

REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD ('RCCG') STRONG TOWER PARISH

England & Wales · Charity number 1084588

Details

Other names RCCG - STRONG TOWER PARISH

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2001-01-18

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 1. THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH WORLDWIDE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOCTRINES SET OUT IN THE STATEMENT OF FAITH CONTAINED IN THE SCHEDULE. 2. THE RELIEF OF POVERTY.

Activities: The church continues to engage in the propagation of Christian religion.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Accommodation/housing, Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Animals, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WORLDWIDE.
- Manchester City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£284,118	£250,608	-	-
2023-12-31	£233,203	£198,615	-	-
2022-12-31	£209,422	£178,179	-	-
2021-12-31	£180,695	£163,094	-	-
2020-12-31	£154,006	£113,251	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
PASTOR MUSA BAKO	Chair	2014-12-30
BOLA ADEWUSI		
DEACONESS ADERONKE EDEM		
Daniel Kalu		2014-12-30
Feyisayo Afolabi		2014-12-30
JOSIAH AMOSU TAIWO ADEGBOLA		

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

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Structure, Governance and Management

RCCG Strong Tower Parish operates under the authority of The Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG) Worldwide and functions as part of RCCG UK, registered as a charitable organisation. The church is governed by its trustees, who oversee the strategic direction, spiritual health, and charitable activities of the parish.

Day-to-day management is delegated to the Parish Pastor and church leadership team, who work closely with departmental heads and volunteers. The church encourages participatory governance, with workers' meetings and departmental reports forming part of its decision-making processes.

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Activities

The church continued to provide weekly worship services, including Thanksgiving Sundays and Youth Sundays. Wednesday Bible studies and mid-week services offered training platforms for upcoming ministers and opportunities for deeper engagement with God's Word. The technical team enhanced online engagement through YouTube streaming, social media, and recorded sermons, enabling participation from members unable to attend physically.

The Children's Church thrived throughout 2024, with weekly attendance averaging 30–60 and reaching

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more than 80 during special Sundays. A highlight was the celebration of Children's Day on 26 May, when the children led the service with songs, drama, and memory verses. The department continued to provide Christian education and guidance, raising confident, resilient, and morally upright children. Challenges remained around classroom space, financial resources for outdoor trips, and storage use of children's facilities. Plans for 2025 include practical values-based teaching, expanded classroom space, and participation in the OFNC Bible Quiz.

The youth ministry, GDep, had another vibrant year. Its annual "GDep's Got Talent" showcase in August, themed Repositioned, drew significant participation and ministered through drama, dance, and music. In late August, the youths embarked on their annual residential trip to Stoke-on-Trent, with 69 participants enjoying fellowship, teaching, and a visit to Alton Towers. Weekly and monthly gatherings remained strong, with Youth Sundays giving young people leadership opportunities in services. The ministry continued to address challenges around transport for Friday meetings and financial support for trips, with some assistance from the church.

The young professionals' fellowship, Revive, worked closely with GDep to support Youth Sundays. Members contributed to leading worship and preaching, while also supporting one another in career and personal growth. The highlight of the year was "Revive & Dine," held in August, which created space for biblical discussions on relationships and marriage. The event was well-attended and impactful, with testimonies of lessons applied in daily life. The fellowship also welcomed new members and identified new leaders to take the vision forward.

The Women of Dignity ministry continued to make a strong impact, hosting monthly empowerment sessions, wellness programmes, and mentoring initiatives. A major highlight was the three-day retreat themed Blazing Fire with guest minister Pastor Yetunde Ayodele. Women were mentored through career transitions, celebrated new businesses, and supported young people in the wider community. Membership grew by 30 over the year, with 10 new babies added to the fellowship.

The Men of Valour fellowship began holding regular monthly meetings from May 2024, focusing on fellowship, prayer, and empowerment. Special events included the annual Father's Day celebration, community outreach in Piccadilly Gardens, and social gatherings such as "Party in the Park." These activities strengthened men's roles in family, career, and spirituality.

The Welcoming Department also experienced growth, introducing QR code registration for visitors to streamline the process. The team played a vital role in integrating new members, many of whom were international arrivals, and supported them in joining other departments. December's Christmas outreach saw visitors receiving food gifts, bringing joy to families in need. The department also began monthly prayer meetings, demonstrating a continued commitment to both spiritual and practical service.

Community engagement remained central to the church's mission, with retreats, empowerment workshops,

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outreach events, and seasonal programmes bringing encouragement and relief to individuals and families across Newton Heath and Greater Manchester. Testimonies of new members finding a spiritual home and support within Strong Tower underscored the church's ongoing impact.

Grant Making Policy

The church supports visiting ministers of the gospel both within and outside the United Kingdom. The church supports other charities and missionary that shares its objects in advancement of Christian faith and relief of poverty.

Risk Management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to operations and finances of the charity, and are satisfied the systems are in place to mitigate our exposures to the major risks.

Financial Review

The church continues to enjoy tremendous growth in its physical and spiritual life during the year, and in the advancement of Christian faith in accordance with the doctrines set out in the Statement of Faith as contained in our Trust deed.

During the year to 31st December 2024, the church had a total income of £284,118. Total operating charitable expenditure was £250,608 giving an operating surplus of £33,510.

The Charity's principal funding sources has been provided mainly through tithes and offerings by church members and through gift aid. Pledges are also taken for specific projects.

Investment Policy

The Trustees have decided that at present, funds should be retained in Banks and Building Societies, and as far as possible in interest bearing accounts.

Reserves Policy

The trustees' policy is to have unrestricted and uncommitted funds (free reserves) to cover 3 to 6 months of resources expended which equals to roughly £20,000 to £40,000 in general funds. They feel that this would enable the current activities to continue if there is a significant drop in funding. It would obviously be necessary to then consider how the funding would be replaced or activities changed. The trustees have set aside £30,000 as free reserve within its policy range but the trustees are continuing to seek additional unrestricted funds to build up its reserves.

Volunteers

The church is grateful to its volunteers who gave their services for free to the charity. It is estimated that over 3,000 hours were provided by volunteers during the year. If this is conservatively valued at £11.44

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per hour, the volunteer's effort will amount to over £34,400.

Plans for Future Periods (2025 and beyond)

Looking ahead, the trustees are committed to:

- Expanding Children's Church facilities to accommodate growth.
- Increasing financial support for youth activities and residential trips.
- Strengthening Revive fellowship with follow-up events and leadership training.
- Enhancing discipleship programmes across all ministries.
- Investing further in media and technology for outreach.
- Deepening community engagement and evangelism initiatives across Newton Heath and Greater Manchester.

Trustees' Statement

2024 was a year of growth, resilience, and deeper community impact for RCCG Strong Tower. The testimonies, departmental achievements, and expansion of ministries are evidence of God's faithfulness. The trustees acknowledge God's faithfulness throughout 2024 and remain committed to stewarding the church's resources responsibly for the advancement of the Christian faith and the benefit of the community. We continue to trust God for greater exploits in 2025.

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Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.


Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the net income or expenditure of the charity for the year. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. 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.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 12 October 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Full Name: Musa Bako

Signature: 

Position: Chairman

Date: 12 October 2025

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of: The Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG) Strong Tower Parish

On accounts for the year ended: 31st December 2024

Charity No: 1084588

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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 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 give me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

Signed:



Date: 12 October 2025

Name: Tobi Labeodan, for and on behalf of Chedders Ltd

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

Address: Ground Floor, Synium House, r/o 94-96 High Street, Henley in Arden B95 5FY

Statement of Financial Activities: Year Ended 31st December 2024

	Notes	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2023
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income:							
Donations and legacies	1	245,069	-	245,069	201,191	-	201,191
Other income (Grants)	1	39,049	-	39,049	32,013	-	32,013
Total Income		284,118	-	284,118	233,203	-	233,203
Total Income		284,118	-	284,118	233,203	-	233,203
Expenditures on:							
Charitable Activities	2	198,496	-	198,496	168,775	-	168,775
Other Charitable Activities	2	50,992	-	50,992	28,920	-	28,920
Other Costs	2	1,120	-	1,120	920	-	920
Total Expenditures		250,608	-	250,608	198,615	-	198,615
Net income/(expenditure)		33,510	-	33,510	34,589	-	34,589
Transfers between funds							
Other recognised gains/(losses):							
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets				-			-
Gains/(losses) on investment assets				-			-
Net movement in funds		33,510	-	33,510	34,589	-	34,589
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2024		257,517	-	257,517	222,928	-	222,928
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2024		291,027	-	291,027	257,517	-	257,517

Statement of Financial Position: Year Ended 31st December 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
		£	£
Fixed Asset			
Tangible assets	3	342,268	354,847
Total Fixed Asset		342,268	354,847
Current Assets			
Loans & Advances			
Accrued Income		78,706	39,780
Cash at bank and in hand		46,011	58,612
Other Debtors		-	-
Total Current Assets		124,717	98,392
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
Other Creditors			
Other Current Liabilities		(777)	(908)
Bank loans and other finance (short term)		19,348	19,348
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		18,571	18,440
Net current assets (liabilities)		106,146	79,952
Total assets less current liabilities		448,414	434,798
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year			
Bank loans and other finance (long term)		143,336	156,809
Other Non-Current Liabilities - Vehicle finance		14,051	20,743
Total Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		157,388	177,282
Total net assets (liabilities)		291,027	257,517
The funds of the charity:			
Restricted Reserve			
General reserves		257,517	222,928
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		33,510	34,589
Total charity funds		291,027	257,517

Accounting Policies

Scope and Basis of the Financial Statements

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities published in March 2005.

Income

Revenue is recognised in the period in which the charity is entitled to receipt once the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Expenses

Expenditure is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) on an accruals basis and is recognised at the point when a legal or constructive obligation arises. The majority of costs are directly attributable to specific activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Fixed assets

Fixed assets with an individual purchase of £500 or more are capitalised and stated at cost less depreciation which is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Fixtures and fittings	20%
Equipment	20%
Vehicles	20%
Building	2%

Notes

1. Income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Income		
Donations and legacies	245,069	201,191
Restricted Income	-	-
Total donations & legacies	245,069	201,191
Other income		
Gift Aid Receipts	38,926	31,923
Other income	123	90
Total other income	39,049	32,013
Total Income	284,118	233,203

2. Expenditures

	2024	2023
	£	£
Charitable Activities		
Premises	22,918	5,737
Utilities	5,681	4,991
Travel	7,517	6,445
Motoring & Transportation	2,284	5,404
Insurance	3,694	3,427
Administration	73,872	64,476
Advertising	49	598
Operations	23,501	21,478
Finance Charges	13,149	12,545
Depreciation	24,063	23,070
Honorarium	21,768	20,603
Total Charitable Activities	198,496	168,775
Other Charitable Activities		
Outreach	22,241	2,649
Central Office	14,300	8,050
Welfare & Benevolence	13,202	11,320
Charitable Donations	1,250	6,900
Total Other Charitable Activities	50,992	28,920
Other Costs		
Professional fees and services	1,120	920
Other costs		
Legal fees		
Total Other Costs	1,120	920

Notes

3. Tangible Assets

	Property	Motor Vehicle	Machinery & Equipment	Computer Equipment	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£	£
At 1st Jan 2024	440,000	50,450	61,988	109,244	661,682
Additions			11,484		11,484
Disposals					-
Revaluations					-
At 31st Dec 2024	<u>440,000</u>	<u>50,450</u>	<u>73,472</u>	<u>109,244</u>	<u>673,166</u>
Depreciation					
At 1st Jan 2024	140,800	13,453	51,413	101,169	306,835
Charge for the year	8,800	10,090	3,101	2,072	24,063
Adjustments	-	-	-	-	-
At 31st Dec 2024	<u>149,600</u>	<u>23,543</u>	<u>54,514</u>	<u>103,241</u>	<u>330,897</u>
Net Book Value					
At 1st Jan 2024	<u>299,200</u>	<u>36,997</u>	<u>10,575</u>	<u>8,075</u>	<u>354,847</u>
At 31st Dec 2024	<u>290,400</u>	<u>26,907</u>	<u>18,958</u>	<u>6,003</u>	<u>342,268</u>

4. Related Party Transactions

During the year, the church made donations and contributions to other RCCG and charitable organisations as shown in note 3 under Central Office and Charitable Giving.

5. Trustee Remuneration & Expenses

During the year, there were not payments or reimbursement of expenses to trustee members.

6. Staff cost and numbers

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in the year.

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	62,425	53,480
Other benefits	9,600	9,600
	<u>72,025</u>	<u>63,080</u>

Average number of staff

	2024	2023
Pastoral	2	2
Charity administration	1	1
	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

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Activities

In planning the 2023 activities, the church aimed to encompass a broad spectrum of individuals, including various gender groups, children, families, and aligning with the council's guidance on public benefit and religious charity. These actions were structured to enable ordinary individuals to actively live out their faith within the church community, focusing on Worship, Word, Prayers, and Evangelism.

Unique services are conducted every Sunday, including a dedicated thanksgiving service on the first Sunday of each month. The second Sunday features an interactive session designed for couples, singles, single mothers, and families to address everyday questions that many Christians may typically avoid.

The Parish Pastor provides a platform during Wednesday services for upcoming ministers to impart teachings. This serves as both a training opportunity and a means for the attendees to deepen their understanding of the gospel while fostering relationships between scholars and church members.

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The church is blessed with dedicated prayer warriors and spiritual supporters who uplift the pastorates and congregation. By leveraging social media, including the church website, YouTube live streaming, and recorded messages, we maintain outreach to the community, especially for those unable to attend physically. The technical team continuously enhances technology utilization to increase engagement with members and community friends.

The Children's Church continues to thrive, actively participating in church programs and events. The children showcase their talents through song, dance, mime, and drama presentations, and are consistently involved in Sunday sessions. They join the adult service during Thanksgiving and Youth Sundays. Sunday School lessons, guided by the RCCG children and teens manual, focus on Bible stories and teachings, with an average weekly attendance of 40 children, and up to 80 on Thanksgiving and special Sundays. A notable highlight was the celebration of Children's Day on May 28, 2023, where the children led the majority of the service, ministering through songs, drama, memory verses, and sermons.

The Children's Church achievements this year include providing Christian education for ages 3-11, engaging them during services, offering spiritual and intellectual counselling, and nurturing future leaders who are well-grounded in the Word of God. The church has raised confident, morally upright, and goal-oriented children, who positively impact the community.

The youth department, known as GDep, caters to younger youth aged 11-18, while those 19 and above serve as youth leaders, offering opportunities for personal growth and leadership development. A major event in 2023 was "GDep's Got Talent" in August, which saw significant attendance from local youths and participants from Greater Manchester. The event included mimes, musical dramas, dancing, singing, and band performances. This was followed by the annual residential retreat in September, where many youths attended, accompanied by their leaders. These events aimed to recharge the youth after the school exam season and prepare them for the talent show.

GDep Friday sessions focus on addressing the spiritual, physical, mental, and material needs of the youth, with activities such as games, educational sessions, skill development, and mentoring. The third Sunday of each month is designated as "Youth Sunday," empowering youth to lead the service and build their confidence, leadership, and public speaking skills.

The Young Professionals group, "Revive," engages members through WhatsApp and Zoom, where they participate in catch-up sessions, group discussions, prayers, interactive games, and bi-weekly Bible studies. These activities support the physical, mental, and emotional well-being of members while also providing career guidance, mentoring, and networking opportunities.

