

**ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST MARCH 2023**

**SILKLIFE
CHURCH**

CHARITY REGISTRATION No:1110560

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER	1110560
START OF FINANCIAL PERIOD	1 st April 2022
END OF FINANCIAL PERIOD	31 st March 2023
TRUSTEES AT 31ST MARCH 2019	Cliff Bradbrook Alain Kyd Chrissie Thompson Matthew Godwin Katy Nyman David Atkinson

The existing Trustees appoint any new Trustees following the provisions laid out in the organisation's governing instrument.

LEGAL STATUS	Unincorporated Charity
GOVERNING INSTRUMENT	Declaration of Trust Deed dated 28th June 2005

OBJECTIVES

1. The advancement of the Christian religion in accordance with the statement of beliefs set out in the annex to this document particularly but not exclusively in Macclesfield (Hereinafter known as the "Area of Benefit")
2. The Relief of those in need in particular but not exclusively the elderly and those persons in condition of financial hardship in the area of benefit by the provision of grants, loans or any other such assistance given at the trustees' absolute discretion
3. To advance public education in particular that of children and adults in the area of benefit.

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS	Silklife Church The Silklife Centre George Street Macclesfield Cheshire SK11 6HS
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PRIMARY BANKERS	Royal Bank of Scotland Macclesfield Chestergate Branch 56 Chestergate Macclesfield Cheshire SK11 6BA
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	C J Allies FCCA 178 Buxton Road Hazel Grove Stockport SK7 6LY
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees/members of Macclesfield Family Church on the accounts for the period ended 31st March 2023 set out on pages 6 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Charities Act);
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners statement

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

Independent examiners statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date:

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

Macclesfield Family Church has been meeting regularly in Macclesfield since April 2003 as a church plant of Burnage Family Church (NO. 1021798). With effect from 25th July 2005 it became registered as a charity in its own right with its own Trust Deed. In September 2009 it changed name from Macclesfield Family Church to Silklife Church.

Over the last year this is how we have endeavoured to fulfil our Trust Deed Objectives:

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Objective 1.

1. Sunday morning services (including teaching of children referred to in Objective 3) during which the bible is preached and taught from.
2. The Church continued to run Sunday services and a range of mid week meetings for 1:1s and small groups.
3. Midweek “Growth Groups” during which bible based teaching is discussed and applied.
4. Publicity including the church website advertising the church and furthering the gospel and bible teaching.
5. Teaching from Sunday morning is available online through Youtube and Soundcloud.

Objective 2.

1. Hope in North East Cheshire Initiatives - in partnership with over 30 other churches in Macclesfield and also in partnership with local agencies including the police, council and fire services. We have provided a practical and financial contribution to Hope In North East Cheshire.
2. In December 2010 we opened a Foodbank in Macclesfield relieving those in particular need with a short-term food parcel. Demand for food parcels increased significantly with the onset of the COVID pandemic. During the COVID pandemic our referral rate escalated to over 200 referrals each month. This has reduced slightly to between 160 and 180 separate referrals each month (many of these are for families or couples). In June 2020 we appointed a part time paid foodbank coordinator to lead our team of volunteers. In January 2022 the foodbank coordinator role became a full time post with additional support from a foodbank support worker two days a week.
3. During the pandemic we significantly enhanced our warehouse facilities and delivery procedures to meet the spiralling need.
4. The foodbank has expanded to serve a larger geography in North East region of Cheshire East in partnership with local providers. The foodbank also offers our of hours food distribution for those in food crisis over the weekend.
5. Silklife launched a Community Support Programme in March 2022 to support vulnerable adults in the community.

Objective 3.

1. Various Sunday school clubs for children aged 0-11. This includes education in the Christian religion and general education is achieved simultaneously.
2. Youth Club on Friday evenings and Sunday mornings which again includes education in the Christian Religion for 11-18 year olds.
3. In December 2022 the Church partnered with Saltmine Theatre Company to provide a Christmas theatre experience to the local community.

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Reserves Policy

An amount of £3,000 has been designated as a reserve fund to cover regular commitments which would be unavoidable if income were to suddenly cease.

