

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LICHFIELD AND DISTRICT**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2023**

**Organisational Name:** Churches Together in Lichfield and District, also known as CTiL.

**Governing Document:** CTiL is an unregistered charitable organisation governed by a Constitution adopted on 30 April 2014.

The Enabling Group is considering the implications of charity registration.

**Management Group:** The churches shall appoint an Enabling Group whose functions shall be to enable the member churches to make decisions in common.

The Enabling Group shall comprise the officers of the Forum, up to four lay representatives, and up to four clergy or ministers appointed by the member churches with regard to an appropriate representation of the various Christian traditions and denominations in membership.

The Forum shall meet not less than three times annually and all members of member churches are welcome to attend the Forum.

Officers shall be elected/re-elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Forum.

**Officers serving during the period:**

Clergy Co- chair:	Rev'd Canon Patricia Maguire
Lay Co-chair:	David Mason to 5/7/23 E. Lilas Rawling from 5/7/23
Honorary Secretary:	David Mason
Honorary Treasurer:	Elizabeth Ridler
Minute Secretary:	

**Members of Enabling Group:**

Richard Henshaw  
Diana Pearson  
Hugh Ashton  
John Preece  
Rev'd Sharon Greensmith from 7/6/23  
Rev'd Abigail Walsh from 7/6/23

**Objects of the organisation:**

- (a) to enable the churches, as pilgrims together, to explore the Christian faith together, to develop mutual relationships, to seek a common mind, and to make decisions together;
- (b) To encourage churches to worship, pray and reflect together on the nature and purpose of the church in the light of its mission - each church sharing with others the treasures of its tradition;
- (c) To enable the churches to live and share the Gospel, to evangelise together and to take further steps towards fuller unity;
- (d) To enable the churches to respond to the needs of society and to witness to the Gospel together.

**Address:** C/O Wade Street Church  
Wade Street  
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In particular Churches Together in Lichfield and District shall seek to -

- i) Serve as a means of communication between churches and other Christian groups within its area;
- ii) Provide a focus for relating to the local authority and other statutory or voluntary bodies;
- iii) Co-ordinate church involvement in town twinning schemes;
- iv) Co-ordinate mission and evangelism as appropriate across its area of operation;
- (v) Develop further links with other faith communities within its area.

**Achievements during the year:**

- i) Enabling Group and Forum meetings continued to be held in person.
- ii) On Christmas Day, volunteers delivered oven-ready Christmas meals and seasonal gift bags to those isolated or living alone, and chatted to the recipients. An in-person meal was also held at Wade Street Church.
- iii) 15 people took part in 2 Lent Groups.
- iv) Good Friday Walk of Witness and the service at the Methodist Church were well attended, as was the evening service in the Cathedral.
- v) Several were stewards at the Greenhill Bower Day, collecting donations, resulting in a gift of £228 for General Funds.
- vi) Late Night Listeners continued to support people coming out of pubs and clubs in the City Centre, gaining a County Council Unsung Heroes Award. CTiL holds the funds for this activity.
- vii) Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service at St Michael's Church was well attended.
- viii) The website was updated and is now more user-friendly.
- ix) Working within Lichfield District Council's Food Partnership on tackling food poverty.

**Financial Review:**

Total income during the year was £3,325. Of this, £2,311 was restricted income for Late Night Listeners and the Christmas Day Together meal.

Total Expenditure for the year was £3,111 of which £1,145 related to expenditure of Late Night Listeners and £1,222 for Christmas Day Together.

Unrestricted expenditure for the year totalled £744, of which £401 was spent on maintaining and updating the website.

At the end of the year, the total funds available were General Unrestricted Funds of £2,482 and Restricted Funds of £103 for Christmas Day Together.

**Public Benefit:**

The Enabling Group has had due regard to the relevant public benefit guidance when exercising its powers and duties.

Signed on behalf of the Enabling Group, on

David Mason    Honorary Secretary

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LICHFIELD AND DISTRICT**  
**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2023**

I report to the members on my examination of the accounts of Churches Together in Lichfield and District (the Organisation) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The Enabling Group is 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 Organisation’s accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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:

the accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; or the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or

the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a ‘true and fair’ view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mrs Jemimah Reid FCA  
C/O Wade Street Church  
Wade Street  
Lichfield  
WS13 6HL

Date:

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LICHFIELD AND DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
(including Income and Expenditure Account)  
for the year ended 31 December 2023

		<b>2023</b>			<b>2022</b>
		£	£	£	£
Notes		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Total
<b>Income from</b>					
<b>2.1</b>	<b>Donations and Legacies</b>				
	Membership Subscriptions	758.00	0.00	758.00	1,152.00
	Donations	232.84	0.00	232.84	165.00
<b>Charitable Activities</b>					
<b>9</b>	Late Night Listeners	0.00	985.61	985.61	620.00
<b>2.2 and 9</b>	Christmas Day Together	0.00	1,325.00	1,325.00	670.00
<b>Income from Investments</b>					
	Bank interest	23.15	0.00	23.15	1.48
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>1,013.99</b>	<b>2,310.61</b>	<b>3,324.60</b>	<b>2,608.48</b>
<b>3.1 Expenditure</b>					
<b>Charitable Activities</b>					
<b>Grants</b>					
	Lichfield Christian Schools Work Trust	0.00	0.00	0.00	344.85
	St Michael's Church Opening the Book	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
<b>Other Charitable Expenditure</b>					
<b>9</b>	Late Night Listeners	0.00	1,144.99	1,144.99	460.62
	Public Liability Insurance	128.80		128.80	128.80
	Website costs	400.91		400.91	215.00
	Miscellaneous gifts	213.85		213.85	282.73
<b>9</b>	Christmas Day Together	0.00	1,222.10	1,222.10	1,300.37
	Miscellaneous Activities	0.00		0.00	253.45
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>743.56</b>	<b>2,367.09</b>	<b>3,110.65</b>	<b>3,035.82</b>
<b>Net Income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>270.43</b>	<b>(56.48)</b>	<b>213.95</b>	<b>(427.34)</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>5.1 and 9</b>	<b>Funds brought forward</b>	<b>2,211.56</b>	<b>159.38</b>	<b>2,370.94</b>	<b>2,798.28</b>
<b>FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD TO 2023</b>		<b>2,481.99</b>	<b>102.90</b>	<b>2,584.89</b>	<b>2,370.94</b>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year, which derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 6 to 8 form part of these financial statements.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LICHFIELD AND DISTRICT**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**at 31 December 2023**

