

THE PEOPLE'S CHURCH  
GLADEHILL ROAD  
BESTWOOD PARK  
NOTTINGHAM  
NG5 5SA

Registered Charity No 1052607

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT  
AND  
INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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## **PEOPLES CHURCH TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT 2024**

(Accompanying Receipts and Payment Accounts)

### **Address**

The Peoples Church  
Gladehill Road  
Bestwood Park  
Nottingham  
NG5 5SA

Charity Commission Registered Number 1052607  
Financial Year 1 January 2024 – 31 December 2024

Principal Contact: Rob Gale  
[www.peoples-church.org.uk](http://www.peoples-church.org.uk)

## **PEOPLES CHURCH TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT 2024**

### **Objectives of the Charity**

The objectives of The Peoples Church are for the benefit of the public:

- To advance the Christian faith in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council, from time to time, may think fit.
- To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time thinks fit.
- To advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church council from time to time may think fit.

### **Scope**

The Peoples Church exists to impact Bestwood Park and the surrounding areas in the north of Nottingham by building community and making a tangible, positive difference to the people who live here. We also support development projects in other countries where we have built relational links. Finally, our purpose is to facilitate a vibrant, growing church in Bestwood Park.

### **Activities and Achievements**

2024 has been a year of success for Peoples Church. We have seen several new people added to our church community and become fully devoted disciples. We launched our Breakfast club, which supports families suffering the effects of the cost-of-living crisis. We have strengthened our relationships with other local churches and charities, whom together we seek to impact the local community, city, country and world.

### **Sunday Services**

The Peoples Church continues to grow into a multigenerational and multiethnic community church, with around 17 nationalities in the life of the church. We exist to

worship and serve God and have a tangible impact in the local community. Due to skills learnt during the pandemic, we are now able to broadcast our Sunday services on our YouTube Channel.

### **Prayer**

The church has three gatherings to pray during the week. The main meeting is on a Tuesday morning, and around 20 people attend. On Saturday evenings, a small faithful number attend to pray for our Sunday gatherings. We also pray on a Sunday morning for around 20 minutes before our Sunday services begin. Prayer is the engine room of all we do.

### **Daytimers**

On Thursday mornings, our Daytimers group continues to care for the more senior members of our congregation. They have times of fellowship around coffee and cake, worship, and the teaching of God's word.

### **Events**

Throughout the year, we hold special events for children, youth, Ladies and Men. The men had breakfast, and the ladies held a fellowship day and an afternoon tea. We also run special events at Christmas. Our Christmas gatherings saw around 150 visitors from our community come to our family fun day and Christmas services.

### **Kids and Youth**

Peoples Kids and Explorers run on Sundays, where up to 15 children, aged 0 – 11, attend for games, activities and teaching in age-relevant groups. Our Creche for children 0-4 is still unmanned and children are cared for by parents/grandparents. We also have midweek children's groups, including a toddler group and Kids work for children in school years 1-6. Our Youth help with the children on Sundays. Midweek we have a youth group for children in school years 6-9. Our Youth also meet termly with other church youth groups.

### **Community**

Breakfast Club, 2024 saw the launch of our new initiative, which provides a cooked breakfast for families who are suffering from the cost-of-living crisis. We have targeted this support to one of the areas of greatest social-economic need in Nottingham City. These have been funded by the faithful generosity of the church community. We have fed up to 60 people on Tuesdays and Thursdays during most of the school holidays. Around 10-15 volunteers are a part of the team who make these groups a success.

The Peoples Church also runs a Toddler Group on Tuesday Afternoons, which is well attended by members of the local community as well as the church community. Around 15-20 toddlers with their parents, grandparents, and carers attend each week. This is run by a faithful team of 3-4 volunteers and our Families Minister.

Each Wednesday, we run a Renew Wellbeing Cafe. Set up in a café style, this is a place to share hobbies for wellbeing, to offer a quiet space, and to join in the rhythms of prayer. This is mainly attended by people who belong to the Peoples Church community.

Partnering with a number of other Churches, and organised under guidance from Trussell Trust, we are also involved in sending funding and volunteers to help run a local Foodbank Scheme. The Foodbank is an invaluable resource to many people suffering from the cost-of-living crisis.

In addition, we are partnered with Hope into Action helping to deliver practical support for individuals suffering the threat of homelessness, by providing housing, counselling, befriending and other essential services.