The church's Men of Valour (MoV) and Women of Dignity (WoD) ministries continue to serve as crucial support systems for social and spiritual care, helping maintain balance within families and the broader community. These ministries are vital in evangelism, welfare networking, and empowerment for men and women in the church and community.

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MoV, with support from other members, organised various events throughout the year. Highlights include the Couples Retreat from May 5th to 7th at the Village Hotel in Bolton, which featured prayers, Q&A sessions and discussions on future careers. Father's Day was celebrated in June with men choir ministrations, career talks, and drama presentations. The MoV also held successful night vigils, interceding for men, marriages, jobs, children, and newcomers. Additional activities included mini parties in the park in July and August and the launch of the men's football team, promoting fitness and monthly discussions on health, finance, career, family and spirituality.

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Lastly, the church participated in its annual Community Christmas engagement program, distributing gifts to households in the vicinity and to first-time attendees, bringing joy and support to the most vulnerable during the Christmas season. The Lord continues to bring new members to the church from various parts of the world, each with diverse experiences in ministry. Many have now settled in and are actively contributing to the work of God, adding tremendous value to the church. We are continually blessed by testimonies of God's faithfulness, motivating the church to press forward in its mission to serve the community.

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The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to operations and finances of the charity, and are satisfied the systems are in place to mitigate our exposures to the major risks.

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During the year to 31st December 2023, the church had a total income of £233,203. Total operating charitable expenditure was £198,615 giving an operating surplus of £34,589.

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The Trustees have decided that at present, funds should be retained in Banks and Building Societies, and as far as possible in interest bearing accounts.

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This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 07 November 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Full Name: Musa Bako

Signature:

Position: Chairman

Date: 30 October 2023

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of: The Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG) Strong Tower Parish

On accounts for the year ended: 31st December 2023

Charity No: 1084588

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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Date: 30 October 2023

Name: Tobi Labeodan, for and on behalf of Chedders Ltd

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

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Statement of Financial Activities: Year Ended 31st December 2023

	Notes	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income:							
Donations and legacies	1	201,191	-	201,191	159,711	-	159,711
Other income (Grants)	1	32,013	-	32,013	49,711	-	49,711
Total Income		233,203	-	233,203	209,422	-	209,422
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Expenditures on:							
Charitable Activities	2	169,225	-	169,225	145,286	-	145,286
Other Charitable Activities	2	28,470	-	28,470	30,903	-	30,903
Other Costs	2	920	-	920	1,990	-	1,990
Total Expenditures		198,615	-	198,615	178,179	-	178,179
Net income/(expenditure)		34,589	-	34,589	31,243	-	31,243
Transfers between funds							
Other recognised gains/(losses):							
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets				-			-
Gains/(losses) on investment assets				-			-
Net movement in funds		34,589	-	34,589	31,243	-	31,243
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward at 1 Jan 2023		222,928	-	222,928	191,685	-	191,685
Total funds carried forward at 31 Dec 2023		257,517	-	257,517	222,928	-	222,928

Statement of Financial Position: Year Ended 31st December 2023

	Notes	2023	2022
		£	£
Fixed Asset			
Tangible assets	3	354,847	371,103
Total Fixed Asset		354,847	371,103
Current Assets			
Loans & Advances		-	-
Accrued Income		39,780	49,780
Cash at bank and in hand		58,137	13,114
Other Debtors		-	-
Total Current Assets		97,917	62,894
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
Other Creditors		17,045	17,911
Other Current Liabilities		920	920
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		17,965	18,831
Net current assets (liabilities)		79,952	44,063
Total assets less current liabilities		434,799	415,166
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year			
Other Non-Current Liabilities		177,282	192,238
Total Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		177,282	192,238
Total net assets (liabilities)		257,517	222,928
The funds of the charity:			
Restricted Reserve		-	-
General reserves		222,928	191,685
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		34,589	31,243
Total charity funds		257,517	222,928

Accounting Policies

Scope and Basis of the Financial Statements

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities published in March 2005.

Income

Revenue is recognised in the period in which the charity is entitled to receipt once the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Expenses

Expenditure is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) on an accruals basis and is recognised at the point when a legal or constructive obligation arises. The majority of costs are directly attributable to specific activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Fixed assets

Fixed assets with an individual purchase of £500 or more are capitalised and stated at cost less depreciation which is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Fixtures and fittings	20%
Equipment	20%
Vehicles	20%
Building	2%

Notes

1. Income

	2023	2022
	£	£
Income		
Donations and legacies	201,191	159,711
Restricted Income	-	-
Total donations & legacies	201,191	159,711
Other income		
Gift Aid Receipts	31,923	22,780
Other income	90	26,931
Total other income	32,013	49,711
Total Income	233,203	209,422

2. Expenditures

	2023	2022
	£	£
Charitable Activities		
Premises	7,181	6,581
Utilities	9,245	5,245
Travel	720	719
Motoring & Transportation	10,679	13,751
Insurance	3,427	2,093
Administration	64,193	57,529
Advertising	598	516
Operations	16,962	20,369
Finance Charges	12,545	7,440
Depreciation	23,070	14,830
Honorarium	20,603	16,211
Total Charitable Activities	169,225	145,286
Other Charitable Activities		
Outreach	2,649	4,932
Central Office	8,050	13,400
Welfare & Benevolence	10,870	8,848
Charitable Donations	6,900	3,723
Total Other Charitable Activities	28,470	30,903
Other Costs		
Professional fees and services	-	970
Other costs		
Legal fees		
Accountancy fees	920	1,020
Total Other Costs	920	1,990

Notes

3. Tangible Assets

	Property	Motor Vehicle	Machinery & Equipment	Fixtures & Fittings	Computer Equipment	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£	£	£
At 1st Jan 2023	440,000	50,450	56,491	45,445	107,927	700,313
Additions		-	5,497	-	1,317	6,814
Disposals				-		-
Revaluations				-		-
At 31st Dec 2023	<u>440,000</u>	<u>50,450</u>	<u>61,988</u>	<u>45,445</u>	<u>109,244</u>	<u>707,127</u>
Depreciation						
At 1st Jan 2023	132,000	3,363	49,162	45,445	99,240	329,210
Charge for the year	8,800	10,090	2,251		1,929	23,070
Adjustments			-	-	-	-
At 31st Dec 2023	<u>140,800</u>	<u>13,453</u>	<u>51,413</u>	<u>45,445</u>	<u>101,169</u>	<u>352,280</u>
Net Book Value						
At 1st Jan 2023	<u>308,000</u>	<u>47,087</u>	<u>7,329</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,687</u>	<u>371,103</u>
At 31st Dec 2023	<u>299,200</u>	<u>36,997</u>	<u>10,575</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,075</u>	<u>354,847</u>

4. Related Party Transactions

During the year, the church made donations and contributions to other RCCG and charitable organisations as shown in note 3 under Central Office and Charitable Giving.

5. Trustee Remuneration & Expenses

During the year, there were not payments or reimbursement of expenses to trustee members.

6. Staff cost and numbers

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in the year.

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	53,480	46,885
Other benefits	9,600	9,600
	<u>63,080</u>	<u>56,485</u>
Average number of staff		
	2023	2022
Pastoral	2	2
Charity administration		
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD ('RCCG') STRONG TOWER PARISH

England & Wales - Charity number 1084588

Accounts

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TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD (RCCG)

STRONG TOWER PARISH

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Corporate Information

Registered Charity Number: 1084588

Registered Office: 923 – 927 Oldham Road, Newton Heath, Manchester M40 2EB

Principal Office: 923 – 927 Oldham Road, Newton Heath, Manchester M40 2EB

Pastor in Charge: Pastor Wellington Obadimeji

Board of Trustees: Pastor Musa Bako - Chairman

Mr Taiwo Adegbola

Mrs Aderonke Edem

Mrs Bola Adewusi

Mr Feyisayo Afolabi

Bankers: Barclays Bank Plc
Manchester University Branch
137 Oxford Road
Manchester
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Board of Trustee's Report

Introduction

The Trustees present their annual report and the financial statements of The Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG) Strong Tower Parish (the Charity) for the period ended 31 December 2022. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements of the charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005.

