

GREATER LIFE TRUST FOUNDATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1106280

Details

Other names	GREATER LIFE CHURCH
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	05189539
Registered	2004-10-12
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: 1. TO ADVANCE CHRISTIANITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CLAUSE 10 OF THIS MEMORANDUM IN GREATER LONDON AND ELSEWHERE2. TO RELIEVE THOSE IN CONDITIONS OF NEED, HARDSHIP OR DISTRESS OR WHO ARE AGED OR SICK3. TO PROMOTE OR PROVIDE EDUCATION (INCLUDING VOCATIONAL TRAINING) 4. TO PROMOTE SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE OBJECTS AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL FROM TIME TO TIME CONSIDER APPROPRIATE

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities, Economic/community Development/employment, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN GREATER LONDON AND ELSEWHERE
- Hounslow
- Richmond Upon Thames
- Surrey

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£74,523	£74,253	-	-
2023-12-31	£75,983	£76,724	-	-
2022-12-31	£72,658	£80,100	-	-
2021-12-31	£67,094	£79,163	-	-
2020-12-31	£74,670	£63,628	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
OWEN AGHEDO	Chair	
LUCILLE PAYET		2011-06-24
Pastor Paul William van Essen		2013-10-01

Accounts

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For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

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The board is mindful of the Commission's guidance as it relates to public benefit, and meets a minimum of four times per year, and more often as may be necessary, to agree the general strategy, areas covering development, activity and performance as well as the policies of the charity. The General Manager appointed by the Trustees is delegated to manage the day-to-day operations of the charity and a finance administrator has been appointed to administer accounts payable and receivable on a day-to-day basis.

The Trustees are mindful of their duty to assess the major risks to which the Charity is exposed and must be satisfied that systems are in place to provide reasonable assurance against major risks.

Objectives and Activities

The charity's main objectives are:

- a) The advancement of Christianity in Chertsey & Surrey, surrounding area and elsewhere by any lawful means or medium that is or becomes available in accordance with the provision of clause 10 of its memorandum.
- b) To relieve poverty and help those who are in need because of sickness or age or some other reason.
- c) To advance education both general and vocational for children or adults but always within the principles of the Christian faith.
- d) To promote such other charitable objects as the Trustees shall from time to time consider appropriate.

The Charity's primary expression in achieving these goals is through the ministry, service and the lives of the individual people that comprise the family and community of Greater Life Church. The Trustees are committed to affecting positive change within the community and to encourage as many people as possible to engage in worship, teaching and to experience life-changing environment and relationships within the Greater Life Church community. They are intentional in embracing, empowering and blessing all people in the communities we impact regardless of their personal position of faith.

The achievement of advancement of Christianity comes through a number of channels:

1. Regular weekly services where the Christian faith and the practical outworking of that faith are clearly taught, along with worship, children's care and education, social time together and prayer for the needs of people. These meetings are open to all. The usual meeting time is 10:30am on Sundays. This year we baptised three members of our congregation and a number in Pakistan.

2. We hold various other meetings and gatherings including:

- Weekly prayer meetings in Staines or in Chertsey.
- Barbeques or social gatherings which is an opportunity to eat together and invite family and friends.
- Bible Training College led by Paul van Essen, continued weekly on Thursday evenings in Chertsey and Monday evenings at Faith Church Wales from September. It is anticipated to continue into 2025 and beyond.
- Regular training meetings for those that are a part of the 'leadership team' to equip people to grow in their love for God, for people, their leadership skills and strategising together for the achievements of the goals.
- the Mighty Throng, a women's group, to keep relationships prospering and encourage all to proclaim God's message.
- regular Saturday Seminars covering various topics including Spiritual Gifts, relationships and Personal Growth. Paul van Essen and Larry Gentis held regular specialist Seminars on Zoom, focussing on building strong relationships. Larry is an author, minister and part of the church based in Scotland.
- 'Saturday Outreach' continued involving some members reaching Staines every month, to share the gospel and pray for people, as well as visits to Meadowside, a retirement home for the elderly.

- involvement in Staines-upon-Thames Day where many volunteers help to offer free hand massages, balloons, and activities for children to meet and bless the local community. It is estimated that we reached 500 people on the day.

- This year, the charity began new initiatives in Chertsey, including leafleting and involvement at the Chertsey Black Cherry and Christmas Goose Fairs, where volunteers offered a variety of activities, including badge-making and 'Free Hugs' to engage with the local community. Feedback was extremely positive with both residents and local businesses.

The church leader and team provide personal pastoral care of people by telephone, visits, cards, email or other means.

A volunteer culture is an important part of advancing this cause. Every week 15-20 people give varying amounts of time and energy in the areas of adult and child education, youth activities, community aid, worship, music and sound, hospitality, and the organisation and running of our weekly services. We estimate that a total of 50-60 voluntary hours per week are given.

Other objectives are:

- to relieve poverty and help those in need.

- to maintain a location with close access to the community in order to maximize impact and our ability to assist people as well as maximizing our community's awareness of our work.

- to increase community awareness by use of Social Media, opportunities for cost-effective local signage, banners, flyers and engaging more proactively in a face-to-face manner with the community by way of regularly going into the community to personally meet with them and initiating positive relationships with other like-minded local charities and churches.

- to initiate relationships with local council and other local bodies to gain knowledge of the functioning of the local authorities in order to assist them in their work and to make them aware of ours.

- To continue our oversight and support of Greater Life Ministry in Faisalabad and Lahore, Pakistan, which brings teaching, pastoral care, hope, physical healing and practical living advice to several hundred people each year. Sadly, Sabastian Javed, the pastor in Faisalabad, died early this year, but we are pleased that his wife, Samina, has agreed to take his place and oversee the church and ministry there. George and Shazia John continue to lead GLM Lahore, and the charity now supports the education of 15 needy children in Lahore.

- we have continued support and oversight for Larry and Judy Gentis, in their mission to reach and help their local communities in KirkMichael, Blairgowrie and Pitlochry, Scotland.

- this year our food programme continued in Faisalabad to provide essential support for the poorest in its community, Christians and Muslims alike. Many of our congregation continue to pledge £25 per month to support a family in Pakistan enabling the charity to feed up to 10 families per month. We are pleased to report that we have received an average of £275.00 per month for the support of families in addition to the £300.00 per month general support for the ministry there.

Achievements and Performance

This has been a very significant year for the Charity, and we have again experienced some excellent success in this period. We have initiated a number of real and positive changes.

Paul and Caroline continued to hold Sunday services, prayer meetings and BTC in their home, which the Trustees and the church at large are thankful for.

The Trustees once again wish to acknowledge the sacrificial lifestyle exhibited by both Paul and Caroline. For much of this year that Paul voluntarily offered to maintain his salary at the very low rate of £6,000pa, but Paul increased to £12,000pa in September. The Trustees are mindful that when the financial situation improves both Paul and Caroline's salaries will be adjusted and compensated.

The Trustees note that Paul's ministry influence has grown and matured in accordance with the purpose of God. They now see him as an apostolic minister and leader with responsibilities not only to oversee GLC Staines & Surrey, but also Faisalabad, Lahore and Scotland, and with significant influence in Faith Church Wales (FCW), as well as being Trustee and Elder at FCW, plus the running of two Bible Colleges and also being the Vice Chair of Churches together in Spelthorne, (job description is accordingly adjusted). As a result, they consider his real value is in excess of £70,000.

Caroline also worked consistently in excess of her hours, and although her salary is £40,000 pro-rata, the Trustees see her role as being worth £50,000. These exemplary sacrifices enabled the charity to improve its financial standing overall and to continue to use available funds to support the work of the mission. The Trustees appreciate and honour her stance of faith and service.

Financial Review

The major source of finance for the charity is giving. The Trustees would like to thank and acknowledge those who provided the donations and grants during the year. It must again be noted that without this support, the quality services provided by the team and volunteers of the Charity would not have been possible

In the period, the Trust generated a total of £75,791 from the weekly services and the various additional donations, which was a little under the previous 12-month period. Grants to institutions decreased from £18,016 (2023) to £7,894. We continued to support GLC Pakistan, preaching donations for visiting ministers, and greater involvement with Wave Church, Virginia Beach.

The finances remain limited and the balance between the expenditure required to achieve the goals and the real income of the charity means all decisions were taken carefully.

The opening balance was -£1,573 (2023). At end of year the balance is now -£35. This is an increase of approximately £1,500, despite Ministry trips to Wave Church in Virginia Beach, Global Revival (Christian Harfouche Ministries) in Pensacola, and Australia.

