

The Majestic Church

**Draft Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**Charity number 1076156
(Registered in England & Wales)**

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Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name The Majestic Church

Charity Registration No. 1076156

Registered Office and operational address:
Majestic Building, Albert Road, Barnoldswick, Lancashire BB18 5AA

Elders

Mr David Lord
Mr Garry Pearson (Lead Elder)

Trustees

Suzanne Hawthorn (Chair)
Ron Ellerton
Mark Olding
Sue Standley (co-opted 05/06/2024)

Treasurer

Mark Olding

Administrator

Catherine Taylforth

Independent Examiner

Tom Atkinson, William Fortune & Sons, Chartered Accountants, Collingwood House,
Church Square, Hartlepool TS24 7EN

Bankers

Reliance Bank Ltd., Faith House, 23-24 Lovat Lane, London, EC3R 8EB
Skipton Building Society, Albion House, Church Street, Barnoldswick BB18 5UT

Structure, Governance and Management

ORGANISATIONAL MANAGEMENT

The operational leadership of the charity is provided by the elders, who are in turn recognised and supported by the wider regional structure of Christ Central Churches (which is committed to building the church according to New Testament principles) under the leadership of Jeremy Simpkins. The trustees are responsible for the management of the charity which is also affiliated to the Evangelical Alliance.

The elders of the church are: Mr David Lord

Mr Garry Pearson (Lead Elder)

GOVERNING BODY

The organisation is an incorporated charity with trustees elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the church in accordance with the Trust Deed and the Constitution. These provide for a minimum of three and a maximum of seven persons who carry legal responsibility for the charity. The trustees are required to meet at least four times a year. The trustees met on the following dates:

24th May 2023, 12th July 2023, 30th August 2023, 11th October 2023, 20th December 2023 and 19th February 2024

After the Annual General Meeting in 2023 the trustees met and the following responsibilities were determined:

Chairman	- S Hawthorn
Deputy Chair	-
Minute-taker	- S Hawthorn
Treasurer	- M Olding
Human resources	- By the board of trustees
Health and Safety	- R Ellerton

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustee Body

The charity trustees for the purposes of charity law are known as members of the Trustee Body. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the members of the Trustee Body are elected to serve for a period of three years after which they can be re-elected at the next Annual General Meeting.

New Trustees are recruited by direct invitation from the Trustee Body and are identified either by the Trustee Body or by referral to the Trustees. In extending invitations account is taken of the skills present and needed within the Trustee Body. Potential Trustees are invited to attend Trustee meetings as observers and are enabled to familiarise themselves with the organisation. Once mutual agreement as to the suitability of the appointment has been established new Trustees may be appointed to serve as co-opted trustees on the Trustee Body until the next Annual General Meeting.

Trustee Induction and Training

Currently new Trustees receive familiarisation during the pre-election period of their association with the Board. Familiarisation includes: sitting in on Trustee meetings, an introduction to the various aspects of the work, including strategic planning documents.

Relevant guidance publications from regulatory bodies are provided to all new Trustees. If deemed necessary, Trustees will be encouraged to attend relevant training and refresher courses on an ongoing basis.

Objectives and activities

Charitable Objectives

The objects of the charity are to encourage a wide range of activities which provide benefit to active members of the church and the wider communities in the West Craven district (including Barnoldswick, Earby etc.) and beyond. The charity carries out charitable activities for the public benefit.

Primary Objectives

- To seek, save, and disciple the lost
- To relieve those in poverty; and support those in special need

Activities in support of Primary objectives

The following top level objectives have been agreed:

- to be actively engaged in mission outreach, through
 - involvement with the town events
 - inter-church mission events across the wider region
 - individual and team participation in outreach abroad.
- to respond to the needs of the people of the local area through social action.
- provide courses, such as Freedom in Christ, Friendship First and Joining the Family, for the church community to grow

Risk Management

The Trustees are constantly reviewing the churches objectives and policies, including risk assessments, currently there are no major risks to which the Charity is exposed, nor were there policy issues to be addressed. Responsibility for monitoring and action rests with the Trustees.

