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STRONG TOWER PARISH



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**TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

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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

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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.

**The Young professional group, "Revive,"** interacts through the Revive WhatsApp group and Zoom platform, engaging in catch-up sessions, group discussions, prayer, interactive games, and bi-weekly Bible studies. These activities support the physical, mental, and emotional well-being of the members, offering support and guidance regarding careers, job opportunities, mentoring, and networking.

The church hosts two ministries, "Men of Valour" (MoV) and "Women of Dignity" (WoD), focusing on social and spiritual care to maintain balance within church families and the broader community. These ministries are vital outlets for welfare networking, evangelism, and empowering men and women within the church, nurturing relationships with attending families. Men and women in the Church and in the community.

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**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.

**The Women of Dignity (WoD)** continue to meet on the second Sunday of every month via Zoom. This platform offers women a forum to discuss and learn about various topics ranging from marriages, homes and children, to careers, investments, and skills.

### **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.

### **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 2022, the church had a total income of £209,422. Total operating charitable expenditure was £178,179 giving an operating surplus of £31,243.

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 £9.50 per hour, the volunteer's effort will amount to over £28,600.

### **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.



## Board of Trustee's Report

### 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 07 November 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

**Full Name:** Musa Bako

**Signature:**

**Position:** Chairman

**Date:** 07 November 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 2022  
**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:** 07 November 2023

**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 2022

	Notes	2022 Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Restricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £	2021 Unrestricted Funds £	2021 Restricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
<b>Income:</b>							
Donations and legacies	1	159,711		159,711	143,888	-	143,888
Other income (Grants)	1	49,711	-	49,711	36,807	-	36,807
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>209,422</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>209,422</b>	<b>180,695</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>180,695</b>
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>209,422</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>209,422</b>	<b>180,695</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>180,695</b>
<b>Expenditures on:</b>							
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
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>178,179</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>178,179</b>	<b>163,094</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>163,094</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>31,243</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,243</b>	<b>17,601</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,601</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>							
<b>Other recognised gains/(losses):</b>							
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets				-			-
Gains/(losses) on investment assets				-			-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>31,243</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,243</b>	<b>17,601</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,601</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>							
Total funds brought forward at 1 Jan 2022		191,685	-	191,685	174,084	-	174,084
Total funds carried forward at 31 Dec 2022		<b>222,928</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>222,928</b>	<b>191,685</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>191,685</b>

## Statement of Financial Position: Year Ended 31st December 2022

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

## 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

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

### 2. Expenditures

	2022	2021
	£	£
<b>Charitable Activities</b>		
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
<b>Total Charitable Activities</b>	<b>144,336</b>	<b>134,595</b>
<b>Other Charitable Activities</b>		
Outreach	4,932	20,799
Central Office	13,400	6,600
Welfare & Benevolence	9,898	-
Charitable Donations	3,623	-
<b>Total Other Charitable Activities</b>	<b>31,853</b>	<b>27,399</b>
<b>Other Costs</b>		
Professional fees and services	970	-
Other costs		
Legal fees		
Accountancy fees	1,020	1,100
<b>Total Other Costs</b>	<b>1,990</b>	<b>1,100</b>

## 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	440,000	50,450	56,491	45,445	107,927	700,313
<b>Depreciation</b>						
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	132,000	3,363	49,162	45,445	99,240	329,210
<b>Net Book Value</b>						
At 1st Jan 2022	316,800	-	5,099	-	1,696	323,595
At 31st Dec 2022	308,000	47,087	7,329	-	8,688	371,103

### 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.

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

#### Average number of staff

	2022	2021
Pastoral	2	2
Charity administration		
	2	2