As a result of church gatherings including Bible College, Sunday meetings, Leadership meetings and Prayer meetings being held in the van Essen's home, the Trustees agree that as they are saving money by not renting a building, the use of the van Essen's home for church purposes should remain at 40% of mortgage interest, utilities, and council tax.

In addition, significant increases in energy costs throughout the UK meant that standard utility rates were approximately double that of previous years and these account for a greater percentage of outgoings to building rental/costs. Grocery prices further increased during the year, which inflated spending on the church cafe and hospitality. However, it should be noted that income remained stable compared to 2023.

The Trustees' rationale is that they must do all they can to maintain the health and wholeness of their staff and team, within their capabilities, to enable the mission and work of the charity to continue in health and positive influence.

Plans for the future

After the consultation with the Senior Leader/Minister and the leadership team late last year, the proposed adjustments were enacted with a good degree of success. In short, the Trustees plan to continue to implement these ideas but with some further plans. Specifically:

- Continuing to find new ways to reach out with power, love and focus to as many new people as possible; training for this focus and services that renew this focus.
- To pro-actively reach, teach and empower young people primarily through Sunday youth meetings and other initiatives.
- Connecting with other larger groups of a similar spirit and mandate, especially in training and relationship, to enable us to be more effective.
- Careful financial planning and working towards seeing more financial support come in for the work we do.
- Expand influence of the Bible Training College.
- Increased focus on Chertsey.

The Charity also acknowledges the positive influence, support and friendship of other like-minded charities and churches. This includes WAVE CHURCH (Virginia Beach USA), C3 CHURCH (Narara NSW, Australia), CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SPELTHORNE, FAITH CHURCH NEWPORT & WALES, and CHRISTIAN HARFOUCHE MINISTRIES (Pensacola, Florida, USA).

The Trustees note that these connections have been helpful and a key part of a mutual empowering and we anticipate further growth and development in these networks in the next period with an expected result of steady increase in line with our goals and objectives.

On behalf of the board of Trustees

Paul William van Essen

Trustee

Dated: 02 September 2025

Greater Life Trust Foundation

Independent Examiner's Report To the Trustees of Greater Life Trust Foundation

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on pages 8 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (Accounts and Audit) Order 2015 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (Accounts and Audit) Order 2015.
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention:

which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and section 44 (1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act and section 44 (1)(b) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 8 of the 2008 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or, to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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.

Sheila Barnes
Accountant

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02 September 2025

Greater Life Trust Foundation
Statement of Financial Activities including Income and Expenditure Account
For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<u>Incoming and endowments from generated funds</u>			
Donations & legacies	1	75,791	76,136
Total incoming and endowments		<u>75,791</u>	<u>76,136</u>
<u>Expenditure on</u>			
Costs of raising funds	3	1,268	153
Net income		<u>74,523</u>	<u>75,983</u>
Charitable activities			
Church service, ministerial and pastoral costs		45,986	48,792
Support costs		26,999	27,779
Total Expenditure	2	<u>74,253</u>	<u>76,724</u>
Bank Interest Income		-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>1,538</u>	<u>(588)</u>
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		<u>(1,573)</u>	<u>(985)</u>
Fund balances at 31 December 2024		<u><u>(35)</u></u>	<u><u>(1,573)</u></u>

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

Greater Life Trust Foundation**Registered number:** 5189539**Balance Sheet****as at 31 December 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	761	631
Current assets			
Debtors	10	4,310	1,241
Cash at bank and in hand		2,485	1,460
		<u>6,795</u>	<u>2,701</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(7,591)	(4,905)
Net current assets/ (liabilities)		<u>(796)</u>	<u>(2,204)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u><u>(35)</u></u>	<u><u>(1,573)</u></u>
Income funds			
Unrestricted funds		(35)	(1,573)
		<u><u>(35)</u></u>	<u><u>(1,573)</u></u>

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

The accounts have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime. The profit and loss account has not been delivered to the Registrar of Companies.

Paul William van Essen
Trustee

Approved by the board on 2 September 2025

GREATER LIFE TRUST FOUNDATION
Notes to the Accounts
For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts.

The charity has an overdraft facility which is repayable on demand.

The nature of the charity's activities are such that there can be considerable unpredictable variation in the timing of cash inflows.

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard 1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small charity.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the second edition published October 2019, the Companies Act 2006, and with the Charities act 2011.

Incoming resources

Donations, legacies and other forms of voluntary income are recognised as incoming resources when receivable, except insofar as they are incapable of financial measurement.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended as soon as there is an obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure (including the cost of generating funds) is included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT, and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Charitable activities include both direct costs and support costs associated with the running of charitable programmes undertaken during the year.

Support costs (previously referred to as governance costs) include those incurred in the governance of the trust and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at a rate calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life.

Fixtures, fittings & equipment 33% straight line basis

1 Donations and legacies		2024	2023
		£	£
Donations and gifts	Unrestricted funds	75,791	76,136
		<u>75,791</u>	<u>76,136</u>

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2 Total resources expended

	Staff Costs	Depreciation	Other Costs	Grant Funding	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Expenditure on raising funds						
Costs of raising donations and legacies			1,268		1,268	153
Charitable activities						
Church service, ministerial & pastoral costs						
Activities undertaken directly	7,615	-	19,996		27,611	22,247
Grant funding of activities	-	-	-	7,894	7,894	18,016
Support costs	-	588	9,893	-	10,481	8,529
Total	7,615	588	29,889	7,894	45,986	48,792
Support costs	21,065	-	5,934	-	26,999	27,779
	28,680	588	37,091	7,894	74,253	76,724

Support costs includes payments to the independent accountants of £750 (2022: £750) for their fees. 2023 accounts show a cost of £450; in 2021 and 2022 we accrued £900 but actual fees were £750 for each year.

3 Costs of raising donations & legacies

	2024 £	2023 £
Advertising costs	1,268	153
	<u>1,268</u>	<u>153</u>

4 Activities undertaken directly

	2024 £	2023 £
Other costs relating to church service, ministerial & pastoral costs comprise:		
Premises rental	-	684
Church running expenses & hospitality	3,239	2,089
Web fees & internet services	1,680	1,966
Clergy expenses	11,537	6,869
Education and training expenses	2,324	2,673
Pastoral expenses - youth/ children work	77	122
Leaders expenses - Training & hospitality	1,139	1,306
	<u>19,996</u>	<u>15,709</u>

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5 Grants payable	2024	2023
	£	£
Church service, ministerial & pastoral costs	<u>7,894</u>	<u>18,016</u>
Grants to institutions relating to church service, ministerial & pastoral costs comprise:		
GLC Pakistan	6,081	8,766
Compassion UK	424	352
Preaching donations	120	250
Bethel Leadership Network	-	582
Flow Church	100	-
Churches Together	50	-
Wave Church	-	310
Community Outreach	790	261
Cannon J John	39	-
Gifts to individuals	290	7,495
	<u>7,894</u>	<u>18,016</u>

6 Support costs	2024	2023
	£	£
Rent rates & administrative expenses	9,893	7,846
Depreciation	588	2,453
	<u>10,481</u>	<u>10,299</u>

7 Trustees

None of the Trustees received any remuneration during the year, except for Paul van Essen who was paid a salary of £7,615 including employer's National Insurance and Pension Contributions.

8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
Ministry of religion	1	1
Financial & administration	1	1
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

Employment costs	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	27,467	26,323
Pension costs	1,213	1,223
	<u>28,680</u>	<u>27,546</u>

No employees were paid annual remuneration of £60,000 or more.

The company provides a defined contribution "Workplace" pension scheme as is required by law. The pension provider is NEST.

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9 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £
Cost	
At 1 January 2024	31,896
Additions	718
Disposals	-
At 31 December 2024	<u>32,614</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2024	31,265
Depreciation charged	588
At 31 December 2024	<u>31,853</u>
Net book value	
At 31 December 2024	<u>761</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>631</u>

10 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Income tax recoverable	4,210	1,141
Other debtors	100	100
	<u>4,310</u>	<u>1,241</u>

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Bank overdrafts	1,740	278
Creditors	2,786	1,836
Taxes and social security costs	1,166	500
Accruals	1,899	2,291
	<u>7,591</u>	<u>4,905</u>

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This has been a very significant year for the Charity, and we have again experienced some excellent success in this period. We have initiated a number of real and positive changes.

