

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

30 November 2024



Charity Number 1083834

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Year Ended 30 November 2024

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LIBERTY CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

Trustees Annual Reports Year Ended 30 November 2024

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the company for the year ended 30 November 2023.

Reference and Administrative details

Registered Charity Name	Liberty Christian Ministries
Charity Registration Number	1083834
Principal Office	1A Norbury Crescent, London, SW16 4JS

The Trustees:

The trustees who served the company during the period were as follows:

Rev Sandra Kerr CBE
Rev Ann-Marie Lawrence
Rev Joseph Campbell

Structure, Governance and Management

Overview

Liberty Christian Ministries was established to serve its local community and support vulnerable people from disadvantaged backgrounds and alleviate poverty.

Liberty Christian Ministries relies on regular voluntary donations from members of Liberty Church who believe in giving of their increase and earnings to the poor and conducting charitable acts of kindness.

The cost of the lease for the venue which Liberty Christian Ministry hosts its Sunday services and weekly training and activities are met by the regular voluntary donations from the local congregation.

Overview

Liberty Christian Ministries remains deeply committed to its charitable mission, serving vulnerable individuals across local communities, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds. Located in the heart of Croydon, one of London's most ethnically diverse boroughs, we are proud to be part of a vibrant and inclusive community.

Our work continues to be made possible through the generosity of Liberty Church members, whose voluntary donations serve as our primary source of income. We are equally grateful for the ongoing contributions of food, clothing and financial support from the local congregation, which allow us to maintain vital weekly provisions for our Food Bank.

These acts of kindness empower Liberty Christian Ministries to carry out its charitable objectives, reaching members, their extended families and friends, local neighbours, and collaborating with other charities to support those most in need throughout the wider community.

In 2014, as Trustees, we agreed that the £47,000 contributed to the charity by Pastor Kevin and Sandra Kerr, drawn from their mortgage reserves towards the initial deposit for the lease of 1a Norbury Crescent, as well as the build and refurbishment of the premises, would be treated as an interest-free loan. This loan was to be repaid when the charity was financially able to do so.

In 2023, these funds were among those used to support the founding of Brighter Life Supported Living, an initiative intended to invest in an organisation that would meet the needs of looked-after children. The longer-term vision was that this venture might generate income to support Liberty Christian Ministries' charitable projects, including the Weekly Foodbank, Homeless Ministries, and Ministries for Women, Men, and Children. However, due to changes in Ofsted policy regarding young people under the supported living umbrella and the associated charges for assessment the organisation was forced to close after only 2–3 months of trading.

The furnishings from Brighter Life Supported Living are now being used within the ground floor reception, kitchen, and upstairs hospitality suite at 1a Norbury Crescent. Several beds were also donated to families in need within the Liberty Church congregation and to visitors attending the weekly food bank.

Additionally, we have incurred over £10,000 in repair costs at 1a Norbury Crescent. These have included significant building works, the installation of a security system following a burglary, and the replacement of ceiling tiles in both the kitchen and the main sanctuary due to damage caused by heavy rainfall.

LIBERTY SUNDAY SERVICES – 'COME OUT OF YOUR CORNER' 2024

The Senior Pastor unveiled this year's empowering theme, *'Come Out of Your Corner'*, a call to action designed to inspire boldness, confidence, and a proactive spirit in seizing life's opportunities. This message continues to resonate throughout our congregation, reinforcing our commitment to nurturing courage and purpose in every individual. As part of this mission, we actively champion community involvement by encouraging volunteering in meaningful and impactful ways. Our hybrid model of weekly gatherings remains a cornerstone of connection, offering in-person fellowship while also streaming Sunday services on YouTube and Facebook. This ensures that everyone, including those unable to attend physically, can remain engaged and spiritually nourished through accessible, inclusive participation.

