

COVENANT LIFE CHURCH LEICESTER

England & Wales · Charity number 1103695

Details

Other names	COVENANT LIFE CHURCH
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2004-05-11
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: (A) THE PROCLAMATION AND FURTHERANCE OF THE GOSPEL OF GOD CONCERNING HIS SON JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD AND THE PREACHING AND TEACHING OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH(B) THE RELIEF OF PERSONS WHO ARE IN CONDITIONS OF NEED HARDSHIP AND DISTRESS OR WHO ARE AGED OR SICK.

Activities: To promote the proclamation and furtherance of the Gospel of Jesus Christ Our Lord, the preaching and teaching of the Christian faith, and to support ministry at home and overseas. In addition, the charity seeks the relief of those in need, hardship and distress or who are aged or sick.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN LEICESTERSHIRE AND ELSWHERE.
- India
- Zambia
- Leicester City
- Leicestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£514,742	£376,274	£1,531,225	3
2024-03-31	£360,977	£333,385	-	-
2023-03-31	£426,001	£335,464	-	-
2022-03-31	£380,152	£343,917	-	-
2021-03-31	£362,371	£306,435	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
DENNIS RAYMOND BURTON	Chair	2003-03-14
ANDREW WILLIAM BRIGGS		2017-09-10
Charles Alford		2021-01-24
GARY RUTHERFORD		2009-06-28
IAN JAMES THOMPSON		2018-07-08
Olusola Mosaku		2022-05-08

Accounts

Charity Registration number 1103695

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REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 MARCH 2025

**THE ROWLEYS PARTNERSHIP LIMITED
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
CHARNWOOD HOUSE
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CHARITY INFORMATION

Charity Name and Number Covenant Life Church Leicester
Registered charity number 1103695

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**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2025**

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COVENANT LIFE CHURCH LEICESTER

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (1 January 2019).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published on October 2019.

Structure, governance and management

Covenant Life Church Leicester is a registered charity and was constituted by a Declaration of Trust dated at 14 March 2003. The charity is a Christian Church, administered by elders who are the recognised spiritual leadership of the Church. To the extent that trustees are not synonymous with the Church leadership, their powers shall be confined to the proper management and administration of the funds and in doing so shall have full and proper regard to such spiritual leadership.

The Trustees are responsible for the appointment and training of any new trustee, including awareness of trustee's responsibilities, the trust deed, charitable objectives and procedures.

The Trust Deed provides for a minimum of 3 and maximum of 8 trustees. The trustees meet formally at least 3 times through the year to discuss business matters as appropriate.

Spiritual oversight towards the Church is based on Ephesians 4 ministries and is given by three church elders, led by Jashan Ruparellia who support by the members of the church. The Elders are supported in the practical outworking of the Church's activities by volunteer helpers who also give their time to the many activities of the Church. In addition, the church is supported by Deacons who give further support to the development and implementation of new initiatives within the church.

Governance and support costs are shown in notes 6 and 7 to the accounts.

Risk management

The trustees have considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed and, having reviewed those risks, have established systems and procedures to manage those risks.

The issue of protection of children and vulnerable adults is of foremost concern to the trustees and the Church leadership, as the Church is increasingly involved in significant work with children and young people. Procedures are in place to ensure that any worker who is placed in a position of trust with children or young people will be checked with the Disclosure and Barring Service. The trustees can confirm that no individual has been required to step down from any position of trust within the Church following such checks.

Financial Review

The total of incoming resources was £514,742 (2024: £360,977). After taking account of resources expended the net surplus for the year was £138,468 (2024: £27,592).

Big Shed Enterprises Limited had a turnover of £139,620 (2024: £206,843) with expenses of £109,142 (2024: £121,690) producing a profit after tax of £30,478 (2024: £85,153).

The Charity continues to hold 100% of the share capital of Big Shed Enterprises Ltd. which has been given a licence to operate conference and facilities hire from its premises at Freemans Common in Leicester. The annual licence fee is paid by the company in four quarterly tranches in the relevant year. The profits of the company will ultimately be gifted back to the Charity. During the period Big Shed Enterprises Ltd donated £106,947 of its profits to the charity (2024: £14,012).

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)

Reserves policy

In the post-Covid period, and now that the church is able to function at near normal levels, we remain confident that operating costs of the charity will continue to be met from revenue generated and are satisfied that the projected level of ongoing funding will be adequate to support the continuation of the charity's activities for the foreseeable short/medium term.

In accordance with good accounting practice and professionalism, the trustees of the charity have developed a more robust approach to a reserves policy to meet the anticipated future requirements. The policy outlines, (a) the level of reserve the trustees believe the charity requires (typically equivalent to 3 months of normal committed ('fixed') operating costs); (b) the measures that will be put in place to monitor and review the reserves at the required level; (c) the arrangements needed to fund the expansion of initiatives and projects that further the aims and objectives of the charity.

At 31 March 2025 unrestricted reserves less fixed assets and the debtor due from Big Shed Enterprises Limited amounted to £668,372 which are more than adequate for the charity's requirements.

Public benefit

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit. The church's Trust Deed demonstrates the intentions of Covenant Life Church Leicester in being of benefit to our locality in the city of Leicester and surrounding towns and villages in Leicestershire. It is our intention to provide relief of poverty, hardship and distress as far as it is possible. We aim to promote the involvement of local people and families in our activities. Our annual activities are planned with the above in mind and our overall ambition is to be a benefit to our locality.

Objectives and activities

At the heart of Covenant Life Church Leicester is our desire to see the Gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord spread as far as possible throughout Leicester, Leicestershire and the world. Our objectives are to preach and offer teaching of the Christian faith to our members and the people in our locality. This furtherance of the Gospel comes with a desire to see not only the spiritual significance of our faith promoted, but also the practical humanitarian effect of a life with Jesus. Our members are all encouraged to "bring good news to the poor" (Luke 4 v 18) in a very practical way.

The charity continues to promote its vision and objectives both at home and overseas: our public meetings involve Christian praise, worship and teaching, centred around the use of our building, 'The Big Shed', at Freemans Common in Leicester; plus the regular meeting together of groups of our members - youth, university student groups, mid-week "Homegroups" that meet weekly 'house to house' at a number of locations in and around Leicestershire. Some meetings still involve remote, Zoom, meetings, but these are now reduced.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)

Achievements and performance

Each year the Charity supports and encourages the work of a related charity (Ministries Without Borders) together with other projects both in UK and overseas:

- 1) It has continued to provide specific donated funding and remote support for work in Zambia (via Rainbow Trust Africa). The Charity also supports Baskets of Joy (support and provision for new mum's) and Rachel's Table (work among the homeless in Leicester). Within the building the church supports Kids & Carers (Mum's & Baby group) and Christians Against Poverty (CAP) groups.
- 2) The church is increasing active in local communities, via mid-week Life Groups, which through separate initiatives, continue to seek and develop more effective relationships with the wider communities.
- 3) Continuing with our desire to contribute to the wider needs of the local community, the charity has partnered with the City council to become one of its Local Emergency Rest Centres.
- 4) The charity's resources have been made available for the international charity Samaritans Purse to continue to operate their regional distribution centre onsite for Operation Christmas Child, distributing many thousands of shoeboxes that are filled with Christmas presents to children around the world.
- 5) The church is involved in the student community and welcomes a growing number of differing nationalities to our meetings and events, providing support and guidance to many.
- 6) The church still meets with and supports national conferences in the wider UK. Providing financial support for these events, supporting the poor and needy via these events.
- 7) The church continues to grow, with many being baptised and received into membership.
- 8) The church still uses electronic communication, for many of its smaller meetings.
- 9) The fabric of the building at Freemans Common, continues to be refurbished. The car park is still a large income source for the church.
- 10) The ground lease with LCC now has 21 years to run and significant communication and progress with Leicester City Council is ongoing.
- 11) The church now enjoys an Eldership of 4 men under the Leadership of Jashan Ruparellia.

The report and accounts were approved by the trustees on 8 December 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

D R Burton CMIOSH

~~Signed on 08/12/2025, 17:09:16 GMT~~
Chair of Trustees

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
COVENANT LIFE CHURCH LEICESTER
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Covenant Life Church Leicester

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW which is one of the listed bodies.

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the accounts do 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.

Lisa Parkes

signed on 09/12/2025, 11:09:47 GMT
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8 December 2025

COVENANT LIFE CHURCH LEICESTER

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2025**

	Note	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL 2025	TOTAL 2024
		£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from					
Donations and legacies	2	443,295	13,447	456,742	305,955
Investment income		-	-	-	-
Other income	3	58,000	-	58,000	55,022
Total income and endowments		<u>501,295</u>	<u>13,447</u>	<u>514,742</u>	<u>360,977</u>
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities	4	348,158	28,116	376,274	333,385
Total expenditure		<u>348,158</u>	<u>28,116</u>	<u>376,274</u>	<u>333,385</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		153,137	(14,669)	138,468	27,592
Transfers between funds	18	(15,980)	15,980	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):					
Other gains/(losses)	18	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>137,157</u>	<u>1,311</u>	<u>138,468</u>	<u>27,592</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		1,390,255	2,502	1,392,757	1,365,165
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>1,527,412</u></u>	<u><u>3,813</u></u>	<u><u>1,531,225</u></u>	<u><u>1,392,757</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT
31 MARCH 2025**

		2025		2024	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		520,976		547,825
Investment	13		1		1
			520,977		547,826
Current assets					
Debtors	14	422,721		432,787	
Cash at bank and in hand		622,809		457,558	
		1,045,530		890,345	
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	35,282		45,414	
Net current assets			1,010,248		844,931
Total assets less current liabilities			1,531,225		1,392,757
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	16		-		-
Net assets			1,531,225		1,392,757
Funds					
Restricted funds	18		3,813		2,502
Unrestricted funds	18		1,527,412		1,390,255
Total funds			1,531,225		1,392,757

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 8 December 2025.

D R Burton CMIOSH

signed on 08/12/2025, 17:09:16 GMT
D Burton
Trustee

Ian Thompson

signed on 09/12/2025, 11:05:59 GMT
I Thompson
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparing the financial statements

Covenant Life Church Leicester is an unincorporated charity registered in England and Wales. The address of the charity is given on the charity information page of these financial statements.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest pound.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Preparation of consolidated financial statements

The financial statements contain information about Covenant Life Church Leicester as an individual charity and do not contain consolidated financial information as the parent of a group. The charity has taken the option not to prepare consolidated financial statements under Charities Act 2011 as the group income is below £1m.

1.2 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies - continued

Fund accounting - continued

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

1.3 Income recognition

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

1.4 Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

1.5 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities. Expenses are inclusive of VAT where applicable.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All tangible fixed assets are capitalised and included at cost.

Depreciation has been provided to write off the cost less estimated residual values of tangible fixed assets, over their expected useful lives using the following rates:

Leasehold premises	Over the lease term
Electronic equipment	33.3% on cost
Motor trailer	33.3% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	33.3% on cost

1.7 Investments

Investments in subsidiaries are measured at cost less impairment.

1.8 Debtors and creditors receivable/payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2025**

1 Accounting policies - continued

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash in hand and cash on deposit.

1.10 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from the date of approving these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves, for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

1.11 Pensions and other post-retirement benefits

Defined contribution pension plans

The charity operates a defined contribution pension plan for its employees. The amount recognised as an expense in the year was £1,119 (2024 - £970).

1.12 Leases

Rentals payable and receivable under operating leases are charged to the SoFA on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
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2 Incoming resources

Donations and legacies:

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total 2025	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	387,878	13,447	401,325	247,756	7,463	255,219
Gift Aid tax refunds	55,417	-	55,417	50,736	-	50,736
	<u>443,295</u>	<u>13,447</u>	<u>456,742</u>	<u>298,492</u>	<u>7,463</u>	<u>305,955</u>

3 Other income

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total 2025	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Licence fee	30,000	-	30,000	30,000	-	30,000
Rent	20,000	-	20,000	20,000	-	20,000
Other income	8,000	-	8,000	5,022	-	5,022
	<u>58,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58,000</u>	<u>55,022</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,022</u>

The licence fee is paid by Big Shed Enterprises Limited, the trading arm of the Charity. The fee is based on turnover allocation of the company, and a proportion of the premises assessed as being available for conference and facilities hire.

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4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total 2025	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Direct costs (note 5)	275,086	28,116	303,202	240,284	18,199	258,483
Support costs (note 6)	71,772	-	71,772	72,462	-	72,463
Governance costs (note 7)	1,300	-	1,300	2,440	-	2,440
	<u>348,158</u>	<u>28,116</u>	<u>376,274</u>	<u>315,186</u>	<u>18,199</u>	<u>333,386</u>

5 Direct costs

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total 2025	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Ministry support and expenses (note 9)	46,710	-	46,710	27,022	-	27,022
Other gifts	72,613	28,116	100,729	65,151	18,199	83,350
Training/Evangelism	13,622	-	13,622	8,367	-	8,367
Building expenses	111,369	-	111,369	97,870	-	97,870
Depreciation	30,772	-	30,772	41,874	-	41,874
	<u>275,086</u>	<u>28,116</u>	<u>303,202</u>	<u>240,284</u>	<u>18,199</u>	<u>258,483</u>

6 Support costs

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total 2025	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Wages and salaries	44,661	-	44,661	35,244	-	35,244
Pension	1,119	-	1,119	970	-	970
General administration	19,775	-	19,775	28,185	-	28,185
Legal and professional fees	6,217	-	6,217	8,063	-	8,063
	<u>71,772</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>71,772</u>	<u>72,462</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>72,463</u>

7 Governance costs

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total 2025	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Independent examiner remuneration	1,300	-	1,300	2,440	-	2,440

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

8 Staff numbers and costs

	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Wages and salaries	76,624	58,091
Pension contributions	1,119	970
Wages recharges	(31,963)	(22,847)
Per note 6	<u>45,780</u>	<u>36,214</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
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There are no employees who received total emoluments of more than £60,000.