Paul and Caroline continued to hold Sunday services, prayer meetings and BTC in their home, which the Trustees and the church at large are thankful for.

The Trustees once again wish to acknowledge the sacrificial lifestyle exhibited by both Paul and Caroline. For much of this year that Paul voluntarily offered to maintain his salary at the very low rate of £6,000pa. Despite a few significant givers having moved or withdrawn their previous level of support the Trustees decided to keep PvE at 6k and trust God for the provision needed in the coming months. The Trustees are mindful that when the financial situation improves both Paul and Caroline's salaries will be adjusted and compensated.

The Trustees note that Paul's ministry influence has grown and matured in accordance with the purpose of God. They now see him as an apostolic minister and leader with responsibilities not only to oversee GLC Staines & Surrey, but also Faisalabad, Lahore and Scotland, and with significant influence in Faith Church Wales (FCW) and also in New Life Church Dieppe as well as being Trustee and Elder at FCW, plus the running of two Bible Colleges and also being the Vice Chairman of Churches together in Spelthorne, (job description is accordingly adjusted). As a result, they consider his real value is in excess of £70,000.

Caroline also worked consistently in excess of her hours. These exemplary sacrifices enabled the charity to improve their financial standing overall and to continue to use available funds to support the work of the mission. The Trustees appreciate and honour her stance of faith and service.

Financial Review

The major source of finance for the charity is giving. The Trustees would like to thank and acknowledge those who provided the donations and grants during the year. It must again be noted that without this support, the quality services provided by the team and volunteers of the Charity would not have been possible

In the period the Trust generated a total of £76,136 from the weekly services and the various additional donations, which was a little over the previous 12-month period despite some members moving out of the area so ceasing to give, and other members taking lower paid jobs or retiring. Grants to institutions increased from £11,856 (2022) to £18,016. We continued to support GLC Pakistan, preaching donations for visiting ministers Bethel Leadership Network to facilitate meaningful ministry relationships in the UK and greater involvement with Wave Church, Virginia Beach. We officially disconnected with Acts in August 2023 with no bad feeling nor issues of concern.

Special gifts were received for Lachlan Shankland from WAVE CHURCH. These were initiated by Ps Steve Kelly and his team in view of the notable difficulty and financial needs for Caroline, Paul and family.

The finances remain limited and the balance between the expenditure required to achieve the goals and the real income of the charity means all decisions were taken carefully.

The opening balance was -£985 (2022). At end of year the balance is now -£1,573. This is a decrease of approximately £600 which can largely be explained by givers leaving, a change in the building situation (see explanation below), an increase in church activities and giving, plus Ministry trips to Pakistan and Australia.

As a result of church gatherings including Bible College, Sunday meetings, Leadership meetings and Prayer meetings being held in the van Essen's home, the Trustees agree that as they are saving money by not renting a building, the use of the van Essen's home for church purposes should remain at 40% of mortgage interest, utilities, and council tax.

In addition, significant increases in energy costs throughout the UK meant that standard utility rates were between double and triple from previous years and these account for a greater percentage of outgoings to building rental/costs. Grocery prices further increased during the year, which inflated spending on the church cafe and hospitality. However, it should be noted that income was an improvement on last year with a 4% increase in funds, continuing the upward trend.

The Trustees' rationale is that they must do all they can to maintain the health and wholeness of their staff, within their capabilities, to enable the mission and work of the charity to continue in health and positive influence.

Plans for the future

After the consultation with the Senior Leader/Minister and the leadership team late last year, the proposed adjustments were enacted with a good degree of success. In short, the Trustees plan to continue to implement these ideas but with some further plans. Specifically:

- continuing to find new ways to reach out with power, love and focus to as many new people as possible; training for this focus and services that renew this focus.
- to pro-actively reach, teach and empower young people primarily through Sunday youth meetings and other initiatives.
- connecting with other larger groups of a similar spirit and mandate, especially in training and relationship, to enable us to be more effective.
- careful financial planning and working towards seeing more financial support come in for the work we do.

The Charity also acknowledges the positive influence, support and friendship of other like-minded charities and churches. This includes WAVE CHURCH (Virginia Beach USA), BETHEL CHURCH/BLN (Redding, California), C3 CHURCH NARARA NSW, AUSTRALIA, CHURCHES TOGETHER IN STAINES and FAITH CHURCH WALES.

The Trustees note that these connections have been helpful and a key part of a mutual empowering and we anticipate further growth and development in these networks in the next period with an expected result of steady increase in line with our goals and objectives.

On behalf of the board of Trustees

Paul William van Essen

Trustee

Dated: 20 September 2024

Greater Life Trust Foundation

Independent Examiner's Report To the Trustees of Greater Life Trust Foundation

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on pages 8 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (Accounts and Audit) Order 2015 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (Accounts and Audit) Order 2015.
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention:

which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and section 44 (1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act and section 44 (1)(b) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 8 of the 2008 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or, to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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.

Sheila Barnes
Accountant

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20 September 2024

Greater Life Trust Foundation
Statement of Financial Activities including Income and Expenditure Account
For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
<u>Incoming and endowments from generated funds</u>			
Donations & legacies	1	76,136	73,121
Total incoming and endowments		<u>76,136</u>	<u>73,121</u>
<u>Expenditure on</u>			
Costs of raising funds	3	153	463
Net income		<u>75,983</u>	<u>72,658</u>
Charitable activities			
Church service, ministerial and pastoral costs		48,792	53,431
Support costs		<u>27,779</u>	<u>26,206</u>
Total Expenditure	2	<u>76,724</u>	<u>80,100</u>
Bank Interest Income		-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>(588)</u>	<u>(6,979)</u>
Fund balances at 1 January 2021		<u>(985)</u>	<u>5,994</u>
Fund balances at 31 December 2023		<u><u>(1,573)</u></u>	<u><u>(985)</u></u>

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

Greater Life Trust Foundation**Registered number:** 5189539**Balance Sheet****as at 31 December 2023**

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	631	498
Current assets			
Debtors	10	1,241	2,916
Cash at bank and in hand		1,460	1,862
		<u>2,701</u>	<u>4,778</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(4,905)	(6,261)
Net current assets/ (liabilities)		<u>(2,204)</u>	<u>(1,483)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u><u>(1,573)</u></u>	<u><u>(985)</u></u>
Income funds			
Unrestricted funds		(1,573)	(985)
		<u><u>(1,573)</u></u>	<u><u>(985)</u></u>

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

The accounts have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime. The profit and loss account has not been delivered to the Registrar of Companies.

Paul William van Essen
Trustee

Approved by the board on 20 September 2024

GREATER LIFE TRUST FOUNDATION
Notes to the Accounts
For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts.

The charity has an overdraft facility which is repayable on demand.

The nature of the charity's activities are such that there can be considerable unpredictable variation in the timing of cash inflows.

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard 1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small charity.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the second edition published October 2019, the Companies Act 2006, and with the Charities act 2011.

Incoming resources

Donations, legacies and other forms of voluntary income are recognised as incoming resources when receivable, except insofar as they are incapable of financial measurement.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended as soon as there is an obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure (including the cost of generating funds) is included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT, and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Charitable activities include both direct costs and support costs associated with the running of charitable programmes undertaken during the year.

Support costs (previously referred to as governance costs) include those incurred in the governance of the trust and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

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Fixtures, fittings & equipment 33% straight line basis

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1 Donations and legacies		2023	2022
		£	£
Donations and gifts	Unrestricted funds	76,136	73,121
		<u>76,136</u>	<u>73,121</u>

2 Total resources expended

	Staff Costs	Depreciation	Other Costs	Grant Funding	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	2023	2022
					£	£
Expenditure on raising funds						
Costs of raising donations and legacies			153		153	463
Charitable activities						
Church service, ministerial & pastoral costs						
Activities undertaken directly	6,538	-	15,709		22,247	31,415
Grant funding of activities	-	-	-	18,016	18,016	11,856
Support costs	-	683	7,846	-	8,529	10,160
Total	6,538	683	23,555	18,016	48,792	53,431
Support costs	21,008	-	6,771	-	27,779	26,206
	<u>27,546</u>	<u>683</u>	<u>30,479</u>	<u>18,016</u>	<u>76,724</u>	<u>80,100</u>

Support costs includes payments to the independent accountants of £750 (2022: £750) for their fees. 2023 accounts show a cost of £450; in 2021 and 2022 we accrued £900 but actual fees were £750 for each year.