LIBERTY TRAINING INSTITUTE – ONLINE

In alignment with our overarching theme “*Come Out of Your Corner*,” the Liberty Training Institute has tailored its weekly classes to inspire action, confidence, and deeper engagement with faith. Under the dynamic teaching banner “*It’s Time for*

Action!” these sessions take place every Wednesday from 7:00 to 8:00pm via Zoom, continuing to offer a safe and inclusive space for learning, dialogue, and spiritual growth.

Held during school term times, the Institute attracts between 30 to 50 participants each week, drawn by the opportunity to explore a wide range of topics in a supportive community setting. These sessions are led by Liberty Church leaders alongside expert guest teachers who bring fresh insights and perspectives. This year, the curriculum has focused on foundational elements of the Christian Church, with an in-depth exploration of the entire book of Acts delivered by a diverse panel of presenters.

LIBERTY KIDZ CHURCH AND DUNAMIS YOUTH GROUP – ONLINE AND IN PERSON

Our children’s sessions continue to take place on Zoom every Sunday afternoon from 2:00 to 2:30pm, offering a structured and nurturing environment for spiritual growth. Children are divided into smaller age-specific groups 3–6, 7–8, and 9–10 for focused 10- minute segments. During each session, they enjoy singing, engaging with Bible stories about children, and actively participating in storytelling. They also share how they are applying what they've learned in their daily lives at school and home. All teachers leading these sessions are DBS-checked, ensuring a safe and supportive space for every child. Attendance remains steady, with 15-20 children joining weekly.

We’ve adjusted the age of transition to our Dunamis group to begin at 11 years old. This dynamic team continues to grow and gathers every Friday through both in-person and online formats. The Dunamis group fosters deeper fellowship, leadership development, and biblical learning tailored for this stage of life.

Throughout the year, children have taken part in themed celebrations for Mother’s and Father’s Day, Easter, Back to School in September, and Christmas. One highlight has been a dramatized presentation of the birth of Jesus - allowing children to immerse themselves by memorising scripts, dressing in costumes, selecting props, and collaboratively planning their performances. These public presentations remain cherished milestones in our annual calendar.

Beyond spiritual education, we continue to instil core values such as obedience to parents, kindness to friends and neighbours, and respectful behaviour in school. The children’s growing confidence, communication skills, and fluency in public speaking during these services have been a joy to witness, for parents, teachers, and the wider church family alike.

LIBERTY WOMEN – HEROINES IN HEELS – ENGAGEMENT OF WOMEN

Heroines in Heels continues to thrive through four active workstreams, Restoration & Wholeness, Mothers & Carers, Enterprise & Wellbeing, and Health & Mentorship. These pillars guide our ongoing efforts to uplift, equip, and connect women across diverse backgrounds. Our events now span both face-to-face and online formats, offering flexibility and broad access to all who wish to engage.

Each session provides a meaningful space for prayer, personal testimonies, and open dialogue on topical issues. We explore not only challenges but also strategies to overcome them with faith and resilience. This year, we launched our *Finding Financial Freedom* series, an empowering initiative running through early 2025. Covering practical topics such as budgeting, debt management, saving, and investing, the series is designed to build confidence in financial decision-making.

Support for our key events is generously provided by church service teams, which now include both men and women who contribute to catering and logistics. We’ve also hosted enriching outings including a seaside visit to Brighton and a warm fellowship dinner at Toby’s Carvery. adding moments of joy and connection to our calendar.

THAMESMEAD MEN'S PRISON MINISTRY

This ministry continues to be faithfully led by one of our dedicated Pastors through monthly outreach visits to Thamesmead Men's Prison. These services are consistently well attended and have become a transformative space for many inmates, some of whom have made the profound decision to be baptised and embrace a new life as practicing Christians.

Each session serves as a powerful platform to uplift, inspire, and challenge participants, encouraging them to reflect on their past, make wiser choices, and begin envisioning a positive future. Our engagement with prisons remains invitation-based, and we are committed to serving wherever we can add meaningful value and support.

It has been especially heartening to welcome some formerly incarcerated individuals into our church community upon their release. Their presence is a testament to the enduring impact of this ministry and the hope that faith and fellowship can restore.

UNSTOPPABLE CONFERENCE REVISITED

In August, we proudly hosted another vibrant *Unstoppable Conference*, welcoming Liberty Church members, their families, friends, and international guests. Held once again in the heart of London, this year's gathering served as a powerful platform to deepen relationships, reignite faith, and extend our reach into the wider community. The conference continues to be a great opportunity for reconnection - bringing together generations and geographies in a shared spirit of celebration, worship, and growth.

LIBERTY PASTORAL CARE – DIGITAL AND FACE-TO-FACE

In early 2024, 28 members of our Pastoral Care Team provided consistent support at Liberty.

Whether through heartfelt texts, phone calls, or personal visits, the team reached out to those absent from weekly services or online gatherings, offering a gentle reminder that they are missed and cared for. They also served as a vital point of contact for anyone experiencing illness, grief, or personal hardship, embodying the Church's commitment to compassion and connection.

We continued to offer **In-House Bereavement Counselling** and **Listening Ear sessions**, providing a safe and nurturing space for those navigating loss or seeking someone to talk to.

To sustain the wellbeing and effectiveness of our carers, we held regular training workshops for the full team and peer support groups for team leads. These sessions not only equipped carers with practical tools for pastoral care but also fostered a culture of mutual encouragement and emotional resilience.

The impact of this ministry has been deeply felt. We've received countless messages of gratitude from those who have been touched by the team's care, testimonies that affirm the power of presence, empathy, and faithful service.

LIBERTY ICARE CLINIC

In 2024, the Liberty ICare Clinic provided access to its Food Bank for individuals and families from both the Church and the wider community.

Beyond providing essential provisions, the Clinic offered wraparound support in key areas including Benefits & Housing Advice, Budgeting, Counselling, Bereavement Support, Listening Ear sessions,

and Homeless Outreach (Pathwaze).

Liberty was able to re-instate the Benefits & Housing Advice Clinic in collaboration with Croydon Council ensuring that those facing financial or housing insecurity had access to expert guidance. We were only able to offer appointments once a month on the first Wednesday, but were able to offer 40 appointments to those that needed advice and guidance, each one a step toward stability and empowerment for those in need.

The Listening Ear Café created a warm, welcoming space where trained volunteers offered a compassionate presence over a simple cup of tea. This gentle initiative reached **over 24 individuals**, many of whom expressed deep appreciation for the chance to be heard without judgment.

For those navigating grief or emotional distress, Counselling and Bereavement Support was available by appointment, with **14 service users** receiving tailored care and guidance during difficult times,

Financial hardship was met with practical solutions through our partnership with Christians Against Poverty (CAP), empowering them with tools to regain control and move forward with confidence.

Overall, the team supported 78 plus individuals. Although these numbers were lower than the previous year, our wholly volunteer-based model depends on the availability of helpers.

Across every service, we've witnessed lives transformed stories of resilience, renewed hope, and restored dignity. The ICare Clinic continues to be a testament to Liberty's unwavering commitment to holistic care, meeting people not just at their point of need, but walking with them toward a brighter future.

LIBERTY WEEKLY FOOD BANK

Through the dedication of our volunteer team, the Liberty Food Bank has distributed over 2,800 essential food parcels to local individuals and families, reaching individuals and families facing extreme hardship, including those living with life-threatening illnesses and those with no recourse to public funding. Each parcel represented more than just nourishment, it was a lifeline, a gesture of care, and a reminder that no one is forgotten.

While we do not offer a formal delivery service, a few of our compassionate volunteers have gone above and beyond, personally delivering food to housebound individuals, ensuring that physical limitations do not become barriers to receiving support.

This work would not be possible without the generous financial contributions from the Church and the dedicated volunteers who give their time, energy, and hearts to serve others. Their commitment continues to be the backbone of this ministry. As the cost-of-living crisis deepens and disproportionately affects the most vulnerable, we are actively seeking additional funding and exploring sustainable delivery models to expand our reach and ensure long-term impact.