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit "Charities and Public Benefit".

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is a parish of The Redeemed Christian Church of God which has parishes all over the world. The parish's relationship with other parishes is governed by an 'Agreement for Common Purposes'.

The charity was constituted under a trust deed dated 11th December 2000 and is registered in England and Wales with charity number 1084588

Appointment or Election of Trustees

Trustees are elected and or co-opted under the terms of the trust deed.

Policies Adopted for the Induction and Training of New Trustees

The induction process for a newly appointed trustee comprises an initial meeting with the Chair and other Trustees, followed by short meetings with the Pastor in Charge on the powers and responsibilities of the Trustees.

Organisational Structure and Decision Making

The charity is organised so that the Trustees meet regularly to manage its affairs. The Pastor in Charge manages the day to day administration of the church.

Objectives and Activities

The principal object is the advancement of Christian faith worldwide and the relief of poverty. To promote any charitable activity for the benefit of the local people. To achieve its objectives, the church adopted the following strategies:

- Running seminars in the church with proven ministers of the faith to guide members in the various aspect of Christian faith.
- Support for other Charities and Christian events
- Involving in community development by reaching out to the youth and the elderly through outreaches.

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The activities for achieving its objectives include:

- Community outreach events
- Conferences and events
- Welfare support to members and general public, and
- Various missionary activities

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular to its supplementary public benefit guidance advancing religion and relieving poverty when reviewing the charity's aim and objectives and in planning future activities and grant making policy for the year.

Achievements and Performance

Aim and purpose

The aim of RCCG Strong Tower Church is to advance the Christian faith locally and nationally in alignment with the doctrines established by our parent church - The Redeemed Christian Church of God Worldwide. Strong Tower Parish Manchester actively collaborates with the council and wider community to foster faith, love, and charitable initiatives in Newton Heath and its surrounding areas.

Objectives

Strong Tower Church remains steadfast in its commitment to facilitate worship experiences and community integration for a diverse group of individuals. Through a variety of activities, the church endeavours to engage its members, involving them in parish life. The leadership, along with church workers, continuously oversee worship activities, incorporating suggestions from various groups within the church to enhance services. Our worship services emphasize the practical application of faith through prayer, scripture, and music.

Activities

In planning the 2022 activities, the church aimed to encompass a broad spectrum of individuals, including various gender groups, children, families, and aligning with the council's guidance on public benefit and religious charity. These actions were structured to enable ordinary individuals to actively live out their faith within the church community, focusing on Worship, Word, Prayers, and Evangelism.

Unique services are conducted every Sunday, including a dedicated thanksgiving service on the first Sunday of each month. The second Sunday features an interactive session designed for couples, singles, single mothers, and families to address everyday questions that many Christians may typically avoid.

The Parish Pastor provides a platform during Wednesday services for upcoming ministers to impart teachings. This serves as both a training opportunity and a means for the attendees to deepen their understanding of the gospel while fostering relationships between scholars and church members.

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The church comprises dedicated prayer warriors and spiritual supporters who uplift the pastorates and the congregation. By utilising social media, including the Church website, YouTube live streaming, and recorded messages, the church maintains outreach to community members, especially those unable to attend physically. The technical team continually improves technology utilisation to enhance engagement with members and community friends.

The Children Church continues to flourish, actively participating in church programs and events, showcasing their talents in song, dance, mime, and drama presentations. The children actively engage in Sunday sessions, except during thanksgiving and youth Sundays when they unite with the adult service. Sunday School lessons are conducted using the RCCG children and teens manual, focusing on Bible stories and teachings, with an average attendance of 60 children, reaching up to 100 on thanksgiving and special Sundays. The annual Children's Day celebration in May 2022 was a testament to the children's knowledge of the Word of God, featuring praise and worship, dance, bible memory verses, drama, and sermons.

The youth department, known as Gdep, caters for the younger youths, it is open to age 11-18, Those 19 and above serves as youth leaders, providing opportunities for personal growth and leadership development. Successful events in 2022 included "Gdep's Got Talent" in August, attracting an impressive attendance of local youths and participants from the Greater Manchester area. Activities involved mimes, musical dramas, dancing, singing, and band presentations. This was followed by the annual residential in September, with a total of 47 attendees during the weekend, including leaders. These initiatives aimed to recharge the youths after a demanding period of school exams and a summer of intense preparation for the GDep talent show.

GDep sessions are held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, and every Friday, except the last Friday due to other church programs. The Friday sessions focus on supporting the spiritual, physical, mental, and material needs of the young participants, encompassing various activities like games, educational sessions, skill development, and mentoring. Additionally, the third Sunday of each month, labelled "The Youth Sunday," is dedicated to empowering the youth by allowing them to lead various aspects of the service, fostering spiritual awareness, confidence, leadership, and public speaking skills.

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Board of Trustee's Report

The Men of Valour (MoV), with support from other members, organised a community party in June 2022 in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This event aimed to reinvigorate community engagement post-pandemic and achieved good attendance. The MoV also reinstated night vigils, extending engagement beyond Sunday services. Plans are underway to establish sports and recreational activities accessible to the community, including a men's football team for fitness and monthly talks covering health, finance, career, family matters, and spirituality.

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Christmas Charity Donations

The church engaged in its annual Community Christmas engagement program, distributing Christmas gifts to households in the church's immediate vicinity and first-time attendees. This initiative serves as a means to support the most vulnerable and spread joy within the community during the Christmas season.

The church is grateful for the faithfulness of God to its members and the members of the wider community. Testimonies of God's faithfulness continue to pour in on a weekly basis, motivating the church to persist and progress in its mission.

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This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 07 November 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Full Name: Musa Bako

Signature:

Position: Chairman

Date: 07 November 2023

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		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income:							
Donations and legacies	1	159,711	-	159,711	143,888	-	143,888
Other income (Grants)	1	49,711	-	49,711	36,807	-	36,807
Total Income		209,422	-	209,422	180,695	-	180,695
Total Income		209,422	-	209,422	180,695	-	180,695
Expenditures on:							
Charitable Activities	2	144,336	-	144,336	134,595	-	134,595
Other Charitable Activities	2	31,853	-	31,853	27,399	-	27,399
Other Costs	2	1,990	-	1,990	1,100	-	1,100
Total Expenditures		178,179	-	178,179	163,094	-	163,094
Net income/(expenditure)		31,243	-	31,243	17,601	-	17,601
Transfers between funds							
Other recognised gains/(losses):							
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets				-			-
Gains/(losses) on investment assets				-			-
Net movement in funds		31,243	-	31,243	17,601	-	17,601
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward at 1 Jan 2022		191,685	-	191,685	174,084	-	174,084
Total funds carried forward at 31 Dec 2022		222,928	-	222,928	191,685	-	191,685

Statement of Financial Position: Year Ended 31st December 2022

	Notes	2022	2021
		£	£
Fixed Asset			
Tangible assets	3	371,103	323,595
Total Fixed Asset		371,103	323,595
Current Assets			
Loans & Advances			
Accrued Income		49,780	27,000
Cash at bank and in hand		13,114	42,649
Other Debtors		-	-
Total Current Assets		62,894	69,649
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
Other Creditors		17,912	21,621
Other Current Liabilities		920	1,650
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		18,832	23,271
Net current assets (liabilities)		44,062	46,378
Total assets less current liabilities		415,166	369,973
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year			
Other Non-Current Liabilities		192,238	178,288
Total Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		192,238	178,288
Total net assets (liabilities)		222,928	191,685
The funds of the charity:			
Restricted Reserve			-
General reserves		191,685	174,084
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		31,243	17,601
Total charity funds		222,928	191,685

