SUNCOAST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1108845

Details

Other names	CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTRE EASTBOURNE
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	05331510
Registered	2005-04-04
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: 3.1 THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DECLARATION OF FAITH (SET OUT IN SCHEDULE 1 TO THE MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION) IN PARTICULAR NOT LIMITED TO THE FOREGOING BY:3.1.1 WORSHIPPING, PREACHING AND TEACHING OF THE CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE AND PRINCIPLES, FELLOWSHIP, AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BIBLE, TEACHING IN ALL FORMS OF MEDIA, AND THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH GENERALLY:3.1.2 THE INSTRUCTION AND CARE OF CHRISTIANS INCLUDING YOUNG PEOPLE AND CHILDREN;3.1.3 THE EVANGELISATION OF NON-CHRISTIANS.3.2 THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION ON THE BASIS OF CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES AND WITHOUT PREJUDICE OF THE FOREGOING THE PROVISION OF SUCH EDUCATION IN ANY EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENT.3.3 THE RELIEF OF PERSONS WHO ARE IN CONDITIONS OF NEED, HARDSHIP, POVERTY OR DISTRESS OR AGED OR SICK.

Activities: Locally working with the elderly, needy, youth and children in the community and also 4 local charities. We support various orphanages and a childrens clinics overseas . We financially support other churches within International Network of Churches movement internationally. We spiritually oversee 5

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churches in the Ukraine and provide financial support for INC operations in that country.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED. IN PRACTICE EASTBOURNE AND THE SURROUNDING AREA.
- East Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£180,594	£177,410	-	-
2024-03-31	£196,324	£199,900	-	-
2023-03-31	£199,900	£164,582	-	-
2022-03-31	£183,125	£142,868	-	-
2021-03-31	£142,303	£117,907	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ROBERT MILLBURN SMILLIE	Chair	
Melanie Whittle		2023-06-25
Michael John Howell		2023-06-25
PETER SINCLAIR DOBSON		2012-12-06

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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Suncoast Church

(A company limited by guarantee)

Charity registration number: 1108845

Company registration number: 05331510

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Trustees	Robert Milburn Smillie Peter Sinclair Dobson Jonathon Robinson Michael Howell Melanie Whittle
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Company Registration Number	05331510
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SUNCOAST CHURCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The company's objectives and principal activities are:
• The advancement of the Christian Faith in accordance with the declaration of faith set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association.
• The advancement of education on the basis of Christian principles.
• The relief of persons who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress, aged or sick.

These objectives are progressed through the various activities and departments in the life of the church, continuing to work increasingly within the community in which it is based.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The company is constituted under a Memorandum of Association dated 13/01/2005 and is a registered charity number 1108845.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The management of the company is the responsibility of the trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Articles of Association.

The directors look for persons of proven integrity who share the vision and objectives of the charity and who have the relevant wisdom and experience to contribute to the running of the company. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the Senior Pastor remains chairman of the company. The remaining board members retire by rotation.

Induction and training of trustees

Each new director is provided with the relevant Charity Commission publications, a copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association and at a meeting with the Chairman fully briefed on the operation of the company and the responsibility of the directors.

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Organisational structure

The charity, based in Eastbourne, is governed by a board of directors who are responsible for all financial decisions and management. The members of the board of directors work in close consultation with members of the Senior Leadership Team who are responsible for the formulating and implementing of strategy and planning as well as the oversight of various departments.

Risk management

The directors are confident that risks are kept to a minimum through strict financial control with regular reviews. The directors consider that the main risk to the company would be a reduction in the size of the church membership or its ability and desire to give. This risk is managed through regular reporting of giving trends and active development of the growing vision. Church membership has increased and the directors are confident that it will continue increasing at this time.

Review of charitable activities undertaken

Advancement of the Christian faith:

Following on the success of Alpha Course conducted the previous year, the Church conducted another 12-week Alpha Course in the first quarter of this year. Sixteen guests attended this course, and several people came to faith.

The Church joined with several other Churches in Eastbourne and jointly funded the annual outdoor public service at the Bandstand on the seafront. This event was again well attended with over 1000 people in attendance.

An evangelism training course was conducted by Tony Yu. Following this course a team was organized which engaged in regular street evangelism throughout the year.

Sunday messages continued to be live streamed to an online audience via Facebook and later uploaded to the Church's YouTube channel. Each Sunday translated notes of the sermon were provided in several languages for those in attendance whose first language is other than English.

Easter and Christmas services, including a carol service, were well attended by both members and non-members of the church.

Beyond the U.K., the charity continued to provide regular financial support for a full-time missionary couple based in Southern Mexico.

Advancement of education:

The Charity's Bible School continued its three-year course in systematic theology and other subjects. Approximately 20 students attended the lectures throughout the course of the year.

The Charity made a financial donation to a church member to engage in a short-term mission to Uganda teaching pastors and leaders.

New Christians 'Kick Start' courses had a good level of engagement throughout the year.

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Relief of persons in need:

International:

Ukraine: Charity continued to provide funds for several Ukrainian churches to continue to operate their respective humanitarian aid programs amongst the thousands of homeless refugees in the country. Two four-day pastor's retreats in Czech Republic in April and Poland in October were organized for Ukrainian pastors and their wives.

Bangladesh: The Charity sent funds for the relief of hundreds of flood victims in Bangladesh. As in previous years, the Charity provided funds for the 70 boys and girls of 'Hope House' in Bangladesh to have a Christmas dinner. 'Hope House' is a children's home for orphaned and abandoned children.

Local:

The men's support group 'Bros' continued to offer its program for men needing support and advice to help make positive life changes. The Charity continued to partner with the local branch of the Foodbank, providing a food drop-off point within the building.

The Charity made a donation to the 'Seaside Community Hub' in Eastbourne, which provides cheap foodstuffs and clothing for local people as well as an established community offering friendship and also made a donation to the Salvation Army's Winter Night Shelter for those homeless who sleep on the street.

Financial review

Income for the year amounted to £180,594 (2024 - £196,324) and expenditure £177,410 (2024 - £179,666). The surplus was added to funds brought forward, with balances at the year end being £211,864 for unrestricted and £795 for restricted funds.

Policy on reserves

The trustees have concluded that a reserves level equating to 5 months average operating costs would be appropriate. The policy will be reviewed annually. At the current rate of expenditure, the trustees aim to hold reserves of £70,000. At the balance sheet date, reserves amounted to £70,000 which is at the desired level.

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

Statement of Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Suncoast Church for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 11 November 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Robert Milburn Smillie
Trustee

SUNCOAST CHURCH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SUNCOAST CHURCH

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Suncoast Church for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of Suncoast Church (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of Suncoast Church are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Suncoast Church as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.

