

**CROYDON TABERNACLE
LIMITED BY GUARANTEE**

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**Company No: 03546731
Charity No: 1070276**

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity Name:	CROYDON TABERNACLE
Company Registration Number:	0354671
Charity Registration Number:	1070276
Registered Office & Operational Address:	38/40 Parsons Mead Croydon CR0 3SL
Trustees:	Abiola Olufeyimi (Chair) Chuka Nwafor (Secretary) Catherine Runsewe
Accountants:	APM Consultants (CA) Ltd 40 Lorne Gardens Croydon CR0 7RY
Bankers:	HSBC Bank Lloyds Bank

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Trustees' Report and Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 December 2023

Trustees Report

The Trustees present their report together with the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 2005 and other applicable laws.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is constituted under a Trust Deed with registered charity number, 1070276.

a) Method of Appointment or Election of Trustees

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are appointed and co-opted under the terms of the Trust Deed.

b) Policies Adopted for the Induction and Training of Trustees

The induction process for any newly appointed member of the trustees comprises of an initial meeting with the Chair and other Trustees, attending relevant training sessions, followed by a series of short meetings with the Minister in charge.

c) Organisational Structure and Decision Making

The charity is organized, with Trustees meeting regularly to manage its affairs. There is a Church Administrator, who is assisted by a team of volunteers, tasked with responsibilities of handling the daily affairs of the charity.

d) Risk Management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, those related to the operations and finances of the charity and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate its exposure to the major risks.

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Objectives and Activities

a) Policies and Objectives

The objectives of the church are to advance the Christian religion for the public benefit in accordance with the doctrines of our Lord Jesus Christ, through the holding of prayer meetings, evangelism, distributing of Christian literature and tracts, broadcasting, relief of poverty, and such charitable means as the Trustees consider appropriate.

b) Strategies for Achieving Objectives

The charity has adopted the following strategies for achieving the above objectives: Organising seminars and events with proven speakers and ministers of the faith to guide members in the various aspects of the Christian faith, and support for other local charities and events.

c) Activities for Achieving Objectives

- Organising programmes for the advancement of Christian religion
- Community outreach events
- Provision of welfare support to members and residents in the local community
- Provision of support for other charities
- Organising conferences and events to support its objectives, for the benefit of its members and the community in which it operates.

d) Grant making Policies

In line with the object of the charity, to relief poverty and the advancement of Christian religion worldwide, the charity support missionary programmes and organisations. These include Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG), Festival of Life, African Child Trust, World Evangelical Mission (WEM) Outreach, and other charities and residents within its local community. Members of the congregation who are in need and need the support of the charity, are also supported, at the discretion of the trustees and the pastorate.

e) Volunteers

The charity is grateful for the good efforts of its volunteers who are involved in service provisions across the various groups and teams in the church. The charity has a Volunteers Coordinator to ensure that best value is derived from the sterling efforts of its volunteers. The volunteers, who are mostly members of the church, anchor most of the activities of the Charity as carried out by the various departments in the church. The departments include:

- Branch of Jesse
- Esthers
- Daniel Generation
- Evangelism Outreach
- Welcoming & Visitation
- Heart of Compassion & Welfare team
- Ushering
- Technical Teams

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT

Croydon Tabernacle as a place of worship, is also engaged in evangelism, discipleship, fellowship, and ministry. The charity continues to consolidate on the gains of previous development and has successfully ministered to the needs of various social groups within and outside the church. During the year, the charity partnered with and reached out to various community groups through the provision of seasonal hampers, and hardship programme support for its members and residents in the local community. The Charity continues to provide invaluable financial support to the Festival of Life prayer event held in London and in other regions in the UK. In addition, the Charity continues to provide financial support to other charities within the UK and overseas, which operate within its objectives.

During the year, the charity hosted events to build stronger fellowship and family ties among its members. The charity provided forum for manpower development for its members to be equipped educationally, socially and spiritually. It offers various counselling sessions to its members, the needy, and the unemployed.

The charity reached out in other ways to members of the local community through targeted approach with gifts, and provision of day to day items and resources. The charity celebrated Christmas with services such as the Christmas Carol and celebrations for its members and other less privileged members of its community. This aims to share the good news of the gospel with its members and the local community.

To continue to be more relevant, the charity continued to improve its outreach programme. It invested an additional sum in sound and media systems and equipment. The church continued to stream its programmes live on You Tube, providing access from any part of the world through the internet. Other activities and events in support of the outreach and evangelism programmes continued throughout the year at the Whitgift Shopping Centre, Croydon.

The Charity also embarked on various training programmes to equip more church volunteers with the relevant skills in basic counselling that will help them serve the community better. The Charity continues to support and encourage young people by providing a Youth Church, where teenagers meet on Sunday, to support, encourage, and learn from one another.

The charity continues to fulfil its main objectives, by creating facilities to support and help develop the whole man, spiritually, mentally, and physically. The charity's Men and Women's ministries continue to hold regular meetings, where members are encouraged to grow in every area of their lives: in faith, family, finance, and to be good role-models in society, and other walks of life.

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Financial Review

a) Reserves Policy

The trustees have established a policy where the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets ('the free reserves') held by the church should be 3 months of annual expenditure. At this level, the trustees feel that they would be able to continue the current activities of the church in the event of a significant drop in funding.

b) Principal Funding

This is generously provided mainly through voluntary offerings and tithes by the Church members. The charity applied to HMRC for gift aid claims on the donation from the congregation.

c) Plans for the Future

The charity aims as part of fulfilling its charitable objectives, to continue to explore various ways of spreading the gospel of Christ in an effective manner through poverty alleviation and addressing the core needs of people in the local community. In this regard, the charity is also looking to make life changing impact in society, and in line with its investment policy that supports its main objectives the charity is exploring options of setting up a Housing Association, in which it can invest its excess funds and put its asset to effective use. This, the Trustees believe, will assist with alleviating housing accommodation challenges being encountered by specific groups in the local community.

The Charity seeks to provide services and activities that meet the needs of people in the community. These activities provide a positive change in the moral and spiritual climate of the local borough which reflects the charity's Christian ethos and beliefs. The demography of its congregation is fast changing, and the church is striving to support and meet the needs of its growing membership, who have recently migrated to the United Kingdom.

In between all the developments, and challenging circumstances faced by the charity, members continue to focus on the soul winning objective of the charity. The outcomes are huge and the charity continues to impact positively on the lives of its members and the local community.

d) Financial Controls

The Trustees continue to review the systems and processes of financial controls. There are improvements in the charity's systems of financial controls, with more transparency and accountability. The Finance Committee continues to work closely with the Board of Trustees in overseeing compliance with all financial processes and controls of the charity.

e) Post Balance Sheet Event

The charity is still in discussion with HMRC to resolve issues surrounding the shortfall payment of £100,686 received for the Gift Aid submission of £105,657 for the year to December 2018.

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under the law, the Trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The Financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are requested to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 27 SEPTEMBER 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Name:

Abiola OLUFEYIN

Signature:

A. A. Olufeyin

Date:

27 SEPTEMBER 2024

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Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Croydon Tabernacle

I report on the accounts of the above Charity for the year ended 31 December 2023 set out on pages 5 to 12

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The 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 independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general direction given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- to state whether particulars matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general direction given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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 to 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.



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Date: 27/9/24

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

			2023	2022
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Incoming resources				
Incoming resources from generated funds:				
Voluntary Income:				
Donations and Offerings	6	321,722	-	321,722
Activities for generating funds:				
Total incoming resources		321,722	-	321,722
Resources Expended				
Cost of generating funds				
Costs of generating voluntary income				
Charity activities	7			58,759
Governance and other support costs	8			142,592
Total resources expended				201,350
Net Income / expenditure before other recognised gains or (losses)				120,372
Other recognised gains or (losses)				-
Net movement in funds				120,372
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward				724,156
Transfer between funds				-
Balance written off				-
Total funds carried forward				844,528

The statement of financial activities include all gains and losses in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

Name: Abiodun Oluferin A.A. Oluferin Date: 27 SEPTEMBER, 2024
CHAIR
Trustees

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	2	380,366	404,720
Current Assets			
Debtors	3	206,329	202,054
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>410,089</u>	<u>244,488</u>
		616,418	446,542
Creditors due within one year	4	(26,750)	(1,600)
Net Current Assets		589,668	444,942
Creditors due after one year	5	(125,506)	(125,506)
Total Net Assets		<u>844,528</u>	<u>724,156</u>
Unrestricted Funds			
General funds		724,156	699,400
Surplus for the year		<u>120,372</u>	<u>24,756</u>
Fund balances		<u>844,528</u>	<u>724,156</u>

Name: Abiodun Oluferin Signature: A.A. Oluferin
Position: CHAIR Date: 27 SEPTEMBER, 2024
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NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 Accounting Policies

(a) Accounting Convention

The Financial Statement has been prepared under the historical cost convention, in accordance with applicable UK Accounting Standards and also with the recommendations in the Statement Of Recommended Practice (SORP): Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued in March 2005.