9 Ministry support

The following received individual support exceeding £10,000 in the year:

	2025 £	2024 £
Jashan Ruperelia	40,125	21,875
	<u>40,125</u>	<u>21,875</u>
Others	6,585	5,147
	<u>46,710</u>	<u>27,022</u>

10 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits were paid to any of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2025, nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Trustees' expenses

No trustees were reimbursed expenses during the year ended 31 March 2025, nor the year ended 31 March 2024.

11 Amounts payable to independent examiner

The amount paid to the independent examiner for the independent examination was £1,355 (2024: £1,232) and £1,333 (2024: £1,210) for other accountancy services.

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12 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold property £	Fixtures & fittings £	Electronic equipment £	Motor trailer £	Total £
Cost					
At 1st April 2024	897,078	34,863	76,358	2,815	1,011,114
Additions at cost	-	3,350	572	-	3,922
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 31st March 2025	<u>897,078</u>	<u>38,213</u>	<u>76,930</u>	<u>2,815</u>	<u>1,015,036</u>
Depreciation					
At 1st April 2024	353,934	34,561	71,979	2,815	463,289
Charge for the year	24,688	1,363	4,720	-	30,771
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 31st March 2025	<u>378,622</u>	<u>35,924</u>	<u>76,699</u>	<u>2,815</u>	<u>494,060</u>
Net book value					
At 31st March 2025	<u>518,456</u>	<u>2,289</u>	<u>231</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>520,976</u>
At 31st March 2024	<u>543,144</u>	<u>302</u>	<u>4,379</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>547,825</u>

13 Investments

	2025 £	2024 £
Shares in subsidiary undertaking	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

The charity owns 100% of the shares of Big Shed Enterprises Limited, company number 6946240.
Big Shed Enterprises Limited was formed to manage the property.

	2025 £	2024 £
Aggregate capital and reserves	(3,300)	73,169
Turnover for the year	139,620	206,843
Expenditure for the year	(109,142)	(121,690)
Profit for the year after tax	<u>30,478</u>	<u>85,153</u>

14 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year		
Gift aid receivable	55,417	50,736
Prepayments	23,481	22,444
Other debtors	5,759	6,543
Amounts due from subsidiary undertaking	<u>338,064</u>	<u>353,064</u>
	<u>422,721</u>	<u>432,787</u>

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15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	1,256
Accruals and deferred income	13,890	18,027
Other creditors	21,392	26,131
	<u>35,282</u>	<u>45,414</u>

16 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	2025	2024
	£	£
Other creditors	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

Fund balances at 31 March 2025 are represented by:	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	520,976	-	520,976
Investments	1	-	1
Current asset/ liabilities	1,006,435	3,813	1,010,248
	<u>1,527,412</u>	<u>3,813</u>	<u>1,531,225</u>

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18 Movements in Funds

	At 1.4.24 £	Net Movements in funds £	Transfer between funds £	At 31.03.25 £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted funds	1,390,255	153,137	(15,980)	1,527,412
	<u>1,390,255</u>	<u>153,137</u>	<u>(15,980)</u>	<u>1,527,412</u>
Restricted funds				
Zambian Grannies	-	211	-	211
Change the World	1,577	376	-	1,953
Special Offering - Local Foodbank	20	-	-	20
Special Offering - Poor & Needy	-	(2,520)	2,520	-
Turkey Earthquake Appeal	126	-	-	126
Baskets of Joy	-	50	-	50
Rainbow Africa	599	30	-	629
General Building Fund	80	645	-	725
Special Offering - Evangelism	100	-	-	100
Dunamis Team	-	(257)	257	-
Slava	-	(953)	953	-
Brazil	-	(510)	510	-
Heap	-	(5,000)	5,000	-
World Mission	-	(2,500)	2,500	-
World Watch	-	(3,000)	3,000	-
CAP (Christians Against Poverty)	-	(840)	840	-
Hope for India	-	(400)	400	-
	<u>1,392,757</u>	<u>138,468</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,531,225</u>

Net movements in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted funds	501,295	(348,158)	-	153,137
Restricted funds				
Zambian Grannies	2,631	(2,420)	-	211
Change the World	376	-	-	376
Special Offering - Poor & Needy	205	(2,725)	-	(2,520)
Dunamis	2,443	(2,700)	-	(257)
Slava	4,077	(5,030)	-	(953)
Brazil	2,990	(3,500)	-	(510)
Heap	-	(5,000)	-	(5,000)
World Mission	-	(2,500)	-	(2,500)
World Watch	-	(3,000)	-	(3,000)
Baskets of Joy	50	-	-	50
Rainbow Africa	30	-	-	30
General Building Fund	645	-	-	645
CAP (Christians Against Poverty)	-	(840)	-	(840)
Hope for India	-	(400)	-	(400)
	<u>514,742</u>	<u>(376,274)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>138,468</u>

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18 Movements in Funds

	At 1.4.23 £	Net Movements in funds £	Transfer between funds £	At 31.03.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted funds	1,359,919	38,328	(7,992)	1,390,255
	<u>1,359,919</u>	<u>38,328</u>	<u>(7,992)</u>	<u>1,390,255</u>
Restricted funds				
Zambian Grannies	-	(10)	10	-
Change the World	957	620		1,577
Youth With A Mission	-	(800)	800	-
Special Offering - Local Foodbank	25	(5)		20
Special Offering - Kenya	-	(1,500)	1,500	-
Special Offering - Poor & Needy	25	(1,495)	1,470	-
Mission 24	830	(1,500)	670	-
Turkey Earthquake Appeal	-	126		126
Baskets of Joy	1,030	(2,980)	1,950	-
Rainbow Africa	1,624	(1,025)		599
General Building Fund	655	(575)		80
Special Offering - Evangelism	100	-		100
CAP (Christians Against Poverty)	-	(992)	992	-
Hope for India	-	(600)	600	-
	<u>1,365,165</u>	<u>27,592</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,392,757</u>

Net movements in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted funds	353,514	(315,186)	-	38,328
Restricted funds				
Zambian Grannies	2,375	(2,385)	-	(10)
Change the World	620	-	-	620
Youth With A Mission	2,825	(3,625)		(800)
Special Offering - Local Foodbank	180	(185)	-	(5)
Special Offering - Kenya	48	(1,548)	-	(1,500)
Special Offering - Poor & Needy	348	(1,843)	-	(1,495)
Mission 24	63	(1,563)	-	(1,500)
Ministries Without Borders	126	-		126
Heap	213	(3,193)	-	(2,980)
Baskets of Joy	105	(1,130)	-	(1,025)
Rainbow Africa	560	(1,135)	-	(575)
General Building Fund	-	-	-	-
Special Offering - Evangelism	-	-	-	-
CAP (Christians Against Poverty)	-	(992)	-	(992)
Hope for India	-	(600)	-	(600)
	<u>360,977</u>	<u>(333,385)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,592</u>

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18 Movements in Funds - continued

Transfers between funds

Where the trustees have expended more money than was specifically given to a project, a transfer has been made from unrestricted funds.

Restricted funds

Zambian Grannies

This is a specific project within the work that Rainbow Trust Africa carries out in Zambia. Whilst it is not directly financially supported by the church, individual members give their significant personal time commitments and financial donations which donations are passed on to Rainbow Trust Africa.

Change the World

This is a collection of the loose change that Sunday attendees have and it is specifically used for mission work in UK and the World. It is used at the discretion of the spiritual leadership (Elders) towards worthy mission support and is used for projects in the UK and abroad.

CAP (Christians Against Poverty)

The church has been supporting the work of the CAP Job Club and CAP Money Course, paying for all expenses that are required to run the work. One church member wanted to give his own ongoing monthly support (£50) to this plus other minor donations from various sources.

Special Offering - Heap Offering

Special Offering via Ministries Without Borders, to help towards 2024 projects in various nations of the world - (projects unspecified).

Special Offering - Poor & Needy

Donations made periodically through Ministries Without Borders, a church related charity to help support those in need in the UK and around the world. One church member wanted to support on an ongoing basis, usually £15/month.

Baslets of Joy

A charity supporting new mothers and babies with essential start-up items such as nappies etc.. Church members donate various amount periodically.

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19 Related party transactions

During the year a licence fee of £30,000 (2024: £30,000) was received from Big Shed Enterprises Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the charity.

During the year £31,963 was paid by Big Shed Enterprises Limited to the charity for recharged staff costs (2024: £22,847).

During the year £31,152 (2024: £27,749) of donations were received without conditions from trustees.

At the year end the charity was owed by the subsidiary Big Shed Enterprises Limited £338,064 (2024: £353,064). This amount is interest free and repayable on demand.

20 Financial commitments

The charity has a ground rent commitment and the following are the total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Due within one year	60,000	60,000
Due between one and five years	240,000	240,000
Due after five years	1,020,000	1,080,000
	<u>1,320,000</u>	<u>1,380,000</u>

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**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2024**

**THE ROWLEYS PARTNERSHIP LIMITED
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
CHARNWOOD HOUSE
HARCOURT WAY
LEICESTER
LE19 1WP**

COVENANT LIFE CHURCH LEICESTER

CHARITY INFORMATION

Charity Name and Number	Covenant Life Church Leicester Registered charity number 1103695
Trustees	Dennis R Burton Gary Rutherford Andrew W Briggs Ian J Thompson Charles Alford Sola Mosaku Faith Olubode-King (resigned 30th September 2023)
Principal Address	93-95 Commercial Square Freemens Common Leicester LE2 7SR
Independent examiner	The Rowleys Partnership Limited Chartered Accountants Charnwood House Harcourt Way Meridian Business Park Leicester LE19 1WP
Bankers	Barclays Bank PLC Leicester LE87 2BB

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COVENANT LIFE CHURCH LEICESTER

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (1 January 2019).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published on October 2019.

Structure, governance and management

Covenant Life Church Leicester is a registered charity and was constituted by a Declaration of Trust dated at 14 March 2003. The charity is a Christian Church, administered by elders who are the recognised spiritual leadership of the Church. To the extent that trustees are not synonymous with the Church leadership, their powers shall be confined to the proper management and administration of the funds and in doing so shall have full and proper regard to such spiritual leadership.

The Trustees are responsible for the appointment and training of any new trustee, including awareness of trustee's responsibilities, the trust deed, charitable objectives and procedures.

The Trust Deed provides for a minimum of 3 and maximum of 8 trustees. The trustees meet formally at least 3 times through the year to discuss business matters as appropriate.

Spiritual oversight towards the Church is based on Ephesians 4 ministries and is given by three church elders, led by Jashan Ruparellia who support by the members of the church. The Elders are supported in the practical outworking of the Church's activities by volunteer helpers who also give their time to the many activities of the Church. In addition, the church is supported by Deacons who give further support to the development and implementation of new initiatives within the church.

Governance and support costs are shown in notes 6 and 7 to the accounts.

Risk management

The trustees have considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed and, having reviewed those risks, have established systems and procedures to manage those risks.

The issue of protection of children and vulnerable adults is of foremost concern to the trustees and the Church leadership, as the Church is increasingly involved in significant work with children and young people. Procedures are in place to ensure that any worker who is placed in a position of trust with children or young people will be checked with the Disclosure and Barring Service. The trustees can confirm that no individual has been required to step down from any position of trust within the Church following such checks.

Financial Review

The total of incoming resources was £360,977 (2023: £426,001). After taking account of resources expended the net surplus for the year was £30,542 (2023: £90,537).

Big Shed Enterprises Limited had a turnover of £206,843 (2023: £158,678) with expenses of £121,690 (2023: £136,390) producing a profit after tax of £85,153 (2023: £22,288).

The Charity continues to hold 100% of the share capital of Big Shed Enterprises Ltd. which has been given a licence to operate conference and facilities hire from its premises at Freemans Common in Leicester. The annual licence fee is paid by the company in four quarterly tranches in the relevant year. The profits of the company will ultimately be gifted back to the Charity. During the period Big Shed Enterprises Ltd donated £14,012 of its profits to the charity (2023: £25,987).

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)

Reserves policy

In the post-Covid period, and now that the church is able to function at near normal levels, we remain confident that operating costs of the charity will continue to be met from revenue generated and are satisfied that the projected level of ongoing funding will be adequate to support the continuation of the charity's activities for the foreseeable short/medium term.

In accordance with good accounting practice and professionalism, the trustees of the charity have developed a more robust approach to a reserves policy to meet the anticipated future requirements. The policy outlines, (a) the level of reserve the trustees believe the charity requires (typically equivalent to 3 months of normal committed ('fixed') operating costs); (b) the measures that will be put in place to monitor and review the reserves at the required level; (c) the arrangements needed to fund the expansion of initiatives and projects that further the aims and objectives of the charity.

At 31 March 2024 unrestricted reserves less fixed assets and the debtor due from Big Shed Enterprises Limited amounted to £492,315, which are more than adequate for the charity's requirements.

Public benefit

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit. The church's Trust Deed demonstrates the intentions of Covenant Life Church Leicester in being of benefit to our locality in the city of Leicester and surrounding towns and villages in Leicestershire. It is our intention to provide relief of poverty, hardship and distress as far as it is possible. We aim to promote the involvement of local people and families in our activities. Our annual activities are planned with the above in mind and our overall ambition is to be a benefit to our locality.

Objectives and activities

At the heart of Covenant Life Church Leicester is our desire to see the Gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord spread as far as possible throughout Leicester, Leicestershire and the world. Our objectives are to preach and offer teaching of the Christian faith to our members and the people in our locality. This furtherance of the Gospel comes with a desire to see not only the spiritual significance of our faith promoted, but also the practical humanitarian effect of a life with Jesus. Our members are all encouraged to "bring good news to the poor" (Luke 4 v 18) in a very practical way.

