

PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIANITY NETWORK - BRITAIN

England & Wales · Charity number 1102164

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2004-02-18

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

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Activities

Objects: THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION IN SUCH EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE WAYS AS THE TRUSTEES IN THEIR ABSOLUTE DISCRETION SEE FIT

Activities: To support, promote and network open Christian understanding, both for individuals and for congregations
To be inclusive in its concern for that open understanding
To promote a way of living within the wide and rich diversity of church
To engage in discussion and negotiation with denominational leadership
To develop a visible presence of open Christian congregations and communities

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£34,285	£22,563	-	-
2024-12-31	£30,914	£37,559	-	-
2023-12-31	£26,859	£26,446	-	-
2022-12-31	£25,999	£32,845	-	-
2021-12-31	£27,686	£25,802	-	-
2020-12-31	£25,396	£30,262	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Simon James Cross	Chair	2018-03-17
Adrian John Stark-Ordish		2025-05-17
Antonio Emilio Sanchez		2019-04-06
JULIE PURVES		2025-05-17
Kevin Skippon		2023-04-01
Lynn Bruce		2026-05-11
Rev Naomi Nixon		2020-09-08

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Progressive Christianity Network Britain

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ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL REPORT 1ST JANUARY - 31ST DECEMBER 2025



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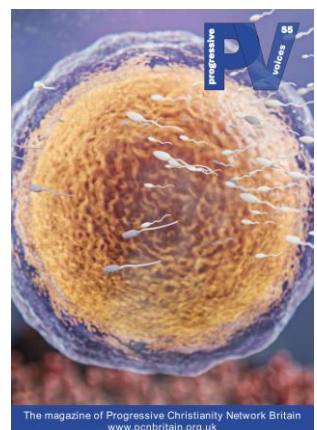
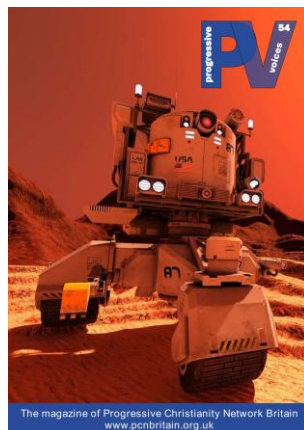
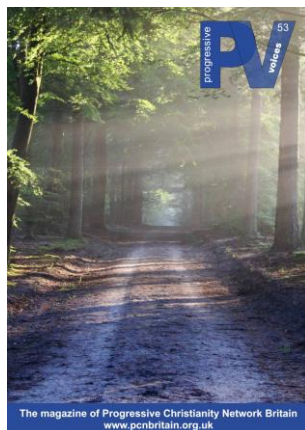
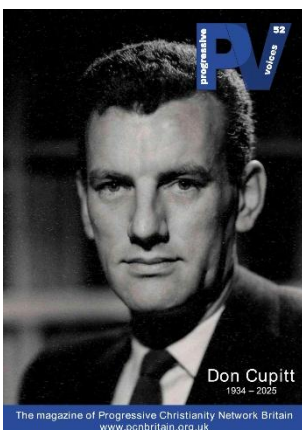
Bankers: The Co-operative Bank

Independent Examiner Rachel Witham

Trustees for the period of this report:

Chair Simon Cross
Vice chair: Paul Onslow (until May)
Sue Hobley (from May)
Secretary: Sandra Griffiths
Treasurer: Peter Stribblehill (Until May)
Julie Purves (from May)
Dave Coaker (until May)
Chris King (from May)
Tony Sanchez
AJ Stark-Ordish (from May)

Sue Hobley (until May)
Naomi Nixon
Kevin Skippon
Jackie Wiegman



Chair's Report on the Network in 2025 by Simon Cross

It has now been several years since I first became a trustee of PCN – before I did so I had a visit from another trustee, Paul Onslow. He came to see me at my then workplace, we discussed the charity, its history and the sort of direction in which it might go in the future. Somehow the conversation concluded with my agreeing to be nominated as a trustee, and the rest, as the old cliché goes, is history. It's notable, of course, that Paul had himself been a trustee for some years, having been elected in 2010, meaning that when he eventually stepped down during 2025, he had been in post for the best part of a decade and a half.

For much of that time Paul was the Vice Chair, a role on the trustee body that can sometimes be little more than ceremonial, but at other times requires you to step up and speak on behalf of the network – not something that everyone feels willing or able to do. Whether that was a highlight or not, I know that episodes such as the PCN sponsored speaking tour of Brian McLaren, during which Paul acted as Brian's driver certainly were. What I suppose I am trying to say is that we, and I, owe Paul a significant debt of gratitude for his time on the trustees, not least for an event in 2025 to which I will return shortly.

Another person about whom I can say the same, though, is Dave Coaker – one of the first URC ministers I met who were part of PCN. I now realise, of course, that there are many others. But Dave too has seemed like a fixture – a very steady, calm presence in committee meetings, always with an eye on what might make a good magazine article, and always with a sense of connectedness to the realities of Christian ministry too – Dave embodies the sort of pastoral sensibilities that made him an excellent trustee, and which I'm sure also make him an outstanding minister.



Of course I expect that the main thing that Dave is known for, in the network, is his editorship of Progressive Voices – better known as PV. At the time of writing Dave has not yet laid down this task, continuing to serve the network by corralling feature articles, news stories and reviews with patience and aplomb. As we go through a period of strategic and operational change it is good that we have this kind of steadiness – we continue to be very grateful for all his work. Dave became a trustee shortly before me, and when his period of office came to an end it signalled that mine, too, will shortly be drawing to a conclusion.

Because of amendments made to the charity's constitution, limiting the time that trustees can, and should, serve for – so that nobody ends up feeling 'stuck' on the committee – all of us are moving towards a fixed point. That is why it was particularly good to welcome some new trustees to the committee in 2025, they will help us as we navigate the present era.



One of the more stressful points of 2025 came right at its start – the AGM in Edinburgh, where we had booked Richard Holloway to speak. A confusion of timings, allied with technical gremlins gave me a day that I will not forget in a hurry, I was very glad of Paul Onslow's steadfast support on that particular day, and I must say that I have no small sense of relief that the trustees have since decided to keep our AGMs simple and straightforward in future – this year's will be the first of a new slimmed down set of annual general meetings, easier to manage, and with fewer moving parts.

As well as Richard's excellent contribution during that meeting we were able to host other gatherings and talks during the year – I hosted a residential conference alongside the theologian Thomas Oord, although strictly speaking not a PCN event, it certainly had the feeling of one, with many of the network's members taking part.



In London we hosted an intimate gathering with Chine McDonald, author of 'God is Not a White Man' and other texts – that event also led to renewed conversations about how we can strengthen and deepen our work in London. My sense has long been that we do this by building partnerships, and I'm pleased to say that continued during 2025.

Among other alliances that were formed, or strengthened through the year we were pleased to host a talk from Don MacGregor of CANA (www.cana.org.uk) another network that is around the same age as PCN. For those who yearn for the more mystical or even esoteric side of Christian spirituality to play a greater part in our thinking, Don's network with its emphasis on a universal spirituality, is of vital support. I was pleased to be able to give a talk to some of the CANA folk in return – hopefully some of my slightly less mystical thoughts and ideas were helpful to them in their thinking too.



Of course the day to day work of the network continued throughout the year, and I have to thank those who take on the tasks that enable this – Jess Lee who supports our groups with DVD resources, Janis Knox who acts as PCN's window to the world on Facebook, and most recently Gillian Armitstead who has been posting content on Instagram for us – as a network we're deeply indebted to these three people, and I thank them on behalf of us all.

My final thanks for the year go to our embattled but determined administrator Sarah Guilfoyle, who has continued to serve the network through its joys and challenges. All this at the same time as having family members to care for and support, enduring house renovations, and dealing with the other vicissitudes of life – we're very grateful for, and glad of, her persistence and patience.

As we leave 2025 in the rearview mirror, the world around us continues to change at a dizzying rate, and as a network we are not a fixed point – we too are changing. I think that in years to come we may look back at 2025 and note that it was then that new things started to happen – a restructuring of our membership fees and a careful constriction of our expenditure ensured that the network was on a surer financial footing, and a sizable donation meant that we could begin to make some strategic moves forward. Changes may not happen quickly – nobody wants to be overwhelmed, after all, but I think you can expect to see things that began last year come to fruition in 2026 as we attempt to ready ourselves for whatever comes next.

Among other things this year we're attempting a recruitment push – can you identify one person, or maybe more than one, who might benefit from being part of this network? Let's work together to build the network on the sure foundations that have been left for us.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SC'.

Simon Cross, PCN Britain Chair, April 2026

Financial Report for the Year Ending 31 December 2025

1 Summary

The accounts for 2025 have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis.

The accounts are prepared on the basis that the trustees are confident that PCNB is a going concern, able to meet its financial obligations for the next 12 months.

The accounts comprise the receipts and payments for the year and a balance sheet.

The accounts show a surplus of £11,722 for the year with a balance on the general fund of £33,690 at the end of the year.

2 Events

There were no major events this year. We are aiming to change this trend in 2026

3 Publications

PV costs include the cost of postage.

4 Website

There were no major website costs during the year

5 Development

There were no major development costs during the year. The only significant costs were ongoing internet fees.

8 Operating costs

Operating costs remain in line with 2024.

9 Membership Challenge

A 'Membership Challenge' was held with a target of £2,000 to assist with costs of producing and distributing PV. This target was exceeded.

10 Surplus

The overall surplus of £11,722 includes a generous donation in excess of £6,000 together with the Membership Challenge (see above) and a conservative year in terms of development / outreach activities. We are planning a more ambitious set of activities in 2026, including a Rebranding Project.



Julie Purves, Treasurer, January 2026



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Progressive Christianity Network Britain		
On accounts for the year ended	31 st December 2025	Charity no (if any)	1102164
	Set out on pages Seven and Eight		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2025**.

Responsibilities and basis of report As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: R. Witham **Date:** 14/4/26

Name: RACHEL WITHAM

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

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Section B Disclosure

No disclosures or qualifications.

Progressive Christianity Network Britain

Receipts and Payments for the Year Ending 31 December 2025

	2025			2024		
	Income £	Expenditure £	Net £	Income £	Expenditure £	Net £
Membership and Donations						
Subscriptions	18828	(30)	18798	18609		18609
Donations - general	7169		7169	272		272
Gift Aid	4093		4093	3394		3394
Give as you Live	60		60	19		19
	30151	(30)	30121	22294	0	22294
Events						
Bookings and Donations	942	(307)	635			
Speaker/location costs		(568)	(568)			
AGM / others			0	150	(352)	(202)
Members Weekend			0	7248	(6960)	288
Greenbelt			0	64	(1112)	(1048)
	942	(875)	67	7462	(8424)	(962)
Publications						
Sales	272		272	99		99
Publication costs			0		(170)	(170)
Newsletter costs (inc. postage)	32	(4327)	(4296)		(4996)	(4996)
Member Challenge	2049		2049			
Podcast		(250)	(250)			
Website			0		(2307)	(2307)
	2352	(4577)	(2226)	99	(7473)	(7374)
Development Projects						
Media Editor			0		(2064)	(2064)
Podcast Expenditure			0		(2338)	(2338)
	0	0	0	0	(4402)	(4402)
Interest Received						
CCLA	841		841	1059		1059
	841		841	1059		1059
Operating Costs						
Admin salary		(14458)	(14458)		(14225)	(14225)
Social Media Editor		(498)	(498)			
Insurance		(549)	(549)		(555)	(555)
Management Committee expenses		(182)	(182)		(1612)	(1612)
Other costs (Stationery & other expenses)		(485)	(485)		(617)	(617)
Bank Charges		(320)	(320)		(251)	(251)
Development costs (inc. internet)		(591)	(591)			
	0	(17081)	(17081)	0	(17260)	(17260)
Cash Surplus for Year	34285	(22563)	11722	30914	(37559)	(6645)

Progressive Christianity Network Britain
Statement of Assets 31 December 2025

Funds	31/12/2025	31/12/2024
	General Fund	General Fund
	£	£
Balance at 1 January	21,968	28,614
Net receipts for Year	11,722	(6,646)
<u>Balance at 31 December</u>	33,690	21,968

Balance Sheet	31/12/2025	31/12/2024
	£	£
<u>Assets</u>		
Co-operative Bank	4,491	3,610
CCLA	29,199	18,359
<u>Total</u>	33,690	21,968



Simon Cross, Chair



Julie Purves, Treasurer

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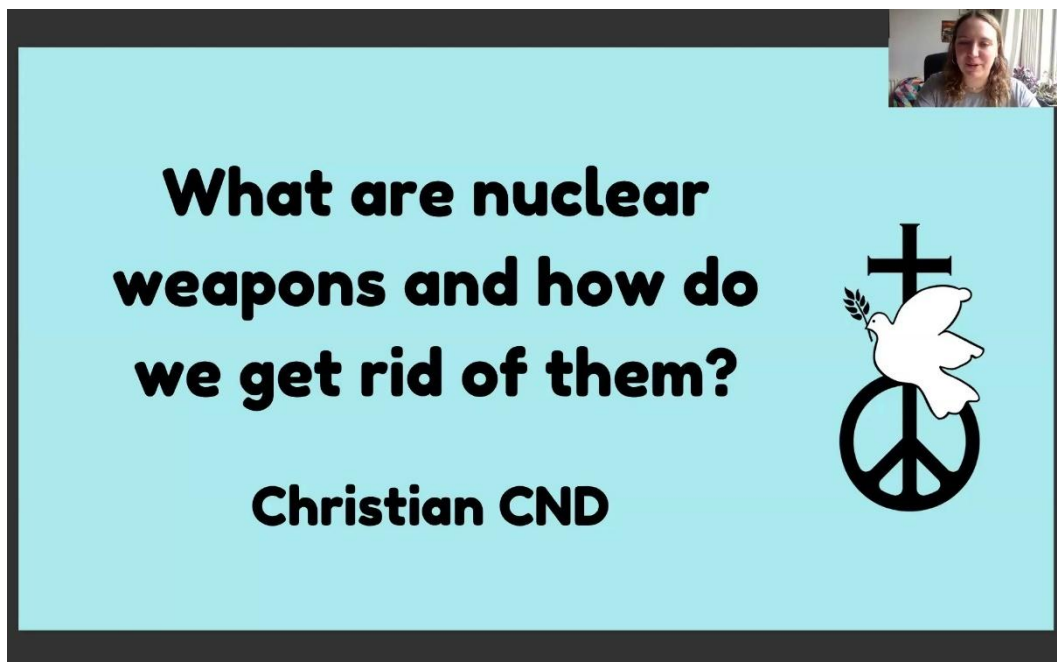


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1ST JANUARY - 31ST DECEMBER 2024



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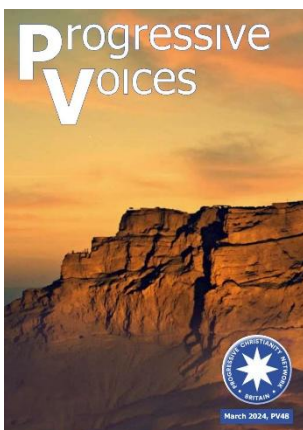
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Chair's Report on the Network in 2024

by Simon Cross

"It's just so refreshing to hear this," one person said to me after one of the series of events that PCN Britain organised with the American theologian and author Thomas Jay Oord in the summer of 2024.

"It's just not the sort of God-talk I hear in my church," they continued, adding: "I don't even necessarily agree with everything he says, but I don't think that matters – it's being able to talk about it that's important."

For many of us, the reason we joined PCN in the first place was to find like-minded folk who were as dissatisfied with the kind of theology that dominates the mainstream of British Christianity as we were. We were looking, perhaps, for fellow travellers, people with whom we could have honest conversations and ask honest questions. Coming up with the same answers, if we come up with answers at all, is not so important.

WB Yeats, in his poem *The Second Coming*, wrote that "The best lack all conviction, while the worst are full of passionate intensity." There is certainly a danger in having a quiet voice in a world full of noise and bluster – and yet at the same time part of the challenge of living in a noisy, troublesome world, is knowing how and when to stay quiet – there is a time for everything, as Qoheleth reminds us.

What is it time for now? That is the question we must continue to ask ourselves.

Our AGM last year included a talk about the work of Christian CND, a reflection of the fact that our noisy world feels ever more like a dangerous place – perhaps particularly for those of us who occupy marginal spaces or represent marginalised identities.

I'm conscious that within PCN, as within any network, there will be a variety of feelings about the arguments, issues and problems of the world. One of the questions that has bedevilled the trustee committee from time to time is whether we, as a network, should be more actively 'political', or not.

Heated debates have been had about issues of our time, and different opinions have been shared. Perhaps it's controversial, but I happen to think that being able to respectfully hold a variety of opinions and positions together is one of the strengths of our network. It doesn't always make our lives easy, and there are, perhaps some things that we don't talk about much as a result, but the ability to 'disagree well' and to accept (even if respect is too strong a word) one another's different viewpoints and perspectives is, I think, crucial if we are to represent a genuinely progressive approach to Christianity.

Each year in this report I have to say thank you to various people. It would be easy, I suppose, to see this as going through the motions, doing the 'right thing' - but the fact is that without these people we couldn't function as network, we couldn't be a safe place, or a place of generous welcome. We need people to help us function as a network – and again as Qoheleth reminds there is a time for everything, a season for everything.

One of those seasons comes to an end, now, as this year was the last year of service from our long standing treasurer Peter Stribblehill, he will get an honourable mention in next year's list of retiring trustees, of course, but it would be remiss of me to not to say thanks, again, to him for his work.

Peter's diligence has helped us as we have had to start navigating what could be rather tricky financial waters. While we've made a collective decision as trustees not to increase our subscription prices (indeed we've tried to make it easier and cheaper for some of our members to retain their membership) over the last several years we've been somewhat caught out by the dramatic rise in costs across the board. Reserves that seem healthy enough could soon be eaten up by rapid inflationary pressures. We took some cost cutting decisions in 2024, some of which were hard, and in 2025 we will need to work hard to ensure that books remain balanced. Peter's work has provided us with a good platform for this.

I am, of course, deeply grateful to all my fellow trustees – people who get together to talk about the nuts and bolts of the network, glamorous it ain't ... but necessary it remains. In thanking each of the trustees, I do so on behalf of the whole network.

Alongside the trustee committee are other key network volunteers whom we must also thank. Not least among them are the people who convene and lead our groups! Our group structure is very much the backbone of PCN Britain, and it is something that other networks envy, frankly. Thank you to everyone who rolls up their sleeves and gets involved.

Providing our members and our groups with interesting and useful resources is a key part of our work. In 2024 we finally completed the set of podcast episodes which we've been working on for ages, they will be released in 2025. I'm grateful for the work that George Luke, a freelance radio programme maker, did for us on this project. It took us a while to work out exactly how we wanted that project to work – I think we got there in the end.

We continue to rely on other resources too, some of which are in the care of Jess Lee, our DVD librarian (thank you Jess!) and we continue, too, to get requests for information about our made of stories film project, something which remains helpful to many. That project wouldn't have been possible without the support and donations of our members, we are in this together.

Janis Knox continues to work for us in the wild west of social media land – thank you Janis for doing the dirty work that few of us have the appetite for! Part of our cost cutting meant, regrettably, that in 2024 we had to cut back some of Janis' work – that's no reflection on her work or dedication, it simply represents the difficult position we've been in through. We continue to hope that this will change in time.

Every year I say thank you to Sarah Guilfoyle, our administrator, who holds the various threads of our network together. These past few years have not been easy ones – and I'm very grateful for Sarah and all that she does. I know that many of you have directly benefited from her work and will want to join me in thanking her for all that she does for us.

This year we said goodbye to two of our trustees, Jenny Jacobs and Gwen Wills, both of whom gave great service to the committee. We are thankful for them both and glad that they remain good friends to us, and part of this network.

We cannot afford to grow complacent as a network – if you have read all the way to the bottom of this report, then you, like me, value PCN Britain. Are there others who you can invite to become members? Are there people in your group, or your church, who would benefit from being in this generous space? Let's not let the grass grow long under our feet.



Simon Cross, PCN Britain Chair, April 2025

Financial Report for the Year Ending 31 December 2024

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The accounts show a deficit of £6,645 for the year with a balance on the general fund £21,968 at the end of the year.

2 Events

After a gap of a few years, a successful Members' Weekend was arranged.

3 Publications

PV costs include the cost of postage.

4 Website

The website expenditure reflected maintenance costs during the year. A new laptop was purchased for the office.

5 Development

The Social Media Editor continued to work about 4 hours a week maintaining our media presence. Work was started on a series of Podcasts.

8 Operating costs

The increased management costs reflect a return to one residential meeting which was felt to be most valuable. This will be kept under review for 2025.

9 Deficit

The overall deficit of £6,645 reflects ongoing work on development projects along with a loss of membership during the year with a consequential reduction in Gift Aid recovery.

This is to be addressed as a matter of priority during 2025

Over the years reserves have fluctuated, being built up and then used typically on our development / outreach work.



Peter Stribblehill, Treasurer, February 2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Progressive Christianity Network Britain

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1102164

Set out on pages

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**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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**Independent
examiner's statement**

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- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: *R. Witham*

Date: 3/4/2025

Name: RACHEL WITHAM

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

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Section B

Disclosure

No disclosures or qualifications.

Progressive Christianity Network Britain

Receipts and Payments for the Year Ending 31 December 2024

	2024			2023		
	Income £	Expenditure £	Net £	Income £	Expenditure £	Net £
Membership and Donations						
Subscriptions	18,609		18,609	20,208		20,208
Donations - general	272		272	205		205
Gift Aid	3,394		3,394	4,185		4,185
Give as you Live	19		19			
	22,294	0	22,294	24,598	0	24,598
Events						
AGM / others	150	(352)	(202)	10	(50)	(40)
Members Weekend	7,248	(6,960)	288	1,010	(1,133)	(123)
Greenbelt	64	(1,112)	(1,048)		(800)	(800)
	7,462	(8,424)	(962)	1,020	(1,983)	(963)
Publications						
Sales	99		99	347		347
Publication costs		(170)	(170)		(215)	(215)
Newsletter costs		(4,996)	(4,996)		(5,228)	(5,228)
Website		(2,307)	(2,307)		(1,498)	(1,498)
	99	(7,473)	(7,374)	347	(6,941)	(6,594)
Development Projects						
Media Editor		(2,064)	(2,064)		(2,068)	(2,068)
Podcast Expenditure		(2,338)	(2,338)			0
	0	(4,402)	(4,402)	0	(2,068)	(2,068)
Interest Received						
CCLA	1,059		1,059	894		894
	1,059	0	1,059	894	0	894
Operating Costs						
Admin salaries		(14,225)	(14,225)		(13,450)	(13,450)
Insurance		(555)	(555)		(528)	(528)
Management Committee exp		(1,612)	(1,612)		(874)	(874)
Other costs		(617)	(617)		(442)	(442)
Bank Charges		(251)	(251)		(160)	(160)
	0	(17,260)	(17,260)	0	(15,454)	(15,454)
Cash Surplus for Year	30,914	(37,559)	(6,645)	26,859	(26,446)	413

**Progressive Christianity Network Britain
Statement of Assets 31 December 2024**

Funds	31/12/2024	31/12/2023
	General Fund £	General Fund £
Balance at 1 January	28,614	28,201
Net receipts for Year	(6,646)	413
<u>Balance at 31 December</u>	<u>21,968</u>	<u>28,614</u>

Balance Sheet	31/12/2024	31/12/2023
	£	£
<u>Assets</u>		
Co-operative Bank	3,610	7,314
CCLA	18,359	21,300
<u>Total</u>	<u>21,968</u>	<u>28,201</u>



Simon Cross, Chair



Peter Stribblehill, Treasurer

PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIANITY NETWORK - BRITAIN

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Progressive Christianity Network Britain

Registered Charity No: 1102164

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In 2023, PCN Britain celebrated its 20th anniversary. Pictured is Jill Sandham presenting at the event held at Reading Minster on 4th November.

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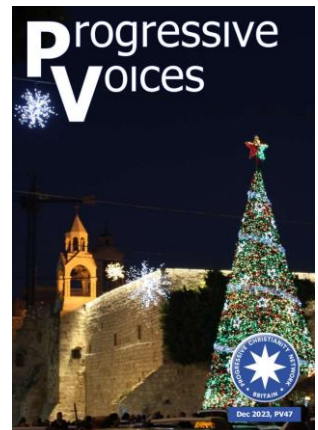
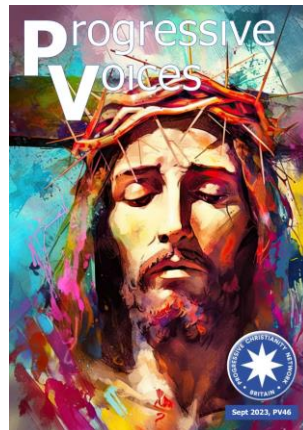
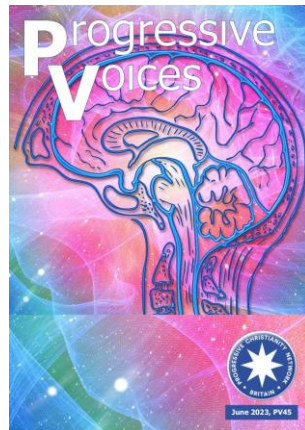
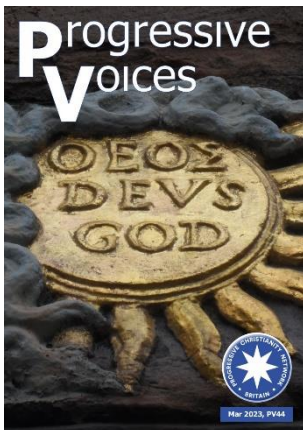
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Chair's Report on the Network in 2023

by Simon Cross

PCN Britain celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2023, which means that here in the UK, the network is now old enough to drive a lorry or a bus. In these days of industrial disputes, some of which remain unresolved at the time of writing, the ability to drive a bus feels all the more useful. We continue, after all, to live in difficult and challenging times.

Difficulties and challenges are all the more real, of course, in other parts of the world. Places that are more directly impacted by issues arising from climate change for example; states and regions that are subject to severe political and economic instability; and of course, those parts of the world that are suffering the appalling cost of armed conflict. For all our difficulties, we remain part of a privileged enclave.

PCN Britain is a network of people with a diverse range of views about almost everything. We are not, I think, subject to group think. I am sure, though, that we all have the same sort of reaction to the events unfolding around our world – a mixture, perhaps, of shock, horror and grief.

George Santayana, an atheist who was fascinated by the Church (some of us may sympathise!) wrote that 'the family is one of nature's masterpieces,' there's something special about what happens when people are bonded together, despite their differences. In togetherness we can find strength to carry on working for a better world in the face of all the troubles and difficulties we see and hear about, day in day out. A strength of a network, perhaps, is in its ability to provide the resources we need to sustain ourselves when things are difficult.



In 2023 we heard, at our AGM, from Joe Forde who spoke with passion and insight about the welfare state. His was a particular stance, one which many, perhaps most, but certainly not all of us will have shared. Once you look at a problem from multiple perspectives, after all, you begin to see multiple potential solutions. This is another strength of a network, that there is a range of perspectives.

Those who were able to come to our anniversary events, one in Reading and another in York, were able to hear a presentation from former and current trustees, people who remember well the challenges of getting the network started – "what," they asked twenty years ago, "should we call ourselves?" Various options were considered before The Progressive Christianity Network (Britain) was chosen. As I listened (twice) to this presentation, I wondered whether I might ever have joined something called the 'Liberal Christianity Network' or any of the other names that were mooted. On seemingly small decisions all kinds of things hang. The thanks of the present trustees, and I'm sure the wider membership too, go to all those folk who spent so much time on that fascinating and thought-provoking presentation.

We were also delighted to be joined, at the Reading event, by Victoria Turner, author of the provocatively titled 'Young, Woke and Christian: Words from a missing generation', while at the York event we were able to hear from one of the founders of Anti Racist Cumbria, who featured in one of our 'Made of Stories' films. Both shared new perspectives on age old issues.

It is now three years since the last of the Covid lockdowns, and it seems clear that as a network we're now operating in a different paradigm to that which we inhabited 'before'. Getting groups of people together, particularly bringing folk from different parts of the country together, continues to prove difficult. We need to continue to reflect on why that is, and what it means for us as a network. Since the lockdowns some of our groups have gone back to 'life as normal' while others have maintained remote or hybrid meetings, what is true to say is that the '*new normal*' that was promised still doesn't feel altogether normal.

As we seek to navigate the twists and turns of social changes and challenges, I'm extremely grateful that we have managed, between us, to gather together a group of talented and dedicated trustees. The role of a trustee is to support and guide the charity in its choices and decisions – this year some of our trustees come to the end of their term and will step down from the role – might you have some time, expertise, or experience to offer to the team? We need new voices and different perspectives on age old problems. If you would like to volunteer, or want to nominate someone, then please let us know.

It would be easy for me to rhapsodise about any and all of the good folk who have served as trustees, but that would go on for too long. I do want to acknowledge, though, the role played by Peter Stribblehill on the trustee board over the last several years. Peter has been our treasurer for a long time now, and, like all the best athletes, has decided to retire while he is still scoring goals and winning races. Our huge and sincere thanks go to Peter – our meetings will not be the same without him. Not leaving us this year, but still putting in a huge amount of work, is Dave Coaker who continues in the Sisyphean task of editing Progressive Voices. Unlike me, David is one of the quieter members of the team, but (also unlike me) when he speaks it's always worth listening. We are grateful to him for the many hours he gifts us in his work, perhaps he will get a reward in heaven – but I'm hedging my bets by thanking him publicly here too.

Besides the trustees, our network relies on the hard work of a lot of other volunteers. Perhaps you've heard of the 'volunteer crisis' that now threatens various institutions across our country, we are not immune from it. That fact makes me doubly grateful for the folk who continue to volunteer for us, among them the very dedicated Jess Lee, our DVD librarian, our thanks very much go to Jess for her hard work and dedication. We are also reliant on a host of others: the group leaders, the convenors, the folk who make cups of tea, the people who write things for PV, the people who take time to email me with thoughts and ideas. Your names are legion, for you are many, we could not do without you.

We are, of course, most heavily reliant on the work of Sarah Guilfoyle, who seems to rival the divine in her apparent omniscience. I think the thing Sarah says to me most regularly is: "Have you remembered..." To which the answer is invariably: "Errr, no..." Whether it's fending off cyber criminals (alongside Peter Gamston), dealing with banks, booking venues, sending out packages or finding obscure pieces of information, we as a network don't know the half of what Sarah does – I know you appreciate her efforts as much as I do. As well as Sarah, we're also supported by the work of Janis Knox, our social media person, as someone who has largely foresworn social media, I'm grateful that someone else is able to 'do the dirty work' promoting what we do and navigating online exchanges.

In 2023 Adrian Alker and Martin Bassant both stepped down as Trustees. Adrian was one of the founding Trustees of PCN Britain and had served as chair for 7 years prior to his retirement. The Trustees, on behalf of the whole membership, thank them both for their service.

Ultimately, I'm hugely grateful for not just the work, but the company of all those mentioned above, as well as all those who haven't been mentioned – together we make up a network. Santayana may have been right that a family is one of nature's great masterpieces, at times this network feels like a family to me, and I'm grateful for it.

In 2024 look out for: more events (online and in person) and, we hope... the eventual launch of our podcast project.



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Simon Cross, PCN Britain Chair, April 2024

Financial Report for the Year Ending 31 December 2023

1 Summary

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The accounts are prepared on the basis that the trustees are confident that PCNB is a going concern, able to meet its financial obligations for the next 12 months.

The accounts comprise the receipts and payments for the year and a balance sheet.

The accounts show a surplus of £413 for the year with a balance on the general fund £28,614 at the end of the year.

2 Events

Donations were received from attendees at our AGM, 20th anniversary celebrations and webinars.

3 Publications

PV costs include the cost of postage.

4 Website

The website expenditure reflected maintenance costs during the year.

5 Development

The Social Media Editor continues to work about 4 hours a week maintaining our media presence.

6 The general rise in interest rates was reflected in the return on our **Churches, Charities and Local Authorities (CCLA)** deposit which was much more than in recent years.

7 Operating costs

The year reflects a return to `live` events with our 20th anniversary gatherings.

Trustees were mindful of costs of their meetings so that there was a mixture of zoom and one day meetings. The opportunity of residential meetings was missed so that they are likely to have just one such meeting in 2024.

8 Deficit

The overall surplus of £413 reflects a successful outcome to the request for members to consider their level of subscription rather than imposing a general increase.



Peter Stribblehill, Treasurer, February 2024

Section A**Independent Examiner's Report**

Report to the trustees	Progressive Christianity Network Britain		
On accounts for the year ended	31 st December 2023	Charity no (if any)	1102164
	Set out on pages Seven and Eight		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2023**.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: **Date:**

Name:

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

Address:

Section B**Disclosure**

No disclosures or qualifications.

Progressive Christianity Network Britain
Receipts and Payments for the Year Ending 31 December 2023

	2023			2022		
	Income	Expenditure	Net	Income	Expenditure	Net
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Membership and Donations						
Subscriptions	20,208		20,208	20,539	-	20,539
Donations - general	205		205	488	-	488
Gift Aid	4,185		4,185	3,769	-	3,769
	24,598	0	24,598	24,796	-	24,796
Events						
AGM	10	(50)	(40)	150	(467)	(317)
Webinar / Anniversary	1,010	(1,133)	(123)	260	(87)	173
Greenbelt		(800)	(800)	0	(1,413)	(1,413)
	1,020	(1,983)	(963)	410	(1,967)	(1,557)
Publications						
Sales	347		347	596		596
Publication costs		(215)	(215)		(339)	(339)
Newsletter costs		(5,228)	(5,228)		(4,057)	(4,057)
Website		(1,498)	(1,498)		(1,874)	(1,874)
	347	(6,941)	(6,594)	596	(6,270)	(5,674)
Development Projects						
Media Editor		(2,068)	(2,068)		(1,733)	(1,733)
Production Expenditure			0		(4,680)	(4,680)
	0	(2,068)	(2,068)	0	(6,413)	(6,413)
Interest Received						
CCLA	894		894	197	-	197
	894		894	197	-	197
Operating Costs						
Admin salaries		(13,450)	(13,450)	0	(13,305)	(13,305)
Insurance		(528)	(528)		(452)	(452)
Management Committee expenses		(874)	(874)		(3,410)	(3,410)
Other costs		(442)	(442)		(759)	(759)
Bank Charges		(160)	(160)		(269)	(269)
	0	(15,454)	(15,454)	0	(18,195)	(18,195)
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**Progressive Christianity Network Britain
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<u>Balance at 31 December</u>	<u>28,614</u>	<u>28,201</u>

Balance Sheet	31/12/2023	31/12/2022
	£	£
<u>Assets</u>		
Co-operative Bank	7,314	7,795
CCLA	21,300	20,406
<u>Total</u>	<u>28,614</u>	<u>28,201</u>



Simon Cross, Chair



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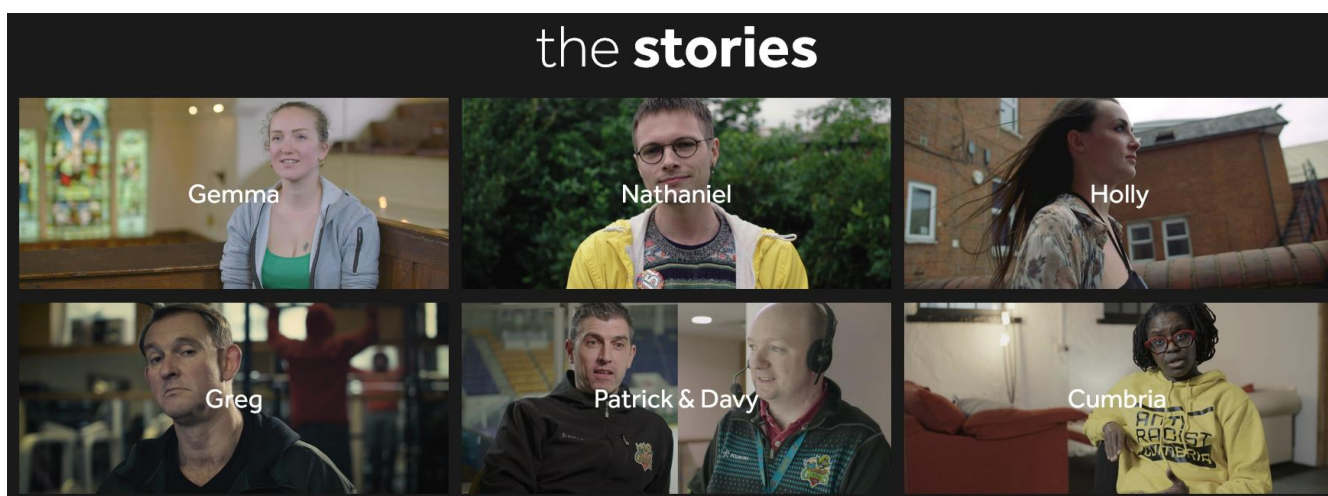
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In 2022, the sixth and final film in the Made of Stories series was released.

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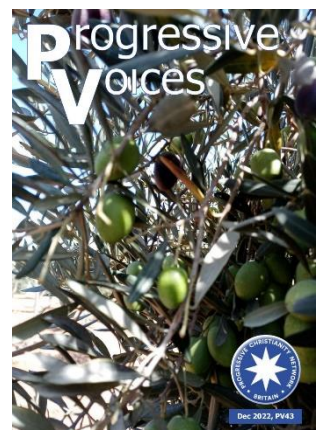
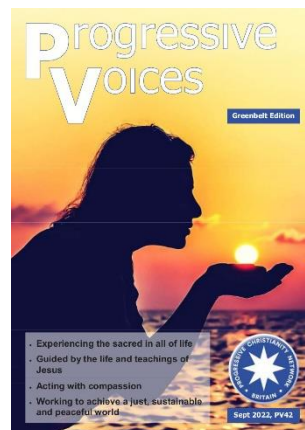
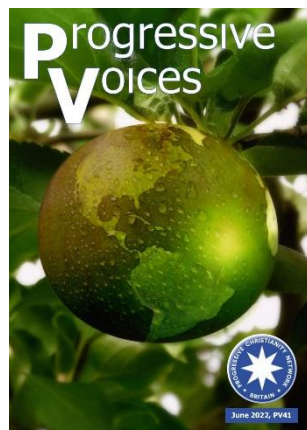
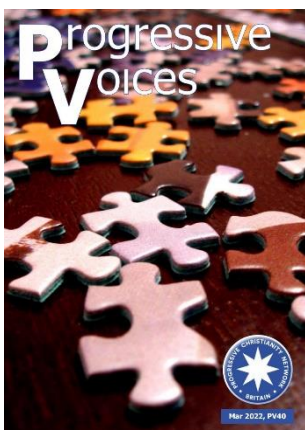
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	Sue Hobley	Jenny Jacobs
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	Gwen Wills	



Chair's Report on the Network in 2022

by Simon Cross

The long shadow of Covid 19 was only barely diminished last year when we had our first in person event since the beginning of the outbreak, fittingly it was our AGM where we heard from Chris Maunder about his work on the historical Mary. We have that same 'long shadow' to thank for introducing us to the software we use for this year's AGM – ironically 'virtual' again, although this year due to rail strikes rather than a pandemic.

As one of the other trustees mentioned recently, as 'progressive' Christians we should expect to be progressive across the board, that probably means learning to fully embrace the possibilities offered by new technologies where they can enrich our life together. It's been very interesting to be able to join one or two of our groups who have fully embraced this as a way of meeting, and to see the way that this allows them to draw in folk who otherwise would have been too far apart to be able to meet together.

As well as the geographical spread, there is of course a broad spectrum of individual positions on all kinds of things within the network. This too continues to be a joy to experience and interact with – that we're able to listen to one another and learn from different perspectives (new and old) should surely be a source of hope and inspiration.

As many of us know, PCN as network sits in a broader 'field' of other organisations and charities with similar aims and approaches. It has been good, this year, to deepen and develop links with Inclusive Church, Modern Church, One Body One Faith, SCM, and Open Table Network among others. It is to be hoped that greater co-working with organisations will enable us to develop our work, and to engage with a greater variety of folk who are not currently aware of PCN as a network. With this in mind, we've also been talking to Greenbelt (where we had a stall again in 2022) about ways that we might develop some work that would benefit the festival but also help us strengthen our network, discussions are ongoing.

The Power of Partnership

As individual organisations we recognise the power of partnership.

As such, Inclusive Church, Modern Church, OneBodyOneFaith, Open Table Network, Progressive Christianity Network, and Student Christian Movement will proactively seek opportunities to work together to challenge inequality, pursue justice, and provide teaching and resources, for the good of the Kingdom of God.

Logos for: Modern Church, OneBodyOneFaith, Open Table Network, Inclusive Church, and Student Christian Movement.

Perhaps the closest relationship we have is with Student Christian Movement (SCM), Naomi Nixon the Chief Executive Officer of SCM is a co-opted trustee for PCN and we hope to find ways to develop and strengthen this link in particular. With that in mind I was delighted to spend time with SCM members at their annual conference last year, getting to know such a talented and energetic group of young people was really encouraging, they are not just the future of the progressive movement, they are the present of it too. It seems clear that part of our work is to ensure that what we do represents the way they see the world, and the church, too.

I'm greatly encouraged, of course, by the work of our trustees. Each contributes in different ways, bringing wisdom, experience, and enthusiasm to different elements of our work. Martin Bassant, as many know, has a particular interest in all things scientific – so I felt for him as the 'Thinking Science, Thinking Faith' was multiply postponed and rearranged during the pandemic. We were able to host three 'virtual' seminars by some very different scholars during the autumn, which provided food for thought and discussion for us all – the thoughts of one of the speakers in particular helped us consider how we might develop a conference on 'Disability' which we plan to hold (in person!) in September.



I could single out each of the trustees for their particular contribution, but I'd run out of space in this report. I must though note the work of Adrian Alker, whose final term as a trustee comes to an end this year, Adrian was elected chair in 2015 and has been an active member since well before that. One of Adrian's many achievements in the role has been to champion the development of the series of short films which we called 'Made of Stories'. The final film in this series was released (people say 'dropped' now, I'm told) in 2022, if you've not yet watched it I encourage you to do so, it's challenging and insightful, and provides much food for thought and fruitful reflection. Ian Geere was also deeply involved in making this

project happen, he stepped down as a trustee in 2022, but stayed involved in the film project, we're greatly appreciative of his help.

It has been my privilege to take on the chair that Adrian has vacated, but I note that he's not slipping off into the night, he is now hard at work on a book which will follow up on his last one... an expectant public awaits!

As a network we are reliant on some deeply committed volunteers and of course our one employee – to whom I shall return. I must first, though, acknowledge with great thanks the work of Jess Lee, our DVD librarian, not the most glamorous of roles in the network... (come to think of it, I'm not sure if we have any glamorous roles), but one that is vital for many of our members. We are very grateful for Jess' commitment, similarly we're deeply grateful for the work of Dave Coaker – editor of 'Progressive Voices' – which everyone seems to call PV – it's far from the easiest of jobs, constantly trying to corral recalcitrant contributors and provide the network with a mixture of relevant news and interesting features, we're very grateful for Dave's work. Similarly we're glad of Peter Gamston who provides web support, and we mustn't forget to thank Peter Bellenes who until the last AGM was our web editor. We're still learning how much work he did! As a network we're fortunate to have Janis Knox 'doing' social media for us, we can't afford to ignore this vital mode of communication as seek to develop our work.

Of course, I can't ignore the work of our administrator, Sarah, who (really) keeps the show on the road. I dare say there's nobody in the network who hasn't heard from Sarah in some way or another, she helps to coordinate all of our events, brings trustees together for meetings, sticks on stamps and labels, keeps our accounts up to date, and helpfully reminds me of a range of important things (e.g.: "Have you remembered to write a chair's report yet?") We're very lucky to have Sarah on our team, to recognise all that she does for the network would take too long, and she'd probably have to remind me of much of it anyway! We're very grateful for her and her obliging husband and daughter.

The backbone of PCN is our network of groups, for all those who are group convenors (your name is legion for you are many) we're deeply thankful, we hope that we can continue to develop material that you can use when you meet. With that in mind, we have been planning the next iteration of the 'Made of Stories' project, rather than make more films we intend to record and distribute a series of podcasts – something you can listen to together in your groups or perhaps while you're washing the dishes or walking the dog. We're also working on a project to bring together just some of the many talented folk that PCN counts as members to begin creating a range of material that we can use on our website and elsewhere, in 2023 we want to find ourselves on the front foot of creating new material that talks about what it might mean to be a progressive Christian in the contemporary world.

I hope that this 'report' gives you some insight into the work that your trustees, volunteers, and our one staff member are engaged in – of course this is 'our network' it belongs to us all, so I must finally thank you – the member who reads this all the way to the end – for helping to form such a rich and rewarding network to be part of. I'm genuinely, deeply, grateful.



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Simon Cross, PCN Britain Chair, March 2023

Financial Report for the Year Ending 31 December 2022

1. Summary

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The accounts show a deficit of £6,846 for the year with a balance on the general fund £28,201 at the end of the year.

2. Events

Donations were received from attendees at our AGM and webinars.

3. Publications

The extra costs of the Greenbelt edition of PV are shown under Greenbelt in Events

4. Website

The website expenditure reflected maintenance costs during the year.

5. Development

The Social Media Editor continues to work about 4 hours a week maintaining our media presence. £4,680 was spent on film production, being the final payment for this project.

6. Operating costs

Operations have returned closer to `normal` after covid. However, there were still few `live` events while we continued with webinars. Trustee expenses returned to their usual level and we will be looking critically at these in 2023 in an effort to be prudent with our resources.

7. Deficit

The overall deficit of £6,846 after film payments of £4,680 and Greenbelt costs £1413 (total £6,093) brings our reserves more to the level required for ongoing commitments.



Peter Stribblehill, Treasurer, March 2023

Section A**Independent Examiner's Report****Report to the trustees/
members of**

Progressive Christianity Network Britain

**On accounts for the year
ended**31st December 2022**Charity no
(if any)**

1102164

Set out on pages

Seven and Eight

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2022**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Dr R. Witham MRCVS

Date:

24-2-2023

Name:

DR RAHEL WITHAM MRCVS.

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(if any):****Address:**

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Section B**Disclosure**

No disclosures or qualifications

Progressive Christianity Network Britain
Receipts and Payments for the Year Ending 31 December 2022

	2022			2021		
	Income £	Expenditure £	Net £	Income £	Expenditure £	Net £
Membership and Donations						
Subscriptions	20,539	-	20,539	20,782	-	20,782
Donations - general	488	-	488	263	-	263
Gift Aid	3,769	-	3,769	3,958	-	3,958
	24,796	-	24,796	25,003	-	25,003
Memorial Fund (Restricted Fund)						
Donations / Expenditure				640	(507)	133
Events (2)						
AGM	150	(467)	(317)			
Webinar donations / costs	260	(87)	173	1,780	(989)	791
Greenbelt (3)	0	(1,413)	(1,413)			
	410	(1,967)	(1,557)	1,780	(989)	791
Publications						
Sales	596		596	241		241
Publication costs		(339)	(339)		0	0
Newsletter costs		(4,057)	(4,057)		(4,435)	(4,435)
Website (4)		(1,874)	(1,874)		(1,129)	(1,129)
	596	(6,270)	(5,674)	241	(5,564)	(5,323)
Development Projects (5)						
Media Editor		(1,733)	(1,733)		(1,940)	(1,940)
Film Project Grants / Donations			0	20		20
Production Expenditure		(4,680)	(4,680)		(1,800)	(1,800)
	0	(6,413)	(6,413)	20	(3,740)	(3,720)
Interest Received						
CCLA	197	-	197	2		2
	197	-	197	2		2
Operating Costs (6)						
Admin salaries	0	(13,305)	(13,305)	0	(12,777)	(12,777)
Insurance		(452)	(452)		(444)	(444)
Management Committee expenses		(3,410)	(3,410)		(354)	(354)
Other costs		(759)	(759)		(1,158)	(1,158)
Bank Charges		(269)	(269)		(269)	(269)
	0	(18,195)	(18,195)	0	(15,002)	(15,002)
Cash Surplus for Year (7)	25,999	(32,845)	(6,846)	27,686	(25,802)	1,884

Progressive Christianity Network Britain
Statement of Assets 31 December 2022

Funds	31/12/2022	31/12/2021
	General Fund	Total
	£	£
Balance at 1 January	35,047	33,163
Net receipts for Year	(6,846)	1,884
<u>Balance at 31 December</u> (1)	28,201	35,047

Balance Sheet	31/12/2022	31/12/2021
	£	£
<u>Assets</u>		
Co-operative Bank	7,795	14,839
CCLA	20,406	20,208
<u>Total</u>	28,201	35,047



Simon Cross,
Chair



Peter Stribblehill,
Treasurer

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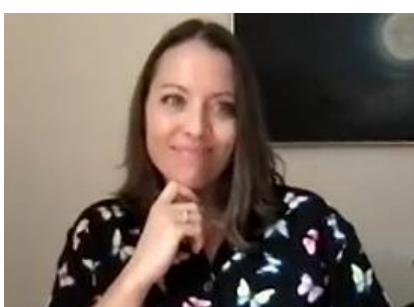
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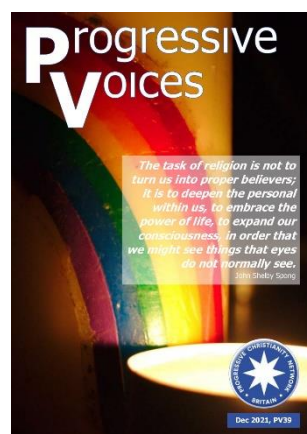
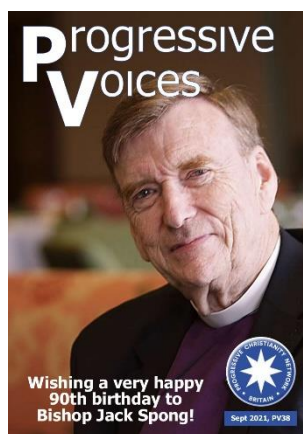
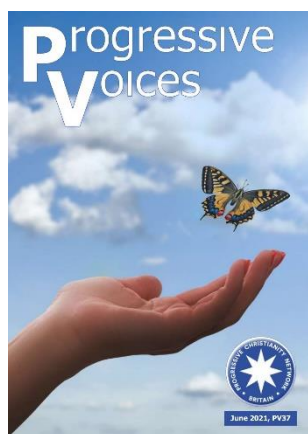
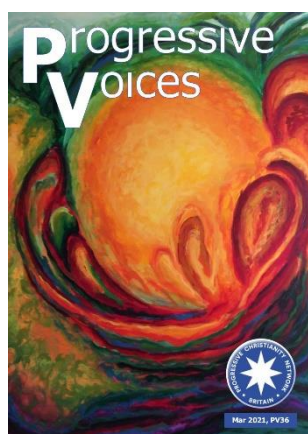
**Top row (left to right): Brian McLaren (11th March 2021), Julian Baggini (11th May 2021), John Dominic Crossan (21st July 2021)
Bottom Row (left to right): Jeremy Greaves and Deshna Shine (19th October 2021), Richard Holloway (8th November 2021)**

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	Dave Coaker Ian Geere Jenny Jacobs Paul Onslow Gwen Wills (from June) Jackie Wiegman (from June)



Chair's Report on the Network in 2021 by Adrian Alker

At the Trustees meeting in June 2015, I was elected to chair the PCN committee of trustees, in succession to Angela Smith. When I step down from this role of Chair after the 2022 annual meeting, after seven years in office, I will be thankful for the privilege of serving this very special network of people. In fact, I can look back to the formation of PCN in 2003, when my involvement as a trustee began. Next year therefore will mark twenty years of PCN Britain and there will be opportunities then to record our journey and its highlights.

For now, this report looks back on the year 2021.

As the Covid pandemic continued well into last year, so our work as an organisation continued the adaptation to a great deal of online activity rather than face to face meetings, be they in groups or conferences. It was, of course, frustrating to have to cancel meetings but so much more serious was the plight of millions of people across the world, whose lives and livelihoods were so deeply affected by the pandemic. To add to this sadness, PCN learnt of the death of good friends of our network. Bishop Jack Spong who died on September 12th 2021 had been a beacon of hope and light for progressive Christians for decades. Jack was a personal friend to many in our network and was there in 2003 to inspire us at the Kendal and London launches of PCN Britain. We honoured Jack in our December edition of Progressive Voices. During the year we were also saddened to learn of the deaths of John Hetherington, Michael Wright and Hylton Boothroyd, all stalwart PCN members who kept the flame of progressive thinking brightly burning in Kendal, Middlesbrough and Keswick respectively.



In 2021 we welcomed Jackie Wiegman and Gwen Wills as new trustees and I want to record my thanks to all the trustees for their service throughout the year. Peter Stribblehill has continued his careful custody of our finances and Dave Coaker his excellent editorship of Progressive Voices. The trustees met for the first time in person since the beginning of the pandemic when we gathered for our day meeting in Leeds in August. The other trustees' meetings, in February, March, April and December, were all conducted on Zoom. Like many other organisations, the longer-term effect of the pandemic has been to realise that there are some benefits, not least cost, to such online meetings and the trustees have determined to have a mixture of online and personal gatherings into the future. This will be a financial saving to the network.

In regard to finances PCN will need to be vigilant over its fund raising in the coming years, which principally means maintaining a high level of membership. Our main costs are in the salary paid to Sarah our excellent administrator, the costs of producing Progressive Voices, in maintaining our website and social media presence and in the trustees' management expenses. Whilst our reserves are healthy, the renewal of membership and the welcoming of new members is vital for our ongoing presence as the largest membership in Britain of such a progressive thinking Christian organisation. Please do encourage all who share our vision to join the cause!



One area which has proved to have an unintended financial benefit had been our series of webinars or zoom lectures when those who have attended online have donated generously to the cost of the event. In 2021 we continued with such online ventures, welcoming Brian McLaren, Julian Baggini, Dom Crossan, Richard Holloway and, as the final Marcus Borg Memorial Lecture, an ambitious evening which brought together the Revd Deshna Shine from the USA and

Bishop Jeremy Greaves from Queensland, Australia (pictured). This gave us a fascinating insight into the challenges and opportunities for progressive Christianity across the continents.

Behind all our work are those who make things happen, be they in publicity, website updating, our library and shop services and a thousand tasks which make for the smooth running of PCN. Here we thank yet again Sarah Guilfoyle, Janis Knox our Social Media Editor, Peter Bellenes, Peter Gamston and Pete Eveleigh (the triune Peters!) for all the attention given to make our website lively, attractive and informative, and Jess Lee our librarian.

One of our guiding eight points is to call for a just, peaceful and sustainable world and I am penning this report during the dreadful loss of life in the war in Ukraine. Alongside the horrors of war in Europe sit the challenges of a dramatic rise in the cost of living and the urgency of the need to curb carbon emissions. In all these situations we are reminded that the guidance of the teachings and example of Jesus compel us to a life of action, of a desire and indeed compulsion to transform our society and our world into the kingdom of God on earth. PCN is always keen to promote and ally with organisations which seek this transformation, be it The Equality Trust, the Charter for Compassion or more recently Church Action for Tax Justice.

The many PCN groups, convened admirably by PCN members, have continued to meet both on Zoom and latterly in person or with a mixture of approaches. To support them and members more generally we are always keen that resources are there to stimulate thought and action. Our Made of Stories short films together with recordings of our online lectures have proved helpful in this regard. The PCN website pages cover a whole host of topics through blogs, articles, links to YouTube lectures etc and we encourage members to browse its contents regularly. Stimulation for study is also provided through Tim Yeager's excellent Galilee Course and Galilee group and the books of Ben Whitney which are generously offered to groups.

PCN does not operate in isolation and we are pleased to partner with other organisations such as Inclusive Church, One Body One Faith, SCM, Modern Church and others and we constantly keep such partnerships under review.

Finally, as we look to the future under the guidance of the trustees and their new Chairperson, the views and support of all members is important to us. Recently those in ministry who are PCN members have been meeting on Zoom, as have our group convenors. They represent a whole body of wisdom and advice which we value and need as we look ahead to the continuing flourishing of PCN Britain.



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Adrian Alker".