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption of Financial Reporting Standard no.1 from the requirements to produce a Cash Flow Statement on the ground that it qualifies as a small Charity applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP (Statement Of Recommended Practice)

(b) Fund Accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds, which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the company and which have not been designated for other purposes. Unrestricted funds may include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at market value where applicable. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

(c) Incoming Resources

Income is mainly from voluntary contributions from members of the Church and bank interest received which are included in the financial statements.

(d) Resources Expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accrual basis and are classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category on a consistent basis year to year. Management and administration costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the organisation and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

(e) Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off cost over their expected useful lives as follows:

Freehold Building	Straight line method
Furnitures, Fixtures and Fittings.	20% Straight line method
Computers and Equipments	33% Straight line method

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2 Fixed Assets	Freehold Building	Computer & Equipment	Furniture & Fittings	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
As 1 January 2023	800,912	50,887	12,911	864,710
Additions	-	4,706	1,666	6,372
At 31 December 2023	<u>800,912</u>	<u>55,593</u>	<u>14,577</u>	<u>871,082</u>
Depreciation				
At January 2023	426,620	30,418	2,951	459,989
Charge for the year	15,600	12,443	2684	30,727
At 31 December 2023	<u>442,220</u>	<u>42,861</u>	<u>5,635</u>	<u>490,716</u>
Net Book Value				
At 31 December 2023	<u>358,692</u>	<u>12,732</u>	<u>8,942</u>	<u>380,366</u>
Net Book Value				
At 31 December 2022	<u>374,292</u>	<u>20,468</u>	<u>9,960</u>	<u>404,720</u>
3 Debtors			2023	2022
Amounts falling due :			£	£
Debtors - Other Debtors			202,498	198,098
- Prepayment			<u>3,831</u>	<u>3,955</u>
			<u>206,329</u>	<u>202,054</u>
4 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year			2023	2022
			£	£
Other creditors			-	-
Accruals			26,750	1,600
			<u>26,750</u>	<u>1,600</u>
5 Creditors: Amounts falling due after one year			2023	2022
			£	£
Tax and Social Security			43,893	43,893
Bank loan			-	-
Others & accruals			<u>81,613</u>	<u>81,613</u>
			<u>125,506</u>	<u>125,506</u>

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6 Incoming Resources	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023 £	2022 £
Tithes, Offering & Thanksgiving	217,445	-	217,445	225,737
Gift Aid Reclaim	100,657	-	100,657	-
Bank Interest Received	3,620	-	3,620	281
	<u>321,722</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>321,722</u>	<u>226,018</u>

7 Cost of generating funds in furtherance of the charity's object:	2023 £	2022 £
Telephone, Internet & Fax	3,048	2,113
Salaries & Wages (Incl NI)	22,746	48,476
Honorarium	2,100	1,000
Light, Heat, Water & Power	11,826	3,904
Church Outreach, Evangelism & Publicity	1,438	1,671
Training, Meetings & Conferences (incl hall hire)	640	-
Events, Hospitality & Welfare Support	16,960	16,550
	<u>58,759</u>	<u>73,714</u>

8 Management & Administration of Charity	2023 £	2022 £
Charitable Donations:		
Central Office Fund	-	-0
WEM Fund	13,450	16,887
Festival of Life	1,200	1,200
Others	8,318	14,220
Repairs & Maintenance	26,849	-
Church Running Expenses & Administration	18,969	25,615
Legal & Professional Fees	20	9,700
Insurance	4,963	5,450
Office of the Pastor	211	2,129
Cleaning Expenses	3,703	4,839
Choir Expenses	20,529	9,265
Computer Costs & Software	2,055	2,291
Bank Charges (incl processing fees)	3,572	3,461
Travelling Expenses	1,120	-
Printing, Postage & Stationery	1,291	1,302
Accountancy Fees	4,713	3,250
Depreciation:		
Furnitures, Fixtures and Fittings	2,684	2,581
Computers & Equipments	12,443	9,240
Freehold Property	15,600	15,600
Subscription & Publication	902	518
	<u>142,592</u>	<u>127,548</u>

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9 Post Balance Sheet Transaction - Gift Aid

An amount of £4,971.03 was received post year end for the Gift Aid submission of £105,657.93 for the period to 31st December 2018. Croydon Tabernacle is in discussion with HMRC to resolve the issues surrounding the shortfall in payment received.