

## EXTERNAL SCRUTINY REPORT

To: Trustees of the London Tooting Bec Congregation of  
Jehovah's Witnesses

Address: 26 Glenburnie Road, London SW17 7PJ

Registered Charity Number: 1066196

This is to certify that a full review of the Income & Expenditure Statement ("the Statement") for the London Tooting Bec Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses ("the Charity") for the tax period 6th April 2016 to 5th April 2017 was completed and an External Scrutiny Report ("the Report") was prepared. The Report outlines the issues, errors and omissions that appear in the Statement and require adjustment. The Report has been submitted to the Trustees of the Charity with appropriate recommendations of adjustments that need to be made to the Statement to provide a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the Charity for the period under review.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Rob Knight \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> August 2017

Name: Rob Knight, MBA \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: Director, Global Head of Operational Compliance

Address: 17 Cavendish Road, London SW12 0BH \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 04/06/2017 \_\_\_\_\_

# Annual Report

1. LONDON TOOTING BEC (20305) CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

## **2. ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING April 5 2017**

### **Reference and Administrative Details**

3. Registered Charity No. 1066196

4. The registered address of the congregation is The Kingdom Hall, 26 Glenburnie Road SW17 7PJ.

5. On the date this report was approved, the congregation was administered by the following trustees:

**Chairman:** Hayden Neal, Secretary: Thomas Boland.

**Other trustees:** David Moore , Linford Baccas, and Noel Byrne.(from 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017)

Clyde Simpson also served as a trustee up till 2nd April 2017.

6. The Kingdom Hall at 26 Glenburnie Road, is held in trust for the congregation by London Balham Congregation charity no 1066292

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

7. The congregation is an unincorporated association constituted by Memorandum of Constitution dated 16 May 1997 ('the Constitution'). The congregation is affiliated with Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain (the Society).

New trustees are selected by the existing trustees from among congregation members, and are duly appointed pursuant to the Constitution.

The affairs of the congregation are managed by the trustees who as members of the charity - work closely together and meetings are called whenever required, but at least three times a year.

All major decisions are made by formal resolutions at meetings of congregation members as provided for in the Constitution.

The trustees and other persons engaged in the activities of the congregation have done so on a voluntary unpaid basis.

### **Objectives, Activities and Public Benefit**

8. The Constitution restricts the operation of the congregation and the use of its assets to religious purposes. It defines the objects of the congregation as 'the practice and advancement of Christianity founded on the Holy Bible, including the preaching of the good news of God's Kingdom by Jesus Christ within the Congregation Area and the holding of meetings for public Christian worship.'

For this purpose the congregation undertakes the following activities: Holding and arranging meetings for public religious worship; Teaching of the Bible and the gospel of Christ at these public meetings; Teaching and preaching the gospel to the public within the congregation area; Distribution of Bibles and other religious literature to the public in the congregation area.

These meetings are provided, and ministry engaged in, without charge to adherents or the general public.

Both provide opportunities for fellowship along with the praise and worship of God.

They serve to advance religious education among both Christians and the wider public by providing training in reading, teaching, and applying the Bible.

Further, through the teaching of principles of Christian living, which include respect for secular authority, persons, and property, and the maintenance of personal morality and family values, individuals are aided to change their lives in harmony with such principles.

This affords those who follow the teachings of Jesus an improved moral climate, better marital, employer-employee, and social relationships, and greater happiness and contentment.

The trustees confirm that they have taken into consideration Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in exercising their powers or duties.

### **Financial affairs of the congregation**

9. The congregation is primarily funded by voluntary donations made by congregation members and others, supplemented by bank interest (and income from property).

Throughout the year such funds have been used to provide facilities for the holding of regular weekly meetings for worship and Bible study.

Donations have been made by congregation members towards the cost of circuit assemblies and other conventions held in the year.

Funds have also been donated to the Society (and to other duly constituted congregations) to assist them in carrying out their related religious purposes.

10. The charity has a consistent income base, through donations from congregation members, some of which is by tax-effective means. Based on this income, we can plan confidently with relatively small reserves. The policy on reserves is to ensure that we have free reserves on hand, not designated for specific purposes or otherwise committed, equivalent to not less than 3 months working expenditure. At the year-end, the free reserves were roughly equal to three months working expenditure.

11. There are no funds held subject to restrictions on their use, or set aside for a particular purpose.

12. Approved by the trustees of the charity on .....and signed on its behalf by:

Signed: Chairman: Hayden Neal

Secretary: Thomas Boland

Congregation name	London Tooting Bec
HM Revenue and Customs reference:	XN30064
Registered Charity number:	1066196
Year:	2017



**The London Tooting Bec Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses**

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

**As at March 31, 2017**

Registered Charity Number: 1066196

HMRC Tax Reference: XN30064

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
	2017	2016
	£	£
<b>Cash Assets</b>		
Barclays bank account		
Cash in hand	6,960	
Funds on deposit with Watch Tower		
<b>Total Cash Assets</b> (should agree with Receipts and Payments Account)	<u>6,960</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Other Monetary Assets</b>		
Gift Aid claim not yet received		
<b>Investment Assets</b>		
<b>Assets Retained for the Charity's Own Use</b>		
Kingdom Hall		
Land for new build		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Electricity bill to be paid		
Loan (repayable to Watch Tower)		

Signed ...T BOLAND.....

Date:...11/09/2017.....

Secretary for the Trustees of the London Tooting Bec Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

**The London Tooting Bec Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses**

**Annual Receipts and Payments Account**

**For the Year Ended March 31, 2017**

Registered Charity Number: 1066196

HMRC Tax Reference: XN30064

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
	2017	2016
	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>		
Voluntary sources		
Donations for local congregation expenses	24,227	
Gift Aid reclaimed from HMRC	6,904	
Investment income		
Interest		
Other receipts		
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	31,131	-
Receipts resulting from movements on assets and investments		
Loan received from Watch Tower		
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<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>31,131</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Costs of charitable activities		
Donations to Watch Tower for Worldwide Work	33,000	
Donations to Watch Tower for KHAA		
Donations to Watch Tower for TOAA		
Donations to Neighbourton Congregation	2,118	
Kingdom Hall operation and maintenance	2,400	
Hire of coach for convention	573	
Circuit overseer expenses		
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	38,091	-
Payments resulting from movements on assets and investments		
Land purchased		-
Loan repayments to Watch Tower		-
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<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>38,091</b>	<b>-</b>
Net Receipt/(Payment) for the year	- 6,960	-
Total cash assets brought forward	<hr/>	<hr/>
Total cash assets carried forward	<b>- 6,960</b>	<b>-</b>

Signed T.Boland.....

Date: ...11/09/2017.....

Secretary for the Trustees of the London Tooting Bec Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses