

# METRO CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BURY

England & Wales · Charity number 1052533

## Details

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**Other names** BETHESDA PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1996-02-05

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION BY THE PROCLAMATION AND THE FURTHERANCE OF THE GOSPEL OF GOD

**Activities:** The advancement of the Christian religion by the proclamation and furtherance of the Gospel of God.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN PRACTICE BURY
- Throughout England

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£77,913	£102,476	-	-
2023-12-31	£72,424	£80,331	-	-
2022-12-31	£69,725	£99,271	-	-
2021-12-31	£131,206	£79,438	-	-
2020-12-31	£75,296	£61,071	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Deborah Massey</b>	Chair	2021-09-23
DAVID MOLLOY		
Giovanni Fancellu		2021-09-23
J DAVID JENKINSON		
Tristan Sherwin		2021-09-23

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# Accounts

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**Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From: 01 01 2024**

**To: 31 12 2024**

**Charity name: METRO CHRISTIAN CENTRE**

**Charity registration number: 1052533**

**Objectives and Activities**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The object of the charity is the advancement of the Christian religion by the proclamation and the furtherance of the Gospel of God.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>There is one Sunday service and a prayer meeting each week. Along with various outreaches during the week (listed below). The Sunday programme for children, 'Kids Life', is supplemented by the Youth programmes 'SMASH' (secondary age) and 'Kingdom Life' (college age) which meet fortnightly. There is also a creche facility during the sermon.</p> <p>A Men's Group meet weekly, and regularly for food and a film when their friends outside of the church family are invited. A Ladies Group meet once a month, for a time of encouragement and support. And a general, open-to-all, mid-week discussion group takes place on the church premises every Wednesday evening.</p> <p>Trust House Bury, a charity started by Metro in 2019, continues to operate from the Building 4 days a week, serving those of low income and offering support to any in physical, mental or emotional need.</p> <p>A Parent and Toddler group (named, Little Gems) takes places on Wednesday mornings during term time, serving the people of the community.</p> <p>A homework club takes place on Saturday afternoons, supporting those children whose parents do not have e English as their primary language. In addition to this, we have a drop-in session, on Wednesday afternoons, assisting those of</p>

		<p>African heritage who have sought asylum in the UK. This has been establishing by one of our African members under the banner of BRAC.</p> <p>Numerous social and charity fundraising activities are planned throughout the year. All the above are supported by a programme of evangelism, preaching, teaching and training, music ministry and a social environment catering for all ages.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees of Metro Christian Centre had due regard for the guidance issued by the CC on public benefit.

### Additional information

	SORP reference	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Metro Christian Centre works closely with Trust House Charity (based on our premises), the Evangelical Alliance and Missionary Ventures.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Metro Christian Centre holds great value to the contribution of those who volunteer on Sundays and during midweek events and activities.

### Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>During this past year, 2024, Metro Christian Centre has continued in its endeavour to create opportunities to serve our local community in a sustainable way. Metro Christian continues to have its doors open, through some activity, each day of the week.</p> <p>The numbers within our congregation attendance has increased over the past year.</p> <p>During the year we have continued to proclaim the gospel of, and according to, the Lord Jesus Christ at Bury and provided ministry support to several churches in the wider Manchester area.</p> <p>Trust House (started in 2019) continues to meet needs within the borough of Bury. As</p>

	<p>noted in last year's report, due to the initiative obtaining its own charity status (reg. charity: 1199709) they file their own annual report. MCC continue to be proud and supportive of the progress Trust House has made under Katie's leadership over the past five years, contributing volunteers and financial support. Trust House operates every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.</p> <p>Little Gems Parent and Toddler Group, launched in September of 2021, continues to run on a Wednesday morning, during school term times. The attendance continues to exceed our expectations, and we see many parents, grandparents, and carers, of various ethnicities attending from our local community. This space has created a wonderful opportunity for us to practically serve and get to know our community and provides a great opportunity for parents and grandparents to get to know each other.</p> <p>Under the initiative of one our African members, a homework club continues to operate on Saturday during term time. This has been established to help the number of children who live upon the Chesham fold community whose parents do not have English as a primary language. In addition to this, a drop-in service has been arranged to assist the parents directly, and others from the African community, in navigating and adjusting to the differences of British society. Due the timing of the homework club, it has proven difficult to find volunteers and the person running this is currently looking at solutions.</p> <p>Our commitment to establishing connections in our local community has included running a MacMillan Coffee afternoon in October. This has been the fourth year of running these afternoons, and we continue to see a growth in the local community's engagement and attendance.</p> <p>Additionally, with the success of the coronation party for King Charles III last year, we decided to host another community fun-day and BBQ this year, inviting the community to attend, with Halal options for our Muslim neighbours, Bouncy Castle, farm animals, and other activities, utilising the full space of our church building and the outside</p>
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	<p>car park area. Radcliffe Brass Band were also hired to provide an outdoor concert for the afternoon. We ran the day in tandem with the national 'Thank You Day' scheme—and we are thankful to the scheme in providing banners, t-shirts, and an amazing photographer to the day. Admittedly, as the King's coronation was a nationally recognised event with a lot of coverage, we were not expecting anything like the numbers we had then. However, the attendance exceeded last year, with over 460 people attending the event. Like last year, the feedback was overwhelmingly positive, and we feel we will be doing something again in 2025 to bring the local community together such a way. The photographer provided by the 'thank-you day' scheme, had these kind words to share regarding the day: 'You are all doing an amazing job, we live in a very unforgiving time, so it is so special to see a great mix of ages and cultures just all getting along and wanting to enjoy each other's company, you are all doing something very special!'</p> <p>Metro Christian Centre continues to be an active presence with our local Churches Together in Bury. Under the banner of Churches Together, our minister, Tristan, continues to co-ordinate the chaplaincy presence in the Mill Gate shopping centre in Bury Town. This work continues to go well and has furnished us with the opportunities to bless our town. As part of our outreach with Churches Together, MCC has played part in both the Walk of Witness on Good Friday and helped lead a time of Carol Singing in the Mill Gate shopping centre during the Christmas season. In addition to this, MCC was also involved in the Prayer in the Park initiative on Pentecost Sunday, which saw churches come together from around our town to worship together in Clarence Park and to pray for the town of Bury as a whole.</p> <p>This year has also seen the reprisal of MCC's involvement in some of education sectors. MCC were approached by the head teacher at Holy Trinity Primary School to see if we could support the school in delivering assemblies. Tristan now goes in on a regular basis, and our hope is that this relationship will continue to grow. Also, MCC were approached by a Bury College to organise a day visit for some of their A-Level History</p>
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	<p>students to discuss Christian worship. Tristan co-ordinated this and invited other ministers from the town to participate. The day went well and will feature again with next year's student intake.</p> <p>As part of the Evangelical Alliance, and to help develop unity within the town, Tristan Sherwin and the minister of Radcliffe Road Baptist church, Pastor Russell Philips, helped co-ordinate an EN-COURAGE evening in October, which saw people from various congregations to come together for worship and teaching. Ben Jeffries, who leads the North Area for the Evangelical Alliance, was the speaker for the evening.</p> <p>SMASH Youth programmes continue to sustain their numbers (growing, in fact), and we are also seeing the attendance of young people from other churches who do not have a youth gathering. They have enjoyed meeting with other young people at Liv-It Camp and had energetic weekends away in the Lake District.</p> <p>In partnership with St. Peters C of E Church, Bury, the initiative called 'Kingdom Life' continues. This initiative runs every other week on a Wednesday afternoon and provides a space for college-age students to discuss topics of faith together.</p> <p>Our Christmas Celebrations this year saw a good number of people attend our Christmas Concert (by Radcliffe Brass Band) and our Christmas Carol Service. The faces present during our carol service were an amalgamation of people who we have been in contact with throughout the year via Trust House, Little Gems and our events (like the MacMillan Coffee Afternoon and the Fun Day), along with families and relatives of our church congregation. As with the community BBQ, the numbers at of Christmas concert and carol service exceeded last years.</p> <p>This year, as part of exploring networks to join, MCC has also been walking alongside the Maximise Network and has been attending various events they have organised. Tristan, along with Helen Jenkinson (Elder), have also been participating in their monthly leadership meetings.</p>
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		<p>Through the agency of Trust House, the church building had the kitchen renovated. We are thankful to Trust House for this!</p> <p>Various upkeep has taken place around the building to repair leaks etc. and our annual maintenance and Health and Safety checks continue to take place. A major leak in the administration office, which caused considerable damage to the walls, has been repaired (once the good weather arrived at the end of May) and the plaster of the walls has been repaired. Due to the age of the exterior brickwork, the internal skin of the exterior wall, even after plaster repair, is still producing efflorescence—the external wall has been repointed, but it could be, due to the type of brick and longevity of exposure, that the brickwork is still saturated and will take longer to dry out. Temporarily, our administrator has been moved into another office while the wall dries out.</p> <p>We have maintained our active, regular support of missions overseas, in addition to donations to other mission fields, including a couple currently within our congregation who have established churches over in Kenya.</p> <p>Financially, the church's giving remains strong. However, it will be noted that this year's accounts report a great overspend in the expenditure. This is because of overcharges from our electric supplier that were identified and reported to them. Our supplier acknowledged the overpayment and promised a refund. We were hoping that this refund would come in prior to the filing of this year's account. Sadly, a refund of circa £19,000 arrived only afterwards. This will be reflected in next year's reporting instead (and will be mentioned again, therein).</p> <p>On a pastoral note, a good deal of the church's ministry cannot be delineated to a particular programme we run or a service slot in a week. There is much that happens in conversation and the 'ministry of presence' as people face difficult circumstances. 2024, like 2023, saw several families connected to us face loss and hardship. It is a privilege and honour to come alongside them in times of need.</p>
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		The Church operates an approved Child Protection Policy across all its children's and youth ministry based on the model provided by ThirtyOne:Eight, an advisory service endorsed by the Department of Health and the Department for Education and Skills (see <a href="http://www.thirtyoneeight.org">www.thirtyoneeight.org</a> for further information).
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## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The figures provided on the separate report show a considerable overspend against income. The reason for this is that we changed fuel provider part way through the year. Unfortunately they over charged us by over £19,000. We have had the overcharges refunded, but it was too late for 2024 accounts, so will show in 2025.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	£15,000 is held in reserve in case Metro Christian Centre needs to provide redundancy to staff.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£15,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Trust Deed
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	Trustees govern the buildings and contents, and Pastoral Leadership Team look after the congregation and visitors.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The Trustees meet quarterly, although have met ad Hoc. The Chair of Trustees is entitled to appoint trustees in consultation with The Trustees and Pastoral Leadership Team.

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Metro Christian Centre
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Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1052533
Charity's principal address	13 Parkhills Road, Bury, BL9 9AU

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Deborah Massey	Chair		Deborah Massey (Chair)
David Molloy	Treasurer		Tristan Sherwin (Trustee & Pastoral Leader)
David Jenkinson			
Tristan Sherwin	Secretary		
Giovanni Fancellu			

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

## Declarations

**The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.**

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

	<b>Signature(s)</b>	D Massey	
	<b>Full name(s)</b>	Deborah Massey	
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair of Trustees		
<b>Date</b>	14/10/2025		

# Receipts and Payments Accounts

Charity Name Metro Christian Centre Bury

Charity number (if any) 1052533

For the period from (start date) 01 01 24

To (end date) 31 12 24

## Section A Receipts and payments

A1 Receipts	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
Offerings & Gifts	59230	0		59230	53356
Covenant Tax rebate	10886			10886	10224
R.B.S. Account interest	409			409	562
K.B Savings Account Interest	318			318	3117
Church Hire		207		207	1266
Miscellaneous	6863			6863	3899
<i>Sub total</i>	77706	207		77913	72424
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, etc</b>					
<i>Total receipts</i>	77706	207		77913	72424
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Building	34629			34659	20899
Church Ministry	16433			16433	17997
Disbursements (Missions)	3722			3722	2100
Miscellaneous	509			509	370+
Dorcas Fund	154			154	200
Office	2544			2544	2984
Outreach Support	953			953	1158
Metro CC Staff	42921			42921	34924
Nest Pensions	611			611	439
<i>Sub total</i>	102476	0		102476	80331
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc</b>					
<i>Total payments</i>	102476	0		102476	80331
<i>Net of receipts (payments)</i>	-24562	207		-24355	73689
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>					
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	73689	1266		73689	79036
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	46565	207		46565	73660

Section B

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	Details	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
B1 Cash funds	RBS Bank accounts	16463		
	KB Savings account	29021		
	Missions account		475	
	Petty Cash	289		
	Cash in hand	317		
		<i>funds</i>	46090	475

(agree balances with receipts and payment account(s))


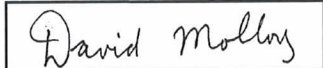
	Details	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets				

	Details	Funds to which asset	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets				

	Details	Funds to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Church and Community Centre Parkhills Road	Unrestricted		Insured value buildings & contents
				5,186,593

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities				

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print name	Date of approval
	Deb Massey	17.08.2025
	David Molloy	17.08.2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name METRO CHRISTIAN CENTRE

On accounts for the year ended

DECEMBER 2024

Charity no (if any)

1052533

Set out on pages

2 + 3 (remember to include the page numbers of additional pages)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which 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: [Signature]

Date: 14/2/2025

Name: LEE JANYER

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

ICPA MEMBER

Address:

LWS ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES
25 FRECKLETON DRIVE, BURY,
BL8-2JA.

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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

**METRO CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BURY**

England & Wales - Charity number 1052533

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report

for the period

From: 01 01 23

to: 31 12 23

## Section A

## Reference and Administration details

Charity name

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number

Charity's principal address

Postcode

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for the whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	MRS DEBORAH MASSEY	CHAIR		CHURCH COUNCIL
2	MR TRISTAN SHERWIN	SECRETARY		CHURCH COUNCIL
3	MR GIOVANNI FANCELLU			CHURCH COUNCIL
4	MR DAVID MOLLOY	TREASURER		CHURCH COUNCIL
5	MR J DAVID JENKINSON			CHURCH COUNCIL
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

## Section A

## Reference and administration detail (continued)

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Bankers	Royal Bank of Scotland, 40 The Rock, Bury, BL9 0NX	
Independent Examiner	LWS Accountancy Services, 25 Freckleton Drive, Bury BL8 2JA	
Solicitor	Mr. Stephen Marshall, Robinsons Solicitors, 83 Friar Gate, Derby DE1 1FL	

## Section B

## Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

Deed of Trust

How the charity is constituted

Trust

Trustee selection method

Appointed by the Church Council

Additional governance issues (optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

\* policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees:

\* the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works:

\* relationship with any related parties:

\* trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Church is an independent and autonomous fellowship.

The Church has formed a separate, non-profit charity (The Parkhills Community Trust Reg. No. 1079985) as a vehicle to utilise its buildings for the welfare of the Community of Bury and the relief of poverty outside of religious considerations.

The charity is administered by a Church Council through the Board of Trustees, and this Council is responsible for these accounts which are prepared on an income and expenditure basis.

## Section C

## Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The object of the charity is the advancement of the Christian religion by the proclamation and the furtherance of the Gospel of God.

## Section C

## Objectives and activities (continued)

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

There is one Sunday service and a prayer meeting each week. Along with various outreaches during the week (listed below)

The Sunday programme for children, 'Kids Life', is supplemented by a Youth programme 'SMASH' which meets fortnightly. There is also a creche facility during the preach.

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Numerous social and charity fundraising activities are planned throughout the year.

All the above are supported by a programme of evangelism, preaching, teaching and training, music ministry and a social environment catering for all ages.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During this past year, 2023, Metro Christian Centre has endeavored to create opportunities to serve our local community in a sustainable way. The result of this is that Metro Christian now has its doors open, through some activity, each day of the week. The numbers within our congregation attendance has increased over the past year.

During the year we have continued to proclaim the gospel of, and according to, the Lord Jesus Christ at Bury and provided ministry support to several churches in the wider Manchester area.

The end of 2021 saw the lease for Trust House come to end in Whitefield, and the start of January 2022 we moved Trust House back home to Metro Christian Centre. During 2023, the numbers of supported people through the work of Trust House has increased. Charity status was successfully obtained for Trust House during 2021 (reg. charity: 1199709), and they will continue to file their success under their annual own report. We continue to be proud and supportive of the progress Trust House has made under Katie's leadership over the past five years. Trust House operates every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

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Under the initiative of one of our African members, a homework club continues to operate on Saturday during term time. This has been established to help the number of children who live upon the Chesham fold community whose parents do not have English as a primary language. Currently, there are around 15 children attending on average. In addition to this, a drop-in service has been arranged to assist the parents directly, and others from the African community, in navigating and adjusting to the differences of British society.

In connection with the above, Metro Christian Centre hosted a BRAC (Bury and Radcliffe African Community) Black History Month celebration in October. As a part of this event, a number of African speakers shared their stories, inviting us to hear about the hardships and the challenges of their journeys. The evening was a poignant reminder of the need to see through the eyes of others.

A new mid-week group was also launched during 2023: Metro Mid-week. This takes place on a Wednesday evening and is open to all, providing a smaller and relaxed discussion-based session exploring topical subjects on the practice of the Christian Faith.

Our commitment to establishing connections in our local community has included running a MacMillan Coffee afternoon in September. This has been the third year of running these afternoons, and we continue to see a growth in the local community's engagement and attendance.

With King Charles III coronation, we hosted a coronation party as a church, inviting the community to attend. The event provided a BBQ (with Halal options for our Muslim neighbours), Bouncy Castle, farm animals and other activities, utilising the full space of our church building and the outside car park area. Radcliffe Brass Band were also hired to provide an outdoor concert for the afternoon. In total, approx' 400 people attended from our surrounding community (not including our church family who served during the day). The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, and we feel we may have to do something again in 2024 to bring the local community together such a way.

Metro Christian Centre is also an active presence with our local Churches Together in Bury. Under the banner of Churches Together, our minister, Tristan, relaunched a chaplaincy presence in the Mill Gate shopping centre in Bury Town, in October 2022. This work continues to go well and furnished us with the opportunities to bless our town. Due to success of the Carol Singing in 2022, we were able to have a 'stop' within the Mill Gate shopping centre as part of our Churches Together Easter 'Walk of Witness'. Tristan and Daniel Harris (the other Mill Gate Chaplain) led this slot in a time of worship, with actors performing dramatic readings of the Good Friday story. In December 2023, the centre was happy to welcome us back again for another Carol Singing event. The feedback, as per last year, was that the shoppers really enjoyed our presence within the shopping centre, and the number of shoppers who stopped to listen or join in with the singing was larger than last year (Tristan estimates around 100 members of the public at one point). Under the banner of the Chaplaincy, Tristan and Dan also gave room for the Mill Gate's customers to remember those they have loved and lost, on All Hallow's Eve, via tying a ribbon in memory. The time was well recieved, with many saying thank you for the opportunity; approx' 100 people where spoken to during the course of the day and shared their stories with Tristan and Dan. It was humbling and a privelege to share in people's grief.

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## Section E

## Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity is financed in the main through the undesignated offerings and gifts received from the congregation, and the trustees aim to maintain these funds to an approximate level of three months unrestricted expenditure of £16,000 total.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

There are no funds in deficit.

Further financial review details

The annual undesignated income shows a significant decrease mainly because of movement away of church

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## Section E

In addition to our financial assets, there are fixed assets in the freehold properties located at 13-23 Parkhills Road, total insured value buildings and contents £5,186,593.00.

## Section F

### Other optional information

## Section G

### Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustee's report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature

Deborah Massey

Full name

DEBORAH MASSEY

Position

CHAIR

Signature

Tristan Sherwin

Full name

TRISTAN SHERWIN

Position

TRUSTEE

Date

10/17/2024

# Receipts and Payments Accounts

Charity Name Metro Christian Centre Bury

Charity number (if any) 1052533

For the period from (start date) 01 01 23

To (end date) 31 12 23

## Section A Receipts and payments

A1 Receipts	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
Offerings & Gifts	53356	0		53356	58262
Covenant Tax rebate	10224			10224	8339
R.B.S. Account interest	562			562	124
K.B Savings Account Interest	3117			3117	93
Church Hire		1266		1266	858
Miscellaneous	3899			3899	2907
<i>Sub total</i>	<b>71158</b>	<b>1266</b>		<b>72424</b>	<b>70583</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, etc</b>					
<i>Total receipts</i>	<b>71158</b>	<b>1266</b>		<b>72424</b>	<b>70583</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Building	20899			20899	31170
Church Ministry	17997			17997	28131
Disbursements (Missions)	2100			2100	1850
Miscellaneous	370+			370+	483
Dorcas Fund	200			200	20
Office	2984			2984	3004
Outreach Support	1158			1158	1246
Metro CC Staff	34924			34924	32967
Nest Pensions	439			439	400
<i>Sub total</i>	<b>80331</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>80331</b>	<b>99271</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc</b>					
<i>Total payments</i>	<b>80331</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>80331</b>	<b>99271</b>
<i>Net of receipts (payments)</i>	<b>-7908</b>	<b>1266</b>		<b>73689</b>	<b>-28688</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>					
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	78178	858		79036	79036
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	<b>72394</b>	<b>1266</b>		<b>73660</b>	<b>107724</b>

**Section B**

**Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

	Details	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
B1 Cash funds	RBS Bank accounts	41499		
	KB Savings account	28702		
	Missions account		375	
	Petty Cash	289		
	Cash in hand	263		
		<i>funds</i>	<b>70753</b>	<b>375</b>

*(agree balances with receipts and payment account(s))*


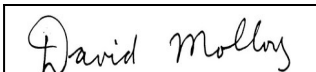
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B2 Other monetary assets				

	Details	Funds to which asset	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets				

	Details	Funds to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Church and Community Centre Parkhills Road	Unrestricted		Insured value buildings & contents
				5,186,593

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities				

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print name	Date of approval
	Deb Massey	17.08.2024
	David Molloy	17.08.2024



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name METRO CHRISTIAN CENTRE

On accounts for the year ended

DECEMBER 2023 Charity no (if any) 1052533

Set out on pages

2+3 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are 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 Trust'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.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.

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the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
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\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: [Signature]

Date: 21/2/2024

Name: LEE JAWYER

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

ICPA MEMBER

(if any):

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Address:

LWS ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES
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25 FRECKLETON DRIVE, BURY
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BL8-2JA
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**Section B**

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**METRO CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BURY**

England & Wales - Charity number 1052533

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report

for the period

From: 01 01 22 to: 31 12 22

## Section A

## Reference and Administration details

Charity name

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number

Charity's principal address

Postcode

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for the whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	MRS DEBORAH MASSEY	CHAIR		CHURCH COUNCIL
2	MR TRISTAN SHERWIN	SECRETARY		CHURCH COUNCIL
3	MR GIOVANNI FANCELLU			CHURCH COUNCIL
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5	MR J DAVID JENKINSON			CHURCH COUNCIL
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

**Section A Reference and administration detail (continued)**

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Bankers	Royal Bank of Scotland, 40 The Rock, Bury, BL9 0NX	
Independent Examiner	LWS Accountancy Services, 25 Freckleton Drive, Bury BL8 2JA	
Solicitor	Mr. Stephen Marshall, Robinsons Solicitors, 83 Friar Gate, Derby DE1 1FL	

**Section B Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

Deed of Trust

How the charity is constituted

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Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The object of the charity is the advancement of the Christian religion by the proclamation and the furtherance of the Gospel of God.