### **Financial Review**

The total income for 2024 of £96,174, which was provided by the generous donations of the members of The Peoples Church. This figure also includes investment interest of £1,080. Expenditure for 2024 totalled £102,958. Careful monitoring of the charity's income and expenditure meant that we ended 2024 with a year-end balance of £129,711.

Full details of our finances can be found in the accompanying receipts and payments accounts.

### **Trustees**

This year, we have added Lesley Siddo as a trustee of the charity. Our trustees are as follows

- Rob Gale (Chair)
- Ian Edmundson
- Geoff Lowe
- Kelsey Smale
- Lesley Siddo

### **Reserves and Investment Policy**

The Church Council have established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed should ideally be three months of the resource required.

The Trustees consider the returns on investment to be satisfactory. We are looking at ways to move our money into avenues that will give us a greater return on our investment.

### **Governance**

The Eldership and Leadership provide spiritual oversight of the church. The Elders of the church appoint Trustees, and the Trustees collectively form the Church Council. The legal authority is placed in the Church Council.

### **Professional Advisers**

Santander Bank, 9 Nelson Street, Bradford, BD1 5AN

Kingdom Bank, Media House, Padge Road, Beeston, Nottingham, NG9 2RS.

Ellis, Fermor & Negus, 2 Devonshire Avenue, Beeston, Nottingham, NG9 1BS.

Luke Silver, Accountancy & Taxation Services, 25 Ellicombe Close, Minehead, Somerset, TA24 6DQ.

### **Review of Major Risks**

After a review of the risks, the Church Fellowship Insurance Policy, Data and Safeguarding Policy were updated.

### **Volunteers**

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work hard to make our church the lively and vibrant gathering it is, and also for running community events that make a positive impact on the lives of people and families.

### **Supported Charities**

The Peoples Church has existing partnerships with various charities involved in mission work and community transformation, both locally and worldwide. In particular:

#### **The King's Village Ghana**

We continue to financially contribute toward The King's Village in Ghana, enabling the advancement of education and inclusion of their communities. The support is directed through the UK Charity 'The King's Village Ghana,' charity number 1182366, which then oversees and transfers funds to the Ghanaian NGO. More information can be found at [www.tkv.org.uk](http://www.tkv.org.uk)

#### **Assemblies of God**

The Assemblies of God in Great Britain is the largest Pentecostal Denomination and serves a membership of some six hundred churches nationwide. The Peoples Church has been in affiliation with the denomination since the 1950's. Each member church donates 3% of their annual income to support the administration and wider work of the denomination.

#### **NG Church Network, Nottingham**

We contribute monthly to a fund that supports integrated projects across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.

#### **Hope into Action**

Hope into Action provides homes for the most vulnerable in society in partnership with local churches. We support one house in Bestwood, where the tenants come under our care and befriending, through The Peoples Church volunteers.

#### **World of Worth WOW**

WOW is a charity and missions organisation that is passionate about restoring dignity and hope to women and girls, helping them to understand that they have value and worth. We are specifically partnering with them to support the Romani community near Plovdiv, Bulgaria, to relieve hardship.

#### **Open Doors**

Every day, millions of Christians risk their lives to follow Jesus. In more than 70 countries, Open Doors supports them by supplying Bibles, providing emergency relief and helping persecuted believers stand strong for the long-term. In the UK and Ireland, Open Doors

helps the church to pray, give and speak out for those who share our faith but not our freedom.

### **New Life Gambia**

New Life Children's Centre is a school based in The Gambia, where our mission is to provide children in the local community with full-time quality education, which they wouldn't normally have. It's this education which we believe will give them the opportunity to have a better standard of life.

### **Streets4Christ**

Streets4Christ provides those in need with hot meals, refreshments, shower facilities, toiletries, laundry service, advice, support & love, in a safe & supervised environment. Our service users will also have an opportunity to participate in our educational, health & life skills workshops.



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# INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

## Receipts and Payments Accounts

Report to the trustees/members of The People's Church

Registered Charity number 1052607

On the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024

Set out on the following pages

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 you as 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 a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met: or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed *L A Silver*

Date 7 March 2025

Luke Silver HNC Business & Finance  
Accountancy Practitioner

25 Ellicombe Close, Minehead, Somerset. TA24 6DQ

**THE PEOPLE'S CHURCH**  
**Report of the Trustees and the Church Council**  
**For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

**ACTIVITIES REVIEW**

The financial results are set out in the enclosed accounts.