3 Costs of raising donations & legacies	2023	2022
	£	£
Advertising costs	153	463
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4 Activities undertaken directly	2023	2022
	£	£
Other costs relating to church service, ministerial & pastoral costs comprise:		
Premises rental	684	351
Church running expenses & hospitality	2,089	2,526
Web fees & internet services	1,966	2,378
Clergy expenses	6,869	8,478
Education and training expenses	2,673	5,302
Pastoral expenses - youth/ children work	122	30
Leaders expenses - Training & hospitality	1,306	2,222
	<u>15,709</u>	<u>21,287</u>
5 Grants payable	2023	2022
	£	£
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Grants to institutions relating to church service, ministerial & pastoral costs comprise:		
Acts Churches	-	375
Compassion UK	352	709
GLC Pakistan	8,766	8,120
Preaching donations	250	550
Bethel Leadership Network	582	575
Global Legacy	-	299
Wave Church	310	446
Community Outreach	261	282
Dieppe Church Building	-	500
Gifts to individuals	7,495	-
	<u>18,016</u>	<u>11,856</u>
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	£	£
Rent rates & administrative expenses	7,846	7,707
Depreciation	683	2,453
	<u>8,529</u>	<u>10,160</u>
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None of the Trustees received any remuneration during the year, except for Paul van Essen who was paid a salary of £6,538 including employer's National Insurance and Pension Contributions.		
8 Employees		
The average monthly number of employees during the year was:		
	2023	2022
	Number	Number
Ministry of religion	1	1
Financial & administration	1	1
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

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Employment costs	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	26,323	27,969
Pension costs	1,223	1,075
	<u>27,546</u>	<u>29,044</u>

No employees were paid annual remuneration of £60,000 or more.

The company provides a defined contribution "Workplace" pension scheme as is required by law. The pension provider is NEST.

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £
Cost	
At 1 January 2023	31,080
Additions	816
Disposals	-
At 31 December 2023	<u>31,896</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2023	30,582
Depreciation charged	683
At 31 December 2023	<u>31,265</u>
Net book value	
At 31 December 2023	<u>631</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>498</u>

10 Debtors	2023	2022
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	1,141	2,220
Employer's NICs to reclaim	-	596
Other debtors	100	100
	<u>1,241</u>	<u>2,916</u>

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank overdrafts	278	2,128
Creditors	1,836	1,240
Taxes and social security costs	500	-
Accruals	2,291	2,893
	<u>4,905</u>	<u>6,261</u>

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Greater Life Trust Foundation

Trustees Report and
Unaudited Accounts

31 December 2022

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Secretary	Mrs C van Essen
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Greater Life Trust Foundation
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Trustees Report
For the Year Ended 31 December 2022

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the twelve months ended 31 December 2022.

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Structure, Governance & Management

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The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year were:

Owen Aghedo
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The Board of Trustees, which is currently made up of three members administers the Charity. The Board shall consist of such individuals who, in the opinion of the existing Trustees are interested in and committed to the aims and objectives of the charity. Other considerations for appointment of new Trustees includes their standing in the Church, their interest and willingness to be involved in the local community, and their particular skill sets and their experience.

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During 2021 we returned to holding regular meetings at Wendover Road which was in the process of being sold by the Methodists. At the end of December 2021 we were asked to vacate the premises as the new buyers wanted vacant possession, so our last meeting at Wendover Road was on 2 January 2022. The new owners are keen to keep us as tenants and pay 'peppercorn' rent once the renovation of the property has been completed. During the year they have kept us updated with the progress and invited us to see the work in progress. Initially they anticipated that the renovation would take a month or two, but the job proved greater than expected, and was still not complete at the end of the 2022.

In the meantime, Paul and Caroline have held Sunday services, prayer meetings and BTC in their home, which the Trustees and the church at large are thankful for.

The Trustees wish to acknowledge the sacrificial lifestyle exhibited by both Paul and Caroline. For much of this year that Paul voluntarily offered to maintain his salary at the very low rate of £12,600pa which dropped even further to £6000pa in September. Despite a few significant givers having moved or withdrawn their previous level of support the Trustees decide to keep PvE at 6k and trust God for the provision needed in the next 12 months.

The Trustees note that Paul's ministry influence has grown and matured in accordance with the purpose of God. They now see him as an apostolic minister and leader with responsibilities not only to oversee GLC Staines & Surrey, but also Faisalabad and Scotland, and with significant influence in Faith Church Wales (FCW) and also in New Life Church Dieppe as well as being Trustee and Elder at FCW, plus the initiation of two Bible Colleges and also being the Vice Chairman of Churches together in Spelthorne, (job description is accordingly adjusted). As a result, they consider his real value is in excess of £70,000.

Caroline and Paul have functioned in leadership together since their marriage in December 2007 and were officially ordained this year as a couple in ministry by Steve Kelly of Wave Church in Nov 2022. (Paul was initially ordained by Phil Pringle in November of 1990). Although Carrie's main role is administrative, she has ministry influence which the Trustees expect to increase in the years ahead.

Caroline also worked consistently in excess of her hours. These exemplary sacrifices enabled the charity to improve their financial standing overall and to continue to use available funds to support the work of the mission. The Trustees appreciate and honour her stance of faith and service.

Financial Review

The major source of finance for the charity is giving. The Trustees would like to thank and acknowledge those who provided the donations and grants during the year. It must again be noted that without this support, the quality services provided by the team and volunteers of the Charity would not have been possible

In the period the Trust generated a total of £73,121 from the weekly services and the various additional donations, which was a little over the previous 12-month period despite some members moving out of the area so ceasing to give, and other members taking lower paid jobs or retiring. Grants to institutions reduced slightly from £12,316 (2021) to £11,856. We continued to support GLC Pakistan, preaching donations for visiting ministers Bethel Leadership Network to facilitate meaningful ministry relationships in the UK and greater involvement with Wave Church, Virginia Beach.

The finances remain limited and the balance between the expenditure required to achieve the goals and the real income of the charity means all decisions were taken carefully.

The opening balance was £5994 (2021). At end of year the balance is now -£985. This is a decrease of approximately £7,000 which can largely be explained by givers leaving, a change in the building situation (see explanation below), an increase in church activities, and Ministry trips to Dieppe and Australia and the Wave Conference in Glasgow where Paul and Caroline were ordained as a couple.

As a result of church gatherings including Bible College, Sunday meetings, Leadership meetings and Prayer meetings being held in the van Essen's home, the Trustees agree that as they are saving money by not renting a building, the use of the van Essen's home for church purposes should rise to 40% of mortgage interest, utilities, and council tax (previously 25%).

In addition, significant increases in energy costs throughout the UK meant that standard utility rates were between double and triple from previous years and these account for a greater percentage of outgoings to building rental/costs. However, it should be noted that income was an improvement on last year with an 8% increase in funds, continuing the upward trend.

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On behalf of the board of Trustees

Owen Anthony Aghedo

Trustee

Dated: 26 September 2023

Greater Life Trust Foundation

Independent Examiner's Report To the Trustees of Greater Life Trust Foundation

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2022, which are set out on pages 8 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (Accounts and Audit) Order 2015 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (Accounts and Audit) Order 2015.
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention:

which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and section 44 (1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act and section 44 (1)(b) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 8 of the 2008 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or, to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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.

Sheila Barnes
Accountant

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Forest Road
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Stowmarket, Suffolk
IP14 3ER

26 September 2023

Greater Life Trust Foundation
Statement of Financial Activities including Income and Expenditure Account
For the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
<u>Incoming and endowments from generated funds</u>			
Donations & legacies	1	73,121	67,768
Total incoming and endowments		<u>73,121</u>	<u>67,768</u>
<u>Expenditure on</u>			
Costs of raising funds	3	463	674
Net income		<u>72,658</u>	<u>67,094</u>
Charitable activities			
Church service, ministerial and pastoral costs		53,431	43,328
Support costs		<u>26,206</u>	<u>35,161</u>
Total Expenditure	2	<u>80,100</u>	<u>79,163</u>
Bank Interest Income		-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>(6,979)</u>	<u>(11,395)</u>
Fund balances at 1 January 2021		<u>5,994</u>	<u>17,389</u>
Fund balances at 31 December 2022		<u><u>(985)</u></u>	<u><u>5,994</u></u>

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

Greater Life Trust Foundation**Registered number:** 5189539**Balance Sheet****as at 31 December 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	498	2,729
Current assets			
Debtors	10	2,916	2,137
Cash at bank and in hand		1,862	5,880
		<u>4,778</u>	<u>8,017</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(6,261)	(4,752)
Net current assets/ (liabilities)		<u>(1,483)</u>	<u>3,265</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u><u>(985)</u></u>	<u><u>5,994</u></u>
Income funds			
Unrestricted funds		(985)	5,994
		<u><u>(985)</u></u>	<u><u>5,994</u></u>

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

The accounts have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime. The profit and loss account has not been delivered to the Registrar of Companies.

