

The Pauline Meetings

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended

31 January 2024

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Report of the Trustees

For the year ended 31 January 2024

The Pauline Meetings was formally established by a Declaration of Trust made on 4 March 1997 and registered with the Charity Commission on 3 November 1997 with the registration number 1065444.

Objects

The primary object of the Trust is "To advance the Christian faith among young people generally and, as long as possible, the pupils and former pupils of St Paul's School, Barnes in particular".

History

The Pauline Meetings was originally set up in 1900, with the same objectives as those now formally established in the Declaration of Trust. Over the last one hundred and nineteen years many thousands of boys, mainly but not exclusively connected with St Paul's School, have discovered, or have grown in, the Christian faith through the work of the Meetings and a substantial number have gone on to enter the Christian ministry.

Meeting the Objectives

In 2023-24 the charity again held successful house parties at Easter and in the summer. Smaller events – a symposium, a conference and a boat trip - have been arranged for specific groups. Sunday worship meetings and discussion groups have also continued. All activities have been organized by a dedicated team of volunteers and the trustees wish to place on record their appreciation of their work and their commitment.

We continue to work closely with the Chaplain and the leadership team of St Paul's School (SPS). The school is keen to ensure that, since the name of the Pauline Meetings makes our association with SPS clear, we apply the same high level of attention to safeguarding as SPS does in its own operation. Our policies and the way in which we apply them have been fully reviewed and approved by the school. SPS staff attend our house parties.

Trustees

The trustees during the year were:

John Howard (Chair)

Richard Holman

Peter Mothersill

Oliver Paish

Revd Robert Stanier

Giles Tibbitts

appointed 27th August 2024

New trustees are appointed from supporters of the charity by a resolution of the existing trustees.

Professional advisers

The charity's bankers are HSBC Bank, 117 Great Portland Street, London W1W 8QJ. Funds are also held on deposit at COIF Charities Deposit Account, Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4V 4ET.

The charity's investment funds are divided between the Equities Investment Fund for Charities ('Charifund'), which is managed by M&G Investments, and the Charishare Tobacco Restricted Common Investment Fund ('Charishare') which is managed by ML Black Rock Investment Managers.

The independent examiner of the charity's accounts is Timothy Hughes ACA.

Insurance cover is arranged by Ecclesiastical Insurance Group of Beaufort House, Brunswick Road, Gloucester GL1 1JZ.

Administrative address

The administration of the charity is carried out by Richard Holman at 11 Genoa Avenue, Putney, London SW15 6DY.

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Financial position

In the year to 31 January 2024 the charity's income amounted to £78,689 (2023: £97,150), including £4,713 (2023: £5,533) into restricted funds.

Expenses amounted to £59,771 (2023: £79,878), including £5,533 (2023: £5,569) from restricted funds, and there was a surplus for the year of £18,918 (2023: surplus £17,272) before unrealised investment losses of £3,573 (2023: losses of £630). Net outgoing resources from the restricted funds amounted to £856 (2023: net income £4,068).

Net assets at 31 January 2024 amounted to £163,888 (2023: £148,543), of which £3,212 (2023: £4,068) was in the restricted funds.

The charity's investments dropped in value by 3.8% during the year (2023: fell by 0.7%). The trustees are long-term investors and do not rely on specific levels of either capital appreciation or investment income in order to achieve their objectives. The Meetings' reserves are invested two specialist charity funds, which are designed to provide a steady and regular income and to protect the capital value of the portfolio. Since £42,307 (25.8% of the charity's assets) was held in cash at 31 January 2024 (2023: 24.4%) there should be no need to realise any investments in the short term.

All the work of the charity is carried out on an unpaid basis but the trustees do not consider that it is possible to establish a financial value for the services for inclusion in the accounts.

Legacy

In 2021 the trustees were advised that one of the volunteer leaders who played a pivotal role in the charity's activities for more than sixty years, Basil Moss, had left his house in Barnes to the Pauline Meetings in his Will, subject to certain conditions being met. The probate value of the property was £2.5m. In June 2021 Mr Moss's executors transferred the benefit of the rental income from the house, and also responsibility for all the costs associated with it, to the charity and the attached accounts reflect that income and expenditure.

The executors obtained probate in February 2022, but due to issues relating to other assets in the estate they had not been able to transfer legal ownership of the house to the charity by 31st January 2024. Hence the property is not shown on the charity's balance sheet at the end of its financial year.

In order to facilitate the completion of the administration of the estate, and therefore the receipt by the executors of the grant of probate and the transfer of the property to the charity, the trustees agreed to make a short-term loan to the estate. The loan remained outstanding at 31st January 2024, but it was fully repaid in November 2024. The conditions attached to the bequest of the house are complex and the trustees are in discussion with lawyers and the joint residual legatee, which is also a charity, to work out the best way of meeting Mr Moss's wishes.

Reserves Policy

The trustees will utilize the charity's reserves as necessary in order to meet its objectives and maintain its activities. If reserves fall below the total amount of the net deficit for the previous three years the trustees will make an appeal for funds to the supporters of the Pauline Meetings.

Risk

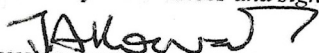
The trustees consider the main areas of risk to be:

Safeguarding – the charity has established a child protection policy based on criteria used by the Church of England and all those involved in the leadership of activities have been known to the senior staff for at least ten years. The charity's activities are planned in conjunction with the safeguarding team at St Paul's School, Barnes to ensure that our policies and practice meet the school's exacting standards.