The charity continues to promote its vision and objectives both at home and overseas: our public meetings involve Christian praise, worship and teaching, centred around the use of our building, 'The Big Shed', at Freemans Common in Leicester; plus the regular meeting together of groups of our members - youth, university student groups, mid-week "Homegroups" that meet weekly 'house to house' at a number of locations in and around Leicestershire. Some meetings still involve remote, Zoom, meetings, but these are now reduced.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)

Achievements and performance

Each year the Charity supports and encourages the work of a related charity (Ministries Without Borders) together with other projects both in UK and overseas:

- 1) It has continued to provide specific donated funding and remote support for work in Zambia (via Rainbow Trust Africa).
- 2) We continue to provide financial support towards an Indian Bible College in Gujarat, India and to several children's homes in India via the Hope for India charity.
- 3) The church is increasing active in local communities, via mid-week Life Groups, which through separate initiatives, continue to seek and develop more effective relationships with the wider communities.
- 4) Continuing with our desire to contribute to the wider needs of the local community, the charity has partnered with the City council to become one of its local Emergency Rest Centres.
- 5) The charity's resources have been made available for the international charity Samaritans Purse to continue to operate their regional distribution centre onsite for Operation Christmas Child, distributing many thousands of shoeboxes that are filled with Christmas presents to children around the world.
- 6) The church is involved in the student community and welcomes many different nationalities to our meetings and events, providing support and guidance to many.
- 7) The church still meets with and supports national conferences in the wider UK. Providing financial support for these events, supporting the poor and needy via these events.
- 8) The church continues to grow, with many being baptised and received into membership.
- 9) The church still uses electronic communication, for some of its smaller meetings, mainly prayer meetings.
- 10) The fabric of the building at Freemans Common, continues to be refurbished.
- 11) The ground lease with LCC now has 22 years to run and efforts at changing the council's position on an extension is in full swing, with a land agent being used to challenge the Estates department of LCC. This will not be settled quickly and will be reported on in future reports.

The report and accounts were approved by the trustees on 13 September 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

D Burton CMIOH
Chair of Trustees

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
COVENANT LIFE CHURCH LEICESTER
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Covenant Life Church Leicester

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW which is one of the listed bodies.

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the accounts do 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.

L G Parkes FCA FCCA
The Rowleys Partnership Limited
Chartered Accountants
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Date: 13 September 2024

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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	Note	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL 2024	TOTAL 2023
		£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from					
Donations and legacies	2	298,492	7,463	305,955	373,133
Investment income		-	-	-	752
Other income	3	55,022	-	55,022	52,116
Total income and endowments		<u>353,514</u>	<u>7,463</u>	<u>360,977</u>	<u>426,001</u>
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities	4	315,186	18,199	333,385	335,464
Total expenditure		<u>315,186</u>	<u>18,199</u>	<u>333,385</u>	<u>335,464</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		38,328	(10,736)	27,592	90,537
Transfers between funds	18	(7,992)	7,992	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):					
Other gains/(losses)	18	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>30,336</u>	<u>- 2,744</u>	<u>27,592</u>	<u>90,537</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		1,359,919	5,246	1,365,165	1,274,628
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>1,390,255</u></u>	<u><u>2,502</u></u>	<u><u>1,392,757</u></u>	<u><u>1,365,165</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT
31 MARCH 2024**

		2024		2023	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		547,825		589,697
Investment	13		1		1
			547,826		589,698
Current assets					
Debtors	14	432,787		439,996	
Cash at bank and in hand		457,558		392,281	
		890,345		832,277	
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	45,414		38,180	
Net current assets			844,931		794,097
Total assets less current liabilities			1,392,757		1,383,795
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	16		-		(18,630)
Net assets			<u>1,392,757</u>		<u>1,365,165</u>
Funds					
Restricted funds	18		2,502		5,246
Unrestricted funds	18		1,390,255		1,359,919
Total funds			<u>1,392,757</u>		<u>1,365,165</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 13 September 2024.

D Burton
Trustee

I Thompson
Trustee

COVENANT LIFE CHURCH LEICESTER

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparing the financial statements

Covenant Life Church Leicester is an unincorporated charity registered in England and Wales. The address of the charity is given on the charity information page of these financial statements.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest pound.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Preparation of consolidated financial statements

The financial statements contain information about Covenant Life Church Leicester as an individual charity and do not contain consolidated financial information as the parent of a group. The charity has taken the option not to prepare consolidated financial statements under Charities Act 2011 as the group income is below £1m.

1.2 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies - continued

Fund accounting - continued

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

1.3 Income recognition

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

1.4 Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

1.5 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities. Expenses are inclusive of VAT where applicable.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All tangible fixed assets are capitalised and included at cost.

Depreciation has been provided to write off the cost less estimated residual values of tangible fixed assets, over their expected useful lives using the following rates:

Leasehold premises	Over the lease term
Electronic equipment	33.3% on cost
Motor trailer	33.3% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	33.3% on cost

1.7 Investments

Investments in subsidiaries are measured at cost less impairment.

1.8 Debtors and creditors receivable/payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies - continued

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash in hand and cash on deposit.

1.10 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from the date of approving these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves, for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

1.11 Pensions and other post-retirement benefits

Defined contribution pension plans

The charity operates a defined contribution pension plan for its employees. The amount recognised as an expense in the year was £970 (2023 - £1,276).

1.12 Leases

Rentals payable and receivable under operating leases are charged to the SoFA on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

2 Incoming resources

Donations and legacies:	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total 2023 £
Donations and gifts	247,756	7,463	255,219	305,324	17,926	323,250
Gift Aid tax refunds	50,736		50,736	49,883	-	49,883
	<u>298,492</u>	<u>7,463</u>	<u>305,955</u>	<u>355,207</u>	<u>17,926</u>	<u>373,133</u>

3 Other income

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total 2023 £
Licence fee	30,000		30,000	30,000	-	30,000
Rent	20,000		20,000	17,750	-	17,750
Other income	5,022		5,022	4,366	-	4,366
	<u>55,022</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,022</u>	<u>52,116</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>52,116</u>

The licence fee is paid by Big Shed Enterprises Limited, the trading arm of the Charity. The fee is based on turnover allocation of the company, and a proportion of the premises assessed as being available for conference and facilities hire.

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4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total 2024	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Direct costs (note 5)	240,284	18,199	258,483	239,438	21,215	260,653
Support costs (note 6)	72,462	-	72,463	72,591	-	72,591
Governance costs (note 7)	2,440	-	2,440	2,220	-	2,220
	<u>315,186</u>	<u>18,199</u>	<u>333,386</u>	<u>314,249</u>	<u>21,215</u>	<u>335,464</u>

5 Direct costs

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total 2024	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Ministry support and expenses (note 9)	27,022	-	27,022	24,941	-	24,941
Meeting expenses	-	-	-	2,084	-	2,084
Other gifts	65,151	18,199	83,350	52,252	21,215	73,467
Training/Evangelism	8,367	-	8,367	12,497	-	12,497
Building expenses	97,870	-	97,870	103,530	-	103,530
Depreciation	41,874	-	41,874	44,134	-	44,134
	<u>240,284</u>	<u>18,199</u>	<u>258,483</u>	<u>239,438</u>	<u>21,215</u>	<u>260,653</u>

6 Support costs

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total 2024	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Wages and salaries	35,244	-	35,244	45,168	-	45,168
Pension	970	-	970	1,276	-	1,276
General administration	28,185	-	28,185	20,901	-	20,901
Legal and professional fees	8,063	-	8,063	5,246	-	5,246
	<u>72,462</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>72,463</u>	<u>72,591</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>72,591</u>

7 Governance costs

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total 2024	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Independent examiner remuneration	2,440	-	2,440	2,220	-	2,220

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8 Staff numbers and costs

	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Wages and salaries	58,091	69,529
Pension contributions	970	1,276
Wages recharges	(22,847)	(24,361)
Per note 6	<u>36,214</u>	<u>46,444</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
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There are no employees who received total emoluments of more than £60,000.

9 Ministry support

The following received individual support exceeding £10,000 in the year:

	2024 £	2023 £
Jashan Ruperelia	21,875	-
Bryan Shutt	-	17,167
	<u>21,875</u>	<u>17,167</u>
Others	5,147	4,974
Ministry support given through another charity	-	2,800
	<u>27,022</u>	<u>24,941</u>

10 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits was paid to any of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2024, nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

No trustees were reimbursed expenses during the year ended 31 March 2024, nor the year ended 31 March 2023.

11 Amounts payable to independent examiner

The amount paid to the independent examiner for the independent examination was £1,232 (2023: £1,120) and £1,210 (2023: £1,100) for other accountancy services.

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12 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold property £	Fixtures & fittings £	Electronic equipment £	Motor trailer £	Total £
Cost					
At 1st April 2023	897,078	34,863	76,358	2,815	1,011,114
Additions at cost	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 31st March 2024	<u>897,078</u>	<u>34,863</u>	<u>76,358</u>	<u>2,815</u>	<u>1,011,114</u>
Depreciation					
At 1st April 2023	329,246	32,752	56,604	2,815	421,417
Charge for the year	24,688	1,809	15,375	-	41,872
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 31st March 2024	<u>353,934</u>	<u>34,561</u>	<u>71,979</u>	<u>2,815</u>	<u>463,289</u>
Net book value					
At 31st March 2024	<u>543,144</u>	<u>302</u>	<u>4,379</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>547,825</u>
At 31st March 2023	<u>567,832</u>	<u>2,110</u>	<u>19,755</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>589,697</u>

13 Investments

	2024 £	2023 £
Shares in subsidiary undertaking	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
The charity owns 100% of the shares of Big Shed Enterprises Limited, company number 6946240. Big Shed Enterprises Limited was formed to manage the property.		
	2024 £	2023 £
Aggregate capital and reserves	73,169	2,028
Turnover for the year	206,843	158,678
Expenditure for the year	(121,690)	(136,390)
Profit for the year after tax	85,153	22,288

14 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts falling due within one year		
Gift aid receivable	50,736	50,083
Prepayments	22,444	21,913
Other debtors	6,543	-
Amounts due from subsidiary undertaking	<u>353,064</u>	<u>368,000</u>
	<u>432,787</u>	<u>439,996</u>

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15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,256	-
Accruals and deferred income	18,027	12,963
Other creditors	26,131	25,217
	<u>45,414</u>	<u>38,180</u>

16 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	2024	2023
	£	£
Other creditors	-	18,630
	<u>-</u>	<u>18,630</u>

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

Fund balances at 31 March 2024 are represented by:	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	547,825	-	547,825
Investments	1	-	1
Current asset/ liabilities	842,429	2,502	844,931
	<u>1,390,255</u>	<u>2,502</u>	<u>1,392,757</u>

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18 Movements in Funds

	At 1.4.23 £	Net Movements in funds £	Transfer between funds £	At 31.03.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted funds	1,359,919	38,328	(7,992)	1,390,255
	<u>1,359,919</u>	<u>38,328</u>	<u>(7,992)</u>	<u>1,390,255</u>
Restricted funds				
Zambian Grannies	-	(10)	10	-
Change the World	957	620		1,577
Youth With A Mission	-	(800)	800	-
Special Offering - Local Foodbank	25	(5)		20
Special Offering - Kenya	-	(1,500)	1,500	-
Special Offering - Poor & Needy	25	(1,495)	1,470	-
Mission 24	830	(1,500)	670	-
Turkey Earthquake Appeal	-	126		126
Baskets of Joy	1,030	(2,980)	1,950	-
Rainbow Africa	1,624	(1,025)		599
General Building Fund	655	(575)		80
Special Offering - Evangelism	100	-		100
CAP (Christians Against Poverty)	-	(992)	992	-
Hope for India	-	(600)	600	-
	<u>1,365,165</u>	<u>27,592</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,392,757</u>

Net movements in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted funds	353,514	(315,186)	-	38,328
Restricted funds				
Zambian Grannies	2,375	(2,385)	-	(10)
Change the World	620	-	-	620
Youth With A Mission	2,825	(3,625)	-	(800)
Special Offering - Local Foodbank	180	(185)	-	(5)
Special Offering - Kenya	48	(1,548)	-	(1,500)
Special Offering - Poor & Needy	348	(1,843)	-	(1,495)
Mission 24	63	(1,563)	-	(1,500)
Ministries Without Borders	126	-		126
Heap	213	(3,193)	-	(2,980)
Baskets of Joy	105	(1,130)	-	(1,025)
Rainbow Africa	560	(1,135)	-	(575)
General Building Fund	-	-	-	-
Special Offering - Evangelism	-	-	-	-
CAP (Christians Against Poverty)	-	(992)	-	(992)
Hope for India	-	(600)	-	(600)
	<u>360,977</u>	<u>(333,385)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,592</u>

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18 Movements in Funds

	At 1.4.22 £	Net Movements in funds £	Transfer between funds £	At 31.03.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted funds	1,272,936	93,826	(6,843)	1,359,919
	<u>1,272,936</u>	<u>93,826</u>	<u>(6,843)</u>	<u>1,359,919</u>
Restricted funds				
Zambian Grannies	210	(2,628)	2,418	-
Change the World	187	770		957
Special Offering - Local Foodbank	20	5		25
Special Offering - Cuba	-	(1,230)	1,230	-
Special Offering - Poor & Needy	10	15		25
Mission 24	-	830		830
Turkey Earthquake Appeal	-	(898)	898	-
Baskets of Joy	-	1,030		1,030
Rainbow Africa	-	1,624		1,624
General Building Fund	-	655		655
Hope for India	-	(600)	600	-
Joseph Fund - Gifts to the needy	-	(500)	500	-
Special Offering - Evangelism	100	-		100
Special Offering - Brazil	-	(720)	720	-
CAP(Christians Against Poverty)	1,165	(1,642)	477	-
	<u>1,274,628</u>	<u>90,537</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,365,165</u>

Net movements in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted funds	408,075	(314,249)	-	93,826
Restricted funds				
Zambian Grannies	2,610	(5,238)	-	(2,628)
Change the World	770	-	-	770
Special Offering - Local Foodbank	195	(190)	-	5
Special Offering - Cuba	1,760	(2,990)	-	(1,230)
Special Offering - Poor & Needy	120	(105)	-	15
Mission 24	2,930	(2,100)	-	830
Turkey Earthquake Appeal	6,232	(7,130)	-	(898)
Baskets of Joy	1,030	-	-	1,030
Rainbow Africa	1,624	-	-	1,624
General Building Fund	655	-	-	655
Hope for India	-	(600)	-	(600)
Joseph Fund - Gifts to the needy	-	(500)	-	(500)
Special Offering - Evangelism	-	-	-	-
Special Offering - Brazil	-	(720)	-	(720)
CAP(Christians Against Poverty)	-	(1,642)	-	(1,642)
	<u>426,001</u>	<u>(335,464)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>90,537</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

18 Movements in Funds - continued

Transfers between funds

Where the trustees have expended more money than was specifically given to a project, a transfer has been made from unrestricted funds.

