

**Trafford Youth For Christ**  
**Annual General Meeting 2023-2024**  
**Monday 18th November 2024 19:30-20:45**

Held at: St. Mary Magdalene's 44 Moss Ln, Sale M33 6GD



## **Staff**

Director	- Matthew Pryor	
Youth Worker	- Charlie Waters.	- Fabric Church, Hardwick

## **Executive Committee**

Chairperson	- Ann McBurney	- St. Mary Magdalene's, Ashton-on-Mersey
Treasurer	- Sue Gormley	- St. Mary Magdalene's, Ashton-on-Mersey
Minutes Secretary	- Ali Kirby	- Altrincham Baptist Church, Altrincham
Trustee	- Steve Thurston	- St. Mary Magdalene's, Ashton-on-Mersey
Trustee	- Meg Johnson	- St. Alban's Church, Altrincham
Trustee	- Rev. Catherine Cleghorn	- St. Martin's Church, Ashton-on-Mersey
Trustee	- Lorna Beresford	- Devonshire Road Evangelical, Altrincham

## **Director's Update**

### **September '23 - November '18**

#### **New Director.**

It's been a huge honour and blessing to be taking on this position from Dave. So far my time has been spent on catching up and learning the vast history of TYFC as a centre. Listening and learning how things are going and what might be needed for the future.

#### **New Youth Worker.**

Charlie Waters was hired in April and has done well taking on all the School and Church work we do. I am very thankful to have him and we are both very excited to see what God is able to do with us working together.

#### **Explore sessions.**

We are still going into Altrincham Grammar School for girls and Ashton-on-Mersey for explore lunch clubs. This is essentially a Christian Bible study that we run at lunch time once a week. We have seen a steady growth at the Grammar school with new students showing up regularly. We have also discussed plans to advertise in both schools so that all the students who would like to come have the chance to do so.

#### **The Cave.**

We have had a very consistent group of young people join us for the Cave on Thursday nights and it has been such a joy to be able to spend time with them and get to know them. We relax, play games, eat snacks and go through the "Rock Solid" Bible series.

#### **Pathway.**

Every Friday afternoon we run an after school youth club at St George's in Altrincham. We have had great success with numbers as we usually see around 35-40 students each week. We play wide games, board games, and eat pizza. The Students have a lot of fun and the club is a fantastic opportunity to bring kids into the church and potentially get them plugged into a Bible study.

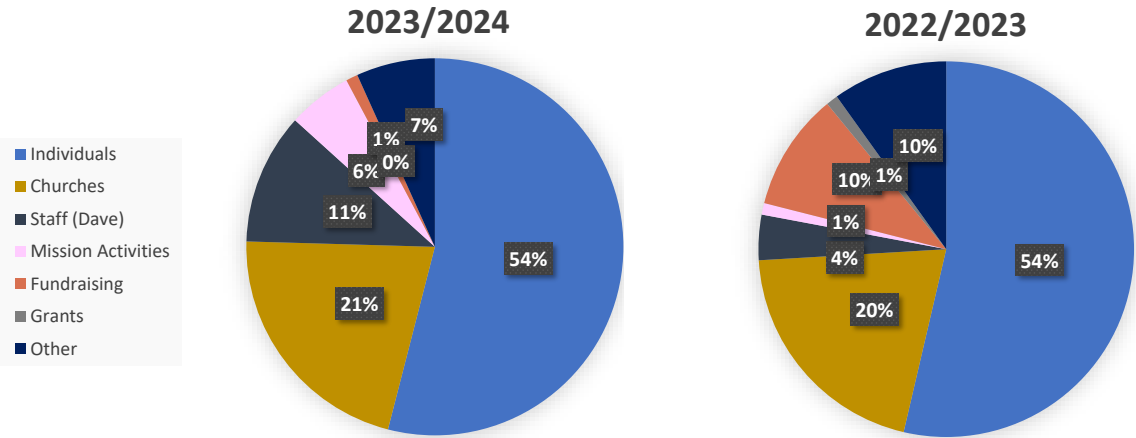
#### **Light stop**

For Halloween this year I was able to help Church on the Brow and St George's collaborate "light stop". This is an alternative celebration to Halloween. Light stop brings a little bit of light into the darkness by offering the Church hall at Church on the Brow as a place to come and enjoy some games and food as well as some sweets. It was a huge success and we saw many children come through with smiles on their faces. I was even able to have some good conversations with parents about Church and why we are doing light stop.

#### **Anglican youth fellowship from Uganda.**

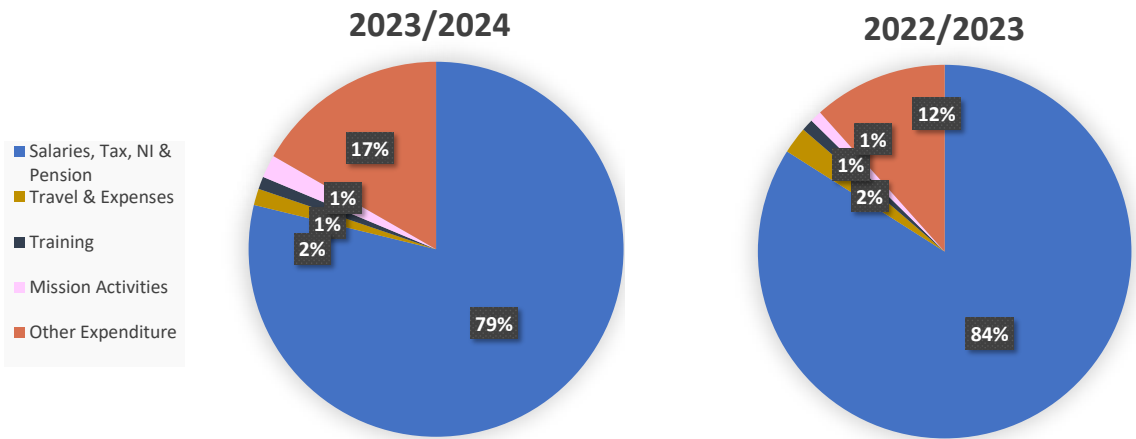
Two weeks ago we had an amazing opportunity to have a band from Uganda join us for The Cave as well as Pathway. They led songs with motions and dances. It was very refreshing and fun. All the youth thoroughly enjoyed were engaged the whole time. It was so cool to see two cultures coming together I'm celebrating Jesus

INCOME



\*Other income includes tax relief and bank interest.

EXPENSES



\*Other costs include telephone, broadband, rent, utility services, insurance, resources, office costs, publicity, website, fundraising & covenant costs.

## FINANCES

	2023-24	2022-23
<b>Income</b>		
Individual Sponsors	£25,338.42	£31,639.47
Churches	£10,062.75	£12,037.53
Fundraising	£478.40	£5,974.23
Grants	£0.00	£600.00
Mission Activities	£2,589.59	£586.48
Staff Salary Contributions	£5,280.00	£2,298.64
Other Income	£3,167.78	£5,840.89
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>£46,916.94</b>	<b>£58,977.24</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Salaries, Tax, NI & Pension	£36,045.61	£43,838.82
Travel & Expenses	£648.70	£1,212.70
Training	£497.00	£540.00
Mission Activities	£902.25	£525.87
Other Expenditure	£7,649.66	£6,605.66
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>£45,743.22</b>	<b>£52,723.05</b>

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## General comments.

- Overall our income from the year was £46,916.94 and our expenditure was £45,743.22, resulting in a surplus for the year of £1,173.72. Finishing the financial year with a balance of £20,918.41
- Our income from fundraising is less than last year.
- Contact the office for more information and a copy of our complete financial report.

You can also contact our Treasurer, Sue Gormley, on 07742515223

Thank you once again for all your support.

## **Vision**

Charlie and I are both very excited and hopeful about the future. Over the last few weeks I have been thinking and praying about where I believe God is wanting to take TYFC. It's important that we rely on Gods will and not our own. I want to be sensitive to the Lords leading and to not push my own agendas, but His.

There is still a lot of listening and learning I need to do before I can get a full picture of where TYFC needs to be as I am still very new. Until then I believe God is telling me this. With new eyes comes new perspective. To step out in faith with boldness and use creativity as a way to problem solve the areas of youth work that are challenging.

