17,372	

Movement in funds:

	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Movement in funds
Unrestricted				
General fund	29,968	25,206	(5,890)	(1,128)
Restricted				
Restricted (Arise events)	11,482	17,372	5,890	-
Total funds	£41,450	£42,578	-	(1,128)

There was no debt.

There were no grant applications.

Accounting policies: The historical cost convention and in accordance with the Charity SORP 2015 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)

The financial effect of significant events: There were no significant events during the financial period other than holding “Arise Easterhouse”. However, this event is fully funded and planned to ensure that the charity remains in a positive cash flow situation.

Investment policy & objectives set: There are no invest funds available as all funds are spent on the local community in line with the Charity’s objectives. Objectives for the next financial year are to continue to grow the church by continuing to engage with volunteers, the community by community events and maintenance of the charity’s assets.

Charity’s policy on reserves: The Trustees have set the “reserves policy” at a minimum of £500 in the bank account. This would cover contingencies for one month. The balance of the account has been just above this amount.

Going Concern: As at the date of approval of this report, and the financial accounts, the Trustees have assessed that there is no uncertainty about the Charity’s ability to continue as a going concern. The Trustees have no intention of liquidating the church’s assets or to cease operating.

Statement of disclosure of the Independent Examination: In so far as the Trustees are aware at the time of approving our Trustee’s annual report, there is no relevant information, being information needed by the Independent Examiner in connection with preparing their report, of which the Independent Examiner is unaware.

Factors likely to affect financial performance or position going forward : There is no foreseeable event likely to affect the financial performance.

The Trustees believe that this report is a fair, balanced and an understandable review of the charity’s structure, legal purposes, objectives and activities, financial performance & financial position.

The Charity Trustees declare that they have approved the report above. Signed on behalf of the Charity Trustees.

Signature:

Full Name



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Date : 20/3/2025

Position : Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

TO THE TRUSTEES OF "ASSEMBLIES OF GOD, EASTERHOUSE"

Scottish Registered Charity SC042698

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2024 which are set out on pages 9 to 11.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Auditors

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 seeks 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, I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention other than that discussed below.

1. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

has 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.

However, as a matter of relevance, the Charity did not adhere to clause six of its "Trust Deed" which requires the Trustees to meet four times in any given year. Also, the Annual general Meeting was not held in the appropriate time frame to allow the lodgement of the "Trustee's Annual Report" to OSCR in a timely manner. Therefore, this is a qualified report. This matter has been raised with the Trustees who intend to comply in future.

Date 24/3/2025

Peter Hall Finance & Accounting Solutions
Tillicoultry, Clackmannanshire, Scotland.

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Statement of Receipts and Payments
For the 12 months ending 31st March 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 Total funds	2023 Total funds	Note
	£	£	£	£	
Receipts from:					
Donations	29,968	11,482	41,450	47,336	1
Charitable Activities					
Other Trading Activities			-	-	
Investments					
Other			-	-	
Total	29,968	11,482	41,450	47,336	
Payments on:					
Raising Funds					
Charitable Activities	25,206	17,372	42,578	46,660	2
Other					
Total	25,206	17,372	42,578	46,660	
Net Receipts/(payments)	4,762	(5,890)	(1,128)	677	
Transfers between funds	(5,890)	5,890			
Reconciliation of funds					3
Total funds brought forward	(1,128)		(1,128)	677	
Total funds carried forward	622		622	1,750	

Notes to the Statement of Financial Activities	2024	2023	Note
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Receipts

Income from Donations & Legacies

General donations	27,365			
Gifts	100			
Designated donations ("Arise")	11,482			
Tax reclaimed (Gift Aid)	<u>2,503</u>	41,450	47,336	1

Payments

Expenditure on Charitable Activities

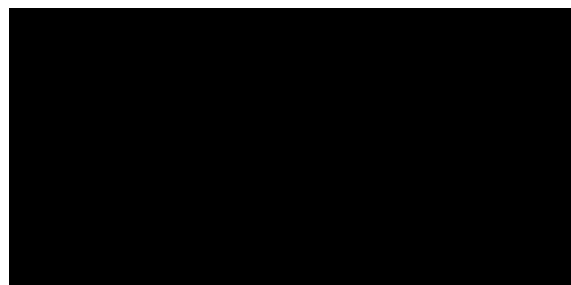
All costs to further charity's aims	25,206			
Designated expenditure ("Arise")	<u>17,372</u>	42,578	46,660	2

Reconciliation of funds

Bank of Scotland. Johnston	622	1,750	3
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Statement of Balances	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
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Cash & Bank balances at start of the year	1,750		1,750	1,073
Surplus/(deficit) shown	(1,128)		(1,128)	677
Cash & Bank balances at end of the year	622		622	1,750



Receipts & Payments for the financial year ending 31st March 2024

	General Funds	Restricted Funds	2024	2023
<u>Receipts</u>				
Donations Received - Non Gift Aid	18,346		18,346	20,332
Designated Donations - Arise		11,482	11,482	8,818
Gifts	100		100	-
Tax reclaimed	2,503		2,503	3,378
Other Income				3,796
Donations Received - Gift Aid	9,019		9,019	11,012
Total Receipts	29,968	11,482	41,450	47,336
<u>Less: Payments</u>				
Advertising				400
Bank Charges				
Charitable Contributions	3,200		3,200	
Cleaning	745		745	790
Computer Costs				599
Conferences	50		50	
Donations				
Honourarium	1,050		1,050	1,550
Insurance	551		551	458
Literature & Resources	51		51	
Ministry Expenses	32		32	309
Missions	580		580	1,765
Office Supplies	88		88	
Outreach Ministry & Hospitality	1,822		1,822	3,153
Outreach Work - Arise events		17,372	17,372	14,706
Printing	4		4	121
Professional Fees	970		970	820
Repairs and Maintenance	2,156		2,156	6,545
Software				168
Subscriptions, Licenses & Fees	1,704		1,704	986
Telephone	1,343		1,343	715
Travelling	9,661		9,661	12,375
Utilities	1,200		1,200	1,200
Total Payments	25,206	17,372	42,579	46,660
Net Receipts (Payments)	4,762	(5,890)	(1,129)	676

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Media;

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██████████ is an Easterhouse local and was brought up in an era of gang violence and social upheaval. He was once part of the gang and drug culture until his life changed after meeting Jesus Christ. Since then, he has dedicated his life to doing all he can to bring the same hope he discovered to his beloved Easterhouse. He and ██████████ started “Easterhouse Community Church” to bring a message of hope to the community. Their message is that there is always hope to change individual lives, and the Easterhouse community in a real and tangible way. Therefore, they run the annual “Arise Easterhouse” event in the carpark of Shandwick square which involve free food, singing, and other features in service to the local community. In addition, they run “Arise women” and “Arise Christmas”.