**Section C Objectives and activities (continued)**

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

There is one Sunday service and a prayer meeting each week. Along with various outreaches during the week (listed below)

Various 'Life' groups meet in homes and other venues mid-week, some in the afternoons, others in the evenings.

The Sunday programme for children, 'Kids Life', is supplemented by a Youth programme 'SMASH' which meets fortnightly. There is also a creche facility during the preach.

A Mens Group meet regularly for food and a film and their friends outside of the church family are invited.

Trust House Bury, a charity started by Metro 4 years ago, now operates from Building 4 days a week, serving those of low income and offering support to any in physical, mental or emotional need.

A Parent and Toddler group takes places every Wednesday morning, serving the people of the community during school term times

A homework club takes place of Saturday afternoons, supporting those children whose parents do not have english as a primary language. In addition to this, a drop-in exists, on Wednesday afternoon, assisting those of African heritage who have sought asylum in the UK. This has been established by one of our African members under the banner of BRAC.

Numerous social and charity fundraising activities are planned throughout the year.

All the above are supported by a programme of evangelism, preaching, teaching and training, music ministry and a social environment catering for all ages.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During 2021, the church returned to public worship and activity following the lifting of the COVID regulations. During the remainder of that year, Metro Christian Centre spent time readjusting to the circumstances many of our communities found themselves in. During this past year, 2022, Metro Christian Centre has endeavored to create opportunity to serve our local community in a sustainable way. The result of this is that Metro Christian now has its doors open, through some activity, each day of the week.

During the year we have continued to proclaim the gospel of, and according to, the Lord Jesus Christ at Bury and Whitefield and provided ministry support to several churches in the wider Manchester area.

The end of 2021 saw the lease for Trust House come to end in Whitefield. In January 2022, we moved Trust House back home to Metro Christian Centre. It's numbers have been maintained as the churches mini-bus has been utilised to transport visitors from Whitefield to Parkhills Road. Moving to Bury has also seen Trust House welcome new visitors from the Bury Town area. Due to this transition, some modifications have been made to the building: a 'vestibule' area in the Community centre has been modified for use as the food pantry area, and fitted with shelving, fridges and a roller shutter. Katie Jenkinson, who coordinates Trust House, also successfully obtained charity status for Trust House during 2021 (reg. charity: 1199709). We are proud of the progress Trust House has made under Katie's leadership over the past four years, and are excited for the work ahead.

In September of 2021, we also launched a Parent and Toddler group. This runs on Wednesday mornings during term time. The attendance so far has exceeded our expectations, and we see many parents and grandparents, of various ethnicities attending. This space has created a wonderful opportunity for us to practically serve and get to know our community, and provides a great opportunity for parents and grandparents to get to know each other.

Under the initiative of one of our African members, a homework club has been launched on Saturday afternoons during term time. This has been established to help the number of children who live upon the Chesham fold community whose parents do not have English as a primary language. Currently, there are around 15 children attending on average. In addition to this, a drop-in service has been arranged to assist the parents directly, and others from the African community, in navigating and adjusting to the differences of British society.

In July of 2021, we decided that, after 10 years of ministry, to bring to an end our afternoon service at the community centre in Whitefield. Due to volunteer numbers, we felt that it would be unsustainable at this time. However, this ending of a sentence, was merely the beginning of a new paragraph in the church ministry in that area. One of our members in Whitefield, Hosea Peecho, had been successfully leading an online ministry for African believers since COVID and was seeking to transition that ministry into a physical presence. Hosea now, under the banner of the Free Methodist Church, now leads a congregation on a Sunday afternoon. Metro Christian Centre is grateful for the past 10 years in Whitefield, grateful to the landlords of the community centre for allowing us to be there, and for all those who have served so faithfully, in various ways, during our tenancy.

Our commitment to establishing connections in our local community has included running a MacMillan Coffee afternoon in October, along with a Jubilee Party, and several outreaches during Christmas. In all cases, we have seen some great attendances from the local community. Due to the sad news on Her Majesty's death, and the news of King Charles ascension to the throne, Metro will be seeking to do something in 2023 to celebrate the coronation.

Metro Christian Centre is also an active presence with our local Churches Together in Bury. Under the banner of Churches Together, our minister, Tristan, relaunched a chaplaincy presence in the Mill Gate shopping centre in Bury Town, in October 2023. This also furnished the opportunity to do some Carol Singing in the shopping centre in December 2022: the feedback we, and the Mill Gate, received from the public was overwhelmingly positive. We seek to do more to strengthen this partnership in the coming year. In May of 2022, Metro Christian Centre also hosted the Online Alpha Leader's conference, inviting other church leaders from our town.

SMASH Youth programmes continue to sustain their numbers, and we are also seeing the attendance of young people from other churches who do not have a youth gathering. They have enjoyed meeting with other young people at LivIt Camp and had energetic weekends away in Wales.

In January 2022, the boiler in our community centre was replaced and upgraded with something more efficient. Additionally, due to an unrepairable leak, the boiler in the offices was also replaced. Due these areas now having a system that maintains pressure, several older radiators also needed to be replaced which displayed leaks when the new system was in operation.

The signage around the building has also been updated. The existing signage, being 13 years old, had suffered 'bleaching' in the sun. This was updated efficiently, with Bury Signs help, with an adhesive overlay. However, a brand new signboard was installed on the two empty signposts (on the corner of Parkhills road and Horne Street) which had previously housed a sign for the Little Acorns Pre-School.