God has always provided my needs as long as I am willing to step out in faith and trust Him. I plan to do just that. I want to strengthen the youth work that is currently in place as well as start up new youth work through all the contacts that have been built up over the years.

Some people say that the world is getting progressively worse and some people say it's getting progressively better. I think you could argue from both sides with no real conclusion, but what is safe to say is that the world is getting more complicated. Therefore to reach the next generation we must be incredibly thoughtful and creative in discovering how to meet them where they are at and care for them according to their need.

-Matthew Pryor

**Financial Report**  
**Trafford Youth for Christ (TYFC)**  
**Financial Year - 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 – 31 August 2024**

			2023-2024	2022-2023
<b>INCOME</b>				
Sponsors Gifts	Individuals		£25,338.42	£31,639.47
	Churches & others		£10,062.75	£12,037.53
	Designated		£0.00	£0.00
			<b>£35,401.17</b>	<b>£43,677.00</b>
Other Income	Tax Relief		£2,883.27	£5,538.32
	Bank Interest		£212.51	£28.97
	Fundraising		£478.40	£5,974.23
	Grants		£0.00	£600.00
	Mission Activities		£2,589.59	£586.48
	Staff Salary Contributions		£5,280.00	£2,298.64
	Other Income		£72.00	£273.60
			<b>£11,515.77</b>	<b>£15,300.24</b>
	<b>Total Income</b>		<b>£46,916.94</b>	<b>£58,977.24</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Staff Costs	Salaries, Tax, NI & Pension		£36,045.61	£43,838.82
	Travel & Expenses		£648.70	£1,212.70
	Training		£497.00	£540.00
			<b>£37,191.31</b>	<b>£45,591.52</b>
Other Expenditure	Telephone & Broadband		£1,039.12	£945.90
	Rent & Rates		£1,740.00	£1,740.00
	Utility Services & Insurances		£1,434.95	£1,111.45
	Resources		£718.17	£958.53
	Bank Charges & Professional fees		£0.00	£0.00
	Office Costs		£2,180.42	£1,058.29
	Publicity & Web site		£262.00	£301.45
	Fundraising		£0.00	£390.04
			<b>£7,374.66</b>	<b>£6,505.66</b>
	Covenant		£275.00	£100.00
	Mission Activities		£902.25	£525.87
			<b>£1,177.25</b>	<b>£625.87</b>
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>£45,743.22</b>	<b>£52,723.05</b>
<b>SUMMARY</b>	Excess Income over Expenditure		£1,173.72	£6,254.19
	Opening Balance		£19,744.69	£13,490.50
	<b>Closing Balance</b>		<b>£20,918.41</b>	<b>£19,744.69</b>
<b>REPRESENTED BY</b>	Current account 1		£3,698.27	£5,362.07
	Current account 2		£812.02	£679.93
	Current Account 3		£193.51	£398.09
	Deposit account		£16,016.01	£9,065.82
	Petty Cash		£198.60	£129.39
	Income accrued		£0.00	£4,109.39
			<b>£20,918.41</b>	<b>£19,744.69</b>

## **Income**

### **Individuals**

Over this financial year regular monthly giving from individuals amounted to £12,581 and regular monthly giving from tax efficient methods totalled £11,301. During the year several one off donations have been received which totalled £1,456. At year end we have 44 monthly and 2 quarterly givers, 32 are tax efficient, 7 non tax efficient and 5 gross of tax.

### **Churches & others**

We have received regular monthly financial support from 5 local churches totalling £6940. Several donations amounting to £3122 were also received.

### **Designated**

No donations received during this financial year were 'designated'.

### **Tax Relief**

Gift Aid reclaimed on tax efficient giving from the Inland Revenue totalled £2,883.27

### **Bank Interest**

Interest earned on the deposit account totalled £212.51

### **Fund Raising**

We had two stalls at St Mary's Christmas Fair in November which raised £428.40. The remainder was raised by Dave, our previous Centre Director, from sponsorship for taking part in the Tough Mudder event.

### **Grants**

No grants have been applied for in this financial year.

### **Mission Activities**

We have received contributions from St Georges, Altrincham for Pathway sessions and St Martins, Ashton on Mersey for REACH sessions. Income also generated from subs and the sale of tuck at The Cave Youth Meeting on Thursday evenings and the sale of tuck at 'Pathway' after school club at St Georges.