.....
G W Schulz FCMA

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11 November 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	170,932	1,607	172,539	185,115
Charitable activities	4	778	197	975	1,387
Investment income	5	3,444	-	3,444	2,242
Other income	6	3,636	-	3,636	7,580
Total income		178,790	1,804	180,594	196,324
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	7	175,708	1,702	177,410	179,666
Total expenditure		175,708	1,702	177,410	179,666
Net income		3,082	102	3,184	16,658
Net movement in funds		3,082	102	3,184	16,658
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		208,782	693	209,475	192,817
Total funds carried forward	14	211,864	795	212,659	209,475

The notes on pages 9 to 18 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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(REGISTRATION NUMBER: 05331510)
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	3,870	5,160
Current assets			
Debtors	12	9,852	10,201
Cash at bank and in hand		211,993	205,783
		221,845	215,984
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	(13,056)	(11,669)
Net current assets		208,789	204,315
Net assets		212,659	209,475
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		795	693
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		211,864	208,782
Total funds	14	212,659	209,475

For the financial year ending 31 March 2025 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements on pages 7 to 18 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 11 November 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

.....
Robert Milburn Smillie
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in England, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

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

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). They also comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Suncoast Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Income and endowments

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

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Gift aid

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Grant provisions

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty about either the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets
Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation
Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Short-term leasehold property	over remainder of lease
Office equipment	25% reducing balance method

Debtors
Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Liabilities
Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Fund structure
Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Financial instruments
The company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	Designated £	General £	£	£	£
Donations and legacies;					
Donations	10,197	134,656	1,607	146,460	154,834
Gift aid reclaimed	-	26,079	-	26,079	30,281
	10,197	160,735	1,607	172,539	185,115

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Bible college	459	-	459	800
Event income	319	197	516	587
	778	197	975	1,387

5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Interest receivable and similar income;				
Interest receivable on bank deposits	3,444	-	3,444	2,242

6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Rental income	3,636	-	3,636	7,580

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds Designated £	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Church activities and mission		-	9,052	298	9,350	7,616
Premises costs and hall hire		-	72,432	-	72,432	67,294
Equipment costs		-	477	-	477	924
National organisation seed		-	145	-	145	145
Travelling expenses		-	855	-	855	2,803
Manse costs		-	10,055	-	10,055	10,055
Hospitality and catering		-	1,544	-	1,544	2,613
Insurance, subscriptions and sundry		-	6,247	-	6,247	6,028
Postage, stationery and printing		-	4,378	-	4,378	5,175
Bank charges and currency costs		-	409	-	409	524
Bookkeeping		-	4,752	-	4,752	4,752
Legal and professional fees		-	3,496	-	3,496	2,508
Independence examination		-	912	-	912	870
Depreciation		-	1,290	-	1,290	1,720
Grant funding of activities	8	8,366	2,567	1,404	12,337	18,348
Staff costs	10	-	48,731	-	48,731	48,291
		8,366	167,342	1,702	177,410	179,666

8 Grant-making

Analysis of grants

	Grants to institutions		Grants to individuals	
	2025	2024	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Grants	10,557	15,653	1,780	2,695

9 Trustees remuneration and related party transactions

Mr R Smillie, a trustee, and his wife are employees of the charity and received gross income of £48,291 (2024 - £48,291). The charity also paid £10,055 (2024 - £10,055) for their living accommodation.

The only other payments made to the trustees, or any person connected with them, consisted of reimbursements of expenditure incurred on behalf of the charity in furthering the charity's objects.

10 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	48,731	48,291

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2025	2024
	No	No
Staff	2	2

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Office equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2024	123,988	43,092	167,080
At 31 March 2025	123,988	43,092	167,080
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2024	123,988	37,932	161,920
Charge for the year	-	1,290	1,290
At 31 March 2025	123,988	39,222	163,210
Net book value			
At 31 March 2025	-	3,870	3,870
At 31 March 2024	-	5,160	5,160

12 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Accrued income	9,852	10,201

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	579	1,496
Other taxation and social security	528	596
Accruals	11,949	9,577
	13,056	11,669

14 Funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds				
General				
General Funds	108,406	168,593	(167,342)	109,657
Designated				
Dilapidation fund	48,000	-	-	48,000
Rent fund	42,000	-	-	42,000
Humanitarian fund	10,376	10,197	(8,366)	12,207
	100,376	10,197	(8,366)	102,207
Total unrestricted funds	208,782	178,790	(175,708)	211,864
Restricted funds				
Building fund	506	60	-	566
Global Compassion: Hope House	-	197	(98)	99
Specific gifts	-	547	(450)	97
Ukraine fund	154	1,000	(1,154)	-
Nepal	33	-	-	33
	693	1,804	(1,702)	795
Total funds	209,475	180,594	(177,410)	212,659

Restricted funds:
These represent the activities of the church and specific donations are received to support work carried out both locally and internationally.

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
General Funds	92,628	184,972	(169,194)	-	108,406
Designated					
Dilapidation fund	48,000	-	-	-	48,000
Rent fund	42,000	-	-	-	42,000
Humanitarian fund	-	10,376	-	-	10,376
	90,000	10,376	-	-	100,376
Total unrestricted funds	182,628	195,348	(169,194)	-	208,782
Restricted funds					
Building fund	446	60	-	-	506
Global Compassion: Hope House	686	-	(686)	-	-
Specific gifts	-	878	(878)	-	-
Ukraine fund	9,024	38	(8,908)	-	154
Nepal	33	-	-	-	33
	10,189	976	(10,472)	-	693
Total funds	192,817	196,324	(179,666)	-	209,475

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 March 2025
	General	Designated		
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	3,870	-	-	3,870
Current assets	118,843	102,207	795	221,845
Current liabilities	(13,056)	-	-	(13,056)
Total net assets	109,657	102,207	795	212,659

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 March 2024
	General	Designated		
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	5,160	-	-	5,160
Current assets	114,915	100,376	693	215,984
Current liabilities	(11,669)	-	-	(11,669)
Total net assets	108,406	100,376	693	209,475

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SUNCOAST CHURCH

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Advancement of the Christian faith:

The Church conducted a 12-week Alpha Course in the first quarter of the year. Fifteen guests attended this course.

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Advancement of education:

The charity's Bible School continued its three-year course in systematic theology and other subjects. Approximately 25 students attended the lectures throughout the course of the year.

New Christians courses had a good level of engagement throughout the year.

The Charity hosted a presentation by local charity The Spinnaker Trust who conduct assemblies in many primary schools within the region.

SUNCOAST CHURCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Relief of persons in need:

International - Ukraine and Bangladesh

The charity continued to provide funds for several Ukrainian churches to continue to operate their respective humanitarian aid programs amongst the thousands of homeless refugees in the country and organized and funded two four-day pastor's retreats in Czech Republic in May and Poland in October 2022 for Ukrainian pastors and their wives.

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Local

The men's support group 'Bros' continued to offer its program for men needing support and advice to help make positive life changes. The Charity continued to partner with the local branch of the Foodbank, providing a food drop-off point within the building, and with local charity The Sanctuary Café assisting local asylum seekers in Eastbourne, providing them with advice and basic needs such as clothing. A donation was made to local support group for men 'A Band of Brothers'.

Financial review

Income for the year amounted to £196,324 (2023 - £199,900) and expenditure £179,666 (2023 - £164,582). The surplus was added to funds brought forward, with balances at the year end being £208,782 for unrestricted and £693 for restricted funds.

Policy on reserves

The trustees have concluded that a reserves level equating to 5 months average operating costs would be appropriate. The policy will be reviewed annually. At the current rate of expenditure, the trustees aim to hold reserves of £70,000. At the balance sheet date, reserves amounted to £70,000 which is at the desired level.

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

SUNCOAST CHURCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Statement of Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Suncoast Church for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 22 November 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Robert Milburn Smillie
Trustee

SUNCOAST CHURCH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SUNCOAST CHURCH

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of Suncoast Church (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of Suncoast Church are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Suncoast Church as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.

.....
G W Schulz FCMA

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22 November 2024

SUNCOAST CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	184,139	976	185,115	189,941
Charitable activities	4	1,387	-	1,387	2,166
Investment income	5	2,242	-	2,242	510
Other income	6	7,580	-	7,580	7,283
Total income		195,348	976	196,324	199,900
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	7	169,194	10,472	179,666	164,582
Total expenditure		169,194	10,472	179,666	164,582
Net income/(expenditure)		26,154	(9,496)	16,658	35,318
Net movement in funds		26,154	(9,496)	16,658	35,318
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		182,628	10,189	192,817	157,499
Total funds carried forward	14	208,782	693	209,475	192,817

The notes on pages 9 to 18 form an integral part of these financial statements.

SUNCOAST CHURCH

(REGISTRATION NUMBER: 05331510)
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	5,160	4,593
Current assets			
Debtors	12	10,201	17,835
Cash at bank and in hand		205,783	172,686
		215,984	190,521
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	(11,669)	(2,297)
Net current assets		204,315	188,224
Net assets		209,475	192,817
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		693	10,189
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		208,782	182,628
Total funds	14	209,475	192,817

For the financial year ending 31 March 2024 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements on pages 7 to 18 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 22 November 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

.....
Robert Milburn Smillie
Trustee

SUNCOAST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in England, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

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

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). They also comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Suncoast Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Income and endowments

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

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Gift aid

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Grant provisions

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty about either the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets
Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation
Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Short-term leasehold property	over remainder of lease
Office equipment	25% reducing balance method

Debtors
Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Liabilities
Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Fund structure
Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Financial instruments
The company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	Designated £	General £	£	£	£
Donations and legacies;					
Donations	10,376	143,482	976	154,834	163,993
Gift aid reclaimed	-	30,281	-	30,281	25,948
	10,376	173,763	976	185,115	189,941

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Bible college	800	-	800	1,549
Event income	587	-	587	617
	1,387	-	1,387	2,166

5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Interest receivable and similar income;				
Interest receivable on bank deposits	2,242	-	2,242	510

6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Rental income	7,580	-	7,580	7,283

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Church activities and mission		7,616	-	7,616	4,045
Premises costs and hall hire		67,294	-	67,294	45,135
Equipment costs		924	-	924	2,628
National organisation seed		145	-	145	-
Travelling expenses		2,803	-	2,803	2,782
Manse costs		10,055	-	10,055	10,055
Hospitality and catering		2,613	-	2,613	3,724
Insurance, subscriptions and		6,028	-	6,028	5,880
Postage, stationery and		5,175	-	5,175	5,033
Bank charges and currency costs		524	-	524	629
Bookkeeping		4,752	-	4,752	4,356
Legal and professional fees		2,508	-	2,508	1,215
Independence examination		870	-	870	840
Depreciation, amortisation and other similar costs		1,720	-	1,720	2,108
Grant funding of activities	8	7,876	10,472	18,348	30,537
Staff costs	10	48,291	-	48,291	45,615
		169,194	10,472	179,666	164,582

8 Grant-making

Analysis of grants

	Grants to institutions		Grants to individuals	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Grants	15,653	30,537	2,695	-

9 Trustees remuneration and related party transactions

Mr R Smillie, a trustee, and his wife are employees of the charity and received gross income of £48,291 (2023 - £45,615). The charity also paid £10,055 (2023 - £10,055) for their living accommodation.

The only other payments made to the trustees, or any person connected with them, consisted of reimbursements of expenditure incurred on behalf of the charity in furthering the charity's objects.

10 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	48,291	45,615

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2024	2023
	No	No
Staff	2	2

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Office equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2023	123,988	40,805	164,793
Additions	-	2,287	2,287
At 31 March 2024	123,988	43,092	167,080
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2023	123,988	36,212	160,200
Charge for the year	-	1,720	1,720
At 31 March 2024	123,988	37,932	161,920
Net book value			
At 31 March 2024	-	5,160	5,160
At 31 March 2023	-	4,593	4,593

12 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Prepayments	-	9,762
Accrued income	10,201	8,073
	10,201	17,835

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	1,496	717
Other taxation and social security	596	700
Accruals	9,577	880
	11,669	2,297

14 Funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
General				
General Funds	92,628	184,972	(169,194)	108,406
Designated				
Dilapidation fund	48,000	-	-	48,000
Rent fund	42,000	-	-	42,000
Humanitarian fund	-	10,376	-	10,376
	90,000	10,376	-	100,376
Total unrestricted funds	182,628	195,348	(169,194)	208,782
Restricted funds				
Building fund	446	60	-	506
Global Compassion: Hope House	686	-	(686)	-
Specific gifts	-	878	(878)	-
Ukraine fund	9,024	38	(8,908)	154
Nepal	33	-	-	33
	10,189	976	(10,472)	693
Total funds	192,817	196,324	(179,666)	209,475

Restricted funds:
These represent the activities of the church and specific donations are received to support work carried out both locally and internationally.

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
General Funds	62,753	170,848	(139,956)	(1,017)	92,628
Designated					
Dilapidation fund	48,000	-	-	-	48,000
Rent fund	42,000	-	-	-	42,000
	90,000	-	-	-	90,000
Total unrestricted funds	152,753	170,848	(139,956)	(1,017)	182,628
Restricted funds					
Building fund	386	60	-	-	446
Global Compassion	-	65	(65)	-	-
Global Compassion: Hope House	399	2,645	(2,399)	41	686
Specific gifts	-	800	(800)	-	-
Church and community needs	20	-	(20)	-	-
Ukraine fund	3,908	25,482	(21,342)	976	9,024
Nepal	33	-	-	-	33
	4,746	29,052	(24,626)	1,017	10,189
Total funds	157,499	199,900	(164,582)	-	192,817

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 March 2024
	General	Designated		
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	5,160	-	-	5,160
Current assets	114,915	100,376	693	215,984
Current liabilities	(11,669)	-	-	(11,669)
Total net assets	108,406	100,376	693	209,475

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 March 2023
	General	Designated		
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	4,593	-	-	4,593
Current assets	90,332	90,000	10,189	190,521
Current liabilities	(2,297)	-	-	(2,297)
Total net assets	92,628	90,000	10,189	192,817

SUNCOAST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1108845

Accounts

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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SUNCOAST CHURCH

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Trustees	Robert Milburn Smillie Peter Sinclair Dobson Jonathon Robinson
Charity Registration Number	1108845
Company Registration Number	05331510
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Midweek in-person 'Connect Groups', set up to provide pastoral care, as well as equipping and encouraging Christians to promote the Christian faith continued to operate throughout the year.

Each week three prayer meetings were held, two of which were conducted on Zoom.

Easter and Christmas services, including a carol service, were well attended by both members and non-members of the church.

The Children's Church continued to grow throughout the year. A fourth department was created to cater for older children.

Beyond the U.K., the charity continued to provide regular financial support for a full-time missionary couple based in Southern Mexico.

Advancement of education:

The charity established a Bible School in January 2022 with a curriculum offering a three-year course in systematic theology as well as covering subjects such as church history, apologetics, and other areas of practical ministry. Approximately 45 students attended the lectures throughout the course of the year.

The support group for newly arrived Christian asylum seekers in Eastbourne which had been set up in early 2021 continued to meet on a weekly basis at the church premises and in a local café. During these meetings bible teaching was provided on many subjects related to the Christian faith.

SUNCOAST CHURCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Relief of persons in need:

International - Ukraine

The charity has had a long-standing relationship with several churches in the Ukraine, and since the start of the war with Russia in February 2022 has provided funds for these churches for their respective humanitarian aid programs amongst the thousands of homeless refugees in the country.

The charity also organized and funded two four-day pastor's retreats in Poland in May and October 2022 for Ukrainian pastors and their wives.

Funds were provided for the extension of an accommodation block in a care home for the severely disabled in the Poltava Oblast of the Ukraine.

Nepal

The charity donated funds to a children's home in Katmandu, Nepal, for the reboring of a well supplying water to a children's home which had dried up.

Bangladesh

Funds were sent to partners in Bangladesh for food relief for many of the poorest who were starving. In the months following the start of the Russia-Ukraine war food prices and shortages were severe due to grain shipments being held up in the Black Sea.

As in previous years, the charity provided funds for the 70 boys and girls of 'Hope House' in Bangladesh to have a Christmas dinner. 'Hope House' is a children's home for orphaned and abandoned children.

Local

A men's support group meeting on a fortnightly basis ran throughout the year. This group is known as 'Bros' and was established with a view to providing a close community in which men could receive help, advice and support toward making positive life changes. The group meets in a member's home and is always well attended.

Over the winter months of early 2023 the charity joined the nationwide initiative 'Warm Welcome' using its premises in Eastbourne to provide a warm space for those who were trapped in fuel poverty.

Locally, the charity continued to partner with the local branch of the Foodbank, providing a food drop-off point within the building.

Donations were made to several local charities including Warming Up the Homeless, Matthew 25 - which provides meals for the homeless in Eastbourne, and the local branch of Street Pastors who offer assistance to those in need in the town centre after dark.

The charity also assisted local asylum seekers in Eastbourne, providing them with advice and basic needs such as clothing. Those who had been attending church services were also each given a Christmas gift.

SUNCOAST CHURCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Financial review

Income for the year amounted to £199,900 (2022 - £183,125) and expenditure £164,582 (2022 - £142,868). The surplus was added to funds brought forward, with balances at the year end being £182,628 for unrestricted and £10,189 for restricted funds.

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

SUNCOAST CHURCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Statement of Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Suncoast Church for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 22 September 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Robert Milburn Smillie
Trustee

SUNCOAST CHURCH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SUNCOAST CHURCH

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023 which are set out on pages 8 to 19.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of Suncoast Church (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of Suncoast Church are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Suncoast Church as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.

.....
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22 September 2023

SUNCOAST CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	160,889	29,052	189,941	175,598
Charitable activities	4	2,166	-	2,166	790
Investment income	5	510	-	510	37
Other income	6	7,283	-	7,283	6,700
Total income		170,848	29,052	199,900	183,125
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	7	139,956	24,626	164,582	142,868
Total expenditure		139,956	24,626	164,582	142,868
Net income		30,892	4,426	35,318	40,257
Transfers between funds		(1,017)	1,017	-	-
Net movement in funds		29,875	5,443	35,318	40,257
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		152,753	4,746	157,499	117,242
Total funds carried forward	14	182,628	10,189	192,817	157,499

The notes on pages 10 to 19 form an integral part of these financial statements.

SUNCOAST CHURCH

(REGISTRATION NUMBER: 05331510)
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	4,593	3,424
Current assets			
Debtors	12	17,835	8,491
Cash at bank and in hand		172,686	147,521
		190,521	156,012
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	(2,297)	(1,937)
Net current assets		188,224	154,075
Net assets		192,817	157,499
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		10,189	4,746
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		182,628	152,753
Total funds	14	192,817	157,499

For the financial year ending 31 March 2023 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements on pages 8 to 19 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 22 September 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

.....
Robert Milburn Smillie
Trustee

SUNCOAST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in England, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

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

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). They also comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Suncoast Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Income and endowments

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

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Gift aid

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Grant provisions

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty about either the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets
Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation
Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Short-term leasehold property	over remainder of lease
Office equipment	25% reducing balance method

Debtors
Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Liabilities
Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Fund structure
Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Financial instruments
The company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Donations and legacies;				
Donations	134,941	29,052	163,993	153,988
Gift aid reclaimed	25,948	-	25,948	21,610
	160,889	29,052	189,941	175,598

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Bible college	1,549	-	1,549	790
Event income	617	-	617	-
	2,166	-	2,166	790

5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Interest receivable and similar income;				
Interest receivable on bank deposits	510	-	510	37

6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Rental income	7,283	-	7,283	6,700

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Church activities and mission		4,045	-	4,045	2,911
Premises costs and hall hire		45,135	-	45,135	44,501
Equipment costs		2,628	-	2,628	807
National organisation seed		-	-	-	310
Travelling expenses		2,782	-	2,782	398
Manse costs		10,055	-	10,055	10,079
Hospitality and catering		3,724	-	3,724	4,507
Insurance, subscriptions and		5,880	-	5,880	6,010
Postage, stationery and		5,033	-	5,033	4,595
Bank charges and currency costs		629	-	629	701
Bookkeeping		4,356	-	4,356	3,168
Legal and professional fees		1,215	-	1,215	-
Independence examination		840	-	840	840
Depreciation, amortisation and other similar costs		2,108	-	2,108	1,141
Grant funding of activities	8	5,911	24,626	30,537	21,211
Staff costs	10	45,615	-	45,615	41,689
		139,956	24,626	164,582	142,868

8 Grant-making

Analysis of grants

	Grants to institutions	
	2023	2022
	£	£
Grants	30,537	21,211

9 Trustees remuneration and related party transactions

Mr R Smillie, a trustee, and his wife are employees of the charity and received gross income of £45,548 (2022 - £41,548). The charity also paid £10,055 (2022 - £10,079) for their living accommodation.