Accounting Policies

Scope and Basis of the Financial Statements

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Income

Revenue is recognised in the period in which the charity is entitled to receipt once the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Expenses

Expenditure is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) on an accruals basis and is recognised at the point when a legal or constructive obligation arises. The majority of costs are directly attributable to specific activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Fixed assets

Fixed assets with an individual purchase of £500 or more are capitalised and stated at cost less depreciation which is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Fixtures and fittings	20%
Equipment	20%
Vehicles	20%
Building	2%

Notes

1. Income

	2022	2021
	£	£
Income		
Donations and legacies	159,711	143,888
Restricted Income	-	-
Total donations & legacies	159,711	143,888
Other income		
Gift Aid Receipts	22,780	11,750
Other income	26,931	25,057
Total other income	49,711	36,807
Total Income	209,422	180,695

2. Expenditures

	2022	2021
	£	£
Charitable Activities		
Premises	6,581	3,529
Utilities	5,245	5,003
Travel	719	-
Motoring & Transportation	13,751	7,853
Insurance	2,093	1,603
Administration	61,227	48,395
Advertising	516	400
Operations	16,671	43,852
Finance Charges	7,440	5,119
Depreciation	14,830	9,363
Honorarium	15,261	9,478
Total Charitable Activities	144,336	134,595
Other Charitable Activities		
Outreach	4,932	20,799
Central Office	13,400	6,600
Welfare & Benevolence	9,898	-
Charitable Donations	3,623	-
Total Other Charitable Activities	31,853	27,399
Other Costs		
Professional fees and services	970	-
Other costs		
Legal fees		
Accountancy fees	1,020	1,100
Total Other Costs	1,990	1,100

Notes

3. Tangible Assets

	Property	Motor Vehicle	Machinery & Equipment	Fixtures & Fittings	Computer Equipment	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£	£	£
At 1st Jan 2022	440,000		53,691	45,445	98,839	637,975
Additions		50,450	2,800	-	9,088	62,338
Disposals				-		-
Revaluations				-		-
At 31st Dec 2022	<u>440,000</u>	<u>50,450</u>	<u>56,491</u>	<u>45,445</u>	<u>107,927</u>	<u>700,313</u>
Depreciation						
At 1st Jan 2022	123,200		48,592	45,445	97,143	314,380
Charge for the year	8,800	3,363	570		2,097	14,830
Adjustments			-	-	-	-
At 31st Dec 2022	<u>132,000</u>	<u>3,363</u>	<u>49,162</u>	<u>45,445</u>	<u>99,240</u>	<u>329,210</u>
Net Book Value						
At 1st Jan 2022	<u>316,800</u>	-	<u>5,099</u>	-	<u>1,696</u>	<u>323,595</u>
At 31st Dec 2022	<u>308,000</u>	<u>47,087</u>	<u>7,329</u>	-	<u>8,688</u>	<u>371,103</u>

4. Related Party Transactions

During the year, the church made donations and contributions to other RCGG and charitable organisations as shown in note 3 under Central Office and Charitable Giving.

5. Trustee Remuneration & Expenses

During the year, there were not payments or reimbursement of expenses to trustee members.

6. Staff cost and numbers

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in the year.

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	46,885	38,034
Other benefits	9,600	9,600
	<u>56,485</u>	<u>47,634</u>

Average number of staff

	2022	2021
Pastoral	2	2
Charity administration		
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

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Introduction

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Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit "Charities and Public Benefit".

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is a parish of The Redeemed Christian Church of God which has parishes all over the world. The parish's relationship with other parishes is governed by an 'Agreement for Common Purposes'.

The charity was constituted under a trust deed dated 11th December 2000 and is registered in England and Wales with charity number 1084588

Appointment or Election of Trustees

Trustees are elected and or co-opted under the terms of the trust deed.

Policies Adopted for the Induction and Training of New Trustees

The induction process for a newly appointed trustee comprises an initial meeting with the Chair and other Trustees, followed by short meetings with the Pastor in Charge on the powers and responsibilities of the Trustees.

Organisational Structure and Decision Making

The charity is organised so that the Trustees meet regularly to manage its affairs. The Pastor in Charge manages the day to day administration of the church.

Objectives and Activities

The principal object is the advancement of Christian faith worldwide and the relief of poverty. To promote any charitable activity for the benefit of the local people. To achieve its objectives, the church adopted the following strategies:

- Running seminars in the church with proven ministers of the faith to guide members in the various aspect of Christian faith.
- Support for other Charities and Christian events
- Involving in community development by reaching out to the youth and the elderly through outreaches.

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The activities for achieving its objectives include:

- Community outreach events
- Conferences and events
- Welfare support to members and general public, and
- Various missionary activities

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular to its supplementary public benefit guidance advancing religion and relieving poverty when reviewing the charity's aim and objectives and in planning future activities and grant making policy for the year.

Achievements and Performance

Aim and purpose

The advancement of the Christian faith in our community and worldwide in accordance with the doctrines set up by our parent church - Redeemed Christian Church of God Worldwide. Strong Tower Parish Manchester has a responsibility to cooperating with the council and wider community in fostering faith, love and charitable work in Newton heath and its surroundings.

Objectives and Activities

Through various activities Strong Tower Church is committed to enabling as many people to worship at the church and become part of the parish community. The pastorate and the church workers maintain an overview of worship throughout the parish with ministers and workers making suggestions on how services can involve the many groups within the church. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayers, scriptures and music.

When planning activities for 2021, actions were put in place which included both gender, children, families and the council's guidance on public benefit and charity for the advancement of religion and in doing so the activities were channelled to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of the church community through: Worship, Prayers and Evangelism.

We hold peculiar services every Sunday which include our thanksgiving on the first Sunday of the month. Second Sundays is devoted to an interactive session between the church married couples, single mothers and families to seek answers to everyday questions that most Christians shy away from. Missionary and outreach work is sustained by our street pastor's programme, each department have their own evangelism month headed by the pastors in charge of the departments and the evangelism team of the church.

The Parish Pastor provides an outlet in our Wednesday services for up and coming ministers to teach the word and this is not only seen as a training opportunity but a great way for our church to learn about the gospel and develop great relationships between scholars and any church member coming in to listen and ask further questions about their faith. The Church has dedicated men and women who are fervent prayer

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warriors and spiritual hand lifters of the Church.

Social media reach out: In order for the church to reach out to the community we have revamped our website, social media pages and YouTube to accommodate live streaming and recorded messages for those who are unable to come to the service for one thing or another. We also looked at improving our media capabilities to accommodate requests for shows and recordings. The technical team have made giant strides with improving the use of technology to reach out to our members especially during the covid and post Covid period.

The children Church continue to thrive to the glory of God, the children are very much involved in the Church programmes and events, presenting in song, dance, mime and drama ministrations. The children Church usually have two sessions every Sunday except on thanksgiving and youth Sundays when they combine with the adult service. The children are taught bible stories during Sunday School sessions, this is done from the RCCG Sunday School Manual. The children are well engaged and love attending their classes.

Most Sundays we have between 30 and 50 children attending Sunday School. On some Sundays that the church has an event, we may have up to 80 children attending Sunday School.