### **Salary Contributions**

These funds are in relation to Dave Atkinson's hours worked on secondment to St Mary Magdalene, AOM until February 2024.

### **Other Income**

This commission is paid from National YFC for a resources programme purchased by local churches. This income ended in January this year due to a change in the way the resource programme is managed which means we no longer pay them a monthly subscription or receive commission.

## **Expenditure**

### **Salaries, Tax & National Insurance & Workplace Pension**

We recruited Charlie as our Youth and Schools Worker from 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024. We accepted the resignation of Dave, Centre Director, who left on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024. This explains our reduced salary costs for this financial year.

Pension contributions were made at 8% as per Government guidelines, i.e. 5% staff / 3% employer ratio. Employer pension costs this year amounted to £822.72.

### **Travel & Expenses**

Staff mileage and public transport costs amounted to £648.70.

### **Training**

TYFC funds training for all staff and Trustees. The annual staff conference was held in January and attended by Dave at a cost of £300. Dave & Charlie completed CPD Online training in April. Staff & Trustees took part in a SWOT Analysis Review session in May.

### **Telephone & Broadband**

Office phone line and broadband package are essential to the running of the office. Our broadband package is with Sky Connect at a monthly cost of £35.94. Staff are each provided with a mobile phone for which we pay for the contract and essential work related calls. Staff must pay for their own personal calls.

### **Rent & Rates**

We pay St Albans Church PCC monthly rent of £145 for our office space.

### Utility Services & Insurances

With the increase in gas prices, heating the office has risen to £694.50. Electricity charges are covered by the landlord. Annual Insurance Policy renewal premium was £740.45.

### Resources

These costs relate to teaching and session materials, resource subscriptions and refreshments for mentoring, supervision and team meetings.

### Bank Charges & Professional Fees

There were no bank charges or professional fees.

### Office Costs

The annual Motion Picture Licence cost £266. Monthly subscription to Microsoft Office 365 cost £72 for the year. Postage and General Admin costs came to £124. The photocopier lease is £96 per quarter. Unforeseen additional costs of £1300 were incurred due to a misunderstanding when the new photocopier contract was set up in 2022 which we have been trying to resolve over the last 20 months but had to come to a decision to pursue no further and unfortunately write the cost off.

### Publicity & Web Site

We pay a monthly subscription of £14 to Later.Com for posting publicity material on social media sites. The printing costs for the Autumn, Spring and Summer newsletters cost £32 each.

### Fundraising

No costs incurred this year.

### Covenant

We have made £25 monthly Covenant payments to National YFC this year.

### Mission Activities

These are resource costs for all mission based activities i.e. weekly lunch clubs, Pathway and The Cave. The St Monica's retreat in July and the 'Big Day Out' held in May.

## SUMMARY

Actual Income	£46,916.94
Actual Expenditure	£45,743.22
Surplus (Deficit)	£1,173.72

We finished the financial year with a closing balance of **£20,918.41**

We are extremely grateful for the continued prayerful and financial support received from our supporters. With the Centre Director being seconded for the first six months and no Youth and Schools Worker in place for eight months of this financial year, no fund raising events were planned. We will be having a stall at the Christmas Fair at St Mary Magdalene Church on 30<sup>th</sup> November to start our fund raising off this year. Now we have Matt and Charlie in position, other fundraising events will need to be planned and funding applications made. We are aware this is a priority to enable us to continue to meet our financial commitments. We will be working towards increasing our data base of regular donors to reduce the gap in the monthly shortfall.

Prepared by Susan Gormley, Treasurer, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Susan Gormley, Treasurer

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Trafford Youth for Christ

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 August 2024, which are set out the attached 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
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

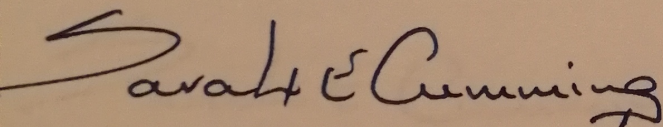
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from 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 present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

**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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 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.



Sarah E Cumming

Associate of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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21 February 2025