Organisational Structure

Day to day operational leadership is delegated by the Trustee Body to the Lead Elder (LE). The Trustee Body is a policy making Body, having adopted the Carver principles of governance. It sets policies that are needed and sets policies for the strategic ends of the Charity for a rolling plan that is reviewed each year. For governance, the Trustee Body interfaces with the LE, who is free to make decisions within the bounds of the strategic plan and governance parameters. The LE is invited to all trustee meetings and provides progress against objectives and the strategic plan, and any exceptions to governance parameters.

Achievements and Performance

- Were able to provide food parcels at Christmas from Josef Fund in December 2023
- We continue to hold a community lunch each week
- Tea & Toast – a ‘warm space’ initiative through Winter 2023/24 to help with cost of living crisis, which has continued throughout the year
- Involvement with Hope Barlick and Town Council projects throughout the year

Plans for Future Periods

- To continue providing Tea & Toast, once the winter is over, as well as the community lunch.
- To continue to provide financial assistance to local charities where possible.
- Planning events alongside local community events (Hope Barlick and Barnoldswick Town Council) where possible.
- To make the building accessible to all by installing a platform lift appropriate for wheelchairs and prams

Financial Review

Presentation of the financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with The Charities Act (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and The Charity Commission Statement of Recommended Practice 2005 Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have set a policy on reserves that there should be sufficient for normal expenditure of a minimum of 3 months.

Investment Policy

Funds that are not required to meet expenditure are invested in the short term in a deposit account. The Charity therefore does not seek to invest for the sake of income

Principal funding resources

Our total income including the restricted for the financial period 1st April 2023 - 31st March 2024 was £40,648.

Our total expenditure including the restricted for the same period was £42,517.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The Charities Act require the trustees (under Charity Law) to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial period. In preparing those financial statements, trustees follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- prepare the financial statements unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining 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 the Charities Act 2011. The trustees 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.

The trustees are also responsible for the contents of the Annual Report, and the responsibility of the independent examiner in relation to the Trustees Report is limited to examining the report and that ensuring on the face of the report there are no inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities (revised 2005).

Members of the Trustee Body

The Trustees, who are trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 3.

In accordance with charity law, as the trustees of the charity, we certify that:

- so far as we are aware, there is no relevant financial information of which the charities Independent Examiner was unaware; and
- we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant financial information and to establish that the Charity's Independent Examiner is aware of that information.

Independent Examiner

Tom Atkinson of William Fortune & Sons was appointed as the charity's Independent Examiner and has expressed his willingness to continue in that capacity.

Suzanne Hawthorn (Chair of Trustees)

MAJESTIC CHURCH
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AT 31ST MARCH 2024

	'2024	'2023
CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND	£	£
Reliance Current account	7,464	6,536
Skipton BS	2,535	5,299
Cash	281	314
	<u>10,280</u>	<u>12,149</u>

REPRESENTED BY		
Unrestricted funds	10,280	12,149
Creditors	0	0
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR 1ST APRIL 2023 TO 31ST MARCH 2024

	'2024	'2023
INCOMING RESOURCES	£	£
Donations	29,991	40,580
Tax reclaimed under gift aid	6,149	4,442
Room hire	2,990	2,740
Warm Grant	500	242
Tea & Toast	242	0
Canal ministries	207	0
Gifts	262	0
Sundry income	0	875
Josef Fund	194	0
Bank interest	113	51
	<u>40,648</u>	<u>48,688</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Charitable giving	1,283	2,186
Music	0	45
Visiting speakers	0	600
Management and administration		
Salaries and administration	26,142	22,600
Insurances	3,508	3,241
DBS & safeguarding	203	0
Light, heat and water	5,857	3,327
Broadband	478	0
Equipment repairs	901	0
Building repairs	1,100	9,001
Postage, stationery and office supplies	1,433	1,170
Subscriptions and licenses	1502	790
Bank charges	110	88
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Surplus (previous year deficit)	<u>1,869</u>	<u>5,640</u>

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Independent examiner's report to the Trustees on the unaudited financial statements of the Majestic Church

I report on the accounts of the Charity – England, Wales and Northern Ireland for the year ended 31st March 2024, which comprise the statement of financial activities and the balance sheet and as are set out on the attached page. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out therein.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, you consider that the audit requirement of section 144(a) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act), does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act, to follow procedures specified in the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 156 of the 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 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- i. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - To prepare statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Acthave not been met; or
- ii. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner

Thomas Atkinson

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Senior Statutory Auditor
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2 September 2024

Thomas A Atkinson

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