The Children represented the church at the annual Overseas Fellowship of Nigerian Christians (OFNC)'s Children's Bible Quiz. The Quiz took place on Saturday 11 September 2021 virtually on Zoom. The total number of children that attended the event was about 20. Their performance at the bible quiz was very good. We changed our environment for the children in the church so that teachings could be done using a smart TV and using bible apps tutored towards simplifying the gospel for under ten-year olds.

The youth department popularly known as Gdep is the department for the younger youths, open to those from Year 7 to University. Those 19 and above could serve as Youth leaders and begin to take the leadership of sessions and activities.

The GDep group resume their Friday physical attendance meetings after the lockdown engaging in various activities including, games, fun time, quiz, search the scriptures, teaching and mentoring. The youth sessions are generally geared towards helping the young ones in the community to build self-confidence, learn life skills, develop skills required to pursue chosen careers and equip them with requisite and value-adding knowledge to become relevant in the community.

Gdep's Got Talent took place in August, it was well attended by local youths and youths from the Greater Manchester area. Event activities included mimes, musical dramas, dancing, singing and band presentations. The youths also had their outbound weekend at Blackpool in September 2021.

The older youth called CRUi (Creative Ideas Unit) have their interaction via the Revive WhatsApp group

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and Zoom platform, this included catch up sessions in group or on 1-1 basis, supporting each other in a safe environment, having prayer and interactive games sessions and regular bible studies fortnightly, this helped to promote the self-esteem and emotional wellbeing of the group. Other key activities include supporting and signposting to careers and job opportunities, mentoring and networking amongst the group.

The church has two ministries that support the church in maintaining the balance of the homes in the church and lead in both social and spiritual care. The men of valour (MoV) and the women of dignity (WoD). These ministries are seen to be important outlets for welfare networking and evangelism and aims at empowering men and women in the Church and in the community.

Special church programmes and activities

Party in the Park (PIP): This is the church's annual evangelism programme aimed at reaching the community in the heart of Newton heath. This was not held due to Covid and the social distancing and rules against social gatherings.

The aim of this programme was not just to release the word of God into the community but to also foster a relationship with the many families that turned up to listen to music and hear us talk about the issues affecting our community.

The women of Dignity continues to have their meeting on the second Sunday of every month on zoom. The Women of Dignity Conference is an annual outlet for the women of the church to separate themselves for a weekend to talk about issues affecting their marriages, homes and children but due to Covid concerns this was done via zoom, facebook and youtube streaming.

Christmas charity donations

The church led by the ushering dept and the men of valour gave gifts and aid to the homeless and shoebox charity scheme.

Christmas gifts were given to the children and families in the church on December 18th 2021.

Food hub

The church operates a food hub where people from the community can pick food from within the church, this has served as a good way for people within our community to discreetly come in and help themselves without having to ask for handouts from strangers.

Due to Covid-19 epidemic, the **Men's Fellowship** were unable to host their annual community event - Party in the Park. However, as part of its ongoing community engagement and empowerment, monthly meetings on the last Sunday of every month were held throughout the year over zoom to help with the mental health and well-being of the men.

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More than ever, Strong Tower Church feels the need to reach out to the most vulnerable in our community, hence the Church provided **Christmas hampers** containing basic necessities for the festive period.

Covid restriction procedures were observed in the Church once the lockdown was lifted, social distancing were maintained with seats on two metres apart families mandated to sit together, address and contact number were collected for covid tracing purposes, free face masks and hand sanitisers were provided.

The Church is grateful to God for being able to open its door again to the community after the covid lockdown and for all the work done in the community during 2021 despite the challenges. The Church shall continue to march on and forge forward and the gate of hell shall not prevail over it.

Grant Making Policy

The church supports visiting ministers of the gospel both within and outside the United Kingdom. The church supports other charities and missionary that shares its objects in advancement of Christian faith and relief of poverty.

Risk Management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to operations and finances of the charity, and are satisfied the systems are in place to mitigate our exposures to the major risks.

Financial Review

The church continues to enjoy tremendous growth in its physical and spiritual life during the year, and in the advancement of Christian faith in accordance with the doctrines set out in the Statement of Faith as contained in our Trust deed.

During the year to 31st December 2020, the church had a total income of £180,695. Total operating charitable expenditure was £163,094 giving an operating surplus of £17,601.

The Charity's principal funding sources has been provided mainly through tithes and offerings by church members and through gift aid. Pledges are also taken for specific projects.

Investment Policy

The Trustees have decided that at present, funds should be retained in Banks and Building Societies, and as far as possible in interest bearing accounts.

Reserves Policy

The trustees' policy is to have unrestricted and uncommitted funds (free reserves) to cover 3 to 6 months of resources expended which equals to roughly £20,000 to £40,000 in general funds. They feel that this would enable the current activities to continue if there is a significant drop in funding. It would obviously be

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necessary to then consider how the funding would be replaced or activities changed. The trustees have set aside £30,000 as free reserve within its policy range but the trustees are continuing to seek additional unrestricted funds to build up its reserves.

Volunteers

The church is grateful to its volunteers who gave their services for free to the charity. It is estimated that over 3,000 hours were provided by volunteers during the year. If this is conservatively valued at £8.91 per hour, the volunteer's effort will amount to over £29,700.

Future Development

The charity continues to explore various ways of spreading the gospel of Christ in an effective manner. The charity is also looking to grow in membership and continue to develop its members to make life-changing impact in society.

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Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the net income or expenditure of the charity for the year. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. 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.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 31 October 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Full Name: Musa Bako

Signature:

Position: Chairman

Date: 31/10/2022

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of: The Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG) Strong Tower Parish

On accounts for the year ended: 31st December 2021

Charity No: 1084588

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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 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 give me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

Signed:



Date: 31 October 2022

Name: Tobi Labeodan, for and on behalf of Chedders Ltd

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

Address: Ground Floor, Synium House, r/o 94-96 High Street, Henley in Arden B95 5FY

Statement of Financial Activities: Year Ended 31st December 2021

	Notes	2021	2021	2021	2020	2020	2020
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income:							
Donations and legacies	1	143,888	-	143,888	120,092	-	120,092
Other income (Grants)	1	36,807	-	36,807	33,914	-	33,914
Total Income		180,695	-	180,695	154,006	-	154,006
Total Income		180,695	-	180,695	154,006	-	154,006
Expenditures on:							
Charitable Activities	2	134,595	-	134,595	105,249	-	105,249
Other Charitable Activities	2	27,399	-	27,399	6,792	-	6,792
Other Costs	2	1,100	-	1,100	1,210	-	1,210
Total Expenditures		163,094	-	163,094	113,251	-	113,251
Net income/(expenditure)		17,601	-	17,601	40,755	-	40,755
Transfers between funds							
Other recognised gains/(losses):							
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets				-			-
Gains/(losses) on investment assets				-			-
Net movement in funds		17,601	-	17,601	40,755	-	40,755
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward at 1 January		174,084	-	174,084	133,329	-	133,329
Total funds carried forward at 31 December		191,685	-	191,685	174,084	-	174,084

Statement of Financial Position: Year Ended 31st December 2021

	Notes	2021	2020
		£	£
Fixed Asset			
Tangible assets	3	323,595	329,974
Total Fixed Asset		323,595	329,974
Current Assets			
Loans & Advances		-	-
Accrued Income		27,000	15,250
Cash at bank and in hand		42,649	43,317
Other Debtors		-	-
Total Current Assets		69,649	58,567
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
Other Creditors		-	-
Other Current Liabilities		23,271	21,114
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		23,271	21,114
Net current assets (liabilities)		46,378	37,453
Total assets less current liabilities		369,973	367,427
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year			
Other Non-Current Liabilities		178,288	193,343
Total Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		178,288	193,343
Total net assets (liabilities)		191,685	174,084
The funds of the charity:			
Retained Reserve		174,084	133,329
Restricted reserves		-	-
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		17,601	40,755
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Fixtures and fittings	20%
Equipment	20%
Vehicles	20%
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Notes