The only other payments made to the trustees, or any person connected with them, consisted of reimbursements of expenditure incurred on behalf of the charity in furthering the charity's objects.

10 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	45,615	41,689

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2023	2022
	No	No
Staff	2	2

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Office equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2022	123,988	39,857	163,845
Additions	-	3,727	3,727
Disposals	-	(2,779)	(2,779)
At 31 March 2023	123,988	40,805	164,793
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2022	123,988	36,433	160,421
Charge for the year	-	1,531	1,531
Eliminated on disposals	-	(1,752)	(1,752)
At 31 March 2023	123,988	36,212	160,200
Net book value			
At 31 March 2023	-	4,593	4,593
At 31 March 2022	-	3,424	3,424

12 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Prepayments	9,762	280
Accrued income	8,073	8,211
	17,835	8,491

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	717	338
Other taxation and social security	700	719
Accruals	880	880
	2,297	1,937

14 Funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
General Funds	62,753	170,848	(139,956)	(1,017)	92,628
Designated					
Dilapidation fund	48,000	-	-	-	48,000
Rent fund	42,000	-	-	-	42,000
	90,000	-	-	-	90,000
Total unrestricted funds	152,753	170,848	(139,956)	(1,017)	182,628
Restricted funds					
Building fund	386	60	-	-	446
Global Compassion	-	65	(65)	-	-
Global Compassion: Hope House	399	2,645	(2,399)	41	686
Specific gifts	-	800	(800)	-	-
Church and community needs	20	-	(20)	-	-
Ukraine fund	3,908	25,482	(21,342)	976	9,024
Nepal	33	-	-	-	33
	4,746	29,052	(24,626)	1,017	10,189
Total funds	157,499	199,900	(164,582)	-	192,817

Restricted funds:
These represent the activities of the church and specific donations are received to support work carried out both locally and internationally.

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
General Funds	19,184	170,441	(128,267)	1,395	62,753
Designated					
Dilapidation fund	48,000	-	-	-	48,000
Rent fund	42,000	-	-	-	42,000
	90,000	-	-	-	90,000
Total unrestricted funds	109,184	170,441	(128,267)	1,395	152,753
Restricted funds					
Building fund	326	60	-	-	386
Equipment	-	1,395	-	(1,395)	-
Global Compassion	-	172	(172)	-	-
Global Compassion: Hope House	105	1,180	(886)	-	399
Church and community needs	17	20	(17)	-	20
Ukraine fund	-	9,186	(5,278)	-	3,908
Bangladesh Motorcycle	7,610	638	(8,248)	-	-
Nepal	-	33	-	-	33
	8,058	12,684	(14,601)	(1,395)	4,746
Total funds	117,242	183,125	(142,868)	-	157,499

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 March 2023
	General	Designated		
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	4,593	-	-	4,593
Current assets	90,332	90,000	10,189	190,521
Current liabilities	(2,297)	-	-	(2,297)
Total net assets	92,628	90,000	10,189	192,817

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 March 2022
	General	Designated		
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	3,424	-	-	3,424
Current assets	61,266	90,000	4,746	156,012
Current liabilities	(1,937)	-	-	(1,937)
Total net assets	62,753	90,000	4,746	157,499

SUNCOAST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1108845

Accounts

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Suncoast Church

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SUNCOAST CHURCH

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SUNCOAST CHURCH

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Trustees	Robert Milburn Smillie Peter Sinclair Dobson Jonathon Robinson
Charity Registration Number	1108845
Company Registration Number	05331510
	The charity is incorporated in England.
Registered Office	3 Courtlands Road Eastbourne East Sussex BN22 8TR
Independent Examiner	G W Schulz ACMA Independent Examiners Ltd 2 Broadbridge Business Centre Delling Lane Bosham, Chichester West Sussex PO18 8NF
Bankers	HSCB 94 Terminus Road Eastbourne East Sussex BN21 3ND

SUNCOAST CHURCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The company's objectives and principal activities are:
• The advancement of the Christian Faith in accordance with the declaration of faith set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association.
• The advancement of education on the basis of Christian principles.
• The relief of persons who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress,aged or sick.

These objectives are progressed through the various activities and departments in the life of the church, continuing to work increasingly within the community in which it is based.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The company is constituted under a Memorandum of Association dated 13/01/2005 and is a registered charity number 1108845.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The management of the company is the responsibility of the trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Articles of Association.

The directors look for persons of proven integrity who share the vision and objectives of the charity and who have the relevant wisdom and experience to contribute to the running of the company. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the Senior Pastor remains chairman of the company. The remaining board members retire by rotation.

Induction and training of trustees

Each new director is provided with the relevant Charity Commission publications, a copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association and at a meeting with the Chairman fully briefed on the operation of the company and the responsibility of the directors.

SUNCOAST CHURCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Organisational structure

The charity, based in Eastbourne is governed by a board of directors who are responsible for all financial decisions and management. The members of the board of directors work in close consultation with members of the Senior Leadership Team who are responsible for the formulating and implementing of strategy and planning as well as the oversight of various departments.

The activities of the charity are facilitated by regular Sunday meetings and special events, a network of house groups and community based projects which include a children's outreach program and street chaplaincy. The charity also works with Eastbourne Churches Working Together and other local community support groups such as Foodbank and Street Pastors.

Risk management

The directors are confident that risks are kept to a minimum through strict financial control with regular reviews. The directors consider that the main risk to the company would be a reduction in the size of the church membership or its ability and desire to give. This risk is managed through regular reporting of giving trends and active development of the growing vision. Church membership has increased and the directors are confident that it will continue increasing at this time.

Review of charitable activities undertaken

Advancement of the Christian faith:

During the early part of this year Covid 19 lockdowns restricted some of the activities of the Charity, however, Sunday sermons were live streamed online via Facebook and later uploaded to Youtube. When the last of the restrictions were lifted and in-person meetings resumed, live streaming of Sunday sermons continued throughout the remaining part of the year.

Midweek 'Connect Groups', set up to provide pastoral care, as well as equipping and encouraging Christians to promote the Christian faith were conducted via Zoom in the early part of the year, returning to in-person meetings when restrictions were eased.

Each week three prayer meetings are held, two of which were conducted on Zoom.

Christmas services including a carol service were well attended by both members and non-members of the church.

The charity had moved its children's program online via Zoom during lockdowns. With the easing of Covid restrictions the Children's Church opened with a new program and experienced strong growth throughout the remaining part of the year.

Beyond the U.K. the charity continued to provide regular financial support for a full-time missionary couple based in Southern Mexico and funding was sent for the purchase of motorbikes for the use of evangelists working in Bangladesh.

SUNCOAST CHURCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Advancement of education:

The Charity continued to run a four-week educational program called 'Growth Track' for prospective members. This program runs three times per year.

The support group for newly arrived Christian asylum seekers in Eastbourne which had been set up in early 2021 continued to meet on a weekly basis at the church premises and in a local café. During these meetings bible teaching was given on many subjects relevant to the Christian faith. English lessons were also provided for these refugees by a qualified teacher.