The Liberty Food Bank is more than a service, it's a symbol of community, compassion, and collective action. Together, we are making a tangible difference in the lives of those who need it most, one food parcel at a time.

LIBERTY HOMELESS MINISTRY

Each month, a dedicated team from Liberty partners with Pathwaze Supported Living, a charity committed to helping individuals transition out of homelessness and reintegrate into society with dignity and hope. Together, we walk alongside those who have been displaced—offering not just practical support, but human connection.

On the streets of Croydon, our team joins Pathwaze to distribute warm meals, clothing, toiletries, and food maintenance packs to those experiencing homelessness. But beyond the essentials, we offer something equally vital: time, presence, and a listening ear. These moments of conversation and care remind each person that they are seen, valued, and not alone.

This outreach is made possible entirely through the generous donations of Liberty Church members, whose compassion fuels every step of this mission. Their giving transforms lives. This ministry has reached over 150 individuals facing homelessness during the year.

Through this partnership, Liberty continues to live out its calling to serve the most vulnerable, not just by meeting immediate needs, but by helping pave the way toward lasting change and restored hope.

LIBERTY PRAYER AND COUNSELLING CLINIC

In July 2024, Liberty launched the Prayer & Counselling Clinic, designed to offer a safe, confidential space for those seeking emotional healing, spiritual release, and personal restoration. This unique ministry blends the power of prayer with the guidance of counselling, creating a holistic pathway toward inner peace and renewal.

Everyone who enters the clinic is offered four tailored sessions, allowing time to explore, reflect, and begin the journey toward healing. Since its launch, the team has already supported six individuals, each with their own story of struggle, resilience, and transformation.

Looking ahead, we are actively exploring ways to train and equip new volunteers who feel called to be part of this ministry. A structured training programme is being developed for 2025, with the aim of expanding our reach and deepening the impact of this vital service. This clinic represents Liberty's heart for wholeness, meeting people at the intersection of faith and emotional wellbeing, and walking with them toward freedom, hope, and restoration.

The Trustees agreed to establish a Church Manse as a dedicated space to serve the spiritual and practical needs of the ministry. This residence is intended to provide a welcoming and restful environment for the Senior Pastor, visiting speakers, and guests. It also offers a quiet setting for theological study, strategic planning of church and community initiatives, and personal retreat, ensuring that those who serve are supported, refreshed, and equipped for the work ahead.

Signed Trustees of Liberty Christian Ministries

Rev Sandra Kerr CBE



Rev Joseph Campbell



Rev Ann-Marie Lawrence



Date 25th August 2025

LIBERTY CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 30 November 2024

	Note	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Incoming Resources			
Resources from generating funds: Voluntary Income	2	291,335	225,880
Total Incoming Resources		291,335	225,880
 Resources Expended			
Charitable activities	3	(295,357)	(251,706)
Total Resources Expended			
 Net incoming Resources for the year	4	(4,022)	(25,826)
 Reconciliation of Funds			
Total funds brought forward		115,727	141,553
Total Funds Carried forward		111,705	115,727

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a statement of total recognised gains and losses had not been prepared.

All the above amounts relate to continuing activities

Income & Expenditure

Year Ended 30 November 2024

LIBERTY CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Voluntary Income		291,335	225,880
Total Expenditure		(295,357)	(251,706)
Operating Surplus/(Shortfall)		(4,022)	(25,826)
 Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year		 (4,022)	 (25,826)

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Balance Sheet

Year Ended 30 November 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	6	8,852	11,065
Current Assets			
Debtors	7	92,707	121,823
Cash at Bank		35,218	6,111
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	8	(1,800)	(2,456)
Net current assets		<u>126,125</u>	<u>125,478</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>136,543</u>	<u>136,543</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	9	(23,271)	(20,815)
Net assets (Liabilities)		<u>111,705</u>	<u>115,727</u>
Funds: Unrestricted income funds	10	111,705	115,727
Total Funds		<u>111,705</u>	<u>115,727</u>

These financial statements were approved by the members of the committee an authorised for issue on the 08th August 2025 and are signed on behalf by:

Pastor Sandra Kerr CBE



Pastor Ann-Marie Lawrence



The notes on pages 9 – 10 form part of these financial statements.