1. Income

	2021	2020
Income		
Donations and legacies	143,888	120,092
Restricted Income	-	-
Total donations & legacies	143,888	120,092
Other income		
Gift Aid Receipts	11,750	15,813
Other income	25,057	18,101
Total other income	36,807	33,914
Total Income	180,695	154,006

2. Expenditures

	2021	2020
Charitable Activities	£	£
Premises	9,600	9,600
Utilities	3,632	7,627
Travel	-	637
Motoring & Transportation	7,853	11,226
Insurance	1,603	1,410
Administration	38,903	39,911
Advertising	400	268
Operations	48,644	10,846
Training	-	-
Finance Charges	5,119	8,475
Depreciation	9,363	9,514
Honorarium	9,478	5,735
Total Charitable Activities	134,595	105,249
Other Charitable Activities		
Outreach	20,799	-
Central Office	6,600	5,500
Welfare & Benevolence	-	1,292
Charitable Donations	-	-
Total Other Charitable Activities	27,399	6,792
Other Costs		
Legal fees	-	-
Accountancy fees	1,100	1,210
Total Other Costs	1,100	1,210

Notes

3. Tangible Assets

	Property	Machinery & Equipments	Fixtures & Fittings	Computer Equipments	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£	£
At 1 January 2021	440,000	50,707	45,445	98,839	634,991
Additions		2,984			2,984
Disposals					-
Revaluations					-
At 31 December 2021	440,000	53,691	45,445	98,839	637,975
Depreciation					
At 1 January 2021	114,400	48,360	45,445	96,812	305,017
Charge for the year	8,800	232		331	9,363
Adjustments		-	-		-
At 31 December 2021	123,200	48,592	45,445	97,143	314,380
Net Book Value					
At 1 January 2020	325,600	2,347	-	2,027	329,974
At 31 December 2021	316,800	5,099	-	1,696	323,595

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	£	£
Wages and salaries	38,034	38,086
Other benefits	9,600	9,600
	47,634	47,686

Average number of staff

	2021	2020
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The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit "Charities and Public Benefit".

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is a parish of The Redeemed Christian Church of God which has parishes all over the world. The parish's relationship with other parishes is governed by an 'Agreement for Common Purposes'.

The charity was constituted under a trust deed dated 11th December 2000 and is registered in England and Wales with charity number 1084588

Appointment or Election of Trustees

Trustees are elected and or co-opted under the terms of the trust deed.

Policies Adopted for the Induction and Training of New Trustees

The induction process for a newly appointed trustee comprises an initial meeting with the Chair and other Trustees, followed by short meetings with the Pastor in Charge on the powers and responsibilities of the Trustees.

Organisational Structure and Decision Making

The charity is organised so that the Trustees meet regularly to manage its affairs. The Pastor in Charge manages the day to day administration of the church.

Objectives and Activities

The principal object is the advancement of Christian faith worldwide and the relief of poverty. To promote any charitable activity for the benefit of the local people. To achieve its objectives, the church adopted the following strategies:

- Running seminars in the church with proven ministers of the faith to guide members in the various aspect of Christian faith.
- Support for other Charities and Christian events
- Involving in community development by reaching out to the youth and the elderly through outreaches.

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The activities for achieving its objectives include:

- Community outreach events
- Conferences and events
- Welfare support to members and general public, and
- Various missionary activities

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular to its supplementary public benefit guidance advancing religion and relieving poverty when reviewing the charity's aim and objectives and in planning future activities and grant making policy for the year.

Achievements and Performance

Aim and purpose

The advancement of the Christian faith in our community and worldwide in accordance with the doctrines set up by our parent church - Redeemed Christian Church of God Worldwide. Strong Tower Parish Manchester has a responsibility to cooperating with the council and wider community in fostering faith, love and charitable work in Newton heath and its surroundings.

Objectives and Activities

Through various activities Strong Tower Church is committed to enabling as many people to worship at the church and become part of the Parish community. The pastorate and the church workers maintain an overview of worship throughout the parish with ministers and workers making suggestions on how services can involve the many groups within the church. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayers, scriptures and music.

When planning activities for 2020, actions were put in place which included both gender, children, families and the council's guidance on public benefit and charity for the advancement of religion and in doing so the activities were channelled to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of the church community through: Worship, Prayers and Evangelism.

We hold peculiar services every Sunday which include our thanksgiving on the first Sunday of the month. Second Sundays is devoted to an interactive session between the church married couples, single mothers and families to seek answers to everyday questions that most Christians shy away from. Missionary and outreach work is sustained by our street pastor's programme, each department have their own evangelism month headed by the pastors in charge of the departments and the evangelism team of the church.

The Parish Pastor provides an outlet in our Wednesday services for up and coming ministers to teach the word and this is not only seen as a training opportunity but a great way for our church to learn about the gospel and develop great relationships between scholars and any church member coming in to listen and ask further questions about their faith. The Church has dedicated men and women who are fervent prayer warriors who are seen as spiritual hand lifters of the Church.

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The children Church continue to thrive to the glory of God, the children are very much involved in the Church programmes and events, presenting in song, dance, mime and drama ministrations. The children Church usually have two sessions every Sunday except on thanksgiving Sundays due to joining in the adult service. Children are taught from the RCCG Sunday School Manual.

Due to the Covid 19 Pandemic and Lockdown, face to face classes took place only till March, thereafter, the children were taught through weekly recorded videos by the teachers and parents were encouraged to play this to their children.

Weekly Zoom classes took effect from July 2020 with average of 14 children in attendance. Children were taught from the Bible study manual fortnightly and the children watches a Bible story video once a month followed by questions centred on the bible story. Variety Sunday takes place on the last Sunday of each month, where children are taught a new song, have a bible quiz and engages in other fun activities. Parents are also encouraged to get involved.

The youth department popularly known as Gdep is the department for the younger youths, open to those from Year 7 to University. Those 19 and above could serve as Youth leaders and begin to take the leadership of sessions and activities.

The unprecedented events of Covid-19 impacted the activities of the youth group as they could not meet physically. However, they seized the opportunity to virtually meet as maintaining a stable spiritual, mental health and general well-being is key to GDep vision. Weekly meetings were held via zoom with activities including, games, fun time. The youth sessions are generally geared towards helping the young ones in the community to build self-confidence, learn life skills, develop skills required to pursue chosen careers and equip them with requisite and value-adding knowledge to become relevant in the community.

Gdep's Got Talent in August was tagged "Unshakeable". It was done observing all Covid-19 guidelines and protocols. Bubbles and social distancing were maintained and the event was streamed online due to social distancing. It was a huge success and played a major role in the health and well-being of the youths. Event activities included mimes, musical dramas, dancing, singing and band presentations. Due to Covid-19, the youth were unable to embark on the annual residential youth trip.

The older youth called CRUi (Creative Ideas Unit) have their interaction via the Revive Wats App group and Zoom platform, this included catch up sessions in group or on 1-1 basis, supporting each other in a safe environment, having prayer and interactive games sessions and regular bible studies fortnightly, this helped to promote the self-esteem and emotional wellbeing of the group. Other key activities include supporting and signposting to careers and job opportunities, mentoring and networking amongst the group.

The church has two ministries that support the church in maintaining the balance of the homes in the church and lead in both social and spiritual care. The men of valour (MoV) and the women of dignity (WoD). These ministries are seen to be important outlets for welfare networking and evangelism and aims at empowering men and women in the Church and in the community.

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The women group were unable to hold their annual women conference due to the lockdown but continues to have their meeting on the second Sunday of every month on zoom.