Restricted funds

Zambian Grannies

This is a specific project within the work that Rainbow Trust Africa carries out in Zambia. Whilst it is not directly financially supported by the church, individual members give their significant personal time commitments and financial donations which donations are passed on to Rainbow Trust Africa.

Change the World

This is a collection of the loose change that Sunday attendees have and it is specifically used for mission work in UK and the World. It is used at the discretion of the spiritual leadership (Elders) towards worthy mission support and is used for projects in the UK and abroad.

CAP (Christians Against Poverty)

The church has been supporting the work of the CAP Job Club and CAP Money Course, paying for all expenses that are required to run the work. One church member wanted to give his own ongoing monthly support (£50) to this plus other minor donations from various sources.

Special Offering - Local Foodbank

This is a £20 monthly donation from church members for food items to be purchased and donated to the Salvation Army Food Bank, Saffron Lane, Leicester.

Special Offering - Cuba

Donations made via Ministries Without Borders (see above) for Special Offerings for help towards 'relief' projects in Cuba.

Special Offering - Evangelism

Special Offering via Ministries Without Borders, a church related charity, to help church with various evangelistic projects around the world (projects unspecified).

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19 Related party transactions

During the year a licence fee of £30,000 (2023: £30,000) was received from Big Shed Enterprises Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the charity.

During the year £22,847 was paid by Big Shed Enterprises Limited to the charity for recharged staff costs (2023: £24,361).

During the year £27,749 (2023: £21,266) of donations were received without conditions from trustees.

At the year end the charity was owed by the subsidiary Big Shed Enterprises Limited £353,064 (2023: £368,000). This amount is interest free and repayable on demand.

20 Financial commitments

The charity has a ground rent commitment and the following are the total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Due within one year	60,000	60,000
Due between one and five years	240,000	240,000
Due after five years	1,080,000	1,140,000
	<u>1,380,000</u>	<u>1,440,000</u>

Accounts

Charity Registration number 1103695

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**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2023**

**THE ROWLEYS PARTNERSHIP LIMITED
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
CHARNWOOD HOUSE
HARCOURT WAY
LEICESTER
LE19 1WP**

COVENANT LIFE CHURCH LEICESTER

CHARITY INFORMATION

Charity Name and Number	Covenant Life Church Leicester Registered charity number 1103695
Trustees	Dennis R Burton Gary Rutherford Andrew W Briggs Ian J Thompson Charles Alford Faith Olubode-King Sola Mosaku (appointed 8 May 2022)
Principal Address	93-95 Commercial Square Freemens Common Leicester LE2 7SR
Independent examiner	The Rowleys Partnership Limited Chartered Accountants Charnwood House Harcourt Way Meridian Business Park Leicester LE19 1WP
Bankers	Barclays Bank PLC Leicester LE87 2BB

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**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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COVENANT LIFE CHURCH LEICESTER

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (1 January 2019).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published on October 2019.

Structure, governance and management

Covenant Life Church Leicester is a registered charity and was constituted by a Declaration of Trust dated at 14 March 2003. The charity is a Christian Church, administered by elders who are the recognised spiritual leadership of the Church. To the extent that trustees are not synonymous with the Church leadership, their powers shall be confined to the proper management and administration of the funds and in doing so shall have full and proper regard to such spiritual leadership.

The Trustees are responsible for the appointment and training of any new trustee, including awareness of trustee's responsibilities, the trust deed, charitable objectives and procedures.

The Trust Deed provides for a minimum of 3 and maximum of 8 trustees. The trustees meet formally at least 3 times through the year to discuss business matters as appropriate.

Spiritual oversight towards the Church is based on Ephesians ch. 4 ministries and is given by the late Bryan Shutt and two church elders, who are supported in the practical outworking of the Church's activities by volunteer helpers who also give their time to the many activities of the Church. In addition, the existing spiritual oversight personnel enlisted the help of a number of the gifted church volunteers to set up a Leadership Team to give further support to the development and implementation of new initiatives within the church.

Governance and support costs are shown in notes 6 and 7 to the accounts.

Risk management

The trustees have considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed and, having reviewed those risks, have established systems and procedures to manage those risks.

The issue of protection of children and vulnerable adults is of foremost concern to the trustees and the Church leadership, as the Church is increasingly involved in significant work with children and young people. Procedures are in place to ensure that any worker who is placed in a position of trust with children or young people will be checked with the Criminal Records Bureau. The trustees can confirm that no individual has been required to step down from any position of trust within the Church following such checks.

Financial Review

The total of incoming resources was £436,645 (2022: £380,152). After taking account of resources expended the net surplus for the year was £100,537 (2022: £36,236).

Big Shed Enterprises Limited had a turnover of £158,678 (2022: 138,647) with expenses of £137,341 (2022: £86,877) producing a profit after tax of £22,288 (2022: £51,770).

The Charity continues to hold 100% of the share capital of Big Shed Enterprises Ltd. which has been given a licence to operate conference and facilities hire from its premises at Freemans Common in Leicester. The annual licence fee is paid by the company in four quarterly tranches in the relevant year. The profits of the company will ultimately be gifted back to the Charity. During the period Big Shed Enterprises Ltd donated £25,987 of its profits to the charity (2022: £40,000).

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)

Reserves policy

In the post-Covid period, and now that the church is able to function at near normal levels, we remain confident that operating costs of the charity will continue to be met from revenue generated and are satisfied that the projected level of ongoing funding will be adequate to support the continuation of the charity's activities for the foreseeable short/medium term.

In accordance with good accounting practice and professionalism, the trustees of the charity have developed a more robust approach to a reserves policy to meet the anticipated future requirements. The policy outlines, (a) the level of reserve the trustees believe the charity requires (typically equivalent to 3 months of normal committed ('fixed') operating costs); (b) the measures that will be put in place to monitor and review the reserves at the required level; (c) the arrangements needed to fund the expansion of initiatives and projects that further the aims and objectives of the charity.

At 31 March 2023 unrestricted reserves less fixed assets and the debtor due from Big Shed Enterprises Limited amounted to £402,221 which are more than adequate for the charity's requirements.

Public benefit

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit. The church's Trust Deed demonstrates the intentions of Covenant Life Church Leicester in being of benefit to our locality in the city of Leicester and surrounding towns and villages in Leicestershire. It is our intention to provide relief of poverty, hardship and distress as far as it is possible. We aim to promote the involvement of local people and families in our activities. Our annual activities are planned with the above in mind and our overall ambition is to be a benefit to our locality.

Objectives and activities

At the heart of Covenant Life Church Leicester is our desire to see the Gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord spread as far as possible throughout Leicester, Leicestershire and the world. Our objectives are to preach and offer teaching of the Christian faith to our members and the people in our locality. This furtherance of the Gospel comes with a desire to see not only the spiritual significance of our faith promoted, but also the practical humanitarian effect of a life with Jesus. Our members are all encouraged to "bring good news to the poor" (Luke 4 v 18) in a very practical way.

The charity continues to promote its vision and objectives both at home and overseas: our public meetings involve Christian praise, worship and teaching, centred around the use of our building, 'The Big Shed', at Freemans Common in Leicester; plus the regular meeting together of groups of our members - youth, university student groups, mid-week "Homegroups" that meet weekly 'house to house' at a number of locations in and around Leicestershire. Some meetings still involve remote, Zoom, meetings, but these are now reduced.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)

Achievements and performance

Each year the Charity supports and encourages the work of a related charity (Ministries Without Borders) together with other projects both in UK and overseas:

- 1) It has continued to provide specific donated funding and remote support for work in Zambia (via Rainbow Trust Africa).
- 2) We continue to provide financial support towards an Indian Bible College in Gujarat, India and to several children's homes in India via the Hope for India charity.
- 3) The church is increasing active in local communities, via mid-week Life Groups, which through separate initiatives, continue to seek and develop more effective relationships with the wider communities.
- 4) Continuing with our desire to contribute to the wider needs of the local community, the charity has partnered with the City council to become one of its local Emergency Rest Centres.
- 5) The charity's resources have been made available for the international charity Samaritans Purse to continue to operate their regional distribution centre onsite for Operation Christmas Child, distributing many thousands of shoeboxes that are filled with Christmas presents to children around the world.
- 6) The church is involved in the student community and welcomes many different nationalities to our meetings and events, providing support and guidance to many.
- 7) The church still meets with and supports national conferences in the wider UK. Providing financial support for these events, supporting the poor and needy via these events.
- 8) The church continues to grow, with many being baptised and received into membership.
- 9) The church still uses electronic communication, for many of its smaller meetings, mainly prayer meetings.
- 10) The fabric of the building at Freemans Common, continues to be refurbished, with new offices and children's areas being created. The car park has now been fitted with a parking scheme to prevent rogue parking by unauthorised vehicles.
- 11) The ground lease with LCC now has 23 years to run and efforts at changing the council's position on an extension is in full swing, with a meeting planned for June 2023 being set with the Estates department of LCC (further information available in the next report).
- 12) Sadly, during this year, the church lost its lead Elder and Apostolic covering to cancer. This very devastating loss has required changes in leadership, which are still ongoing.

The report and accounts were approved by the trustees on 8 September 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

D Burton MIOSH
Chair of Trustees

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
COVENANT LIFE CHURCH LEICESTER
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Covenant Life Church Leicester

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW which is one of the listed bodies.

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the accounts do 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.

L G Parkes FCA FCCA
The Rowleys Partnership Limited
Chartered Accountants
Charnwood House
Harcourt Way
Meridian Business Park
Leicester
LE19 1WP

Date: 8 September 2023

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2023**

	Note	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL 2023	TOTAL 2022
		£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from					
Donations and legacies	2	355,207	17,926	373,133	328,403
Investment income		752	-	752	21
Other income	3	52,116	-	52,116	51,728
Total income and endowments		<u>408,075</u>	<u>17,926</u>	<u>426,001</u>	<u>380,152</u>
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities	4	314,249	21,215	335,464	343,917
Total expenditure		<u>314,249</u>	<u>21,215</u>	<u>335,464</u>	<u>343,917</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		93,826	(3,289)	90,537	36,236
Transfers between funds	18	(6,843)	6,843	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):					
Other gains/(losses)	18	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>86,983</u>	<u>3,554</u>	<u>90,537</u>	<u>36,236</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		1,272,936	1,692	1,274,628	1,238,392
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>1,359,919</u></u>	<u><u>5,246</u></u>	<u><u>1,365,165</u></u>	<u><u>1,274,628</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT
31 MARCH 2023**

		2023		2022	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		589,697		619,346
Investment	13		1		1
			589,698		619,347
Current assets					
Debtors	14	439,996		434,183	
Cash at bank and in hand		392,281		294,359	
		832,277		728,542	
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	38,180		35,312	
Net current assets			794,097		693,231
Total assets less current liabilities			1,383,795		1,312,578
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	16		(18,630)		(37,950)
Net assets			1,365,165		1,274,628
Funds					
Restricted funds	18		5,246		1,692
Unrestricted funds	18		1,359,919		1,272,936
Total funds			1,365,165		1,274,628

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 8th September 2023

D Burton
Trustee

I Thompson
Trustee

COVENANT LIFE CHURCH LEICESTER

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparing the financial statements

Covenant Life Church Leicester is an unincorporated charity registered in England and Wales. The address of the charity is given on the charity information page of these financial statements.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest pound.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Preparation of consolidated financial statements

The financial statements contain information about Covenant Life Church Leicester as an individual charity and do not contain consolidated financial information as the parent of a group. The charity has taken the option not to prepare consolidated financial statements under Charities Act 2011 as the group income is below £1m.

1.2 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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1 Accounting policies - continued

Fund accounting - continued

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

1.3 Income recognition

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

1.4 Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

1.5 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities. Expenses are inclusive of VAT where applicable.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All tangible fixed assets are capitalised and included at cost.

Depreciation has been provided to write off the cost less estimated residual values of tangible fixed assets, over their expected useful lives using the following rates:

Leasehold premises	Over the lease term
Electronic equipment	33.3% on cost
Motor trailer	33.3% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	33.3% on cost

1.7 Investments

Investments in subsidiaries are measured at cost less impairment.

1.8 Debtors and creditors receivable/payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

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1 Accounting policies - continued

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash in hand and cash on deposit.

1.10 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from the date of approving these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves, for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

1.11 Pensions and other post-retirement benefits

Defined contribution pension plans

The charity operates a defined contribution pension plan for its employees. The amount recognised as an expense in the year was £1,276 (2022 - £875).

1.12 Leases

Rentals payable and receivable under operating leases are charged to the SoFA on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

1.13 Government grants

Government grants receivable in relation to the job retention scheme are recognised as income over the periods necessary to match them against the related costs which they are intended to compensate, on a systematic basis. Other Government grants received are recognised at the point of receipt. Government grants are shown separately as other income.

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2 Incoming resources

Donations and legacies:	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total 2022 £
Donations and gifts	305,324	17,926	323,250	258,646	19,890	278,536
Gift Aid tax refunds	49,883	-	49,883	49,867	-	49,867
	<u>355,207</u>	<u>17,926</u>	<u>373,133</u>	<u>308,513</u>	<u>19,890</u>	<u>328,403</u>

3 Other income

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total 2022 £
Licence fee	30,000	-	30,000	30,000	-	30,000
Rent	17,750	-	17,750	20,000	-	20,000
Other income	4,366	-	4,366	795	-	795
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme grant	-	-	-	933	-	933
	<u>52,116</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>52,116</u>	<u>51,728</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,728</u>

The licence fee is paid by Big Shed Enterprises Limited, the trading arm of the Charity. The fee is based on turnover allocation of the company, and a proportion of the premises assessed as being available for conference and facilities hire.