Owen Anthony Aghedo

Trustee

Approved by the board on 26 September 2023

GREATER LIFE TRUST FOUNDATION
Notes to the Accounts
For the Year Ended 31 December 2022

Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts.

The charity has an overdraft facility which is repayable on demand.

The nature of the charity's activities are such that there can be considerable unpredictable variation in the timing of cash inflows.

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard 1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small charity.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the second edition published October 2019, the Companies Act 2006, and with the Charities act 2011.

Incoming resources

Donations, legacies and other forms of voluntary income are recognised as incoming resources when receivable, except insofar as they are incapable of financial measurement.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended as soon as there is an obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure (including the cost of generating funds) is included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT, and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Charitable activities include both direct costs and support costs associated with the running of charitable programmes undertaken during the year.

Support costs (previously referred to as governance costs) include those incurred in the governance of the trust and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at a rate calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life.

Fixtures, fittings & equipment 33% straight line basis

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1	Donations and legacies	2022 £	2021 £
	Donations and gifts Unrestricted funds	<u>73,121</u>	<u>67,768</u>
		<u><u>73,121</u></u>	<u><u>67,768</u></u>

2 Total resources expended

	Staff Costs	Depreciation	Other Costs	Grant Funding	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	2022 £	2021 £
Expenditure on raising funds						
Costs of raising donations and legacies			463		463	674
Charitable activities						
Church service, ministerial & pastoral costs						
Activities undertaken directly	10,128	-	21,287		31,415	23,460
Grant funding of activities	-	-	-	11,856	11,856	12,316
Support costs	-	2,453	7,707	-	10,160	7,552
Total	10,128	2,453	28,994	11,856	53,431	43,328
Support costs	18,916	-	7,290	-	26,206	35,161
	<u>29,044</u>	<u>2,453</u>	<u>36,747</u>	<u>11,856</u>	<u>80,100</u>	<u>79,163</u>

Support costs includes payments to the independent accountants of £900 (2021: £900) for their fees.

3	Costs of raising donations & legacies	2022 £	2021 £
	Advertising costs	<u>463</u>	<u>674</u>
		<u><u>463</u></u>	<u><u>674</u></u>

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4 Activities undertaken directly	2022	2021
	£	£
Other costs relating to church service, ministerial & pastoral costs comprise:		
Premises rental	351	388
Church running expenses & hospitality	2,526	1,597
Web fees & internet services	2,378	1,722
Clergy expenses	8,478	4,919
Education and training expenses	5,302	5,297
Pastoral expenses - youth/ children work	30	47
Leaders expenses - Training & hospitality	2,222	1,760
	<u>21,287</u>	<u>15,730</u>
5 Grants payable	2022	2021
	£	£
Church service, ministerial & pastoral costs	<u>11,856</u>	<u>12,316</u>
Grants to institutions relating to church service, ministerial & pastoral costs comprise:		
Acts Churches	375	300
Compassion UK	709	888
GLC Pakistan	8,120	7,733
Preaching donations	550	550
Bethel Leadership Network	575	76
Global Legacy	299	720
Wave Church	446	258
Community Outreach	282	-
Dieppe Church Building	500	-
Faith Church Wales	-	605
Gifts to individuals	-	1,186
	<u>11,856</u>	<u>12,316</u>
6 Support costs	2022	2021
	£	£
Rent rates & administrative expenses	7,707	4,766
Depreciation	2,453	2,786
	<u>10,160</u>	<u>7,552</u>
7 Trustees		
None of the Trustees received any remuneration during the year, except for Paul van Essen who was paid a salary of £10,128 including employer's National Insurance and Pension Contributions.		
8 Employees		
The average monthly number of employees during the year was:		
	2022	2021
	Number	Number
Ministry of religion	1	1
Financial & administration	1	1
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

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Employment costs	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	27,969	35,045
Pension costs	1,075	1,067
	<u>29,044</u>	<u>36,112</u>

No employees were paid annual remuneration of £60,000 or more.

The company provides a defined contribution "Workplace" pension scheme as is required by law. The pension provider is NEST.

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £
Cost	
At 1 January 2022	30,858
Additions	222
Disposals	-
At 31 December 2022	<u>31,080</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2022	28,129
Depreciation charged	2,453
At 31 December 2022	<u>30,582</u>
Net book value	
At 31 December 2022	<u>498</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>2,729</u>

10 Debtors	2022	2021
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	2,220	2,037
Employer's NICs to reclaim	596	-
Other debtors	100	100
	<u>2,916</u>	<u>2,137</u>

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2022	2021
	£	£
Bank overdrafts	2,128	-
Creditors	1,240	1,305
Taxes and social security costs	-	437
Accruals	2,893	3,010
	<u>6,261</u>	<u>4,752</u>

Accounts

Registered number
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Greater Life Trust Foundation

Trustees Report and
Unaudited Accounts

31 December 2021

Greater Life Trust Foundation
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GREATER LIFE TRUST FOUNDATION

Legal and Administrative Information

Trustees	Owen Aghedo Raymonde Lucille Payet Maysel Awere Paul William van Essen
Administrator	Mrs C van Essen
Secretary	Mrs C van Essen
Charity number	1106280
Company number	5189539
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Greater Life Trust Foundation

Registered number: 5189539

Trustees Report

For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the twelve months ended 31 December 2020.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, the Statement of Recommended Practice FRS102, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the Charities Act 2011 (Accounts and Audit) Order 2015.

Structure, Governance & Management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee established under a Memorandum and Articles of Association, incorporated on 26 July 2004 as a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital. The trust was registered with the Charity Commission on 12 October 2004.

Trustees

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year were:

Owen Aghedo
Raymonde Lucille Payet
Maysel Awere
Paul William van Essen

The Board of Trustees, which is currently made up of four members administers the Charity. The Board shall consist of such individuals who, in the opinion of the existing Trustees are interested in and committed to the aims and objectives of the charity. Other considerations for appointment of new Trustees includes their standing in the Church, their interest and willingness to be involved in the local community, and their particular skill sets and their experience.

All new Trustees shall be approved by the existing Trustees before taking their role as a new Trustee/member. A person may terminate his or her membership of the Company by giving to the Secretary of the company notice in writing to that effect in such form as Trustees shall require.

None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the Trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £100 in the event of a winding up.

New Trustees receive a copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, history of the trust, information on the recent financial report of the charity and copies of the Minutes of the last 12 months with access to any previous Minutes that they request. New Trustees are supplied with the Charity Commission's guidance 'The Essential Trustee: What you need to know' and 'Charities and Public Benefit' and are encouraged to visit the Charity Commission's website for information and to attend external training events.

Trustees are appointed annually for a 12-month term from January to December, but they can serve for multiple years.

The board is mindful of the Commission's guidance as it relates to public benefit, and meets a minimum of four times per year, and more often as may be necessary, to agree the general strategy, areas covering development, activity and performance as well as the policies of the charity. The General Manager appointed by the Trustees is delegated to manage the day-to-day operations of the charity and a finance administrator has been appointed to administer accounts payable and receivable on a day-to-day basis.

The Trustees are mindful of their duty to assess the major risks to which the Charity is exposed and must be satisfied that systems are in place to provide reasonable assurance against major risks.

Objectives and Activities

The charity's main objectives are:

- a) The advancement of Christianity in Greater London and elsewhere by any lawful means or medium that is or becomes available in accordance with the provision of clause 10 of its memorandum.
- b) To relieve poverty and help those who are in need because of sickness or age or some other reason.
- c) To advance education both general and vocational for children or adults but always within the principles of the Christian faith.
- d) To promote such other charitable objects as the Trustees shall from time to time consider appropriate.

The Charity's primary expression in achieving these goals is through the ministry, service and the lives of the individual people that comprise the family and community of Greater Life Church. The Trustees are committed to affecting positive change within the community and to encourage as many people as possible to engage in worship, teaching and to experience life-changing environment and relationships within the Greater Life Church community. They are intentional in embracing, empowering and blessing all people in the communities we impact regardless of their personal position of faith.