The principal activity throughout the year under review was that of the advancement of the Christian faith.

**CHURCH COUNCIL**

The trustees and members of the Church Council during the year were as follows:

**Ian Edmundson**, 15 Earlsfield Drive, Rise Park, Nottingham NG5 5BQ

**Geoff Lowe**, 29 Minister Close, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire. NG17 8GL

**Robert Gale**, 79 Lubbesthorpe Road, Braunston Town, Leicestershire. LE3 2XH

**Kelsey Smale**, 10 Chilvers Close, Bestwood Park, Nottingham. NG5 5LL

**Lesley Siddo**, 6 Edwards Lane, Sherwood, Nottingham. NG5 3AA

**STATEMENT**

We certify that the books, vouchers and information produced to enable the independent examination of our accounts to be conducted contain a full and correct record of our financial transactions and activities to the best of our knowledge and belief.

**SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES AND CHURCH COUNCIL**

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Please print name: Robert John Gale Date 06.10.2025



## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Thank you for submitting the accounts for independent examination.

### **1. CHARITY LAW AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

The independent examination has been carried out in accordance with The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995 (Statutory Instruments No 2724) and rhw Accounting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP)

### **2. SIGNING OF ACCOUNTS**

I shall be obliged if you will please forward a copy of the signature page for my records after the accounts have been signed by a representative appointed by the Trustees and Church Council. A spare copy is enclosed.

### **3. CONCLUSION**

There are no other matters I feel need to be brought to your attention.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for clarification of for further assistance.

**Luke Silver**

**Date: 7 March 2025**

The People's Church, Bestwood, Nottingham  
Reg Charity No 1052607

Accounting Statement: Receipts and Payments Account  
year ended 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Income</b>				
Incoming Resources from Donors	84,511	0	84,511	85,222
Church Activity Receipts	6,587	0	6,587	2,073
Missions	3,996	0	3,996	4,678
Investment Income	1,080	0	1,080	981
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>96,174</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>96,174</b>	<b>92,954</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Administration (support costs)	10,096	0	10,096	9,791
Establishment (support costs)	15,404	0	15,404	23,961
Church Activity Costs (charitable objects)	15,880		15,880	22,266
Pastoral & Ministry (charitable objects)	52,390	0	52,390	50,945
Missions (charitable objects)	9,142	0	9,142	0
Miscellaneous (charitable objects)	46	0	46	110
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>102,958</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>102,958</b>	<b>107,073</b>
<b>Net incoming resources</b>	<b>(6,784)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(6,784)</b>	<b>(9,869)</b>

Cash Balances brought forward 1.1.24	£	Carried Forward 31.12.24
Lloyds TSB A/c 14480860	0	0
KBL subordinated deposit	0	0
KBL 700402	89,359	90,439
Magnetik Cash in Hand	0	0
Activate Cash in Hand	0	0
Santander Bank	47,136	39,272
<b>Total</b>	<b>136,495</b>	<b>129,711</b>
Less Unpresented Cheques	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>136,495</b>	<b>129,711</b>

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Statement of Account - Income  
for the year ended 31 December 2024

Unrestricted Funds Income	2024	
	£	£
<b>Donations</b>		
Church Giving	70,216	
Gift Aid Tax	10,971	
Misc Donations	3,324	
Investment Income	1,080	
<b>Donations Total</b>		<b>85,591</b>
<b>Church Activity</b>		
Mini Bus Hire	0	
Bestwood Park Church	1,548	
Misc	851	
Vision Fund	2,108	
Rodriquez Appeal	2,080	
Events / Youth Camp	0	
<b>Church Activity Total</b>		<b>6,587</b>
<b>Missions</b>	3,996	
		<b>3,996</b>
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>		<b>96,174</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>		
Daytimers	0	
Magnetik	0	
Todders Orphan	0	
General Account		
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>96,174</b>

The People's Church  
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Statement of Account - Expenditure  
for the year ended 31 December 2024

Expenditure	2024	
	£	£
Pastoral & Ministry		52,390
Church Family		15,880
Establishment		15,404
Administration		10,096
Mission		9,142
Misc		46
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>		<b>102,958</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>		
Fundraising / Grants		0
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>102,958</b>