LIBERTY CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year Ended 30 November 2024

1. Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March (SORP 2005).

Fixed Assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

- Equipment 20%: reducing balance method
- Fixtures & Fittings 20%: reducing balance method
- Motor Vehicles 20%: reducing balance method
- Leasehold Property straight-line method over 5 years period

2. Voluntary Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations			
Donations Received	291,335	291,335	225,880

3. Costs of Charitable Activities by Fund Type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Charitable activity type 1 (amend desc's for a/cs 330A, 330B and 330C to altercol headings)	119,045	119,045	135,565
Support Costs	174,099	174,099	116,141

4. Net Incoming Resources for the year

This is stated after charging:	2024 £	2023 £
Depreciation	2,213	2,767

5. Staff Costs and Emoluments

No salaries or wages have been paid to employees, including the members of the committee during the year.

6. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Equipment	Fixtures & Fittings	Motor Vehicles	Leasehold Property	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost					
At 1 Dec 2023	49,044	8,827	7,500		65,371
At 30 Nov 2024	49,044	8,827	7,500		65,371
Depreciation					
1 Dec 2022	40,180	7,508	3,852		54,306
Charge for the year					
30 Nov 2024	1,418	211	584		2,213
Net Book Value					
At 1 Dec 2022	7,091	1,056	2,918		11,065
At 30 Nov 2024	5,673	845	2,334		8,852

7. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Brighter Life Supported Living	92,707	115,471
Other debtors	0	6,352
Prepayments	0	0
TOTAL	92,707	121,823

8. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	1,800	876
Other Creditors	0	324
Trade Creditors	0	1,256
TOTAL	1,800	2,456

9. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than a year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other long term loans	23,271	20,815

10. Unrestricted Income funds

	Balance as at 1 December 2023	Incoming Resource	Balance as at November 2024
General Funds	115,727	(4,022)	111,705

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 30 November 2024

Incoming Resources		2024 £	2023 £
Voluntary Income			
Donations Received		251,855	210,038
Gift Aid		39,481	15,842
Total Incoming Resources		291,336	225,880
Resources Expended charitable activities			
Establishment – Rent		31,992	34,742
Establishment – Water		443	760
Establishment – Light & Heat		8,388	14,826
Establishment – Repairs & Maintenance		9,718	14,810
Establishment - Insurance		5,225	3,919
Church Manse		33,000	-
Motor Vehicle & Maintenance		14,798	8,408
Professional Accountancy Fees (Other Professional Services)		708	1,156
Bank and credit card charges		792	843
Office expenses – Telephone and internet		6,520	5,115
Office expenses – postage, printing and stationery		298	370
Depreciation		2,213	2,767
Supplies		13,111	-
Direct charity activity 1 – Ministry Expenses		44,927	40,579
Direct charity activity 1 – Honoraria		28,152	33,069
Direct charity activity 1 – Hospitality		27,377	23,390
Direct charity activity 1 – Entertainment		7,051	11,836
Direct charity activity 1 – Small Equipment and consumables		9,010	5,362
Direct charity activity 1 – Advertising & publicity/promotional		5,681	5,806
Direct charity activity 1 – The Pantry		7,157	700
Direct charity activity 1 – Training & Education		2,526	10,453
Direct charity activity 1 – Food Bank		5,878	3,614
Direct charity activity 1 – Travel & Accommodation		17,923	18,096
Direct charity activity 1 – Travel/Petrol		7,565	6,372
Direct charity activity 1 – Office & General Administrative		4,577	3,954
Sundry Expenses – computer costs		325	761
Total Expenditure		295,355	251,708
Net Incoming resources for the year		(4,022)	(25,826)