Adrian Alker, Chair PCN Britain, April 2022

Financial Report for the Year Ending 31 December 2021

1. Summary

The accounts for 2021 have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis. This reverses the decision to move to accruals basis taken a few years ago. On examination, it was found that there was little difference in the surplus for the year so that the extra work needed to produce accruals accounts was not worthwhile. In particular, it was felt that the search for independent examiners and future treasurers could be hampered by them needing to deal with accruals, for little benefit. The accounts are prepared on the basis that the trustees are confident that PCNB is a going concern, able to meet its financial obligations for the next 12 months.

The accounts comprise the receipts and payments for the year and a balance sheet.

The accounts show a surplus of £1,884 for the year with a balance on the general fund £35,047 at the end of the year.

2. Marcus Borg Memorial Fund

The final Marcus Borg Memorial event postponed from 2020 took place by zoom and this format allowed us to invite a second speaker who brought a different perspective.

3. Events

Donation were received from attendees at our four webinars so that they became an unexpected source of income for the network.

4. Publications

In spite of some disruptions, we were able to produce all 4 editions of PV with a slight increase in costs. No new publications were produced during the year.

5. Website

The website expenditure reflected just maintenance costs during the year.

6. Development

The Social Media Editor continues to work about 4 hours a week maintaining our media presence £1,800 was spent on film production, being an initial payment on a new film

7. Operating costs

Various of these remained much reduced due to the Covid-19 restrictions. Trustees generally met by Zoom although they were able to have one physical meeting in Leeds. This meant much reduced travel and accommodation costs for the rest of the year.

8. Surplus

The overall surplus of £1,884 after film payments of £1.800 leaves our reserves in a healthy position. Hopefully more `real` events will be possible in 2022 including a greater return to trustees meeting in person.

9. Transfers between funds

2021 saw the last Borg memorial event so that this and the balance on the Joint Events fund were transferred to the General Fund. This is to increase our flexibility for future use of our funds.

Several joint events have been with various groups held since the fund was set up but this fund was not used to fund them.



Peter Stribblehill, Treasurer, April 2022

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Progressive Christianity Network Britain

On accounts for the year
ended31st December 2021Charity no
(if any)

1102164

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2021**

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
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I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date:

7th 22

Name:

GERALD DRENETT

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Section B

Disclosure

No disclosures or qualifications

Progressive Christianity Network Britain
Receipts and Payments for the Year Ending 31 December 2021

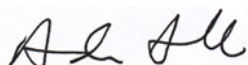
	Income £	2021 Expenditure £	Net £	2,020 Net £	Note
Membership and Donations					
Subscriptions	20,782	-	20,782	20,380	1
Donations - general	263	-	263	240	
Gift Aid	3,958	-	3,958	4,058	
	25,003	-	25,003	24,678	
Memorial Fund (Restricted Fund)					
Donations / Expenditure	640	(507)	133	0	2
Events					
Webinar donations	1,780	0	1,780	0	3
Webinar costs	0	(989)	(989)	0	
	1,780	(989)	791	0	
Publications					
Sales	241		241	379	4
Publication costs		0	0	(222)	5
Newsletter costs		(4,435)	(4,435)	(4,530)	
Website		(1,129)	(1,129)	(3,357)	
	241	(5,564)	(5,323)	(7,730)	
Development Projects					
Media Editor		(1,940)	(1,940)	(2,134)	6
Film Project Grants / Donations	20		20	105	
Gift Aid			0	16	
Production Expenditure		(1,800)	(1,800)	(5,145)	
	20	(3,740)	(3,720)	(7,158)	
Interest Received					
CCLA	2	-	2	53	
	2	-	2	53	
Operating Costs					
Admin salaries	0	(12,777)	(12,777)	(11,924)	7
Insurance		(444)	(444)	(423)	
Management Committee expenses		(354)	(354)	(1,678)	
Other costs		(1,158)	(1,158)	(441)	
Bank Charges		(269)	(269)	(243)	
	0	(15,002)	(15,002)	(14,709)	
Cash Surplus for Year	27,686	(25,802)	1,884	(4,866)	8

Progressive Christianity Network Britain
Statement of Assets and Liabilities 31 December 2021

Funds	31/12/2021				2020
	General Fund	Memorial Fund	Joint Event	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Balance at 1 January	32,392	(117)	888	33,163	38,029
Net receipts for Year	1,751	133	0	1,884	(4,866)
Transfers	904	(16)	(888)		
Balance at 31 December	35,047	0	0	35,047	33,163

Balance Sheet	31/12/2021	2020	2020 Receipts Basis
	£	£	£
<u>Assets</u>			
Co-operative Bank	14,839	12,957	12,957
CCLA	20,208	20,206	20,206
Stripe		1,687	
Gift Aid		880	
Other Drs / Prepayments		830	
Total	35,047	36,560	33,163
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Membership in advance		3,624	
Other Cr / Accruals		125	
Total	0	3,749	
Net Assets	35,047	32,811	33,163

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Adrian Alker, Chair



Peter Stribblehill, Treasurer

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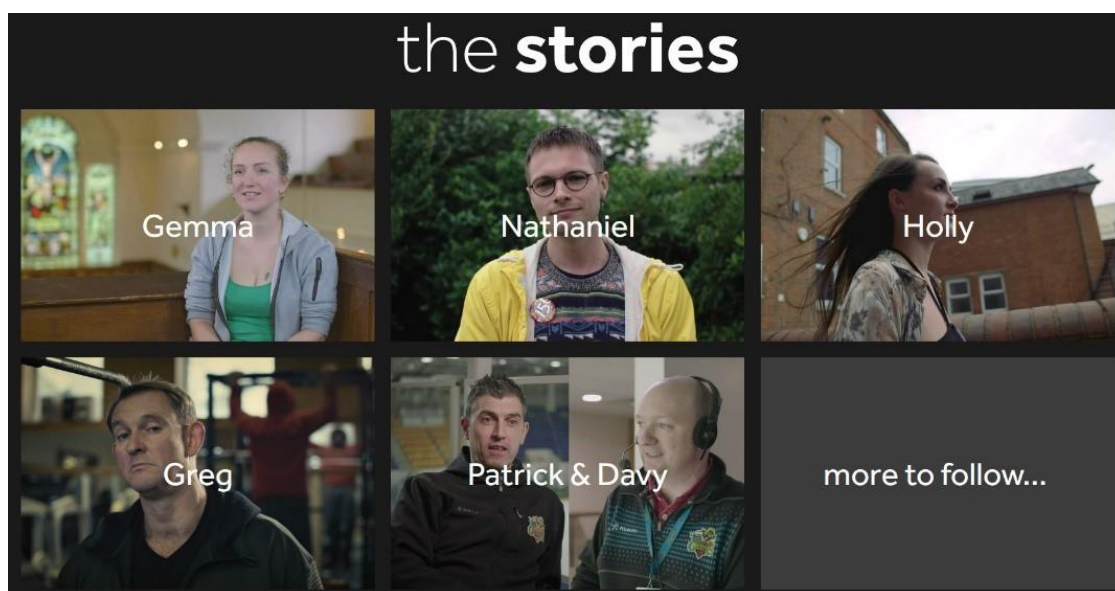
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	Tony Sanchez
	Dave Coaker
	Ian Geere
	Jenny Jacobs
	Naomi Nixon (from September 2020)

Chair's Report on the Network in 2020 by Adrian Alker

This annual report, reflecting upon the work of PCN since the Spring of 2020 can be like no other because of the Covid 19 pandemic. As we were preparing to hold our annual meeting in March 2020 in London, about to launch our films to an audience of members and guests, the country went into lockdown. Since then, our groups have ceased to meet in homes or halls, our conferences have been postponed and the trustees have met only on Zoom. So first of all, may I say, that as a network of friends, we have shared times of sadness, loss, loneliness and frustration. Yet as friends do, we have tried to support each other and have learnt new ways of continuing our work as a movement for change.

We were saddened to hear, early on in the pandemic, of the death of a loyal and highly regarded member of our West Yorkshire PCN group. Many of our older members have found their daily lives greatly restricted until the recent vaccination programme. And so we acknowledge that last year was indeed an 'annus horribilis' for so many.



However, PCN has come through the year in remarkably good shape. First of all I wish to pay tribute to our group convenors who, in the majority of cases, maintained their group contact through a programme of Zoom meetings, seeing new possibilities of contact with others and offering new opportunities for meetings alongside the face to face gatherings we all long to see resumed. During those long months of restricted travel in 2020, I had the pleasure of meeting most of our convenors individually on Zoom and this has

been followed by meetings on Zoom of groups of convenors, listening and gaining ideas from each other. This might never have happened in normal circumstances.

Whilst it has been disappointing not to have been able to show our five films to gathered audiences, nevertheless groups and individual members have been able to watch them on their laptops and tablets and this has proved to be a boon in lockdown. We are now hoping that we can proceed with the making of our sixth film and we hope, if finances allow, to commission further films. 'Made of Stories' has proved to be a wonderful set of resources and it was pleasing to see a very full commendation of the films in the Church Times.

It has been frustrating to have to cancel our conferences in York on the theme of science and religion and also the final Marcus Borg memorial conference in Birmingham. However, like so many organisations across the world, we have now successfully turned to online webinars, having already hosted Brian McLaren, Julian Baggini and in prospect Dom Crossan and Deshna Shine.

All of this activity is only possible because of the work of trustees, our administrator, media editors and others in PCN. So first of all I want to thank my fellow trustees. During the year we welcomed as a co-opted trustee the Revd Naomi Nixon, Chief Executive of the Student Christian Movement (SCM). We hope that this will forge a greater closeness to the world of younger Christians.