<b>Notes</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
6 Debtors	299.79	222.09
Cash at bank and in hand	3,697.27	3,657.94
	<u>3,997.06</u>	<u>3,880.03</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
7 Creditors falling due within 1 year	1,412.17	1,509.09
	<u>2,584.89</u>	<u>2,370.94</u>
<b>The Funds of the Charity</b>		
Unrestricted Funds	2,481.99	2,211.56
Restricted Funds:		
9 Christmas Day Together	102.90	0.00
Late Night Listeners	0.00	159.38
	<u>2,584.89</u>	<u>2,370.94</u>
<b>Total Funds at 31 December 2023</b>	<u><u>2,584.89</u></u>	<u><u>2,370.94</u></u>

The notes on pages 6 to 8 form part of these financial statements.

The Financial Statements were approved by the Enabling Group on  
and were signed on its behalf by:

David Mason  
Honorary Secretary

Elizabeth Ridler  
Honorary Treasurer

Date:

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LICHFIELD AND DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2023**

**1.1 Basis of Preparation of Accounts**

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:  
the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, and with FRS 102 - The Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland January 2022, and with the Charities Act 2011.

**1.2 Going Concern Basis**

There are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that cast significant doubt on the organisation's ability to continue as a going concern.

**2.1 Recognition of income**

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:  
the charity becomes entitled to the resources;  
and when it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the charity;  
and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

**2.2 Investment Income (Bank Interest)**

This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable

**3.1 Recognition of liabilities and expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the organisation to pay out resources;  
and when it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement;  
and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

**3.2 Provisions for liabilities (Accruals)**

A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

**4.1 Debtors**

Debtors are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

**5.1 Fund Accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Enabling Group in furtherance of the general objectives of the organisation.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific restrictions imposed by the donor, the major funds being Late Night Listeners and Christmas Day Together, and are not available for other organisational purposes.

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**6 Debtors and Prepayments**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Sundry Debtors	95.61	0.00
Prepayments	204.18	222.09
	299.79	222.09

**7 Creditors falling due within one year**

Accruals for Grants payable	165.07	165.07
Sundry Creditors	1,247.10	1,344.02
	1,412.17	1,509.09

**8 Employees**

No staff were employed during 2023.

**9 Movements in Restricted Funds**

	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfer from General Funds	Closing Balance
Christmas Day Togeth	0.00	1,325.00	1,222.10	0.00	102.90
Late Night Listeners	159.38	985.61	1,144.99	0.00	0.00
Total	159.38	2,310.61	2,367.09	0.00	102.90

Christmas Day Together provides a meal, company and activities for those who would otherwise be alone on Christmas Day. This year, a face-to face meal was provided at Wade Street Church, and a ready meal and gift bags were delivered to those who preferred to remain at home by volunteers, who chatted with the recipients on their doorsteps, with a follow up telephone call later that day. The Late Night Listeners Team provides warm drinks and support to those leaving pubs and clubs in Lichfield City Centre, liaising with local Police and other agencies.

**10 Enabling Group Members' Remuneration and Reimbursed Expenses**

No members of the Enabling Group have been paid any remuneration, fees or travel expenses or received any other benefits from employment with the organisation or related entity during the year (2022 - Nil)

**11 Related Party Transactions**

There have been no related party transactions that require disclosure during the year (2022 - Nil).

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**12 Statement of Financial Activities - Comparative figures for prior year**

The comparative figures for the Statement of Financial Activities, for the year ended 31 December 2022, are shown below:

	£	£	2022 £
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
<b>Income from</b>			
<b>Donations and Legacies</b>			
Membership Subscriptions	1,152.00	0	1,152.00
Donations	165.00	0	165.00
<b>Organisational Activities</b>			
Christmas Day Together	0	670.00	670.00
Late Night Listeners	0	620.00	620.00
<b>Investment Income</b>			
Bank interest	1.48	0	1.48
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>1,318.48</u>	<u>1,290.00</u>	<u>2,608.48</u>
<b>Organisational Activities</b>			
<b>Grants:</b>			
Lichfield Christian Schools Work Trust	344.85	0	344.85
St Michael's Church Opening the Book	50.00	0	50.00
<b>Charitable Expenditure</b>			
Late Night Listeners	0	460.62	460.62
Public Liability Insurance	128.80	0	128.80
Website costs	215.00	0	215.00
Miscellaneous Gifts	282.73	0	282.73
Charitable Activities	253.45	0	253.45
Christmas Day Together	0	1,300.37	1,300.37
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<u>1274.83</u>	<u>1760.99</u>	<u>3,035.82</u>
<b>Net Income/(expenditure)</b>	43.65	-470.99	-427.34
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	-630.37	630.37	0.00
<b>Funds brought forward from 2021</b>	2,798.28	0	2,798.28
			0.00
<b>FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD TO 2023</b>	<u>2,211.56</u>	<u>159.38</u>	<u>2,370.94</u>