

## ANNUAL REPORT

1. ST. ANNES CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
2. ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 31 2012

### Reference and Administrative Details

3. Registered Charity Number : 1065182
4. The registered address of the Congregation is: Kingdom Hall, 7 Allenby Road, Lytham St. Annes, FY8 2DG
5. On the date this report was approved, the Congregation was administered by the following trustees :  
Chairman: Brother Charles Rycroft  
Secretary: Brother Ken Jackson  
other trustees: Brothers Ian Ascroft, Harry Bailey, Richard Gay, David Wakeham, Richard Ward, Martin Workman
6. The Kingdom Hall in Allenby Road, Lytham St. Annes, is held in trust for the congregation by the following locally appointed trustees: Ian Ascroft, Harry Bailey, Richard Gay, and Ken Jackson

### Structure, Governance and Management

7. The congregation is an unincorporated association constituted by Memorandum of Constitution dated 16th May 1997 ("the Constitution") The congregation is affiliated with Watch Tower and Bible Tract Society of Great 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 when 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.
8. The Constitution restricts the operation of the congregation and the use of its assets to religious purposes. It defines the objectives 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.

### Achievements, Performance and Financial Review

9. The congregation is primarily funded by voluntary donations made by congregation members and others, supplemented by bank interest. 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 to assist them in carrying out their related religious purposes.
10. Noteworthy expenses were a donation of £ 432.90 to the Manchester Assembly Hall and £ 600 re-imbusement of expenses to brothers caring for congregation matters.
11. 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 three months working expenditure. At year end the free reserves were roughly equal to ten months working expenditure.
12. There is a year end TSB balance of £ 6,730.27 with £ 4,454.96 of that being reserved funds for Kingdom Hall Building fund, with £ 141,000.00 banked with the WTBTs
13. Approved by the trustees of the charity 6th June 2012

C. Rycroft  
Chairman

K. Jackson  
Secretary

**St Annes Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses  
Annual Receipts and Payments Account  
For Year Ended March 31, 2012**

**Receipts**

Congregation Contributions	3007.75
New Kingdom Hall Fund	4454.96
Gift Aid Payments	8067.24
Transfer From Marsden Account	27,220.56
Tax Refund (HMRC – Gift Aid)	1690.72
Coach Fares	1333.00
Convention Accomodation	267.00
Returned Cheque	25.50
Donations for Worldwide Work	3992.34
Donations for Kingdom Hall Contruction (W'wide)	1231.48
<b>Grand Total (Money In)</b>	<b>51,290.55</b>

**Payments**

Payments to IBSA (Worlwide Work)	3992.34
Payments to WTBTS (Kingdom Hall Construction - W'wide)	1231.48
Deposit to WTBTS (deposit for Kingdom Hall Fund)	40,000.00
Kingdom Hall Operation & Maintenance	2077.73
Hire of coaches (Convention & Assemblies)	2030.00
Circuit Overseer Expenses	526.58
Payment to running costs of Assembly Hall	1705.70
Other	558.07
<b>Grand Total (Money Out)</b>	<b>48, 632.08</b>

**Total Money as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012**

Lloyds TSB End Balance	6730.27 (£4454.96 reserved for Kingdom Hall Build)
Deposit with WTBTS (Kingdom Hall Build)	141,000.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>147,730.27</b>



# Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Section A		Independent Examiner's Report	
Report to the trustees/members of	Charity Name THE ST. ANNES CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES		
On accounts for the year ended	31 03 2012	Charity no (if any)	1065192
Set out on pages	01 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		
<b>Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner</b>	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,</li> <li>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</li> <li>to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.</li> </ul>		
<b>Basis of independent examiner's statement</b>	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.		
<b>Independent examiner's statement</b>	In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below*): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;</li> <li>to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or</li> </ul> </li> <li>to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.</li> </ol> <p>* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.</p>		
Signed		Date	24.01.2013
Name	DAVID WAKEHAM		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any)	N/A.		
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