Despite the pandemic and the interruption to businesses, we have maintained the production of Progressive Voices, our quarterly magazine. PV continues to be one of the most important means of sharing ideas and communicating with members and others and we are so indebted to the hard work and creative energy of Dave Coaker our editor. In addition to PV we felt that many of our members in lockdown would appreciate more regular contact with others in our network and so a weekly bulletin was begun, with contributions from members sharing their experiences, their highs and lows during the pandemic. This has now transformed to a monthly bulletin.

The bulletin means extra work for Sarah Guilfoyle, our administrator and here I want to offer the thanks of all of us to Sarah for her unstinting work to our organisation. Despite all the other demands on her time as a busy parent, Sarah has added the organisation of webinars and zoom meetings to her portfolio of skills and we occasionally get to see glimpses of Ada who tells us about her days at nursery!

The importance of social media and online information is a given and we thank Janis Knox, Peter Bellenes and Peter Gamston for their work regarding Facebook, Twitter and the website. During 2020 our web developer, Pete Eveleigh, undertook a major rebuild of the PCN site and we now have a much more lively home page to attract visitors. Our resources section grows and more and people continue to borrow DVDs through the service offered by our librarian, Jess Lee.

The Trustees have met rather more than usual because of the ease of shorter Zoom gatherings and have decided that in future two of our meetings will be held on Zoom alongside our two residential meetings, thus saving costs and a modest contribution to the environment. In the last twelve months we have attended to a risk assessment in connection with the ongoing viability of PCN; the policy on the underwriting of events has been updated, as has the policy in regard to the editorship of PV. Peter Stribblehill continues to provide the other trustees with wise and thoughtful guidance and advice in regard to our finances and Christine Whitworth has continued with the patient work of minuting our meetings.

Another new initiative, thanks to Zoom, has been the meeting online of those PCN members in ministry, where we can share our challenges of being progressive thinkers in churches which may or may not be always on our wavelength! Recently members have been telling of their thoughts about church going after the pandemic is over and the sharing of experiences of church offers scope for further thought and action.

PCN has always sought to work collaboratively with others and our series of booklets under the title 'Together in Hope' was a shining example of such cooperation. With the ending of that particular venture, the trustees agreed that those booklets should be made freely available as online resources for groups to use and can now be found on our website. One door closes and another opens...and so a new collaboration has appeared under the title 'Power in Partnership', whereby PCN, Modern Church, Inclusive Church, One Body One Faith, SCM and Open Table Network have pledged to work closer together on matters of major importance.

The Power of Partnership

As individual organisations we recognise the **power of partnership.**

As such, **Inclusive Church, Modern Church, OneBodyOneFaith, Open Table Network, Progressive Christianity Network, and Student Christian Movement** will proactively seek opportunities to work together to challenge inequality, pursue justice, and provide teaching and resources, for the good of the Kingdom of God.

Modern Church
OneBodyOneFaith
Open Table
Student Christian Movement

Finally, what of the future? The pandemic still reverberates though 2021. Greenbelt is cancelled for this year and it may well be the autumn before our groups reconvene. But in some ways PCN is now better than ever equipped to offer on line events; our groups can look forward to a mixed economy of online and 'real meetings if they so wish. Membership remains high and enthusiastic and in an increasingly fragile and vulnerable church scene, PCN continues to offer the challenge to be open minded, open hearted, honest and explorative as we share that ongoing search for meaning in the complexities of human existence. Thank you to all our members for making PCN what it is!



Adrian Alker
Adrian Alker, Chair, May 2021

Financial Report for the Year Ending 31 December 2020

1. Summary

The accounts for 2020 have been prepared on the accruals basis. They are prepared on the basis that the trustees are confident that PCNB is a going concern, able to meet its financial obligations and commitments for the next twelve months.

The accounts comprise the income and expenditure for the Year and a balance sheet.

The accounts show a deficit for the year of £4,866 with balances at the year end on the General Funds £31,269 and Restricted Funds £1,542.

The accounts show that membership receipts were a little lower than in 2019 although the number of members was steady over the year. No events took place due to Covid-19.

The deficit on publications is considered below.

The accounts reflect major developments during the year; the first five short films were issued and there has been significant expenditure on website development.

In view of the Covid-19 disruption, I have amplified my comments this year.

2. Marcus Borg Memorial Fund

The planned October conference in Birmingham was postponed due to Covid-19. It has been rearranged for October 2021.

3. Events

As the Covid-19 lockdown started before the AGM, the event was cancelled along with all other conference activity for the year. Receipts for a conference in York were returned with the date rearranged for 2021. Some expenditure was made on the Borg Memorial Conference and the Members' Weekend but this is all held over with the amounts shown as `other debtors` on the balance sheet.

4. Publications

In spite of some disruptions, we were able to produce all 4 editions of PV using different printers with a slight increase in cost. No new publications were produced during the year so ongoing sales were at a reduced level.

5. Website

Around £2,000 was spent on upgrading the website during the year. After this work, the annual cost of maintaining the site and other IT issues should be around £1,300 - £1,500

6. Development

The Social Media Editor continues to work about 4 hours a week maintaining our media presence. The first short films were produced and released during the year providing a useful discussion resource for our local groups during lockdown, as well as their wider exploitation. The balance of £3,423 from 2019 was used in 2020 with the rest of the expenditure met from general funds.

7. Operating costs

Various of these were much reduced due to the Covid-19 restrictions. Trustees met by Zoom apart from one meeting at Swanwick. This meant much reduced travel and accommodation costs for the rest of the year. We have discussed the ongoing use of Zoom when normality is resumed; although it may continue to play its part, it was recognised that actual meetings have a tremendous value for full discussion.

Bank charges were much reduced this year. These relate to payments for various items using PayPal or Stripe. In the absence of any events, these charges have mainly been on membership renewals where members use that method of paying.

8. Surplus / Deficit

At first sight, the deficit of £4,866 may look alarming. However £3,423 of that was met by last year's reserve for film expenditure, leaving a deficit of £1,443 on the General Fund. As discussed above, we have also replaced our website during the year at considerable cost, whilst making savings on management committee costs and bank charges. Whilst we don't organise events purely to raise money, they usually do provide an overall surplus and this didn't happen in 2020. This makes any firm conclusions difficult to establish but it is considered that the finances continue to be on a firm footing with no cause for alarm.

During the year we reviewed our Reserves Policy; with general reserves of £31,269, around 150% of our annual subscriptions they are considered to be more than adequate for our requirements. We also created a `Financial Risk Register` which identified our main risk as being falling income due to our increasing age profile and not being able to replace members who leave the Network. We consider that our activities such as film production, Media Editor and our continuing range of events all help to raise our profile and help mitigate this risk.



Peter Stribblehill, Treasurer, February 2021

Section A Independent Examiner's Report**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Progressive Christianity Network Britain

On accounts for the year ended31st December 2020**Charity no (if
any)**

1102164

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**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 gives 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; and
 - 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:

17/05/2021

Name:

David Ferguson

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body:**

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Section B Disclosure

No disclosures or qualifications

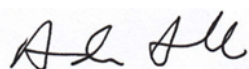
Progressive Christianity Network Britain
Income and expenditure for the Year Ending 31 December 2020

	2020			2,019	
	Income £	Expenditure £	Net £	Net £	Note
Membership and Donations					
Subscriptions	20,380	-	20,380	20,998	
Donations - general	240	-	240	1,225	
Gift Aid	4,058	-	4,058	3,378	
	24,678	-	24,678	25,601	
Memorial Fund (Restricted Fund)					
Donations		0	0	(200)	2
Events					
Income / Expenditure - ticket events	0	0	0	725	
Income / Expenditure - non ticket	0	0	0	97	
	0	0	0	822	3
Publications					
Sales	379		379	975	4
Publication costs		(222)	(222)	(749)	
Newsletter costs	165	(4,695)	(4,530)	(4,126)	
Website		(3,357)	(3,357)	(2,541)	5
	544	(8,274)	(7,730)	(6,441)	
Development Projects					
Media Editor		(2,134)	(2,134)	(1,833)	
Film Project Grants / Donations	105		105	18,035	
Gift Aid	16		16	1,013	
Production Expenditure		(5,145)	(5,145)	(15,625)	
	121	(7,279)	(7,158)	1,590	6
Interest Received					
CCLA	53	-	53	114	
	53	-	53	114	
Operating Costs					
Admin salaries	0	(11,924)	(11,924)	(11,312)	
Insurance		(423)	(423)	(455)	
Management Committee expenses		(1,678)	(1,678)	(4,946)	
Other costs		(441)	(441)	(892)	
Bank Charges		(243)	(243)	(439)	
Depreciation		0	0	(300)	
	0	(14,709)	(14,709)	(18,344)	7
Cash Surplus for Year	25,396	(30,262)	(4,866)	3,142	8

**Progressive Christianity Network Britain
Balance Sheet at 31 December 2020**

Funds	31/12/2020					2019
	General Fund	Memorial Fund	Joint Event	Film Fund	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance at 1 January	32,712	654	888	3,423	37,677	34,535
Net receipts for Year	(1,443)	0	0	(3,423)	(4,866)	3,142
Balance at 31 December	31,269	654	888	0	32,811	37,677

Balance Sheet	31/12/2020	2019
	£	£
<u>Assets</u>		
Co-operative Bank	12,957	16,535
CCLA	20,206	20,153
Stripe	1,687	2,581
Gift Aid	880	1,234
Other Drs / Prepayments	830	0
Office Equipment	0	0
Total	36,560	40,503
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Membership in advance	3,624	2,468
Other Cr / Accruals	125	358
Total	3,749	2,826
Net Assets	32,811	37,677



Adrian Alker, Chair



Peter Stribblehill, Treasurer