Financial – the trustees ensure that adequate insurance is in place to cover claims that might be made in relation to accidents or other adverse incidents at events run by the Pauline Meetings.

Reputational – the charity has established strong and effective procedures for the planning and operation of its activities. There is a separation of responsibility between the trustees, who focus on strategy and issues such as safeguarding and insurance, and the Executive, which manages the activities.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by



(John Howard - Chairman)

10th January 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE COUNCIL OF THE PAULINE MEETINGS

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31 January 2024, which are set out on pages 4 to 6.

Responsibility and basis of independent examiner's 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 charity'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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts 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.



Timothy Hughes ACA
Chartered Accountant
37 Sutherland Grove
London SW18 5QP

Date: 12/01/2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
for the year ended 31 January 2024

| | Notes | 2024 Unrestricted £ | 2024 Restricted £ | 2024 Total £ | 2023 Unrestricted £ | 2023 Restricted £ | 2023 Total £ |
|--|-------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| INCOMING RESOURCES | | | | | | | |
| Charitable Activities | | 32,599 | - | 32,599 | 51,784 | - | 51,784 |
| Donations | | 1,738 | 4,713 | 6,451 | 1,173 | 5,533 | 6,706 |
| Investment Income | | 4,779 | - | 4,779 | 4,176 | - | 4,176 |
| Rental income | | 34,860 | - | 34,860 | 34,484 | - | 34,484 |
| | | <u>73,976</u> | <u>4,713</u> | <u>78,689</u> | <u>91,617</u> | <u>5,533</u> | <u>97,150</u> |
| RESOURCES EXPENDED | | | | | | | |
| Charitable Activities | 1 | 39,218 | 5,569 | 44,787 | 61,728 | 1,465 | 63,193 |
| Administration | | 677 | - | 677 | 667 | - | 667 |
| Property expenses | | 14,307 | - | 14,307 | 16,018 | - | 16,018 |
| | | <u>54,202</u> | <u>5,569</u> | <u>59,771</u> | <u>78,413</u> | <u>1,465</u> | <u>79,878</u> |
| NET INCOMING / (EXPENDED) RESOURCES | | 19,774 | (856) | 18,918 | 13,204 | 4,068 | 17,272 |
| Unrealised Gains / (Losses) on Investments | | (3,573) | - | (3,573) | (630) | - | (630) |
| NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS | | 16,201 | (856) | 15,345 | 12,574 | 4,068 | 16,642 |
| Balance at 1 February | | 144,475 | 4,068 | 148,543 | 131,901 | - | 131,901 |
| Balance at 31 January | | <u>160,676</u> | <u>3,212</u> | <u>163,888</u> | <u>144,475</u> | <u>4,068</u> | <u>148,543</u> |

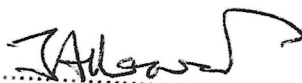
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BALANCE SHEET

At 31 January 2024

| | Notes | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|---|-------|-----------|-----------|
| <i>Investments:</i> | | | |
| Quoted Investments (at market value) | 2 | 91,433 | 95,006 |
| <i>Current Assets:</i> | | | |
| Cash at Bank: | | | |
| On deposit | | 26,749 | 1,233 |
| Current account | | 15,558 | 34,946 |
| Debtors and Prepayments | 3 | 32,560 | 31,904 |
| | | 74,867 | 68,083 |
| <i>Current Liabilities:</i> | | | |
| Creditors, accrued expenses and deferred income | 4 | (2,412) | (14,546) |
| Net Current Assets | | 72,455 | 53,537 |
| NET ASSETS | | 163,888 | 148,543 |
| Representing: | | | |
| Unrestricted Fund | | 160,676 | 144,475 |
| Restricted Fund | 5 | 3,212 | 4,068 |
| | | 163,888 | 148,543 |

Approved by and signed on behalf of the Trustees on 10th January 2025



John Howard



Richard Holman

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31 January 2024

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and have been drawn up in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting by charities.

Income

Income is recognized on the earlier of the date of receipt or that on which the precise amount is known, provided the charity is certain to receive the income in question.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognized on the accruals basis.

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|---|---|---------|--------|
| 1 | CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES | | |
| | These mainly comprise the house parties and other activities referred to in the report of the trustees. | | |
| 2 | QUOTED INVESTMENTS | 2024 | 2023 |
| | Cost: | £ | £ |
| | At 1 February 2023 and 31 January 2024 | 60,000 | 60,000 |
| | Market value: | | |
| | At 1 February 2023 | 95,006 | 95,636 |
| | Unrealized gain / (loss) / on revaluation | (3,573) | (630) |
| | At 31 January 2024 | 91,433 | 95,006 |
| 3 | DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS | 2024 | 2023 |
| | Property income and expenses | £ | £ |
| | Tax recoveries | 193 | 2,312 |
| | Fees for activities | 228 | - |
| | Prepaid expenses | 4,977 | 2,631 |
| | Other debtor | 771 | 570 |
| | | 26,391 | 26,391 |
| | | 32,560 | 31,904 |
| | The 'Other debtor' is a payment made by the charity on behalf of the executors of Basil Moss (see the Trustees' Report). This loan was repaid in full on 7 th November 2024. | | |
| 4 | CREDITORS | 2024 | 2023 |
| | Creditors and accrued expenses | £ | £ |
| | Deferred income | 2,412 | 11,391 |
| | | - | 3,155 |
| | | 2,412 | 14,546 |
| 5 | RESTRICTED FUNDS | | |
| | These are donations received by the charity for payment to other charities. | | |