The charity established a Bible School in January 2022 with 50 students in attendance. The school curriculum offers a three-year course in systematic theology as well as church history, apologetics, and other practical ministry subjects.

Relief of persons in need:

International

A donation was made to a family in Ukraine to part cover the cost of an urgent medical operation for their daughter. Another donation was made for the purchase of winter clothes for impoverished villagers in Nepal.

As in previous years, the charity provided funds for the 70 boys and girls of 'Hope House' in Bangladesh to have a Christmas dinner. 'Hope House' is a children's home for orphaned and abandoned children.

In January '22 the Charity made a donation to a Church in Kyiv, Ukraine, to help fund their 'Warming Point', a large, heated tent in which the homeless of the city could gather and receive a hot meal throughout winter. Then in February '22 the Russian forces began an invasion of Ukraine. In March the Charity provided financial support to partner churches in the Ukraine who were engaged in providing humanitarian aid to refugees. Clothing items were also purchased locally and transported to Ukraine by road.

Local

A men's support group meeting on a fortnightly basis ran throughout the year. This group is known as 'Bros' and was established with a view to helping men deal with life controlling issues such as addictions. The group meets in a member's home and is always well attended.

Locally, the Charity continued to partner with the local branch of the Foodbank, providing a food drop off point within the building.

Donations were made to several local charities. These included the 'Make Lunch' program which provides lunches for children during school holidays, Friends of Eastbourne Hospital, and the Sanctuary Café which supports local asylum seekers. The charity also supplied volunteers for the 'Make Lunch' initiative.

Men's clothing was purchased for newly arrived asylum seekers in Eastbourne.

Individuals in need were assisted financially during the year with one-time donations.

SUNCOAST CHURCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Financial review

Income for the year amounted to £183,125 (2021 - £142,303) and expenditure £142,868 (2021 - £117,907). The surplus was added to funds brought forward, with balances at the year end being £117,242 for unrestricted and £4,746 for restricted funds.

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

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The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 17 November 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Robert Milburn Smillie
Trustee

SUNCOAST CHURCH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SUNCOAST CHURCH

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022 which are set out on pages 8 to 19.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of Suncoast Church (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of Suncoast Church are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Suncoast Church as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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17 November 2022

SUNCOAST CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	162,914	12,684	175,598	137,288
Charitable activities	4	790	-	790	-
Investment income	5	37	-	37	65
Other income	6	6,700	-	6,700	4,950
Total income		170,441	12,684	183,125	142,303
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	7	128,267	14,601	142,868	117,907
Total expenditure		128,267	14,601	142,868	117,907
Net income/(expenditure)		42,174	(1,917)	40,257	24,396
Transfers between funds		1,395	(1,395)	-	-
Net movement in funds		43,569	(3,312)	40,257	24,396
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		109,184	8,058	117,242	92,846
Total funds carried forward	14	152,753	4,746	157,499	117,242

The notes on pages 10 to 19 form an integral part of these financial statements.

SUNCOAST CHURCH

(REGISTRATION NUMBER: 05331510)
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	3,424	3,170
Current assets			
Debtors	12	8,491	10,321
Cash at bank and in hand		147,521	108,171
		156,012	118,492
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	(1,937)	(4,420)
Net current assets		154,075	114,072
Net assets		157,499	117,242
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		4,746	8,058
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		152,753	109,184
Total funds	14	157,499	117,242

For the financial year ending 31 March 2022 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements on pages 8 to 19 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 17 November 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

.....
Robert Milburn Smillie
Trustee

SUNCOAST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in England, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

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

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). They also comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Suncoast Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Income and endowments

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

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Gift aid

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Grant provisions

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty about either the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation
Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Short-term leasehold property	over remainder of lease
Office equipment	25% reducing balance method

Debtors
Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Liabilities
Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Fund structure
Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Financial instruments
The company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Donations and legacies;				
Donations	141,304	12,684	153,988	116,821
Gift aid reclaimed	21,610	-	21,610	20,467
	162,914	12,684	175,598	137,288

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Bible college	790	790	-

5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Interest receivable and similar income;				
Interest receivable on bank deposits	37	-	37	65

6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Rental income	6,700	-	6,700	4,950

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Church activities and mission		2,911	-	2,911	1,149
Premises costs and hall hire		44,501	-	44,501	41,705
Equipment costs		807	-	807	754
National organisation seed		310	-	310	5,587
Travelling expenses		398	-	398	87
Manse costs		10,079	-	10,079	10,055
Hospitality and catering		4,507	-	4,507	97
Insurance, subscriptions and		6,010	-	6,010	3,313
Postage, stationery and		4,595	-	4,595	4,287
Bank charges and currency costs		701	-	701	404
Bookkeeping		3,168	-	3,168	3,168
Independence examination		840	-	840	810
Depreciation, amortisation and other similar costs		1,141	-	1,141	1,057
Grant funding of activities	8	6,610	14,601	21,211	8,142
Staff costs	10	41,689	-	41,689	37,292
		128,267	14,601	142,868	117,907

8 Grant-making

Analysis of grants

	Grants to institutions	
	2022	2021
	£	£
Grants	21,212	8,142

9 Trustees remuneration and related party transactions

Mr R Smillie, a trustee, and his wife are employees of the charity and received gross income of £41,548 (2021 - £37,292). The charity also paid £10,079 (2021 - £10,055) for their living accommodation.

The only other payments made to the trustees, or any person connected with them, consisted of reimbursements of expenditure incurred on behalf of the charity in furthering the charity's objects.

10 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	41,689	37,292

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2022	2021
	No	No
Staff	2	2

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Office equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2021	123,988	38,462	162,450
Additions	-	1,395	1,395
At 31 March 2022	123,988	39,857	163,845
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2021	123,988	35,292	159,280
Charge for the year	-	1,141	1,141
At 31 March 2022	123,988	36,433	160,421
Net book value			
At 31 March 2022	-	3,424	3,424
At 31 March 2021	-	3,170	3,170

12 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Prepayments	280	280
Accrued income	8,211	7,339
Other debtors	-	2,702
	8,491	10,321

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	338	1,195
Other taxation and social security	719	458
Other creditors	-	1,917
Accruals	880	850
	1,937	4,420

14 Funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
General Funds	19,184	170,441	(128,267)	1,395	62,753
Designated					
Dilapidation fund	48,000	-	-	-	48,000
Rent fund	42,000	-	-	-	42,000
	90,000	-	-	-	90,000
Total unrestricted funds	109,184	170,441	(128,267)	1,395	152,753
Restricted funds					
Building fund	326	60	-	-	386
Equipment	-	1,395	-	(1,395)	-
Global Compassion	-	172	(172)	-	-
Global Compassion: Hope House	105	1,180	(886)	-	399
Church and community needs	17	20	(17)	-	20
Ukraine fund	-	9,186	(5,278)	-	3,908
Bangladesh Motorcycle	7,610	638	(8,248)	-	-
Nepal	-	33	-	-	33
	8,058	12,684	(14,601)	(1,395)	4,746
Total funds	117,242	183,125	(142,868)	-	157,499

Restricted funds:
Equipment fund: The transfer from restricted to unrestricted funds was for the purchase of an asset to be held for general use.
Other funds: These represent the activities of the church and specific donations are received to support work carried out both locally and internationally.