Approved by the Trustees on

Signed on their behalf by

Trustee

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS **FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31st MARCH 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022/2023	Total 2021/2022
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary Receipts	2a	90,768	13,910	104,678	93,538
Investment Income	2b	0	0	0	8
Other Receipts	2c	8,948	83,541	92,489	150,132
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<i>99,716</i>	<i>97,451</i>	<i>197,167</i>	<i>243,678</i>
PAYMENTS					
Cost of Generating Voluntary Receipts	3a	6,000	37,445	43,445	37,023
Cost of Charitable Activities	3b	121,414	0	121,414	60,846
Governance Costs	3c	49,217	0	49,217	44,594
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<i>176,631</i>	<i>37,445</i>	<i>214,076</i>	<i>142,463</i>
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES				<i>(16,909)</i>	<i>101,215</i>
Balances Brought Forward				176,570	75,355
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD				<i>159,661</i>	<i>176,570</i>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES **AS AT 31st MARCH 2023**

	Notes	31/3/2023 £	31/3/2022 £
ASSETS			
Cash Funds:			
Current Account		143,075	169,484
Total Assets		143,075	169,484
Represented by:			
General Fund		140,075	166,484
Reserve fund		3,000	3,000
		143,075	169,484
Assets retained for the Charity's own use:			
Equipment		7,086	7,086
Motor vehicles		9,500	0
		16,586	7,086
Total Net Assets		159,661	176,570

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS **FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31st MARCH 2023**

1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounts have been prepared under the “Receipts and Payments” basis as prescribed by the Charity Commissioners, and they meet the appropriate legal requirements. The accounts are prepared on a “going concern” basis.

2. RECEIPTS

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022/23	Total 2021/22
a) Voluntary Receipts					
Tithes and collections		72,154	0	72,154	62,612
Special Collections and gifts		0	13,910	13,910	13,869
Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed		18,614	0	18,614	17,057
		<u>90,768</u>	<u>13,910</u>	<u>104,678</u>	<u>93,538</u>
b) Investment Income					
Bank Interest		0	0	0	8
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8</u>
c) Other Receipts					
Rental income		2,060	0	2,060	380
Noah’s Ark and Youth		6,888	0	6,888	650
Food Bank – donations and grants		0	83,541	83,541	149,102
		<u>8,948</u>	<u>83,541</u>	<u>92,489</u>	<u>150,132</u>

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3. PAYMENT S

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022/23	Total 2021/22
a) Cost of Generating Voluntary Receipts					
Overseas and Mission		0	14,355	14,355	6,750
Food Bank		0	23,090	23,090	21,773
Christ Central Churches		6,000	0	6,000	8,500
		6,000	37,445	43,445	37,023
b) Costs of Charitable Activities					
Church Resources		1,548	0	1,548	3,744
Noah's Ark, Youth and Newday		5,604	0	5,604	1,446
Outreach		16,345	0	16,345	5,006
Staff Costs	5&6	88,784	0	88,784	45,207
Personal pension		5,345	0	5,345	1,139
Training		1,274	0	1,274	967
Child Protection Bureau		358	0	358	243
Membership fees and subscriptions		884	0	884	800
Visiting Guest Gifts and Expenses		1,272	0	1,272	2,294
		121,414	0	121,414	60,846
c) Governance Costs					
Accountancy		400	0	400	400
Light, heat and water		10,500	0	10,500	6,065
Insurance		2,833	0	2,833	2,700
Cleaning and hygiene		4,479	0	4,479	4,695
Other, including repairs and phone		4,505	0	4,505	4,234
Rent		26,500	0	26,500	26,500
		49,217	0	49,217	44,594

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5. PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES

During the financial year trustee Mr D Atkinson received £18,240 (2022: £17,880) in salary in furthering the charity's objects.

No other payments were made to Trustees during this financial period. No other material transaction took place between the organisation and a trustee.

6. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

	2022/23	2021/22
Gross Wages and Salaries	<u>88,784</u> <u>45,327</u>	<u>45,327</u> <u>27,952</u>
Employees who were engaged in activities in furtherance of organisation's objects (FTE) at 31/3/2023	5	5

No employees received emoluments in the range of over £50,000. The payroll is operated under the PAYE scheme with the Inland Revenue.

7. RISK ASSESSMENT

The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserve stated combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

8. RESERVES POLICY

The trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. The trustees aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.