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4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total 2022 £
Direct costs (note 5)	239,438	21,215	260,653	251,036	29,322	280,358
Support costs (note 6)	72,591	-	72,591	61,559	-	61,559
Governance costs (note 7)	2,220	-	2,220	2,000	-	2,000
	<u>314,249</u>	<u>21,215</u>	<u>335,464</u>	<u>314,595</u>	<u>29,322</u>	<u>343,917</u>

5 Direct costs

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total 2022 £
Ministry support and expenses (note 9)	24,941	-	24,941	62,735	-	62,735
Meeting expenses	2,084	-	2,084	1,870	-	1,870
Other gifts	52,252	21,215	73,467	39,722	29,322	69,044
Training/Evangelism	12,497	-	12,497	10,361	-	10,361
Building expenses	103,530	-	103,530	94,919	-	94,919
Depreciation	44,134	-	44,134	41,429	-	41,429
	<u>239,438</u>	<u>21,215</u>	<u>260,653</u>	<u>251,036</u>	<u>29,322</u>	<u>280,358</u>

6 Support costs

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total 2022 £
Wages and salaries	45,168	-	45,168	41,868	-	41,868
Pension	1,276	-	1,276	875	-	875
General administration	20,901	-	20,901	15,243	-	15,243
Other costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legal and professional fees	5,246	-	5,246	3,573	-	3,573
	<u>72,591</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>72,591</u>	<u>61,559</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>61,559</u>

7 Governance costs

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total 2022 £
Independent examiner remuneration	2,220	-	2,220	2,000	-	2,000

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8 Staff numbers and costs

	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Wages and salaries	69,529	60,964
Pension contributions	1,276	875
Wages recharges	(24,361)	(19,096)
Per note 6	<u>46,444</u>	<u>42,743</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>
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There are no employees who received total emoluments of more than £60,000.

9 Ministry support

The following received individual support exceeding £10,000 in the year:

	2023 £	2022 £
Bryan Shutt	17,167	50,004
	<u>17,167</u>	<u>50,004</u>
Others	4,974	4,331
Ministry support given through another charity	2,800	8,400
	<u>24,941</u>	<u>62,735</u>

10 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits was paid to any of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

No trustees were reimbursed expenses during the year ended 31 March 2023, nor the year ended 31 March 2022.

11 Amounts payable to independent examiner

The amount paid to the independent examiner for the independent examination was £1,120 (2022: £1,000) and £1,100 (2022: £1,000) for other accountancy services.

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12 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold property £	Fixtures & fittings £	Electronic equipment £	Motor trailer £	Total £
Cost					
At 1st April 2022	897,078	33,967	62,769	2,815	996,629
Additions at cost	-	895	13,590	-	14,485
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 31st March 2023	<u>897,078</u>	<u>34,862</u>	<u>76,358</u>	<u>2,815</u>	<u>1,011,114</u>
Depreciation					
At 1st April 2022	304,558	30,366	39,544	2,815	377,283
Charge for the year	24,688	2,387	17,059	-	44,134
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 31st March 2023	<u>329,246</u>	<u>32,753</u>	<u>56,604</u>	<u>2,815</u>	<u>421,417</u>
Net book value					
At 31st March 2023	<u>567,832</u>	<u>2,109</u>	<u>19,755</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>589,697</u>
At 31st March 2022	<u>592,520</u>	<u>3,601</u>	<u>23,225</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>619,346</u>

13 Investments

	2023 £	2022 £
Shares in subsidiary undertaking	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
The charity owns 100% of the shares of Big Shed Enterprises Limited, company number 6946240. Big Shed Enterprises Limited was formed to manage the property.		
	2023 £	2022 £
Aggregate capital and reserves	1,077	5,727
Turnover for the year	158,678	138,647
Expenditure for the year	(136,390)	(86,877)
Profit for the year after tax	22,288	51,770

14 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year		
Gift aid receivable	50,083	50,441
Prepayments	21,913	21,617
Other debtors	-	7,125
Amounts due from subsidiary undertaking	<u>368,000</u>	<u>355,000</u>
	<u>439,996</u>	<u>434,183</u>

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15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	12,963	14,976
Other creditors	25,217	20,336
	<u>38,180</u>	<u>35,312</u>

16 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	2023	2022
	£	£
Other creditors	18,630	37,950
	<u>18,630</u>	<u>37,950</u>

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

Fund balances at 31 March 2023 are represented by:	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	589,697	-	589,697
Investments	1	-	1
Current asset/ liabilities	788,851	5,246	794,097
Long term liabilities	(18,630)	-	(18,630)
	<u>1,359,919</u>	<u>5,246</u>	<u>1,365,165</u>

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18 Movements in Funds

	At 1.4.22 £	Net Movements in funds £	Transfer between funds £	At 31.03.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted funds	1,272,936	93,826	(6,843)	1,359,919
	<u>1,272,936</u>	<u>93,826</u>	<u>(6,843)</u>	<u>1,359,919</u>
Restricted funds				
Zambian Grannies	210	(2,628)	2,418	-
Change the World	187	770		957
Special Offering - Local Foodbank	20	5		25
Special Offering - Cuba	-	(1,230)	1,230	-
Special Offering - Poor & Needy	10	15		25
Mission 24	-	830		830
Turkey Earthquake Appeal	-	(898)	898	-
Baskets of Joy	-	1,030		1,030
Rainbow Africa	-	1,624		1,624
General Building Fund	-	655		655
Hope for India	-	(600)	600	-
Joseph Fund - Gifts to the needy	-	(500)	500	-
Special Offering - Evangelism	100	-		100
Special Offering - Brazil	-	(720)	720	-
CAP(Christians Against Poverty)	1,165	(1,642)	477	-
	<u>1,274,628</u>	<u>90,537</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,365,165</u>

Net movements in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted funds	408,075	(314,249)	-	93,826
Restricted funds				
Zambian Grannies	2,610	(5,238)	-	(2,628)
Change the World	770	-	-	770
Special Offering - Local Foodbank	195	(190)	-	5
Special Offering - Cuba	1,760	(2,990)	-	(1,230)
Special Offering - Poor & Needy	120	(105)	-	15
Mission 24	2,930	(2,100)	-	830
Turkey Earthquake Appeal	6,232	(7,130)	-	(898)
Baskets of Joy	1,030	-	-	1,030
Rainbow Africa	1,624	-	-	1,624
General Building Fund	655	-	-	655
Hope for India	-	(600)	-	(600)
Joseph Fund - Gifts to the needy	-	(500)	-	(500)
Special Offering - Evangelism	-	-	-	-
Special Offering - Brazil	-	(720)	-	(720)
CAP(Christians Against Poverty)	-	(1,642)	-	(1,642)
	<u>426,001</u>	<u>(335,464)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>90,537</u>

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18 Movements in Funds - continued

	At 1.4.21 £	Net Movements in funds £	Transfer between funds £	At 31.03.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted funds	1,237,724	45,668	(10,456)	1,272,936
	<u>1,237,724</u>	<u>45,668</u>	<u>(10,456)</u>	<u>1,272,936</u>
Restricted funds				
Zambian Grannies	472	(765)	503	210
Change the World	163	24	-	187
Special Offering - Local Foodbank	-	20	-	20
Special Offering - Cuba	-	(983)	983	-
Special Offering - Poor & Needy	-	(1,990)	2,000	10
Special Offering - Covenant College	-	(1,730)	1,730	-
Special Offering - Evangelism	-	(1,000)	1,100	100
Special Offering - Heap Offering	-	(1,565)	1,565	-
Special Offering - Brazil	-	(2,000)	2,000	-
CAP(Christians Against Poverty)	33	557	575	1,165
	<u>1,238,392</u>	<u>36,236</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,274,628</u>

Net movements in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted funds	360,262	(314,595)	-	45,668
Restricted funds				
Zambian Grannies	2,284	(3,049)	-	(765)
Change the World	174	(150)	-	24
Special Offering - Local Foodbank	240	(220)	-	20
Special Offering - Cuba	5,037	(6,020)	-	(983)
Special Offering - Poor & Needy	2,575	(4,565)	-	(1,990)
Special Offering - Covenant College	2,300	(4,030)	-	(1,730)
Special Offering - Evangelism	1,000	(2,000)	-	(1,000)
Special Offering - Heap Offering	3,485	(5,050)	-	(1,565)
Special Offering - Brazil	2,195	(4,195)	-	(2,000)
CAP(Christians Against Poverty)	600	(43)	-	557
	<u>380,152</u>	<u>(343,917)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,236</u>

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18 Movements in Funds - continued

Transfers between funds

Where the trustees have expended more money than was specifically given to a project, a transfer has been made from unrestricted funds.

Restricted funds

Zambian Grannies

This is a specific project within the work that Rainbow Trust Africa carries out in Zambia. Whilst it is not directly financially supported by the church, individual members give their significant personal time commitments and financial donations which donations are passed on to Rainbow Trust Africa.

Change the World

This is a collection of the loose change that Sunday attendees have and it is specifically used for mission work in UK and the World (hence [loose] Change [for] The World [missions]). It is used at the discretion of the spiritual leadership (Elders) towards worthy mission support. In 2019/20, it was used for Indian Bible College student fees and to support an outreach in Leicester city centre.

Special Offering - MWB 2020

Ministries without borders (a church related charity that a number of churches around the world work with) asked the churches to take up special offerings to help towards projects (unspecified).

CAP (Christians Against Poverty)

The church has been supporting the work of the CAP Job Club and CAP Money Course, paying for all expenses that are required to run the work. One church member wanted to give his own ongoing monthly support (£50) to this plus other minor donations from various sources.

Special Offering - Local Foodbank

This is a £20 monthly donation from church members for food items to be purchased and donated to the Salvation Army Food Bank, Saffron Lane, Leicester.

Special Offering - Poor & Needy

Ministries without borders (a church related charity that a number of churches around the world work with) asked the churches to take up special offerings to help towards 2021 projects (unspecified). The monthly £10 donation is from a church member as is included in the monthly payment to MWB for Tithe of Tithe & Offering and includes an identified payment of £10 for Poor & Needy.

Special Offering - Cuba

Donations made via Ministries Without Borders (see above) for Special Offerings for help towards 'relief' projects in Cuba.

Special Offering - Covenant College

Covenant College is a Bible College based at All Nations Church in Cardiff. Special offerings were taken up via Ministries Without Borders to support the work of the college.

Special Offering - Evangelism

Special Offering via Ministries Without Borders, a church related charity, to help church with various evangelistic projects around the world (projects unspecified).

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18 Movements in Funds - continued

Special Offering - Heap Offering

Special Offering via Ministries Without Borders, to help towards 2021 projects in various nations of the world - (projects unspecified).

Special Offering - Brazil

Special Offering (Feb/March '22) via MWB (Ministries Without Borders) charity, for a series of 'relief' projects in Brazil (projects unspecified) - payment made to Ministries Without Borders. £2,000 paid as an additional payment from CLC.

19 Related party transactions

During the year a licence fee of £30,000 (2022: £30,000) was received from Big Shed Enterprises Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the charity.

During the year £24,361 was paid by Big Shed Enterprises Limited to the charity for recharged staff costs (2022: £19,096).

During the year £21,266 (2022: £19,491) of donations were received without conditions from trustees.

At the year end the charity was owed by the subsidiary Big Shed Enterprises Limited £378,000 (2022: £355,000). This amount is interest free and repayable on demand.

20 Financial commitments

The charity has a ground rent commitment and the following are the total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Due within one year	60,000	60,000
Due between one and five years	240,000	240,000
Due after five years	1,140,000	1,200,000
	<u>1,440,000</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>

Accounts

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THE ROWLEYS PARTNERSHIP LIMITED
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
CHARNWOOD HOUSE
HARCOURT WAY
LEICESTER
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COVENANT LIFE CHURCH LEICESTER

CHARITY INFORMATION

Charity Name and Number	Covenant Life Church Leicester Registered charity number 1103695
Trustees	Dennis R Burton Kevin S Owen (resigned 31 October 2021) Gary Rutherford Kate Simpson (resigned 1 August 2021) Andrew W Briggs Ian J Thompson Charles Alford Faith Olubode-King Sola Mosaku (appointed 8 May 2022)
Principal Address	93-95 Commercial Square Freemens Common Leicester LE2 7SR
Independent examiner	The Rowleys Partnership Limited Chartered Accountants Charnwood House Harcourt Way Meridian Business Park Leicester LE19 1WP
Bankers	Barclays Bank PLC Dominus Way Meridian Business Park Leicester LE19 1RP

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COVENANT LIFE CHURCH LEICESTER

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (1 January 2019).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published on October 2019.

Structure, governance and management

Covenant Life Church Leicester is a registered charity and was constituted by a Declaration of Trust dated at 14 March 2003. The charity is a Christian Church, administered by elders who are the recognised spiritual leadership of the Church. To the extent that trustees are not synonymous with the Church leadership, their powers shall be confined to the proper management and administration of the funds and in doing so shall have full and proper regard to such spiritual leadership.

The Trustees are responsible for the appointment and training of any new trustee, including awareness of trustee's responsibilities, the trust deed, charitable objectives and procedures.

The Trust Deed provides for a minimum of 3 and maximum of 8 trustees. The trustees meet formally at least 3 times through the year to discuss business matters as appropriate.

Spiritual oversight towards the Church is based on Ephesians ch. 4 ministries and is given by Mr. Bryan Shutt and two church elders, who are supported in the practical outworking of the Church's activities by volunteer helpers who also give their time to the many activities of the Church. In addition, the existing spiritual oversight personnel enlisted the help of a number of the gifted church volunteers to set up a Leadership Team to give further support to the development and implementation of new initiatives within the church.

Governance and support costs are shown in note 5 to the accounts.

Risk management

The trustees have considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed and, having reviewed those risks, have established systems and procedures to manage those risks.

The issue of protection of children and vulnerable adults is of foremost concern to the trustees and the Church leadership, as the Church is increasingly involved in significant work with children and young people. Procedures are in place to ensure that any worker who is placed in a position of trust with children or young people will be checked with the Criminal Records Bureau. The trustees can confirm that no individual has been required to step down from any position of trust within the Church following such checks.

