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TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

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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

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Bankers: Barclays Bank Plc
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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 2024. 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

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.

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:

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- 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.

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

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

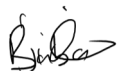
My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures 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
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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>