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
General Funds	1,570	131,677	(114,455)	392	19,184
Designated					
Dilapidation fund	48,000	-	-	-	48,000
Rent fund	42,000	-	-	-	42,000
	90,000	-	-	-	90,000
Total unrestricted funds	91,570	131,677	(114,455)	392	109,184
Restricted funds					
Building fund	266	60	-	-	326
Equipment	376	-	(94)	(282)	-
Global Compassion	5	1,220	(1,225)	-	-
Global Compassion: Hope House	145	10	(155)	-	-
Church planting fund	110	-	-	(110)	-
Specific gifts	-	859	(754)	-	105
Church and community needs	343	110	(436)	-	17
Ukraine fund	31	757	(788)	-	-
Bangladesh Motorcycle	-	7,610	-	-	7,610
	1,276	10,626	(3,452)	(392)	8,058
Total funds	92,846	142,303	(117,907)	-	117,242

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 March 2022
	General	Designated		
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	3,424	-	-	3,424
Current assets	61,266	90,000	4,746	156,012
Current liabilities	(1,937)	-	-	(1,937)
Total net assets	62,753	90,000	4,746	157,499

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 March 2021
	General	Designated		
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	3,170	-	-	3,170
Current assets	20,434	90,000	8,058	118,492
Current liabilities	(4,420)	-	-	(4,420)
Total net assets	19,184	90,000	8,058	117,242

SUNCOAST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1108845

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Registration Number	1108845
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The company's objectives and principal activities are:
• The advancement of the Christian Faith in accordance with the declaration of faith set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association.
• The advancement of education on the basis of Christian principles.
• The relief of persons who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress,aged or sick.

These objectives are progressed through the various activities and departments in the life of the church, continuing to work increasingly within the community in which it is based.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The company is constituted under a Memorandum of Association dated 13/01/2005 and is a registered charity number 1108845.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The management of the company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Articles of Association.

The directors look for persons of proven integrity who share the vision and objectives of the charity and who have the relevant wisdom and experience to contribute to the running of the company. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the Senior Pastor remains chairman of the company. The remaining board members retire by rotation.

Induction and training of trustees

Each new director is provided with the relevant Charity Commission publications, a copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association and at a meeting with the Chairman fully briefed on the operation of the company and the responsibility of the directors.

SUNCOAST CHURCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Organisational structure

The charity, based in Eastbourne is governed by a board of directors who are responsible for all financial decisions and management. The members of the board of directors work in close consultation with members of the Senior Leadership Team who are responsible for the formulating and implementing of strategy and planning as well as the oversight of various departments.

The activities of the charity are facilitated by regular Sunday meetings and special events, a network of house groups and community based projects which include a children's outreach program and street chaplaincy. The charity also works with Eastbourne Churches Working Together and other local community support groups such as Foodbank and Street Pastors.

Risk management

The directors are confident that risks are kept to a minimum through strict financial control with regular reviews. The directors consider that the main risk to the company would be a reduction in the size of the church membership or its ability and desire to give. This risk is managed through regular reporting of giving trends and active development of the growing vision. Church membership has increased and the directors are confident that it will continue increasing at this time.

Relations with other organisations

The charitable company is part of the International Network of Churches and makes covenanted payments to its European Oversight, I.N.C., and makes occasional donations to its international relief charity, Global Compassion.

Review of charitable activities undertaken

Advancement of the Christian faith:

During this year of Covid 19 lockdowns the charity continued to employ one full time pastor/evangelist for the purposes of evangelism and the organisation of evangelistic events, most of which were streamed online.

The charity also increased the hours of its part-time administrator to full-time to better facilitate the aims and objectives of the charity.

The charity continued to lease a building, which was used to provide the local community with a place of worship whenever Covid 19 lockdowns were eased.

When not in lockdown, the building continued to provide accommodation for local community groups/charities such as the Performance Factory and the Blood Bank.

When not in lockdown due to Covid 19, the charity continued to conduct in-person Sunday morning services throughout the year. During periods when lockdowns prevented this, Sunday services were live streamed via Facebook and later uploaded to YouTube with a number of people embracing or returning to the Christian faith in response, including several based outside the U.K.

Midweek meetings conducted via Zoom were also held to promote the Christian faith. The charity also moved its engaging children's program online via Zoom during these lockdowns.

Overseas Missionary Support: The charity continued to provide regular financial support for a full-time missionary couple based in Southern Mexico. This couple had been members of the church for several years before undertaking the move to Mexico. A mentoring relationship with them continues via Zoom.

Advancement of education:

The charity continued to run a short-term educational program called 'Growth Track' for prospective members of the church which in the future will be conducted three times per year.

A support group for newly arrived Christian asylum seekers in Eastbourne was set up on a weekly basis at the church premises in early 2021 when lockdown was eased. The charity supplied Christian books for these asylum seekers and teaching was given on many subjects relevant to the Christian faith.

The charity made monthly contributions to INC Europe, which is a charity that organises Christian conferences and seminars in the UK.

The charity produced online video content to support our children's work during lockdowns.

Relief of persons in need:

Covid 19 lockdowns in Nepal and Bangladesh brought much hardship to the most disadvantaged in these countries in the form of unemployment and food scarcity. The Charity partnered with two NGOs in these nations and sent £2000 for emergency relief.

In Central and Eastern Bulgaria Covid 19 lockdowns severely impacted the Gypsy communities there. Being unable to travel and work many families found themselves needing emergency food relief. Some families also lost a parent to Covid 19 leaving them without a breadwinner. The charity partnered with an NGO based in Plovdiv, central Bulgaria and provided £1,048 for the purchase of food staples.

Locally, the charity continued to partner with the local branch of the Foodbank, providing a food drop off point within the building. A donation of £200 was also made to the local charity Matthew 25 for their work feeding the homeless of Eastbourne, and a donation of £550 was made to People Matter, a local charity helping the unemployed of the town to find jobs. The charity also purchased new winter clothing for some locally based asylum seekers.

The charity provided funds for the 72 boys and girls of 'Hope House' in Bangladesh to have a Christmas dinner. 'Hope House' is a children's home for orphaned and abandoned children. Left over funds were used to buy clothes for the children.

SUNCOAST CHURCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT

The charity provided funds of £787 for the basic needs of individuals on a drug and alcohol recovery program at a rehabilitation centre in central Ukraine. The funds were also used to take care of the basic needs of the 50 (approx.) elderly residents of a care home run by the same NGO. Many of these elderly people are physically disabled and are visually impaired and cannot draw the meagre state pension due to a lack of personal documentation.