Various other maintenance has taken place around the building to repair leaks etc. and our annual maintenance and Health and Safety checks continue to take place.

We have maintained our active, regular support of missions overseas, in addition to donations to other missions fields.

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Section E

Financial review (continued)

In addition to our financial assets, there are fixed assets in the freehold properties located at 13-23 Parkhills Road, total insured value buildings and contents £5,186,593.00.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustee's report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature

Full name

Position

Signature

Full name

Position

Date

# Receipts and Payments Accounts

Charity Name Metro Christian Centre Bury

Charity number (if any) 1052533

For the period from (start date) 01 01 22

To (end date) 31 12 22

## Section A Receipts and payments

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Offerings & Gifts	58262	0		58262	54039
Covenant Tax rebate	8339			8339	8080
R.B.S. Account interest	124			124	22
K.B Savings Account Interest	93			93	50
Church Hire		858		858	
Miscellaneous	2907			2907	6772
<i>Sub total</i>	<b>69725</b>	<b>858</b>		<b>70583</b>	<b>68963</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, etc</b>					
<i>Total receipts</i>	<b>69725</b>	<b>858</b>		<b>70583</b>	<b>68963</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Building	31170			31170	22680
Church Ministry	28131			28131	3895
Disbursements (Missions)	1850			1850	3100
Miscellaneous	483			483	3347
Dorcas Fund	20			20	1800
Office	3004			3004	2630
Outreach Support	1246			1246	1549
Metro CC Staff	32967			32967	40149
Nest Pensions	400			400	288
<i>Sub total</i>	<b>99271</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>99271</b>	<b>79438</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc</b>					
<i>Total payments</i>	<b>99271</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>99271</b>	<b>79438</b>
<i>Net of receipts (payments)</i>	<b>-29546</b>	<b>858</b>		<b>-28688</b>	<b>-10475</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>					
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	34765	72959		107724	55956
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	<b>78178</b>	<b>858</b>		<b>79036</b>	<b>107724</b>

**Section B**

**Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

	Details	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
B1 Cash funds	RBS Bank accounts	52097		
	KB Savings account	25686		
	Missions account		575	
	Petty Cash	289		
	Cash in hand	389		
	<i>funds</i>	<b>78461</b>	<b>575</b>	

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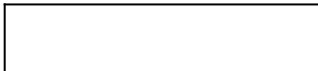
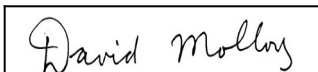
	Details	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets				

	Details	Funds to which asset	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets				

	Details	Funds to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Church and Community Centre	Unrestricted		Insured
	Parkhills Road			value
				buildings
				& contents
				5,186,593

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities				

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print name	Date of approval
	Deb Massey	17.08.2023
	David Molloy	17.08.2023



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name

METRO CHRISTIAN CENTRE

On accounts for the year ended

DECEMBER 2022

Charity no (if any)

1052533

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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Signed: [Signature]

Date: 2/2/2023

Name: LEE SAWYER

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

ICPA MEMBER

(if any):

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Address:

LWS ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES
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BURY, BL8-2JA

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**METRO CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BURY**

England & Wales - Charity number 1052533

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# Accounts

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# Report

for the period

From: 01 01 21 to: 31 12 21

## Section A Reference and Administration details

Charity name

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number

Charity's principal address

Postcode

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	<b>Trustee Name</b>	<b>Office (if any)</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for the whole year</b>	<b>Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)</b>
1	MRS DEBORAH MASSEY	CHAIR		CHURCH COUNCIL
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5	MR J DAVID JENKINSON			CHURCH COUNCIL
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any (for example, any custodian trustees)

<b>Name</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>

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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information)

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Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

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## Section D

## Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Following Government guidelines around meeting during COVID, Church services and prayer meetings were carried out over Zoom. We recommenced meeting in person in August. As the guidelines permitted, we also met for a time of open-air worship in July preempting our return, in the church car park. Congregation numbers had dropped prior to and during lockdown. Since resuming in-person services, our attendance has began to grow, with a number of new faces attending and serving in the church. Foreseeing and returning to in-person services has been akin to a relaunch of the church and it's mission within Bury: a new 'tag line' has been adopted, along with an updated website clarifying the current work of MCC.

In July 2021, after a period of consultation, the Church Council appointed Tristan Sherwin to be the new senior minister (Pastor) of Metro Christian Centre, Bury.

During the year we have continued to proclaim the gospel of, and according to, the Lord Jesus Christ at Bury and

or, and according to, the Lord Jesus Christ at Bury and Whitefield and provided ministry support to several churches in the wider Manchester area. Our commitment to establishing connections in our local community has included running a MacMillan Coffee afternoon in October, and several outreaches during Christmas.

The church at Whitefield also met over Zoom and 'in person' from mid-September. Although there was a drop in attendance whilst members remained cautious of meeting in groups. The Mums and Toddler group no longer meets, however, we are looking to establish this again be it at MCC Whitefield or Bury. A Life Group has been established in the community.

We have maintained our active, regular support of missions overseas, in addition to donations to other missions fields.

SMASH Youth programmes continue to sustain their numbers, although this was through Zoom during COVID. They have enjoyed meeting with other young people at LivIt Camp and had energetic weekends away in Wales.

## Section D (Cont'd)

## Achievements and performance

The Church, originally in conjunction with the Oglesby Trust, but now independantly funded, has instituted a humanitarian project named Trust House in Whitefield, providing meals, assistance, training and a Pantry Shop for the homeless and disadvantaged people in the area, distributing parcels of food donated by local supermarkets and shops. In January 2022 they will be moving to Parkhills Community Centre. Transport will be provided to those in need.