The achievement of advancement of Christianity comes through a number of channels:

1. Regular weekly services where the Christian faith and the practical outworking of that faith are clearly taught, along with worship, children's care and education, social time together and prayer for the needs of people. These meetings are open to all. The usual meeting time is 10:30am on Sundays.

During early 2020, the Covid-19 pandemic took hold, and due to several lockdowns and restrictions on meetings and gatherings, the Charity became pro-actively creative in finding other ways to continue its mission. The regular Sunday services continued by live broadcasting on YouTube rather than meetings at Wendover Road, and this trend continued for much of the first half of 2021, until the rules for public meetings loosened up. From September all services were held live at Wendover Road although a few people did not attend as they were still shielding. The general feeling was that people were happy to be meeting and worshipping again together. The charity continued to have online traction reaching people in other areas and countries during 2021. To maintain our reach, the charity decided to stream our live services on Facebook. 'Zoom' Cafés were held after online services to ensure that regular connection and edification is maintained, and our regular café resumed when the church could meet again in person.

2. We hold various other meetings and gatherings including:

- Zoom prayer meetings 3-4 times per week including communion, prayer for healing and relationships
- Go Deeper, a weekly online Bible Study session open to everyone.
- a regular training meeting via Zoom for those that are a part of the 'leadership team' to equip people to grow in their love for God, for people, their leadership skills and strategising together for the achievements of the goals.
- a monthly midweek online social gathering via Zoom which may take the form of a meal, or a quiz when Covid restrictions were in place.
- the Mighty Throng, a monthly women's breakfast on Zoom, to keep relationships prospering and encouraging all to proclaim God's message
- regular Saturday Seminars covering various topics including Spiritual Gifts, relationships and Personal Growth. Paul van Essen and Larry Gentis held regular specialist Seminars on Zoom, focussing on building strong relationships. Larry is an author, minister and part of the church.
- 'Saturday Outreach' was restored involving some members going into Staines on a monthly basis to share the gospel and pray for people, as were visits to Meadowside, a retirement home for the elderly

Additionally, the church leader and team are involved every day in the personal pastoral care of people by telephone, visits when possible, cards, email or other means.

A volunteer culture is an important part of advancing this cause also. Every week 15-20 people give varying amounts of time and energy in the areas of adult and child education, youth activities, community aid, worship, music and sound, the administration of the charity, the facilitating of meetings in homes when possible during the pandemic and the organisation and running of our weekly services. In view of the impact of Covid, we estimate that a total of 40-50 voluntary hours per week are given.

Other objectives are:

- to relieve poverty and help those in need.
- to maintain a location with close access to the community in order to maximize impact and our ability to assist people as well as maximizing our community's awareness of our work.
- to increase community awareness by use of Social Media, opportunities for cost-effective local signage, banners, flyers and engaging more proactively in a face-to-face manner with the community by way of regularly going into the community to personally meet with them and initiating positive relationships with other like-minded local charities and churches.
- to initiate relationships with local council and other local bodies to gain knowledge of the functioning of the local authorities in order to assist them in their work and to make them aware of ours.
- To continue our support of Greater Life Ministry in Faisalabad, Pakistan which brings teaching, pastoral care, hope, physical healing and practical living advice to several hundred people each year – under the care of the local pastor there, Sabastian Javed.
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We continued to rent Wendover Road Methodist Church as our main venue. However, as we were unable to hold live services in the building for the first part of the year due to Covid restrictions, we saved money on rental. The building is in the process of being sold, but the owners-to-be are keen to keep us as tenants which the Trustees are grateful for.

STAINES-UPON-THAMES day did not take place this year but key indicators regarding our success in achieving our goals, including number of visitors and people impacted by our online services and meetings, to our online services, the number of people healed and/or experiencing genuine supernatural breakthrough in their lives, have increased overall in this year.

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Maysel Awere, one of our Trustees stepped down at the end of December so she could balance her work and family life better. Maysel has been a strong, energetic and committed Trustee, so we would like to thank her for all her hard work and support over the years.

On behalf of the board of Trustees

Paul William Van Essen

Trustee

Dated: 27 September 2022

Greater Life Trust Foundation

Independent Examiner's Report To the Trustees of Greater Life Trust Foundation

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27 September 2022

Greater Life Trust Foundation
Statement of Financial Activities including Income and Expenditure Account
For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
<u>Incoming and endowments from generated funds</u>			
Donations & legacies	1	67,768	76,051
Total incoming and endowments		<u>67,768</u>	<u>76,051</u>
<u>Expenditure on</u>			
Costs of raising funds	3	674	1,381
Net income		<u>67,094</u>	<u>74,670</u>
Charitable activities			
Church service, ministerial and pastoral costs		43,328	30,631
Support costs		<u>35,161</u>	<u>31,616</u>
Total Expenditure	2	<u>79,163</u>	<u>63,628</u>
Bank Interest Income		-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>(11,395)</u>	<u>12,423</u>
Fund balances at 1 January 2020		<u>17,389</u>	<u>4,966</u>
Fund balances at 31 December 2021		<u><u>5,994</u></u>	<u><u>17,389</u></u>

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Greater Life Trust Foundation**Registered number:** 5189539**Balance Sheet****as at 31 December 2021**

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	2,729	4,675
Current assets			
Debtors	10	2,137	3,200
Cash at bank and in hand		5,880	13,581
		<u>8,017</u>	<u>16,781</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(4,752)	(4,067)
Net current assets/ (liabilities)		<u>3,265</u>	<u>12,714</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u><u>5,994</u></u>	<u><u>17,389</u></u>
Income funds			
Unrestricted funds		5,994	17,389
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Director

Approved by the board on 27 September 2022

GREATER LIFE TRUST FOUNDATION
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For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

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The nature of the charity's activities are such that there can be considerable unpredictable variation in the timing of cash inflows.

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard 1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small charity.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the second edition published October 2019, the Companies Act 2006, and with the Charities act 2011.

Incoming resources

Donations, legacies and other forms of voluntary income are recognised as incoming resources when receivable, except insofar as they are incapable of financial measurement.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended as soon as there is an obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure (including the cost of generating funds) is included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT, and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Charitable activities include both direct costs and support costs associated with the running of charitable programmes undertaken during the year.

Support costs (previously referred to as governance costs) include those incurred in the governance of the trust and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at a rate calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life.

Fixtures, fittings & equipment 33% straight line basis

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1 Donations and legacies		2021	2020
		£	£
Donations and gifts	Unrestricted funds	67,768	76,051
		<u>67,768</u>	<u>76,051</u>

2 Total resources expended

	Staff Costs	Depreciation	Other Costs	Grant Funding	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	2021	2020
					£	£
Expenditure on raising funds						
Costs of raising donations and legacies			674		674	1,381
Charitable activities						
Church service, ministerial & pastoral costs						
Activities undertaken directly	7,730	-	15,730		23,460	15,291
Grant funding of activities	-	-	-	12,316	12,316	8,883
Support costs	-	2,786	4,766	-	7,552	6,457
Total	7,730	2,786	20,496	12,316	43,328	30,631
Support costs	28,382	-	6,779	-	35,161	31,616
	<u>36,112</u>	<u>2,786</u>	<u>27,949</u>	<u>12,316</u>	<u>79,163</u>	<u>63,628</u>

Support costs includes payments to the independent accountants of £900 (2020: £900) for their fees.

3 Costs of raising donations & legacies		2021	2020
		£	£
Advertising costs		674	1,381
		<u>674</u>	<u>1,381</u>

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4 Activities undertaken directly	2021	2020
	£	£
Other costs relating to church service, ministerial & pastoral costs comprise:		
Premises rental	388	1,213
Church running expenses & hospitality	1,597	562
Web fees & internet services	1,722	1,537
Clergy expenses	4,919	3,043
Education and training expenses	5,297	1,731
Pastoral expenses - youth/ children work	47	149
Leaders expenses - Training & hospitality	1,760	1,056
	<u>15,730</u>	<u>9,291</u>

5 Grants payable	2021	2020
	£	£
Church service, ministerial & pastoral costs	<u>12,316</u>	<u>8,883</u>
Grants to institutions relating to church service, ministerial & pastoral costs comprise:		
Acts Churches	300	1,200
Compassion UK	888	996
GLC Pakistan	7,733	5,784
Preaching donations	550	-
Bethel Leadership Network	76	-
Global Legacy	720	-
Wave Church	258	420
Faith Church Wales	605	383
Gifts to individuals	1,186	100
	<u>12,316</u>	<u>8,883</u>

6 Support costs	2021	2020
	£	£
Rent rates & administrative expenses	4,766	3,761
Depreciation	2,786	2,696
	<u>7,552</u>	<u>6,457</u>

7 Trustees

None of the Trustees received any remuneration during the year, except for Paul van Essen who was paid a salary of £7,730 including employer's National Insurance and Pension Contributions.