Financial review

Income for the year amounted to £142,303 (2020 - £154,420) and expenditure £117,907 (2020 - £117,907). The surplus was added to funds brought forward, with balances at the year end being £109,184 for unrestricted and £8,058 for restricted funds.

Investment policy and objectives

As INC is still pioneering its work in Europe, all funds generated are used to progress the objectives and visions of the organisation. Investment policy will be reviewed as the church continues to grow.

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

Statement of Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Suncoast Church for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 19 November 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

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Robert Milburn Smillie
Trustee

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	126,662	10,626	137,288	133,121
Charitable activities	4	-	-	-	32
Investment income	5	65	-	65	124
Other income	6	4,950	-	4,950	21,143
Total income		131,677	10,626	142,303	154,420
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	7	114,455	3,452	117,907	120,713
Total expenditure		114,455	3,452	117,907	120,713
Net income		17,222	7,174	24,396	33,707
Transfers between funds		392	(392)	-	-
Net movement in funds		17,614	6,782	24,396	33,707
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		91,570	1,276	92,846	59,139
Total funds carried forward	14	109,184	8,058	117,242	92,846

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 05331510

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	3,170	4,226
Current assets			
Debtors	12	10,321	15,712
Cash at bank and in hand		108,171	77,828
		118,492	93,540
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	(4,420)	(4,920)
Net current assets		114,072	88,620
Net assets		117,242	92,846
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		8,058	1,276
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		109,184	91,570
Total funds	14	117,242	92,846

For the financial year ending 31 March 2021 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements on pages 8 to 19 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 19 November 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

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Robert Milburn Smillie
Trustee

The notes on pages 10 to 19 form an integral part of these financial statements.

SUNCOAST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in England, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

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

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). They also comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Suncoast Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Income and endowments

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

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Gift aid

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Investment income

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Grant provisions

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty about either the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation
Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Short-term leasehold property	over remainder of lease
Office equipment	25% reducing balance method

Debtors
Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Liabilities
Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Fund structure
Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Financial instruments
The company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Donations and legacies;				
Donations	106,195	10,626	116,821	117,432
Gift aid reclaimed	20,467	-	20,467	15,689
	126,662	10,626	137,288	133,121

4 Income from charitable activities

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Cafe Sales	-	32

5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Interest receivable and similar income;				
Interest receivable on bank deposits	65	-	65	124

6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Rental income	4,950	-	4,950	21,143

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Church activities and mission		1,149	-	1,149	3,527
Premises costs and hall hire		41,705	-	41,705	45,673
Equipment costs		754	-	754	1,526
National organisation seed		5,587	-	5,587	5,534
Travelling expenses		87	-	87	2,045
Manse costs		10,055	-	10,055	10,055
Hospitality and catering		97	-	97	2,846
Insurance, subscriptions and		3,313	-	3,313	2,677
Postage, stationery and		4,287	-	4,287	3,521
Bank charges and currency costs		404	-	404	560
Bookkeeping		3,168	-	3,168	3,168
Legal and professional fees		-	-	-	491
Independence examination		810	-	810	810
Depreciation, amortisation and other similar costs		963	94	1,057	1,408
Grant funding of activities	8	4,784	3,358	8,142	5,733
Staff costs	10	37,292	-	37,292	31,139
		114,455	3,452	117,907	120,713

8 Grant-making

Analysis of grants

	Grants to institutions	
	2021	2020
	£	£
Grants	8,142	5,733

9 Trustees remuneration and related party transactions

Mr R Smillie, a trustee, and his wife are employees of the charity and received gross income of £37,292 (2020 - £31,139). The charity also paid £10,055 (2020 - £10,055) for their living accommodation.

The only other payments made to the trustees, or any person connected with them, consisted of reimbursements of expenditure incurred on behalf of the charity in furthering the charity's objects.

10 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	37,292	31,139

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2021	2020
	No	No
Staff	2	2

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Office equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2020	123,988	38,462	162,450
Additions	-	(34,236)	(34,236)
At 31 March 2021	123,988	4,226	128,214
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2020	123,988	1,056	125,044
At 31 March 2021	123,988	1,056	125,044
Net book value			
At 31 March 2021	-	3,170	3,170
At 31 March 2020	-	37,406	37,406

12 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Prepayments	280	9,762
Accrued income	7,339	5,410
Other debtors	2,702	540
	10,321	15,712

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	1,195	1,508
Other taxation and social security	458	1,075
Other creditors	1,917	1,487
Accruals	850	850
	4,420	4,920

14 Funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
General Funds	1,570	131,677	(114,455)	392	19,184
Designated					
Dilapidation fund	48,000	-	-	-	48,000
Rent fund	42,000	-	-	-	42,000
	90,000	-	-	-	90,000
Total unrestricted funds	91,570	131,677	(114,455)	392	109,184
Restricted funds					
Building fund	266	60	-	-	326
Sound equipment	376	-	(94)	(282)	-
Global Compassion	5	1,220	(1,225)	-	-
Global Compassion: Hope House	145	10	(155)	-	-
Church planting fund	110	-	-	(110)	-
Specific gifts	-	859	(754)	-	105
Church and community needs	343	110	(436)	-	17
Ukraine fund	31	757	(788)	-	-
Bangladesh Motorcycle	-	7,610	-	-	7,610
	1,276	10,626	(3,452)	(392)	8,058
Total funds	92,846	142,303	(117,907)	-	117,242

Restricted funds:
Building and sound equipment fund: These were donations received for the purpose of funding the cost of improvements and future running costs of the new church building. The transfer from restricted to unrestricted funds was for the purchase of an asset to be held for general use.
Other funds: These represent the activities of the church and specific donations are received to support work carried out both locally and internationally. The church planting fund has been transferred to general funds with the express permission of the donor.

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2019 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2020 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
General Funds	(32,173)	150,930	(117,187)	-	1,570
Designated					
Dilapidation fund	48,000	-	-	-	48,000
Rent fund	42,000	-	-	-	42,000
	90,000	-	-	-	90,000
Total unrestricted funds	57,827	150,930	(117,187)	-	91,570
Restricted funds					
Building fund	206	60	-	-	266
Sound equipment	501	-	(125)	-	376
Global Compassion	-	58	(53)	-	5
Global Compassion: Hope House	167	786	(808)	-	145
Church planting fund	10	100	-	-	110
Specific gifts	-	565	(565)	-	-
Church and community needs	428	250	(335)	-	343
Ukraine fund	-	1,671	(1,640)	-	31
	1,312	3,490	(3,526)	-	1,276
Total funds	59,139	154,420	(120,713)	-	92,846

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 March 2021
	General	Designated		
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	3,170	-	-	3,170
Current assets	20,434	90,000	8,058	118,492
Current liabilities	(4,420)	-	-	(4,420)
Total net assets	19,184	90,000	8,058	117,242

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 March 2020
	General	Designated		
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	4,226	-	376	4,602
Current assets	2,264	90,000	900	93,164
Current liabilities	(4,920)	-	-	(4,920)
Total net assets	1,570	90,000	1,276	92,846