A new automated wheelchair lift was succesfully installed in September, with a capacity of 300 Kg SWL. Half of the finances for this were provided via a grant application. We are currently looking at upgrading the old boiler in the community centre with something more efficient in the new year.

The Church operates an approved Child Protection Policy across all its children's and youth ministry based on the model provided by ThirtyOne:Eight, an advisory service endorsed by the Department of Health and the Department for Education and Skills (see [www.thirtyoneeight.org](http://www.thirtyoneeight.org) for further information).

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**Section E Financial review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity is financed in the main through the undesignated offerings and gifts received from the congregation, and the trustees aim to maintain these funds to an approximate level of three months unrestricted expenditure of £16,000 total.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

There are no funds in deficit.

Further financial review details

The annual undesignated income shows a significant decrease mainly because of movement away of church members and reflecting the economic circumstances among our congregation and the pandemic. Our expenditure is correspondingly reduced as necessary adjustments have been made to staff positions.

**Section E Financial review (continued)**

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In addition to our financial assets, there are fixed assets in the freehold properties located at 13-23 Parkhills Road, total insured value buildings and contents £5,186,593.00.

**Section F Other optional information**

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**Section G Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustee's report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature

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Full name

DEBORAH MASSEY
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Position CHAIR

Signature

Full name

TRISTAN SHERWIN

Position

TRUSTEE

Date

9/30/2022

# Receipts and Payments Accounts

Charity Name

Charity number (if any)

For the period from (start date)

to (end date)

## Section A Receipts and payments

<b>A1 Receipts</b>	Unrestrict ed funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowme nt funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
Offerings & Gifts	54039	0		54039	64941
Covenant Tax rebate	8080			8080	8717
R.B.S. Account interest	22			22	88
K.B Savings Account Interest	50			50	50
Church Hire		62243		62243	1500
Miscellaneous	6772			6772	0
<i>Sub total</i>	<b>68963</b>	<b>62243</b>		<b>131206</b>	<b>75296</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, etc</b>					
<i>Total receipts</i>	<b>68963</b>	<b>62243</b>		<b>131206</b>	<b>75296</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Building	22680			22680	12556
Church Ministry	3895			3895	2778
Disbursements (Missions)	3100			3100	4361
Miscellaneous	3347			3347	150
Dorcas Fund	1800			1800	0
Office	2630			2630	2814
Outreach Support	1549			1549	1970
Metro CC Staff	40149			40149	35916
Nest Pensions	288			288	526
<i>Sub total</i>	<b>79438</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>79438</b>	<b>61071</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc</b>					
<i>Total payments</i>	<b>79438</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>79438</b>	<b>61071</b>
<i>Net of receipts (payments)</i>	<b>-10475</b>	<b>62243</b>		<b>51768</b>	<b>70135</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>					
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	35098	10716		55956	41731
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	<b>34765</b>	<b>72959</b>		<b>107724</b>	<b>55956</b>

**Section B**

**Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year**

	Details	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
B1 Cash funds	RBS Bank accounts	81526		
	KB Savings account	25493		
	Missions account		225	
	Petty Cash	289		
	Cash in hand	191		
	<i>funds</i>	<b>107499</b>	<b>225</b>	

*(agree balances with receipts and payment account(s))*


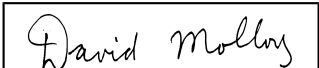
	Details	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets				

	Details	Funds to which	Cost (optional)	Current value
B3 Investment assets				

	Details	Funds to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's	Church and Community Centre	Unrestricted		Insured
	Parkhills Road			value
				buildings
				& contents
				5,186,593

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities				

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print name	Date of approval
	Deb Massey	17.10.2022
	David Molloy	17.10.2022



**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name

METRO CHRISTIAN CENTRE

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

DECEMBER 2021

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1052533

**Set out on pages**

2+3.

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which 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:**

*Lee Sawyer*

**Date:**

17/10/2022

**Name:**

LEE SAWYER,

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

ICPA MEMBER,

**Address:**

25 FRECKLETON DRIVE, BURY, BL8-2JA.

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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

**METRO CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BURY**

England & Wales - Charity number 1052533

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report

for the period

From: 01 01 20

to: 31 12 20

## Section A

## Reference and Administration details

Charity name

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number

Charity's principal address

Postcode

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for the whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	MR STUART MCLAREN			CHURCH COUNCIL
2	REV. BRUCE G MILLAR	CHAIRMAN		CHURCH COUNCIL
3	MR KIERAN MALLEEN			CHURCH COUNCIL
4	MR DAVID MOLLOY	TREASURER		CHURCH COUNCIL
5	MR J DAVID JENKINSON	SECRETARY		CHURCH COUNCIL
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7				
8				
9				
10				

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

**Section A****Reference and administration detail (continued)**

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Bankers	Royal Bank of Scotland, 40 The Rock, Bury, BL9 0NX	
Independent Examiner	LWS Accountancy Services, 25 Freckleton Drive, Bury BL8 2JA	
Solicitor	Mr. Stephen Marshall, Robinsons Solicitors, 83 Friar Gate, Derby DE1 1FL	

**Section B****Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

Deed of Trust

How the charity is constituted

Trust

Trustee selection method

Appointed by the Church Council

Additional governance issues (optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

\* policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees:

\* the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works:

\* relationship with any related parties:

\* trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Church is an independent and autonomous fellowship.

The Church has formed a separate, non-profit charity (The Parkhills Community Trust Reg. No. 1079985) as a vehicle to utilise its buildings for the welfare of the Community of Bury and the relief of poverty outside of religious considerations.

The charity is administered by a Church Council through the Board of Trustees, and this Council is responsible for these accounts which are prepared on an income and expenditure basis.

**Section C****Objectives and activities**

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The object of the charity is the advancement of the Christian religion by the proclamation and the furtherance of the Gospel of God.