8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2021	2020
	Number	Number
Ministry of religion	1	1
Financial & administration	1	1
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

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Employment costs	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	35,045	30,077
Pension costs	1,067	823
	<u>36,112</u>	<u>30,900</u>

No employees were paid annual remuneration of £60,000 or more.

The company provides a defined contribution "Workplace" pension scheme as is required by law. The pension provider is NEST.

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £
Cost	
At 1 January 2021	30,018
Additions	840
Disposals	-
At 31 December 2021	<u>30,858</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2021	25,343
Depreciation charged	2,786
At 1 January 2021	<u>28,129</u>
Net book value	
At 31 December 2021	<u>2,729</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>4,675</u>

10 Debtors	2021	2020
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	2,037	3,100
Employer's NICs to reclaim	-	-
Other debtors	100	100
	<u>2,137</u>	<u>3,200</u>

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2021	2020
	£	£
Bank overdrafts	-	-
Creditors	1,305	1,486
Taxes and social security costs	437	500
Accruals	3,010	2,081
	<u>4,752</u>	<u>4,067</u>

Accounts

Registered number
5189539

Greater Life Trust Foundation

Trustees Report and
Unaudited Accounts

31 December 2020

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GREATER LIFE TRUST FOUNDATION

Legal and Administrative Information

Trustees	Owen Aghedo Raymonde Lucille Payet Maysel Awere Paul William van Essen
Administrator	Mrs C van Essen
Secretary	Mrs C van Essen
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Company number	5189539
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Greater Life Trust Foundation
Registered number: 5189539
Trustees Report
For the Year Ended 31 December 2020

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the twelve months ended 31 December 2020.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, the Statement of Recommended Practice FRS102, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the Charities Act 2011 (Accounts and Audit) Order 2015.

Structure, Governance & Management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee established under a Memorandum and Articles of Association, incorporated on 26 July 2004 as a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital. The trust was registered with the Charity Commission on 12 October 2004.

Trustees

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year were:

Owen Aghedo
Raymonde Lucille Payet
Maysel Awere
Paul William van Essen

The Board of Trustees, which is currently made up of 4 members administers the Charity. The Board shall consist of such individuals who, in the opinion of the existing Trustees are interested in and committed to the aims and objectives of the charity. Other considerations for appointment of new Trustees includes their standing in the Church, their interest and willingness to be involved in the local community, and their particular skill sets and their experience.

All new Trustees shall be approved by the existing Trustees before taking their role as a new trustee/member. A person may terminate his or her membership of the Company by giving to the Secretary of the company notice in writing to that effect in such form as Trustees shall require.

None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the Trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £100 in the event of a winding up.

New Trustees receive a copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, history of the trust, information on the recent financial report of the charity and copies of the Minutes or the last 12 months with access to any previous Minutes that they request. New Trustees are supplied with the Charity Commission's guidance 'The Essential Trustee: What you need to know' and 'Charities and Public Benefit' and are encouraged to visit the Charity Commission's website for information and to attend external training events.

Trustees are appointed annually for a 12-month term from January to December, but they can serve for multiple years.

The board is mindful of the Commission's guidance as it relates to public benefit, and meets a minimum of four times per year, and more often as may be necessary, to agree the general strategy, areas covering development, activity and performance as well as the policies of the charity. The General Manager appointed by the Trustees is delegated to manage the day-to-day operations of the charity and a finance administrator has been appointed to administer accounts payable and receivable on a day-to-day basis.

The Trustees are mindful of their duty to assess the major risks to which the Charity is exposed and must be satisfied that systems are in place to provide reasonable assurance against major risks.

Objectives and Activities

The charity's main objectives are:

- a) The advancement of Christianity in Greater London and elsewhere by any lawful means or medium that is or becomes available in accordance with the provision of clause 10 of its memorandum.
- b) To relieve poverty and help those who are in need because of sickness or age or some other reason.
- c) To advance education both general and vocational for children or adults but always within the principles of the Christian faith.
- d) To promote such other charitable objects as the Trustees shall from time to time consider appropriate.

The Charity's primary expression in achieving these goals is through the ministry, service and the lives of the individual people that comprise the family and community of Greater Life Church. The Trustees are committed to affecting positive change within the community and to encourage as many people as possible to engage in worship, teaching and to experience life-changing environment and relationships within the Greater Life Church community. They are intentional in embracing, empowering and blessing all people in the communities we impact regardless of their personal position of faith.

The achievement of advancement of Christianity comes through a number of channels:

1. Regular weekly services where the Christian faith and the practical outworking of that faith are clearly taught, along with worship, children's care and education, social time together and prayer for the needs of people. These meetings are open to all. The usual meeting time is 10:30am on Sundays.

During early 2020, the Covid-19 pandemic took hold, and due to several lockdowns and restrictions on meetings and gatherings, the Charity became pro-actively creative in finding other ways to continue its mission. The regular Sunday services continued by live broadcasting on YouTube rather than meetings at Wendover Road

This means the charity has more traction and can reach people in other areas, and indeed other countries. We have registered up to 80 views per service, many of whom are first-time visitors during this period. We also have a 'Zoom Café after services to ensure that regular connection and edification is maintained.

2. We hold various other meetings and gatherings including:

- Zoom prayer meetings 3-4 times per week including communion, prayer for healing and relationships
- Go Deeper, a weekly online Bible Study session open to everyone.

- a regular training meeting via Zoom for those that are a part of the 'leadership team' to equip people to grow in their love for God, for people, their leadership skills and strategising together for the achievements of the goals.

- a monthly midweek online social gathering via Zoom which may take the form of a meal, or a quiz.

- a new initiative: The Mighty Throng, a monthly women's breakfast on Zoom, to keep relationships prospering and encouraging all to proclaim God's message

- "iD-ology" the weekly group for children aged 8-12 continued during lockdown via Zoom, and was extremely successful in reaching young people outside our immediate church family. Activities were a mixture of craft, cooking, games and quizzes together with a Godly message.

- regular Saturday Seminars covering various topics including Spiritual Gifts, relationships and Personal Growth. in the second half of the year Paul, and Larry Gentis conducted specialist Seminars regarding building strong relationships. Larry is an author, minister and part of the church.

Additionally, the church leader and team are involved every day in the personal pastoral care of people by telephone, visits when possible, cards, email or other means.

A volunteer culture is an important part of advancing this cause also. Every week 15-20 people give varying amounts of time and energy in the areas of adult and child education, youth activities, community aid, worship, music and sound, the administration of the charity, the facilitating of meetings in homes when possible during the pandemic and the organisation and running of our weekly services. In view of the impact of Covid, we estimate that a total of 40-50 voluntary hours per week are given.

Other objectives are:

- to relieve poverty and help those in need.

- to maintain a location with close access to the community in order to maximize impact and our ability to assist people as well as maximizing our community's awareness of our work.

- to increase community awareness by use of Social Media, opportunities for cost-effective local signage, banners, flyers and engaging more proactively in a face-to-face manner with the community by way of regularly going into the community to personally meet with them and initiating positive relationships with other like-minded local charities and churches.

- to initiate relationships with local council and other local bodies to gain knowledge of the functioning of the local authorities in order to assist them in their work and to make them aware of ours.

- To continue our support of Greater Life Ministry in Faisalabad, Pakistan which brings teaching, pastoral care, hope, physical healing and practical living advice to several hundred people each year – under the care of the local pastor there, Sabastian Javed.

- this year we initiated a food programme in Faisalabad to provide essential support for the poorest in their community; Christians and Muslims alike. Many of our congregation pledged £25 per month to support a family in Pakistan enabling the charity to feed up to 19 families per month. We are pleased to report that we have received up to £400.00 per month for the support of families in addition to the £300.00 per month general support for the ministry there.

Achievements and Performance

This has been a very significant year for the Charity, and we have again experienced some excellent success in this period. We have initiated a number of real and positive changes.