Financial Review

The total of incoming resources was £380,152 (2021: £362,371). After taking account of resources expended the net surplus for the year was £36,236 (2021: £55,936).

Big Shed Enterprises Limited had a turnover of £138,647 (2021: £91,889) with expenses of £86,877 (2021: £84,820) producing a profit of £51,770 (2021: £7,069).

The Charity continues to hold 100% of the share capital of Big Shed Enterprises Ltd. which has been given a licence to operate conference and facilities hire from its premises at Freemans Common in Leicester. The annual licence fee is paid by the company in four quarterly tranches in the relevant year. The profits of the company will ultimately be gifted back to the Charity. During the period Big Shed Enterprises Ltd donated £40,000 of its profits to the charity (2021: £Nil).

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)

Reserves policy

In the post-Covid period, and now that the church is able to function at near normal levels, we remain confident that operating costs of the charity will continue to be met from revenue generated and are satisfied that the projected level of ongoing funding will be adequate to support the continuation of the charity's activities for the foreseeable short/medium term.

In accordance with good accounting practice and professionalism, the trustees of the charity have developed a more robust approach to a reserves policy to meet the anticipated future requirements. The policy outlines, (a) the level of reserve the trustees believe the charity requires (typically equivalent to 3 months of normal committed ('fixed') operating costs); (b) the measures that will be put in place to monitor and review the reserves at the required level; (c) the arrangements needed to fund the expansion of initiatives and projects that further the aims and objectives of the charity.

At 31 March 2022 unrestricted reserves less fixed assets and the debtor due from Big Shed Enterprises Limited amounted to £300,281 which are more than adequate for the charity's requirements.

Public benefit

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit. The church's Trust Deed demonstrates the intentions of Covenant Life Church Leicester in being of benefit to our locality in the city of Leicester and surrounding towns and villages in Leicestershire. It is our intention to provide relief of poverty, hardship and distress as far as it is possible. We aim to promote the involvement of local people and families in our activities. Our annual activities are planned with the above in mind and our overall ambition is to be a benefit to our locality.

Objectives and activities

At the heart of Covenant Life Church Leicester is our desire to see the Gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord spread as far as possible throughout Leicester, Leicestershire and the world. Our objectives are to preach and offer teaching of the Christian faith to our members and the people in our locality. This furtherance of the Gospel comes with a desire to see not only the spiritual significance of our faith promoted, but also the practical humanitarian effect of a life with Jesus. Our members are all encouraged to "bring good news to the poor" (Luke 4 v 18) in a very practical way.

The charity continues to promote its vision and objectives both at home and overseas: our public meetings involve Christian praise, worship and teaching, centred around the use of our building, 'The Big Shed', at Freemans Common in Leicester; plus the regular meeting together of groups of our members - youth, university student groups, mid-week "Homegroups" that meet weekly 'house to house' at a number of locations in and around Leicestershire. Some meetings still involve remote, Zoom, meetings, but these are now reduced.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)

Achievements and performance

Each year the Charity supports and encourages the work of a related charity (Ministries Without Borders) together with other projects both in UK and overseas:

- 1). It has continued to provide specific donated funding and remote support for work in Zambia (via Rainbow Trust Africa).
- 2). We continue to provide financial support towards an Indian Bible College in Gujarat, India and to several children's homes in India via the Hope for India charity.
- 3). The church is increasingly active within local communities via mid-week Life Groups which, through separate initiatives, continue to seek and develop more effective relationships with the wider communities (please note as mentioned above, via the 'Zoom' technology from March 2020).
- 4). Continuing with our desire to contribute to the wider needs of the local community, the charity has partnered with the City council to become one of its local Emergency Rest Centres.
- 5). The charity's resources have been made available for the international charity Samaritans Purse to continue to operate their regional distribution centre onsite for Operation Christmas Child, distributing many thousands of shoeboxes that are filled with Christmas presents to children around the world.
- 6). The church has been involved in the student community, hosting welcome events via Zoom and socially distanced events, for overseas students.
- 7). The church has also historically met once a year at the end of July at large UK showground conference centres (e.g. in central locations such as Stafford and Newark) with other related churches around the UK, attracting attendance and participation of international delegates also. We have been able to provide finance and assistance at these events for projects such as 'Relief of the Poor and Needy' and 'Development of the Church in other nations'. There will be no such gathering July 2022, but we still hope to be able to contribute remotely to the afore mentioned projects again.
- 8). The Church has grown in membership this last 12 months, with new members being recognised, and we have also recently been able to conduct Water Baptism of new members, at socially distanced events within the current Government guidelines.
- 9). The use of Zoom continues within the Church since March 2020, with new types of Prayer Meetings (early morning and specific themes in the evening) and Childrens Meetings taking place as church

The report and accounts were approved by the trustees on 19 August 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

D Burton
Chair of Trustees

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
COVENANT LIFE CHURCH LEICESTER
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Covenant Life Church Leicester

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW which is one of the listed bodies.

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the accounts do 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.

L G Parkes ACA FCCA
The Rowleys Partnership Limited
Chartered Accountants
Charnwood House
Harcourt Way
Meridian Business Park
Leicester
LE19 1WP

Date: 19 August 2022

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2022**

	Note	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL 2022	TOTAL 2021
		£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from					
Donations and legacies	2	308,513	19,890	328,403	311,319
Charitable activities	2	-	-	-	30
Investment income		21	-	21	150
Other income	3	51,728	-	51,728	50,872
Total income and endowments		<u>360,262</u>	<u>19,890</u>	<u>380,152</u>	<u>362,371</u>
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities	4	314,595	29,322	343,917	306,435
Total expenditure		<u>314,595</u>	<u>29,322</u>	<u>343,917</u>	<u>306,435</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		45,668	(9,432)	36,236	55,936
Transfers between funds	18	(10,456)	10,456	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):					
Other gains/(losses)	18	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>35,212</u>	<u>1,024</u>	<u>36,236</u>	<u>55,936</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		1,237,724	668	1,238,392	1,182,456
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>1,272,936</u></u>	<u><u>1,692</u></u>	<u><u>1,274,628</u></u>	<u><u>1,238,392</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT
31 MARCH 2022**

		2022		2021	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		619,346		623,552
Investment	13		1		1
			619,347		623,553
Current assets					
Debtors	14	434,183		463,108	
Cash at bank and in hand		294,359		245,163	
		728,542		708,271	
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	35,312		36,162	
Net current assets			693,231		672,109
Total assets less current liabilities			1,312,578		1,295,662
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	16		(37,950)		(57,270)
Net assets			1,274,628		1,238,392
Funds					
Restricted funds	18		1,692		668
Unrestricted funds	18		1,272,936		1,237,724
Total funds			1,274,628		1,238,392

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 19 August 2022.

D Burton
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparing the financial statements

Covenant Life Church Leicester is an unincorporated charity registered in England and Wales. The address of the charity is given on the charity information page of these financial statements.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest pound.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Preparation of consolidated financial statements

The financial statements contain information about Covenant Life Church Leicester as an individual charity and do not contain consolidated financial information as the parent of a group. The charity has taken the option not to prepare consolidated financial statements under Charities Act 2011 as the group income is below £1m.

1.2 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1 Accounting policies - continued

Fund accounting - continued

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

1.3 Income recognition

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

1.4 Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

1.5 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities. Expenses are inclusive of VAT where applicable.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All tangible fixed assets are capitalised and included at cost.

Depreciation has been provided to write off the cost less estimated residual values of tangible fixed assets, over their expected useful lives using the following rates:

Leasehold premises	Over the lease term
Electronic equipment	33.3% on cost
Motor trailer	33.3% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	33.3% on cost

1.7 Investments

Investments in subsidiaries are measured at cost less impairment.

1.8 Debtors and creditors receivable/payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1 Accounting policies - continued

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash in hand and cash on deposit.

1.10 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from the date of approving these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves, for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

1.11 Pensions and other post-retirement benefits

Defined contribution pension plans

The charity operates a defined contribution pension plan for its employees. The amount recognised as an expense in the year was £875 (2021 - £630).

1.12 Leases

Rentals payable and receivable under operating leases are charged to the SoFA on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

1.13 Government grants

Government grants receivable in relation to the job retention scheme are recognised as income over the periods necessary to match them against the related costs which they are intended to compensate, on a systematic basis. Other Government grants received are recognised at the point of receipt. Government grants are shown separately as other income.

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2 Incoming resources

Donations and legacies:

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total 2021 £
Donations and gifts	258,646	19,890	278,536	248,202	8,531	256,733
Gift Aid tax refunds	49,867	-	49,867	54,586	-	54,586
	<u>308,513</u>	<u>19,890</u>	<u>328,403</u>	<u>302,788</u>	<u>8,531</u>	<u>311,319</u>

Charitable activities:

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total 2021 £
Sale of tapes and books	-	-	-	30	-	30
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30</u>

3 Other income

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total 2021 £
Licence fee	30,000	-	30,000	30,000	-	30,000
Rent	20,000	-	20,000	12,250	-	12,250
Other income	795	-	795	3,040	-	3,040
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme grant	933	-	933	5,582	-	5,582
	<u>51,728</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,728</u>	<u>50,872</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,872</u>

The licence fee is paid by Big Shed Enterprises Limited, the trading arm of the Charity. The fee is based on turnover allocation of the company, and a proportion of the premises assessed as being available for conference and facilities hire.

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4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total 2022	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Direct costs (note 5)	251,036	29,322	280,358	240,871	8,281	249,152
Support costs (note 6)	61,559	-	61,559	55,283	-	55,283
Governance costs (note 7)	2,000	-	2,000	2,000	-	2,000
	<u>314,595</u>	<u>29,322</u>	<u>343,917</u>	<u>298,154</u>	<u>8,281</u>	<u>306,435</u>

5 Direct costs

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total 2022	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Ministry support and expenses	62,735	-	62,735	62,729	-	62,729
Meeting expenses	1,870	-	1,870	5,875	-	5,875
Other gifts	39,722	29,322	69,044	48,035	8,281	56,316
Training/Evangelism	10,361	-	10,361	2,992	-	2,992
Building expenses	94,919	-	94,919	93,232	-	93,232
Depreciation	41,429	-	41,429	28,008	-	28,008
	<u>251,036</u>	<u>29,322</u>	<u>280,358</u>	<u>240,871</u>	<u>8,281</u>	<u>249,152</u>

6 Support costs

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total 2022	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Wages and salaries	41,868	-	41,868	29,746	-	29,746
Pension	875	-	875	630	-	630
General administration	15,243	-	15,243	15,749	-	15,749
Other costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legal and professional fees	3,573	-	3,573	9,158	-	9,158
	<u>61,559</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>61,559</u>	<u>55,283</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,283</u>

7 Governance costs

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total 2022	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Independent examiner remuneration	2,000	-	2,000	2,000	-	2,000

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

8 Staff numbers and costs

	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Wages and salaries	60,964	39,716
Employers national insurance	-	-
Pension contributions	875	630
Wages recharges	(19,096)	(9,970)
Per note 6	<u>42,743</u>	<u>30,376</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
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There are no employees who received total emoluments of more than £60,000.

9 Ministry support

The following received individual support exceeding £10,000 in the year:

	2022 £	2021 £
Bryan Shutt	50,004	50,004
	<u>50,004</u>	<u>50,004</u>
Others	4,331	4,325
Ministry support given through another charity	8,400	8,400
	<u>62,735</u>	<u>62,729</u>

10 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits was paid to any of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

During the year a gift of £Nil was paid to Kevin Owen (a trustee) for administration support, not in connection with his trustee responsibilities (2021: £500). An amount of £Nil was also paid to Ian Thompson for ministry support not in connection with his trustee responsibilities (2021: £500).

Trustees' expenses

No trustees were reimbursed expenses during the year (2021 - £nil) in respect of their duties as trustee.

11 Amounts payable to independent examiner

The amount paid to the independent examiner for the independent examination was £1,000 (2021: £1,000) and £1,000 (2021: £1,000) for other accountancy services.

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12 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold property £	Fixtures & fittings £	Electronic equipment £	Motor trailer £	Total £
Cost					
At 1st April 2021	897,078	31,360	38,317	2,815	969,570
Additions at cost	-	4,683	32,540	-	37,223
Disposals	-	(2,076)	(8,088)	-	(10,164)
At 31st March 2022	<u>897,078</u>	<u>33,967</u>	<u>62,769</u>	<u>2,815</u>	<u>996,629</u>
Depreciation					
At 1st April 2021	279,870	30,503	32,830	2,815	346,018
Charge for the year	24,688	1,939	14,802	-	41,429
Disposals	-	(2,076)	(8,088)	-	(10,164)
At 31st March 2022	<u>304,558</u>	<u>30,366</u>	<u>39,544</u>	<u>2,815</u>	<u>377,283</u>
Net book value					
At 31st March 2022	<u>592,520</u>	<u>3,601</u>	<u>23,225</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>619,346</u>
At 31st March 2021	<u>617,208</u>	<u>857</u>	<u>5,487</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>623,552</u>

13 Investments

	2022 £	2021 £
Shares in subsidiary undertaking	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

The charity owns 100% of the shares of Big Shed Enterprises Limited, company number 6946240. Big Shed Enterprises Limited was formed to manage the property.