**Section C****Objectives and activities (continued)**

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

There is one Sunday service and a prayer meeting located in the church each week. A church plant (Metro Christian Centre, Whitefield) from the Bury church also exists in Whitefield, Bury holding a Sunday afternoon service.

Various 'Life' groups meet in homes and other venues mid-week, some in the afternoons, others in the evenings.

The Sunday programme for children, "Kids Life", is supplemented by two weekly Youth programmes "Metro Juniors" and "Metro Seniors".

Revive which is a monthly meeting for mothers.

All the above are supported by a programme of evangelism, preaching, teaching and training, music ministry and a social environment catering for all ages.

**Section D****Achievements and performance**

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During the year we have continued to proclaim the gospel of, and according to, the Lord Jesus Christ at Bury and Whitefield and provided ministry support to several churches in the wider Manchester area.

The church plant at Whitefield is maintaining with a Sunday afternoon congregation of 30+ adults and a weekly 'Mums and Toddlers' group reaching local people for Christ. A Life Group has been established in the community.

We have maintained our active, regular support of missions overseas, including Uganda and Zambia, in addition to donations to other missions fields.

Led by a staff member, both the Junior and Senior Youth programmes continue to sustain their numbers, although this has been through Zoom during the pandemic

## Section D (Cont'd)

## Achievements and performance

The Church, in conjunction with the Oglesby Trust, has instituted a humanitarian project named Trust House in Whitefield, providing meals, assistance, training and a Thrift Shop for the homeless and disadvantaged people in the area, distributing parcels of food donated by local supermarkets and shops.

The Church operates an approved Child Protection Policy across all its children's and youth ministry based on the model provided by the Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service that is endorsed by the Department of Health and the Department for Education and Skills (see [www.ccpas.co.uk](http://www.ccpas.co.uk) for further information).

The innovative social care programme, initiated by the church and joined by local schools, known as "Adopt-a-Street" (providing all-inclusive, no-strings-attached care to local residents from a weekly street-clean to regular home visits with the offer of providing practical help or pastoral support) continues its work and is much appreciated by local people.

The "Little Acorns" Pre-school maintains its well-earned reputation for excellence, as its Ofsted inspections testify, and remains oversubscribed. It has an overt Christian ethos; however, Muslim families are pleased to enrol their children, who delight in its welcoming atmosphere and wide activities. This outreach closed its doors in Summer

## Section E

## Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity is financed in the main through the undesignated offerings and gifts received from the congregation, and the trustees aim to maintain these funds to an approximate level of three months unrestricted expenditure of £16,000 total.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

There are no funds in deficit.

Further financial review details

The annual undesignated income shows a significant decrease mainly because of movement away of church members and reflecting the economic circumstances among our congregation and the pandemic. Our expenditure is correspondingly reduced as necessary adjustments have been made to staff positions.

**Section E****Financial review (continued)**

In addition to our financial assets, there are fixed assets in the freehold properties located at 13-23 Parkhills Road, total insured value buildings and contents £5,186,593.00.

**Section F****Other optional information****Section G****Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustee's report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature



Full name

BRUCE GORDON MILLAR

Position

CHAIRMAN

Signature



Full name

DAVID MOLLOY

Position

TRUSTEE

Date

21.09.2021

# Receipts and Payments Accounts

Charity Name Metro Christian Centre Bury

Charity number (if any) 1052533

For the period from (start date) 01 01 20

To (end date) 31 12 20

## Section A Receipts and payments

A1 Receipts	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
Offerings & Gifts	64941	0		64941	66054
Covenant Tax rebate	8717			8717	12459
R.B.S. Account interest	88			88	64
K.B Savings Account Interest	50			50	148
Church Hire		1500		1500	5150
Miscellaneous	0			0	0
<i>Sub total</i>	<b>73796</b>	<b>1500</b>		<b>75296</b>	<b>83875</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, etc</b>					
<i>Total receipts</i>	<b>73796</b>	<b>1500</b>		<b>75296</b>	<b>83875</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Building	12556			12556	19227
Church Ministry	2778			2778	8416
Disbursements (Missions)	4361			4361	5712
Miscellaneous	150			150	1901
Dorcas Fund				0	-300
Office	2814			2814	3007
Outreach Support	1970			1970	1501
Metro CC Staff	35916			35916	51833
Nest Pensions	526			526	214
<i>Sub total</i>	<b>61071</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>61071</b>	<b>91511</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc</b>					
<i>Total payments</i>	<b>61071</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>61071</b>	<b>91511</b>
<i>Net of receipts (payments)</i>	<b>12725</b>	<b>1500</b>		<b>14225</b>	<b>-7636</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>					
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	22373	9216		31589	49368
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	<b>35098</b>	<b>10716</b>		<b>45814</b>	<b>31589</b>

**Section B**

**Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

	Details	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
B1 Cash funds	RBS Bank accounts	29386		
	KB Savings account	25442		
	Missions account		475	
	Petty Cash	289		
	Cash in hand	364		
	<i>funds</i>	<b>55481</b>	<b>475</b>	

*(agree balances with receipts and payment account(s))*


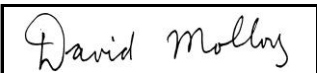
	Details	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets				

	Details	Funds to which asset	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets				

	Details	Funds to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Church and Community Centre	Unrestricted		Insured value
	Parkhills Road			buildings & contents
				5,186,593

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities				

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print name	Date of approval
	Bruce G. Millar	30.10.2021
	David Molloy	30.10.2021



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name METRO CHRISTIAN CENTRE

On accounts for the year ended

31/12/20 Charity no (if any) 1052533

Set out on pages

2 AND 3 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are 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 Trust'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.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) 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 did not accord with the accounting records; or
the accounts did 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.

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

Signed: [Signature]

Date: 8-2-2021

Name: LEE SAWYER (LWS ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES)

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

ICPA MEMBER

(if any):

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Address:

25 FREGLETON DRIVE
BURY
BL8-2JA

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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

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