Due to Covid-19 epidemic, the Men's Fellowship were unable to host their annual community event - Party in the Park. However, as part of its ongoing community engagement and empowerment, monthly meetings on the last Sunday of every month were held throughout the year over zoom to help with the mental health and well-being of the men.

An important session was held on restoring the place of fathers in the lives of their sons, as gap were identified in the growth and development of young boys. This session was also targeted to improve Father-Child relationship, taking advantage of the lockdown.

More than ever, Strong Tower Church feels the need to reach out to the most vulnerable in our community, hence the Church provided Christmas hampers containing basic necessities for the festive period.

Covid restriction procedures were observed in the Church once the lockdown was lifted, social distancing was maintained with seats on two metres apart families mandated to sit together, address and contact number were collected for covid tracing purposes free face masks and hand sanitisers were provided.

Grant Making Policy

The church supports visiting ministers of the gospel both within and outside the United Kingdom. The church supports other charities and missionary that shares its objects in advancement of Christian faith and relief of poverty.

Risk Management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to operations and finances of the charity, and are satisfied the systems are in place to mitigate our exposures to the major risks.

Financial Review

The church continues to enjoy tremendous growth in its physical and spiritual life during the year, and in the advancement of Christian faith in accordance with the doctrines set out in the Statement of Faith as contained in our Trust deed.

During the year to 31st December 2020, the church had a total income of £154,006. Total operating charitable expenditure was £113,251 giving an operating surplus of £40,755.

The Charity's principal funding sources has been provided mainly through tithes and offerings by church members and through gift aid. Pledges are also taken for specific projects.

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Investment Policy

The Trustees have decided that at present, funds should be retained in Banks and Building Societies, and as far as possible in interest bearing accounts.

Reserves Policy

The trustees' policy is to have unrestricted and uncommitted funds (free reserves) to cover 3 to 6 months of resources expended which equals to roughly £20,000 to £40,000 in general funds. They feel that this would enable the current activities to continue if there is a significant drop in funding. It would obviously be necessary to then consider how the funding would be replaced or activities changed. The trustees have set aside £30,000 as free reserve within its policy range but the trustees are continuing to seek additional unrestricted funds to build up its reserves.

Volunteers

The church is grateful to its volunteers who gave their services for free to the charity. It is estimated that over 3,000 hours were provided by volunteers during the year. If this is conservatively valued at £8.91 per hour, the volunteer's effort will amount to over £26,700.

Future Development

The charity continues to explore various ways of spreading the gospel of Christ in an effective manner. The charity is also looking to grow in membership and continue to develop its members to make life-changing impact in society.

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Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the net income or expenditure of the charity for the year. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. 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.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 29/10/2021 and signed on their behalf by:

Full Name: Musa Bako

Signature:

Position: Chairman

Date: 29/10/2021

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of: The Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG) Strong Tower Parish

On accounts for the year ended: 31st December 2020

Charity No: 1084588

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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 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 give me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

Signed:



Date: 29 October 2021

Name: Tobi Labeodan, for and on behalf of Chedders Ltd

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

Address: Ground Floor, Synium House, r/o 94-96 High Street, Henley in Arden B95 5FY

Statement of Financial Activities: Year Ended 31st December 2020

	Notes	2020	2020	2020	2019	2019	2019
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income:							
Donations and legacies	1	120,092	-	120,092	109,325	-	109,325
Other income (Grants)	1	33,914	-	33,914	13,634	-	13,634
Total Income		154,006	-	154,006	122,959	-	122,959
Total Income		154,006	-	154,006	122,959	-	122,959
Expenditures on:							
Charitable Activities	2	105,249	-	105,249	103,117	-	103,117
Other Charitable Activities	2	6,792	-	6,792	11,776	-	11,776
Other Costs	2	1,210	-	1,210	1,729	-	1,729
Total Expenditures		113,251	-	113,251	116,622	-	116,622
Net income/(expenditure)		40,755	-	40,755	6,337	-	6,337
Transfers between funds							
Other recognised gains/(losses):							
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets				-			-
Gains/(losses) on investment assets				-			-
Net movement in funds		40,755	-	40,755	6,337	-	6,337
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2020		133,329	-	133,329	126,992	-	126,992
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2020		174,084	-	174,084	133,329	-	133,329

Statement of Financial Position: Year Ended 31st December 2020

	Notes	2020	2019
		£	£
Fixed Asset			
Tangible assets	3	329,974	336,395
Total Fixed Asset		329,974	336,395
Current Assets			
Loans & Advances		-	-
Accrued Income		15,250	13,500
Cash at bank and in hand		43,317	8,939
Other Debtors		-	-
Total Current Assets		58,567	22,439
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
Other Creditors		-	-
Other Current Liabilities		21,114	25,685
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		21,114	25,685
Net current assets (liabilities)		37,453	(3,246)
Total assets less current liabilities		367,427	333,149
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year			
Other Non-Current Liabilities		193,343	199,821
Total Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		193,343	199,821
Total net assets (liabilities)		174,084	133,328
The funds of the charity:			
Retained Reserve		133,329	126,991
Restricted reserves		-	-
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		40,755	6,337
Total charity funds		174,084	133,328

Accounting Policies

Scope and Basis of the Financial Statements

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities published in March 2005.

Income

Revenue is recognised in the period in which the charity is entitled to receipt once the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Expenses

Expenditure is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) on an accruals basis and is recognised at the point when a legal or constructive obligation arises. The majority of costs are directly attributable to specific activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Fixed assets

Fixed assets with an individual purchase of £500 or more are capitalised and stated at cost less depreciation which is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Fixtures and fittings	20%
Equipment	20%
Vehicles	20%
Building	2%

Notes

1. Income

	2020	2019
Income		
Donations and legacies	120,092	109,325
Restricted Income	-	-
Total donations & legacies	120,092	109,325
Other income		
Gift Aid Receipts	15,813	13,500
Other income	18,101	134
Total other income	33,914	13,634
Total Income	154,006	122,959

2. Expenditures

	2,020	2,019
Charitable Activities	£	£
Premises	9,600	9,600
Utilities	7,627	11,494
Travel	637	2,552
Motoring & Transportation	11,226	8,758
Insurance	1,410	2,389
Administration	39,911	37,003
Advertising	268	25
Operations	10,846	11,332
Training	-	500
Professional fees and services	-	1,020
Finance Charges	8,475	6,972
Depreciation	9,514	8,957
Honorarium	5,735	2,515
Total Charitable Activities	105,249	103,117
Other Charitable Activities		
Outreach	-	4,176
Central Office	5,500	6,600
Welfare & Benevolence	1,292	1,000
Charitable Donations	-	-
Total Other Charitable Activities	6,792	11,776
Other Costs		
Other costs	-	-
Legal fees	-	929
Accountancy fees	1,210	800
Total Other Costs	1,210	1,729

Notes

3. Tangible Assets

	Property	Machinery & Equipment	Fixtures & Fittings	Computer Equipment	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£	£
At 1 January 2020	440,000	48,441	45,445	98,012	631,898
Additions		2,266	-	827	3,093
Disposals			-		-
Revaluations			-		-
At 31 December 2020	440,000	50,707	45,445	98,839	634,991
Depreciation					
At 1 January 2020	105,600	47,977	45,445	96,481	295,503
Charge for the year	8,800	383	-	331	9,514
Adjustments		-	-		-
At 31 December 2020	114,400	48,360	45,445	96,812	305,017
Net Book Value					
At 1 January 2020	334,400	464	-	1,531	336,395
At 31 December 2020	325,600	2,347	-	2,027	329,974

4. Related Party Transactions

During the year, the church made donations and contributions to other RCCG and charitable organisations as shown in note 3 under Central Office and Charitable Giving.

5. Trustee Remuneration & Expenses

During the year, there were not payments or reimbursement of expenses to trustee members.