	2022 £	2021 £
Aggregate capital and reserves	5,727	(6,043)
Turnover for the year	138,647	91,889
Expenditure for the year	(86,877)	(84,820)
Profit for the year	<u>51,770</u>	<u>7,069</u>

14 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Amounts falling due within one year		
Gift aid receivable	50,441	54,678
Prepayments	21,617	21,122
Other debtors	7,125	17,308
Amounts due from subsidiary undertaking	<u>355,000</u>	<u>370,000</u>
	<u>434,183</u>	<u>463,108</u>

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15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2022	2021
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	14,976	16,182
Other creditors	20,336	19,980
	<u>35,312</u>	<u>36,162</u>

16 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	2022	2021
	£	£
Other creditors	37,950	57,270
	<u>37,950</u>	<u>57,270</u>

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

Fund balances at 31 March 2022 are represented by:	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	619,346	-	619,346
Investments	1	-	1
Current asset/ liabilities	691,539	1,692	693,231
Long term liabilities	(37,950)	-	(37,950)
	<u>1,272,936</u>	<u>1,692</u>	<u>1,274,628</u>

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18 Movements in Funds

	At 1.4.21 £	Net Movements in funds £	Transfer between funds £	At 31.03.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted funds	1,237,724	45,668	(10,456)	1,272,936
	<u>1,237,724</u>	<u>45,668</u>	<u>(10,456)</u>	<u>1,272,936</u>
Restricted funds				
Zambian Grannies	472	(765)	503	210
Change the World	163	24	-	187
Special Offering - Local Foodbank	-	20	-	20
Special Offering - Cuba	-	(983)	983	-
Special Offering - Poor & Needy	-	(1,990)	2,000	10
Special Offering - Covenant College	-	(1,730)	1,730	-
Special Offering - Evangelism	-	(1,000)	1,100	100
Special Offering - Heap Offering	-	(1,565)	1,565	-
Special Offering - Brazil	-	(2,000)	2,000	-
CAP(Christians Against Poverty)	33	557	575	1,165
	<u>1,238,392</u>	<u>36,236</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,274,628</u>

Net movements in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted funds	360,262	(314,595)	-	45,668
Restricted funds				
Zambian Grannies	2,284	(3,049)	-	(765)
Change the World	174	(150)	-	24
Special Offering - Local Foodbank	240	(220)	-	20
Special Offering - Cuba	5,037	(6,020)	-	(983)
Special Offering - Poor & Needy	2,575	(4,565)	-	(1,990)
Special Offering - Covenant College	2,300	(4,030)	-	(1,730)
Special Offering - Evangelism	1,000	(2,000)	-	(1,000)
Special Offering - Heap Offering	3,485	(5,050)	-	(1,565)
Special Offering - Brazil	2,195	(4,195)	-	(2,000)
CAP(Christians Against Poverty)	600	(43)	-	557
	<u>380,152</u>	<u>(343,917)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,236</u>

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
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18 Movements in Funds - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.20 £	Net Movements in funds £	Transfer between funds £	At 31.03.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted funds	1,181,978	55,686	60	1,237,724
	<u>1,181,978</u>	<u>55,686</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>1,237,724</u>
Restricted funds				
Zambian Grannies	395	77	-	472
Change the World	33	130	-	163
Special Offering - MWB 2020	50	26	(76)	-
CAP(Christians Against Poverty)	-	17	16	33
	<u>1,182,456</u>	<u>55,936</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,238,392</u>

Net movements in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted funds	353,840	(298,154)	-	55,686
			-	
Restricted funds				
Zambian Grannies	3,510	(3,433)	-	77
Change the World	130	-	-	130
Special Offering - MWB 2020	3,641	(3,615)	-	26
Special Offering - Nepal	515	(515)	-	-
Special Offering - Local Foodbank	120	(120)	-	-
CAP(Christians Against Poverty)	615	(598)	-	17
	<u>362,371</u>	<u>(306,435)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,936</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

18 Movements in Funds - continued

Transfers between funds

Where the trustees have expended more money than was specifically given to a project, a transfer has been made from unrestricted funds.

Restricted funds

Zambian Grannies

This is a specific project within the work that Rainbow Trust Africa carries out in Zambia. Whilst it is not directly financially supported by the church, individual members give their significant personal time commitments and financial donations which donations are passed on to Rainbow Trust Africa.

Change the World

This is a collection of the loose change that Sunday attendees have and it is specifically used for mission work in UK and the World (hence [loose] Change [for] The World [missions]). It is used at the discretion of the spiritual leadership (Elders) towards worthy mission support. In 2019/20, it was used for Indian Bible College student fees and to support an outreach in Leicester city centre.

Special Offering - MWB 2020

Ministries without borders (a church related charity that a number of churches around the world work with) asked the churches to take up special offerings to help towards projects (unspecified).

CAP (Christians Against Poverty)

The church has been supporting the work of the CAP Job Club and CAP Money Course, paying for all expenses that are required to run the work. One church member wanted to give his own ongoing monthly support (£50) to this plus other minor donations from various sources.

Special Offering - Local Foodbank

This is a £20 monthly donation from church members for food items to be purchased and donated to the Salvation Army Food Bank, Saffron Lane, Leicester.

Special Offering - Poor & Needy

Ministries without borders (a church related charity that a number of churches around the world work with) asked the churches to take up special offerings to help towards 2021 projects (unspecified). The monthly £10 donation is from a church member as is included in the monthly payment to MWB for Tithe of Tithe & Offering and includes an identified payment of £10 for Poor & Needy.

Special Offering - Cuba

Donations made via Ministries Without Borders (see above) for Special Offerings for help towards 'relief' projects in Cuba.

Special Offering - Covenant College

Covenant College is a Bible College based at All Nations Church in Cardiff. Special offerings were taken up via Ministries Without Borders to support the work of the college.

Special Offering - Evangelism

Special Offering via Ministries Without Borders, a church related charity, to help church with various evangelistic projects around the world (projects unspecified).

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18 Movements in Funds - continued

Special Offering - Heap Offering

Special Offering via Ministries Without Borders, to help towards 2021 projects in various nations of the world - (projects unspecified).

Special Offering - Brazil

Special Offering (Feb/March '22) via MWB (Ministries Without Borders) charity, for a series of 'relief' projects in Brazil (projects unspecified) - payment made to Ministries Without Borders. £2,000 paid as an additional payment from CLC.

19 Related party transactions

During the year a licence fee of £30,000 (2021: £30,000) was received from Big Shed Enterprises Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the charity.

During the year £19,096 was paid by Big Shed Enterprises Limited to the charity for recharged staff costs (2021: £9,970).

During the year £19,491 (2021:£23,843) of donations were received without conditions from trustees.

At the year end the charity was owed by the subsidiary Big Shed Enterprises Limited £355,000 (2021: £370,000). This amount is interest free and repayable on demand.

20 Financial commitments

The charity has a ground rent commitment and the following are the total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Due within one year	60,000	60,000
Due between one and five years	240,000	240,000
Due after five years	1,200,000	1,260,000
	<u>1,500,000</u>	<u>1,560,000</u>

Accounts

Charity Registration number 1103695

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**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2021**

**THE ROWLEYS PARTNERSHIP LIMITED
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
CHARNWOOD HOUSE
HARCOURT WAY
LEICESTER
LE19 1WP**

COVENANT LIFE CHURCH LEICESTER

CHARITY INFORMATION

Charity Name and Number	Covenant Life Church Leicester Registered charity number 1103695
Trustees	Dennis R Burton Kevin S Owen Gary Rutherford Kate Simpson Joanne Watts (resigned 29 November 2020) Andrew Briggs Ian Thompson Charles Alford (appointed 24 January 2021) Faith Olubode-King (appointed 24 January 2021)
Principal Address	93-95 Commercial Square Freemens Common Leicester LE2 7SR
Independent examiner	The Rowleys Partnership Limited Chartered Accountants Charnwood House Harcourt Way Meridian Business Park Leicester LE19 1WP
Bankers	Barclays Bank PLC Dominus Way Meridian Business Park Leicester LE19 1RP

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (1 January 2019).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published on October 2019.

Structure, governance and management

Covenant Life Church Leicester is a registered charity and was constituted by a Declaration of Trust dated at 14 March 2003. The charity is a Christian Church, administered by elders who are the recognised spiritual leadership of the Church. To the extent that trustees are not synonymous with the Church leadership, their powers shall be confined to the proper management and administration of the funds and in doing so shall have full and proper regard to such spiritual leadership.

The Trustees are responsible for the appointment and training of any new trustee, including awareness of trustee's responsibilities, the trust deed, charitable objectives and procedures.

The Trust Deed provides for a minimum of 3 and maximum of 8 trustees. The trustees meet formally at least 3 times through the year to discuss business matters as appropriate.

Spiritual oversight towards the Church is based on Ephesians ch. 4 ministries and is given by Mr. Bryan Shutt and two church elders, who are supported in the practical outworking of the Church's activities by volunteer helpers who also give their time to the many activities of the Church. In addition, the existing spiritual oversight personnel enlisted the help of a number of the gifted church volunteers to set up a Leadership Team to give further support to the development and implementation of new initiatives within the church.

Governance and support costs are shown in note 5 to the accounts.

Risk management

The trustees have considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed and, having reviewed those risks, have established systems and procedures to manage those risks.

The issue of protection of children and vulnerable adults is of foremost concern to the trustees and the Church leadership, as the Church is increasingly involved in significant work with children and young people. Procedures are in place to ensure that any worker who is placed in a position of trust with children or young people will be checked with the Criminal Records Bureau. The trustees can confirm that no individual has been required to step down from any position of trust within the Church following such checks.

Financial Review

The total of incoming resources was £362,371 (2020: £353,529). After taking account of resources expended the net surplus for the year was £55,936 (2020: deficit of £5,328).

Big Shed Enterprises Limited had a turnover of £91,889 (2020: £130,639) with expenses of £84,820 (2020: £115,434) producing a profit of £7,069 (2020: £15,205).

The Charity continues to hold 100% of the share capital of Big Shed Enterprises Ltd. which has been given a licence to operate conference and facilities hire from its premises at Freemans Common in Leicester. The annual licence fee is paid by the company in four quarterly tranches in the relevant year. The profits of the company will ultimately be gifted back to the Charity.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)

Reserves policy

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact upon the UK from March 2020, the trustees have made appropriate revisions to the cash flow forecasts for the coming 12 months. We remain confident that operating costs of the charity will continue to be met from revenue generated and are satisfied that the projected level of ongoing funding will be adequate to support the continuation of the charity's activities for the foreseeable short/medium term.

In accordance with good accounting practice and professionalism, the trustees of the charity have developed a more robust approach to a reserves policy to meet the anticipated future requirements. The policy outlines, (a) the level of reserve the trustees believe the charity requires (typically equivalent to 3 months of normal committed ('fixed') operating costs); (b) the measures that will be put in place to monitor and review the reserves at the required level; (c) the arrangements needed to fund the expansion of initiatives and projects that further the aims and objectives of the charity.

At 31 March 2021 unrestricted reserves less fixed assets and the debtor due from Big Shed Enterprises Limited amounted to £244,171 which are more than adequate for the charity's requirements.

Public benefit

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit. The church's Trust Deed demonstrates the intentions of Covenant Life Church Leicester in being of benefit to our locality in the city of Leicester and surrounding towns and villages in Leicestershire. It is our intention to provide relief of poverty, hardship and distress as far as it is possible. We aim to promote the involvement of local people and families in our activities. Our annual activities are planned with the above in mind and our overall ambition is to be a benefit to our locality.

Objectives and activities

At the heart of Covenant Life Church Leicester is our desire to see the Gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord spread as far as possible throughout Leicester, Leicestershire and the world. Our objectives are to preach and offer teaching of the Christian faith to our members and the people in our locality. This furtherance of the Gospel comes with a desire to see not only the spiritual significance of our faith promoted, but also the practical humanitarian effect of a life with Jesus. Our members are all encouraged to "bring good news to the poor" (Luke 4 v 18) in a very practical way.

The charity continues to promote its vision and objectives both at home and overseas: our public meetings (NB in respect of the affects of the current COVID-19 pandemic, please see next section on this though) involve Christian praise, worship and teaching, centred around the use of our building, 'The Big Shed', at Freemans Common in Leicester; plus the regular meeting together of groups of our members - youth, university student groups, mid-week "Homegroups" that meet weekly 'house to house' at a number of locations in and around Leicestershire.

Because of the Coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic, and the immediate government restrictions, we have not been able to regularly meet physically at our 'Big Shed' building premises - from early 2021, we have had limited public gatherings at the Big Shed, initially involving only key musician, worship and PA personnel, then progressively certain members of the Church within the constraints of our Risk Assessments based on and within the Government guidelines - the rest of the church congregation have continued to meet remotely, virtually, but still corporately and publically, via the IT 'Zoom' web-based meeting/communications media; using this technology, we have been still able to meet together in our homes and continue to connect and maintain our county-wide identity, allowing where possible appropriate general public involvement.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)

Achievements and performance

Each year the Charity supports and encourages the work of a related charity (Ministries Without Borders) together with other projects both in UK and overseas:

- 1). It has continued to provide specific donated funding and remote support for work in Zambia (via Rainbow Trust Africa).
- 2). We continue to provide financial support towards an Indian Bible College in Gujarat, India and to several children's homes in India via the Hope for India charity.
- 3). The church is increasingly active within local communities via mid-week Life Groups which, through separate initiatives, continue to seek and develop more effective relationships with the wider communities (please note as mentioned above, via the 'Zoom' technology from March 2020).
- 4). Continuing with our desire to contribute to the wider needs of the local community, the charity has partnered with the City council to become one of its local Emergency Rest Centres.
- 5). The charity's resources have been made available for the international charity Samaritans Purse to continue to operate their regional distribution centre onsite for Operation Christmas Child, distributing many thousands of shoeboxes that are filled with Christmas presents to children around the world.
- 6). The church has been involved in the student community, hosting welcome events via Zoom and socially distanced events, for overseas students.
- 7). The church has also historically met once a year at the end of July at large UK showground conference centres (e.g. in central locations such as Stafford and Newark) with other related churches around the UK, attracting attendance and participation of international delegates also. We have been able to provide finance and assistance at these events for projects such as 'Relief of the Poor and Needy' and 'Development of the Church in other nations'. There will be no such gathering July 2021 because of the Covid 19 crises, but we still hope to be able to contribute remotely to the afore mentioned projects again.
- 8). The Church has grown in membership this last 12 months, with new members being recognised via Zoom, and we have also recently been able to conduct Water Baptism of new members, at socially distanced events within the current Government guidelines.
- 9). The use of Zoom has grown within the Church since March 2020, with new types of Prayer Meetings (early morning and specific themes in the evening) and Childrens Meetings taking place as church

The report and accounts were approved by the trustees on 17/8/2021 and signed on their behalf by:

K S Owen
Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
COVENANT LIFE CHURCH LEICESTER
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Covenant Life Church Leicester

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW which is one of the listed bodies.

