



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 6th April 2024 - period start date to 5th April 2025 - period end date

Charity name: The Zion Trust

Charity registration number: 1070353

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The Zion Trust is committed to the advancement of the Christian Faith.</p> <p>a. The advancement of religious and secular education;</p> <p>b. The advancement of religion in accordance with the evangelical tenets of the Christian faith either in the United Kingdom or overseas including the promotion of missionary activity which furthers the spread of the Christian faith;</p> <p>c. The relief of the poor, the sick and the elderly</p>
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>The Zion Trust is a Christian Church and our activities are centred around sharing the good news of the Christian gospel and the love of Jesus Christ and his teachings generally in the community of Thame and the surrounding towns & villages but not exclusively limited to geographical location.</p> <p>Our focus is meeting regularly each week in smaller, informal groups for all ages including a weekly meeting for 18 – 26 age group. The meetings promote community and personal wellbeing through healthy relationships and exploring and studying the Christian gospel message together. Meetings are open to all and are relaxed and informal.</p> <p>From time to time we meet in larger gatherings in local community halls. The purpose of these meetings is to share the good news of the Christian faith through relational connection, musical worship, reading and studying the Bible together and praying for one another, our local community and wider nationwide and global concerns.</p> <p>Our larger gatherings are an accessible way for the local community to experience Church, create new friendships and experience community.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>In setting our objectives and planning our activities Trustees have considered guidance provided by the Charity Commission on public benefit.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

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>The Zion Trust has established a regular rhythm of meeting in small groups each week at different times, gathering a growing number of people of all ages.</p> <p>Attendees support and encourage one another in the outworking and study of the Christian faith and the outworking of the charity aims are in evidence through these regular gatherings in homes. Meetings are open to all and currently, those regularly coming are between the ages of 14 and 80.</p> <p>Our weekly home church meetings have been a hybrid of in-person and Zoom gatherings as appropriate, allowing the less mobile to access the group remotely when unable to attend in person.</p> <p>More senior members have been involved in helping other community group called Men in a Shed.</p> <p>The Church also takes part in an annual national Christian Youth Festival promoting the advancement of the Christian Faith; we extend financial support to those who need it and subsidise all costs to make it accessible to as many local young people as would like to attend. As well as our own youth leaders, we are able to support the attendance of adult helpers who volunteer their time to serve on various teams necessary for the event to run.</p> <p>In the reporting period, the charity supported 28 attendees to the festival and witnessed personal growth in these young people and young adults which assured Trustees that the aims of the charity are continuing to be met through support of this initiative.</p> <p>The Zion Trust financially supports registered charities that align with the charitable aims & objectives to alleviate poverty, advance education and support the advancement of the Christian faith including regular donations to a UK based Bible translation charity and a foodbank to support families and households in Thame and the surrounding areas.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Income from gifts and donations increased slightly from the same period last year.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Zion Trust aims to retain between 6-9 months of reserves to allow the charity to fulfil all likely financial commitments at any time. This policy is under review by the Trustees
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	approx £35,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	There is no uncertainty about the charity

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The Zion Trust is governed by a trust deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Trust
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 are empowered to appoint and discharge trustees by resolution at a meeting.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Zion Trust
Other name the charity uses	Thame Home Church
Registered charity number	1070353
Charity's principal address	1 Rupert Way Thame Oxfordshire OX9 3YA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Kelvin Sampson			
2	Patrick Flynn			
3	Barbara Sampson			

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

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	n/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)		

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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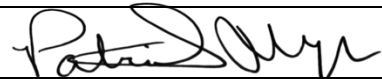
Other optional information

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Declarations

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Kelvin Sampson	Patrick Flynn
Position (eg Secretary, Chair etc)	Trustee	Trustee
Date	5 February 2026	5 February 2026



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The Zion Trust	1070353
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Receipts and payments accounts

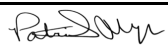
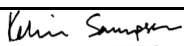
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For the period from	Period start date 06-Apr-24	To	Period end date 05-Apr-25
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Section A Receipts and payments

	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 £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	31,749	-	-	31,749	30,010
HMRC Gift Aid	6,474	-	-	6,474	7,626
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	38,223	-	-	38,223	37,636
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	38,223	-	-	38,223	37,636
A3 Payments					
Venue Hire	532	-	-	532	1,148
Donations	22,429	-	-	22,429	28,380
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	22,961	-	-	22,961	29,528
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	22,961	-	-	22,961	29,528
Net of receipts/(payments)	15,262	-	-	15,262	8,108
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	21,128	-	-	21,128	13,020
Cash funds this year end	36,390	-	-	36,390	21,128

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Account	36,390	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	36,390	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	HMRC Gift Aid	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Patrick Flynn	05-Feb-26	
		Kelvin Sampson	05-Feb-26	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
The Zion Trust

**On accounts for the year
ended**

5-Apr-25

**Charity no
(if any)**

1070353

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 05/04/2025

**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: M Clamp

Date: 31-Jan-26

Name: Malcolm Clamp – MC Accountancy Limited

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

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Address: 4 Catterick Road, Bicester, Oxfordshire OX26 1AW

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.