One of the major changes last year was the opportunity to rent Wendover Road Methodist Church as our main which we have continued to do so. However, as we were mostly unable to hold live services due to Covid restrictions, we saved money on rental.

STAINES-UPON-THAMES day did not take place this year but key indicators regarding our success in achieving our goals, including number of visitors and people impacted by our online services and meetings, to our online services, the number of people healed and/or experiencing genuine supernatural breakthrough in their lives, have increased overall in this year.

The Charity notes that in spite of some of the church community being furloughed or made redundant, the financial support was in line with what was anticipated.

The Trustees wish to acknowledge the sacrificial lifestyle exhibited by both Paul and Caroline. In this year that Paul voluntarily offered to maintain his salary at the very low rate of £6000 pa. The Trustees consider his real value is in excess of £50,000. Caroline also worked consistently in excess of her hours. These exemplary sacrifices enabled the charity to improve their financial standing overall and to continue to use available funds to support the work of the mission. The Trustees appreciate and honour his stance of faith and service.

Financial Review

The major source of finance for the charity is giving. The Trustees would like to thank and acknowledge those who provided the donations and grants during the year. It must again be noted that without this support, the quality services provided by the team and volunteers of the Charity would not have been possible

In the period the trust generated a total of £76,051 from the weekly services and the various additional donations, which was approximately £20,000 more than the previous 12 month period.

The finances remain limited and the balance between the expenditure required to achieve the goals and the real income of the charity means all decisions were taken carefully.

The opening balance was £4,966 (2019). At end of year the balance is now £17,389. This is an increase of £12,423 which can largely be explained by an increase in income including support for Pakistan, and a decrease in rent and physical community activities. This is a great improvement on previous years and represents a 36.1% increase in funds received, although giving, especially to Pakistan has increased. This figure also includes £5000 which was raised by a previous buildings initiative, and the Trustees have set this aside to be used for buildings or refurbishment of buildings. However the trustees do have the right - if they are in agreement - to use it for any other charity related, kingdom-related purpose as they see fit.

A note should be added that in October (2018) the Trustees felt they had no choice but to vacate the building used for over 5 years due to what they deemed to be unethical and unprofessional treatment which involved an unannounced 42% increase in costs, applied retrospectively. The council maintain that there is an outstanding balance of £3762.64, which we do not agree with. Paul and Caroline van Essen have been diligent in trying to sort the matter including seeking legal advice, but the council have refused to meet to discuss the situation. Paul has been in touch with one of the councillors who promised to assist us but the council have yet to respond. We will continue to pursue all reasonable avenues to sort this matter out

The Trustees' rationale is that they must do all they can to maintain the health and wholeness of their staff, within their capabilities, to enable the mission and work of the charity to continue in health and positive influence.

Plans for the future

After the consultation with the Pastor and the leadership team late last year, the proposed adjustments were enacted with a good degree of success. In short, the Trustees plan to continue to implement these ideas but with some further plans. Specifically:

- continuing to find new ways to reach out with power, love and focus to as many new people as possible; training for this focus and services that renew this focus. The resumption of outreach activities in Staines as soon as Covid restrictions lift.
- to pro-actively reach, teach and empower young people primarily through "iD-ology", and other initiatives.
- connecting with other larger groups of a similar spirit and mandate, especially in training and relationship, to enable us to be more effective.
- careful financial planning and working towards seeing more financial support come in for the work we do.

The Charity also acknowledges the positive influence, support and friendship of other like-minded charities and churches. This includes ACTS CHURCHES UK, BETHEL CHURCH/ BLN, C3 CHURCH NARARA NSW, AUSTRALIA, CHURCHES TOGETHER IN STAINES, WAVE CHURCH (Virginia Beach USA), EASTGATE CHURCH and FAITH CHURCH WALES.

The Trustees note that these connections have been helpful and a key part of a mutual empowering and we anticipate further growth and development in these networks in the next period with an expected result of steady increase in line with our goals and objectives.

On behalf of the board of Trustees

Paul William Van Essen

Trustee

Dated: 20 September 2021

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Director

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The nature of the charity's activities are such that there can be considerable unpredictable variation in the timing of cash inflows.

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard 1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small charity.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the second edition published October 2019, the Companies Act 2006, and with the Charities act 2011.

Incoming resources

Donations, legacies and other forms of voluntary income are recognised as incoming resources when receivable, except insofar as they are incapable of financial measurement.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended as soon as there is an obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure (including the cost of generating funds) is included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT, and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Charitable activities include both direct costs and support costs associated with the running of charitable programmes undertaken during the year.

Support costs (previously referred to as governance costs) include those incurred in the governance of the trust and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at a rate calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life.

Fixtures, fittings & equipment	33% straight line basis
Motor vehicles	25% straight line basis

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1 Donations and legacies		2020	2019
		£	£
Donations and gifts	Unrestricted funds	76,051	55,892
		<u>76,051</u>	<u>55,892</u>

2 Total resources expended

	Staff Costs	Depreciation	Other Costs	Grant Funding	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	2020	2019
					£	£
Expenditure on raising funds						
Costs of raising donations and legacies			1,381		1,381	2,559
Charitable activities						
Church service, ministerial & pastoral costs						
Activities undertaken directly	6,000	-	9,291		15,291	27,796
Grant funding of activities	-	-	-	8,883	8,883	6,327
Support costs	-	2,696	3,761	-	6,457	3,720
Total	6,000	2,696	13,052	8,883	30,631	37,843
Support costs	24,904	-	6,712	-	31,616	20,595
	<u>30,904</u>	<u>2,696</u>	<u>21,145</u>	<u>8,883</u>	<u>63,628</u>	<u>60,997</u>

Support costs includes payments to the independent accountants of £900 (2019: £900) for their fees.

3 Costs of raising donations & legacies		2020	2019
		£	£
Advertising costs		1,381	1,646
Community Outreach		-	913
		<u>1,381</u>	<u>2,559</u>

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4 Activities undertaken directly	2020	2019
	£	£
Other costs relating to church service, ministerial & pastoral costs comprise:		
Premises rental	1,213	6,020
Church running expenses & hospitality	562	2,960
Web fees & internet services	1,537	1,165
Clergy expenses	3,043	7,684
Education and training expenses	1,731	2,511
Pastoral expenses - youth/ children work	149	489
Leaders expenses - Training & hospitality	1,056	967
	<u>9,291</u>	<u>21,796</u>
5 Grants payable	2020	2019
	£	£
Church service, ministerial & pastoral costs	<u>8,883</u>	<u>6,327</u>
Grants to institutions relating to church service, ministerial & pastoral costs comprise:		
Acts Churches	1,200	950
Compassion UK	996	955
GLC Pakistan	5,784	2,562
Preaching donations	-	710
Rentstart Charity	-	250
Salvation Army for homeless	-	250
Eastgate Church	-	650
Wave Church	420	-
Faith Church Wales	383	-
Gift to individual	100	-
	<u>8,883</u>	<u>6,327</u>
6 Support costs	2020	2019
	£	£
Rent rates & administrative expenses	3,761	2,783
Depreciation	2,696	937
	<u>6,457</u>	<u>3,720</u>
7 Trustees		
None of the Trustees received any remuneration during the year, except for Paul van Essen who was paid a salary of £6,000 including employer's National Insurance and Pension Contributions.		
8 Employees		
The average monthly number of employees during the year was:		
	2020	2019
	Number	Number
Ministry of religion	1	1
Financial & administration	1	1
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

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Employment costs	2020	2019
	£	£
Wages and salaries	30,077	18,363
Pension costs	823	318
	<u>30,900</u>	<u>18,681</u>

No employees were paid annual remuneration of £60,000 or more.

The company provides a defined contribution "Workplace" pension scheme as is required by law. The pension provider is NEST.

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £
Cost	
At 1 January 2019	23,684
Additions	6,334
Disposals	-
At 31 December 2019	<u>30,018</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2019	22,647
Depreciation charged	2,696
At 1 January 2019	<u>25,343</u>
Net book value	
At 31 December 2019	<u>4,675</u>
At 31 December 2018	<u>1,037</u>

10 Debtors

	2020	2019
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	3,100	1,297
Employer's NICs to reclaim	-	539
Other debtors	100	-
	<u>3,200</u>	<u>1,836</u>

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2019	2018
	£	£
Bank overdrafts	-	53
Creditors	1,486	1,147
Taxes and social security costs	500	391
Accruals	2,081	1,339
	<u>4,067</u>	<u>2,930</u>