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the accounts do 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.

R J Radford FCA
The Rowleys Partnership Limited
Chartered Accountants
Charnwood House
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Date: 17
August
2021

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2021**

	Note	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL 2021	TOTAL 2020
		£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from					
Donations and legacies	2	302,788	8,531	311,319	271,596
Charitable activities	2	30	-	30	32
Investment income		150	-	150	571
Other income	3	50,872	-	50,872	81,330
Total income and endowments		<u>353,840</u>	<u>8,531</u>	<u>362,371</u>	<u>353,529</u>
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities	4	298,154	8,281	306,435	358,857
Total expenditure		<u>298,154</u>	<u>8,281</u>	<u>306,435</u>	<u>358,857</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		55,686	250	55,936	(5,328)
Transfers between funds	18	60	(60)	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):					
Other gains/(losses)	18	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>55,746</u>	<u>190</u>	<u>55,936</u>	<u>(5,328)</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		1,181,978	478	1,182,456	1,187,784
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>1,237,724</u></u>	<u><u>668</u></u>	<u><u>1,238,392</u></u>	<u><u>1,182,456</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT
31 MARCH 2021**

		2021		2020	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		623,552		645,537
Investment	13		1		1
			623,553		645,538
Current assets					
Debtors	14	463,108		475,210	
Cash at bank and in hand		245,163		163,056	
		708,271		638,266	
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	36,162		32,348	
Net current assets			672,109		605,918
Total assets less current liabilities			1,295,662		1,251,456
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	16		(57,270)		(69,000)
Net assets			1,238,392		1,182,456
Funds					
Restricted funds	18		668		478
Unrestricted funds	18		1,237,724		1,181,978
Total funds			1,238,392		1,182,456

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 17 August 2021

K S Owen
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparing the financial statements

Covenant Life Church Leicester is an unincorporated charity registered in England and Wales. The address of the charity is given on the charity information page of these financial statements.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest pound.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Preparation of consolidated financial statements

The financial statements contain information about Covenant Life Church Leicester as an individual charity and do not contain consolidated financial information as the parent of a group. The charity has taken the option not to prepare consolidated financial statements under Charities Act 2011 as the group income is below £500k.

1.2 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1 Accounting policies - continued

Fund accounting - continued

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

1.3 Income recognition

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

1.4 Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

1.5 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities. Expenses are inclusive of VAT where applicable.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All tangible fixed assets are capitalised and included at cost.

Depreciation has been provided to write off the cost less estimated residual values of tangible fixed assets, over their expected useful lives using the following rates:

Leasehold premises	Over the lease term
Electronic equipment	33.3% on cost
Motor trailer	33.3% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	33.3% on cost

1.7 Investments

Investments in subsidiaries are measured at cost less impairment.

1.8 Debtors and creditors receivable/payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1 Accounting policies - continued

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash in hand and cash on deposit.

1.10 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. In view of the potential impact of COVID-19 the Trustees, have prepared and considered a revised cashflow forecast, taking account of the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure over the upcoming 12 months from the date of authorising these financial statements. This forecast, which remains cash positive, will be updated and reconsidered during the first half of the new financial year.

1.11 Pensions and other post-retirement benefits

Defined contribution pension plans

The charity operates a defined contribution pension plan for its employees. The amount recognised as an expense in the year was £630 (2020 - £614).

1.12 Leases

Rentals payable and receivable under operating leases are charged to the SoFA on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

1.13 Government grants

Government grants receivable in relation to the job retention scheme are recognised as income over the periods necessary to match them against the related costs which they are intended to compensate, on a systematic basis. Other Government grants received are recognised at the point of receipt. Government grants are shown separately as other income.

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2 Incoming resources

Donations and legacies:

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total 2021	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	248,202	8,531	256,733	213,171	10,012	223,183
Gift Aid tax refunds	54,586	-	54,586	48,413	-	48,413
	<u>302,788</u>	<u>8,531</u>	<u>311,319</u>	<u>261,584</u>	<u>10,012</u>	<u>271,596</u>

Charitable activities:

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total 2021	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Sale of tapes and books	30	-	30	32	-	32
	<u>30</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32</u>

3 Other income

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total 2021	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Licence fee	30,000	-	30,000	40,000	-	40,000
Ground rent	12,250	-	12,250	40,000	-	40,000
Rental income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	3,040	-	3,040	1,330	-	1,330
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme grant	5,582	-	5,582	-	-	-
	<u>50,872</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,872</u>	<u>81,330</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>81,330</u>

The licence fee is paid by Big Shed Enterprises Limited, the trading arm of the Charity. The fee is based on turnover allocation of the company, and a proportion of the premises assessed as being available for conference and facilities hire.

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4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total 2020 £
Direct costs (note 5)	240,871	8,281	249,152	309,961	10,282	320,243
Support costs (note 6)	55,283	-	55,283	36,554	-	36,554
Governance costs (note 7)	2,000	-	2,000	2,060	-	2,060
	<u>298,154</u>	<u>8,281</u>	<u>306,435</u>	<u>348,575</u>	<u>10,282</u>	<u>358,857</u>

5 Direct costs

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total 2020 £
Ministry support and expenses	62,729	-	62,729	67,051	-	67,051
Meeting expenses	5,875	-	5,875	2,357	-	2,357
Other gifts	48,035	8,281	56,316	47,079	9,382	56,461
Training/Evangelism	2,992	-	2,992	10,907	900	11,807
Building expenses	93,232	-	93,232	148,577	-	148,577
Depreciation	28,008	-	28,008	33,990	-	33,990
	<u>240,871</u>	<u>8,281</u>	<u>249,152</u>	<u>309,961</u>	<u>10,282</u>	<u>320,243</u>

6 Support costs

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total 2020 £
Wages and salaries	29,746	-	29,746	20,531	-	20,531
Pension	630	-	630	614	-	614
General administration	15,749	-	15,749	10,414	-	10,414
Other costs	-	-	-	3,490	-	3,490
Legal and professional fees	9,158	-	9,158	1,505	-	1,505
	<u>55,283</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,283</u>	<u>36,554</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,554</u>

7 Governance costs

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total 2020 £
Independent examiner remuneration	2,000	-	2,000	2,060	-	2,060

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
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8 Staff numbers and costs

	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Wages and salaries	39,716	39,983
Employers national insurance	-	-
Pension contributions	630	614
Wages recharges	(9,970)	(19,152)
Per note 6	<u>30,376</u>	<u>21,445</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
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There are no employees who received total emoluments of more than £60,000.

9 Ministry support

The following received individual support exceeding £10,000 in the year:

	2021 £	2020 £
Bryan Shutt	50,004	50,004
	<u>50,004</u>	<u>50,004</u>
Others	4,325	3,600
Ministry support given through another charity	8,400	13,447
	<u>62,729</u>	<u>67,051</u>

10 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits was paid to any of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

During the year a gift of £500 was paid to Kevin Owen (a trustee) for administration support, not in connection with his trustee responsibilities (2020: £250). An amount of £500 was also paid to Ian Thompson for ministry support not in connection with his trustee responsibilities (2020: £250).

Trustees' expenses

No trustees were reimbursed expenses during the year (2020 - £nil) in respect of their duties as trustee.

11 Amounts payable to independent examiner

The amount paid to the independent examiner for the independent examination was £1,000 (2020: £1,000) and £1,000 (2020: £1,060) for other accountancy services.

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12 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold property £	Fixtures & fittings £	Electronic equipment £	Motor trailer £	Total £
Cost					
At 1st April 2020	897,078	30,226	33,427	2,815	963,546
Additions at cost	-	1,134	4,890	-	6,024
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 31st March 2021	<u>897,078</u>	<u>31,360</u>	<u>38,317</u>	<u>2,815</u>	<u>969,570</u>
Depreciation					
At 1st April 2020	255,181	30,125	29,888	2,815	318,009
Charge for the year	24,689	378	2,942	-	28,009
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 31st March 2021	<u>279,870</u>	<u>30,503</u>	<u>32,830</u>	<u>2,815</u>	<u>346,018</u>
Net book value					
At 31st March 2021	<u>617,208</u>	<u>857</u>	<u>5,487</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>623,552</u>
At 31st March 2020	<u>641,897</u>	<u>101</u>	<u>3,539</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>645,537</u>

13 Investments

	2021 £	2020 £
Shares in subsidiary undertaking	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
The charity owns 100% of the shares of Big Shed Enterprises Limited, company number 6946240. Big Shed Enterprises Limited was formed to manage the property.		
	2021 £	2020 £
Aggregate capital and reserves	(6,043)	(13,112)
Turnover for the year	91,889	130,639
Expenditure for the year	(84,820)	(115,434)
Profit for the year	<u>7,069</u>	<u>15,205</u>

14 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Amounts falling due within one year		
Gift aid receivable	54,678	48,413
Prepayments	21,122	13,797
Other debtors	17,308	23,000
Amounts due from subsidiary undertaking	<u>370,000</u>	<u>390,000</u>
	<u>463,108</u>	<u>475,210</u>

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15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2021	2020
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	16,182	13,046
Other creditors	19,980	19,302
	<u>36,162</u>	<u>32,348</u>

16 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	2021	2020
	£	£
Other creditors	57,270	69,000
	<u>57,270</u>	<u>69,000</u>

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

Fund balances at 31 March 2021 are represented by:	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	623,552	-	623,552
Investments	1	-	1
Current asset/ liabilities	671,441	668	672,109
Long term liabilities	(57,270)	-	(57,270)
	<u>1,237,724</u>	<u>668</u>	<u>1,238,392</u>

18 Movements in Funds

	At 1.4.20 £	Net Movements in funds £	Transfer between funds £	At 31.03.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted funds	1,181,978	55,686	60	1,237,724
	<u>1,181,978</u>	<u>55,686</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>1,237,724</u>
Restricted funds				
Zambian Grannies	395	77	-	472
Change the World	33	130	-	163
Special Offering - MWB 2020	50	26	(76)	-
CAP(Christians Against Poverty)	-	17	16	33
	<u>1,182,456</u>	<u>55,936</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,238,392</u>

Net movements in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted funds	353,840	(298,154)	-	55,686
Restricted funds				
Zambian Grannies	3,510	(3,433)	-	77
Change the World	130	-	-	130
Special Offering - MWB 2020	3,641	(3,615)	-	26
Special Offering - Nepal	515	(515)	-	-
Special Offering - Local Foodbank	120	(120)	-	-
CAP(Christians Against Poverty)	615	(598)	-	17
	<u>362,371</u>	<u>(306,435)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,936</u>

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18 Movements in Funds - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.19 £	Net Movements in funds £	Transfer between funds £	At 31.03.20 £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted funds	1,187,320	(5,058)	(284)	1,181,978
	<u>1,187,320</u>	<u>(5,058)</u>	<u>(284)</u>	<u>1,181,978</u>
Restricted funds				
Zambian Grannies	-	245	150	395
Change the World	99	(66)	-	33
Special Offering - MWB 2020	20	30	-	50
Benjamin Onyenekwe	-	(134)	134	-
Sponsorship	345	(345)	-	-
CAP(Christians Against Poverty)	-	-	-	-
	<u>1,187,784</u>	<u>(5,328)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,182,456</u>

Net movements in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted funds	343,517	(348,575)	-	(5,058)
Restricted funds				
Zambian Grannies	2,875	(2,630)	-	245
Change the World	834	(900)	-	(66)
Special Offering - MWB 2020	4,772	(4,742)	-	30
Benjamin Onyenekwe	566	(700)	-	(134)
Sponsorship	345	(690)	-	(345)
CAP(Christians Against Poverty)	620	(620)	-	-
	<u>353,529</u>	<u>(358,857)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,328)</u>

Transfers between funds

Where the trustees have expended more money than was specifically given to a project, a transfer has been made from unrestricted funds.

Restricted funds

Zambian Grannies

This is a specific project within the work that Rainbow Africa carries out in Zambia. Whilst it is not directly financially supported by the church, individual members give their significant personal time commitments and financial donations which donations are passed on to Rainbow Africa.

Change the World

This is a collection of the loose change that Sunday attendees have and it is specifically used for mission work in UK and the World (hence [loose] Change [for] The World [missions]). It is used at the discretion of the spiritual leadership (Elders) towards worthy mission support. In 2019/20, it was used for Indian Bible College student fees and to support an outreach in Leicester city centre.

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18 Restricted funds- continued

Special Offering - MWB 2020

Ministries without borders (a church related charity that a number of churches around the world work with) asked the churches to take up special offerings to help towards 2020 projects (unspecified). Three of these were taken up (Jun'19, Sep'19, Feb'20). There is a balance of £50 as at 31 March 2020 for a late March receipt.

Benjamin Onyenekwe

Benjamin was a very active, hard working member of the church who returned to Nigeria. Church members were invited to give a 'thank you' gift to him. From the monies collected (£565.60) the church topped the amount up to £700.

Sponsorship

In 2018/19 the church sponsored a church family member to attend Covenant [Bible] College. Members were asked if they wished to financially support living expenses whilst at college. This started in September 2018 and continued through to June 2019.

CAP (Christians Against Poverty)

The church has been supporting the work of the CAP Job Club and CAP Money Course, paying for all expenses that are required to run the work. One church member wanted to give his own ongoing monthly support to this plus another member gave a one off donation. These donations go towards the overall running costs of CAP which in 2019/20, were £1,093.

19 Related party transactions

During the year a licence fee of £30,000 (2020: £40,000) was received from Big Shed Enterprises Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the charity.

During the year £9,970 was paid by Big Shed Enterprises Limited to the charity for recharged staff costs (2020: £19,153).

During the year £23,843 (2020:£23,002) of donations were received without conditions from trustees.

At the year end the charity was owed by the subsidiary Big Shed Enterprises Limited £370,000 (2020: £390,000). This amount is interest free and repayable on demand.

20 Financial commitments

The charity at present has a current ground rent commitment, at the balance sheet date of £1,039,500 (2020: £1,620,000).