



# The Saints' Projects Trust

'To advance the Christian faith and relieve poverty'

Trustees' Annual Report for year ended  
31 December 2024

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## Legal and Administrative Information

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### Governing Document

The Saints' Projects Trust was established on 20 July 2006.

### Coordinators

Sampson Okyere, International Coordinator, Ghana

Bharat Bhattari, Deputy International Coordinator, Nepal

### Employees

Caleb Howard, CEO

### Patrons

Lord Alton of Liverpool

Mr Daniel Hodson

Baroness Philippa Stroud

Rev Canon Patrick Whitworth

Mr Michael Younger

Dr James Orr

Mr Peter Fane

Lord Henry Bellingham

Mr Nathan McHenry

Rev Bobby Hill

### **Trustees**

Rev Michael John Smith (chair)

Rev Mark Mills-Powell

Rev Dr Richard Higginson

Rev Daniel Foot

LingLing Parnin

Rev Tim Mills

Sampson Okyere

Natalie deBungard

Dr Sue Howard (joined 10 December 2024)

Obiageliaku Rocque (resigned 15 March 2025)

Ully-Lange Orobor (resigned 30 July 2025)

Rod Levey (resigned 13 May 2025)

### **Banker**

NatWest Bank

21 Petty Cury

Cambridge CB2 3NE

### **Independent Examiner**

Tim Richardson

8 Emsons Close

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## Structure, Government, Management

### Governing Document

The Saints' Projects Trust original deed was written and approved by the first group of trustees on 20 July 2006. Shortly thereafter, the Charity Commission granted Registered Charity status under registration number 1115724. Set forth in the Trust Deed are the strategic aims and goals of the charity:

*Strategic Aims* – (1) To enable Christian prayer, teaching, and ministry service; (2) to support ministry to widows, disabled, orphans and students by supplying clothing, food, medicine, shelter and education; (3) supporting Christian ministry in local churches and teaching the Christian religion in the UK and overseas; (4) establishing and strengthening houses of prayer in the UK and overseas; (5) organizing pilgrimages and retreats.

*CORE Goals* – Ministry to Churches, Orphans, Relief, and Education. Our desire is to work with local pastors and Guild members to impact and heal their communities, plus funding education and small businesses for brighter futures.

### Organisational Structure

The charity is governed by a group of trustees who meet quarterly to set policy and review the activity of the charity. Trustee meetings are facilitated by the Chairperson and minutes are taken and reviewed at each meeting.

New trustees are proposed by existing trustees when they have satisfied themselves both of the need for further trustees, and that the person proposed meets the necessary qualifications as determined by the current trustees. In the year ending December 31, 2024, one new trustee was added: Sue Howard. She was approved at the Trustee Meeting on 10 December 2024.

### Review of Activities and Impact for Public Benefit

The mission of SPT is to 'advance the Christian faith and relieve poverty.' We deliver this vision by building relationships with individuals around the world and then working with them to build schools, start businesses and heal their communities. This is all supported and directed by our unique Guild prayer network that has thousands of members around the world.

There are several different well-documented and successful strategies for aiding communities in poverty alleviation. The model that SPT has chosen to follow is to focus our funding on educational and small-business opportunities. The hope is that by funding these areas, we are helping to create consistent and long-term income for those in need.

In the calendar year 2024, SPT sent over £35,000 in grants to foreign countries. These funds were used for a wide variety of projects, educational opportunities, small business ventures, and travel for our members.

Here are some of the highlights of our grants in 2024:

- Kampala Uganda: helping women who are fleeing sex work. SPT has maintained a home for these 40+ women and their children.
  - £12,000 sent for construction, small business start-ups, and educational opportunities.
- Migori County, Kenya: building a school for children affected by extreme poverty and AIDS
  - £5,000 sent to complete construction of new classrooms
- Zambia:
  - £3,000 sent to drill a borehole and provide clean water for a community
- Multiple trustees also traveled to visit different countries and different ongoing projects.

### **Monitoring and Evaluating of Funds and Projects**

Since SPT is still a small charity, it is very important to us that all of the funds that are spent are closely monitored. SPT has a few systems in place to do this:

- (1) One of the best aspects of SPT is the relationship the trustees have built with the beneficiaries in each country. It is much easier to maintain accountability when these strong relationships exist. We are in constant communication with each beneficiary and ask them to send updates to the trustees and pictures of their project's progress. This includes a report on budget, struggles, successes, and health of the project.
- (2) SPT has established a National Coordinator in each country. These are individuals who we have met in person and with whom we have a deep relationship. They are all members of the prayer Guild and help to oversee it in their country. These National Coordinators are the 'boots on the ground' for SPT. It is the role of this person to periodically get updates from the beneficiary. Not only do they receive a report, but the National Coordinators encourage, pray with, and help empower the local beneficiaries to do their work. Additionally, the National Coordinators will periodically visit the site of the project if feasible.
- (3) Every 4-6 months, National Coordinators send a report to the International Coordinator, Deputy International Coordinator, and SPT Chairman, giving a full report on activities, successes, and future needs.
- (4) SPT Trustees routinely travel to these countries to strengthen relationships and to check on projects.

### **Trustees' Responsibilities**

The SPT trustees meet and converse regularly to decide on policy, fund distribution, and vision for the charity. Additionally, over the years several of them have traveled to visit our beneficiaries in Africa and India.

Charity law requires trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year. We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

### **Safeguarding**

SPT does have a Safeguarding Policy in place as well as a trustee who is the designated Safeguarding Officer (Sue Howard). Any safeguarding concerns are addressed at trustee meetings.

### **Approval**

This report was approved by the Trustees on 31 October, 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Caleb B Howard".

Caleb Howard

CEO, Saints' Projects Trust

## **The Saints Project Trust**

### **Financial Statements to 31 December 2024**

#### **Independent Examiner's Report**

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Charity Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year to 31 December 2024 under section 144 of the Charity Act 2011 and that an independent examination is required. It is my responsibility to:

- 1 examine the accounts under s 145 of the Charity Act
- 2 follow the procedures laid down in the General Direction given by the Charity Commission, and
- 3 to state whether any particular matters have come to my attention.

#### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 and seeking explanation from Trustees. 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 referred to below.

#### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

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

- 1 which give me reasonable cause to believe that the requirements

A to keep accounting records in accordance with s 130 Charities Act

B to prepare Accounts which agree to the accounting records and comply with Charity Act have not been met: or

- 2 to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

T Richardson BA ACA

8 Emsons Close, Linton, Cambridge, CB21 4NB

30 October 2025



**The Saints' Projects Trust**  
**Financial Report for the Year Ended 31 Dec 2024**

		Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	<b>Total Funds 2024 £</b>	Total Funds 2023 £
	Notes				
<b>Income</b>					
Individual Donors		9,005	24,641	<b>33,646</b>	27,380
Church Donations		1,500	1,500	<b>3,000</b>	6,239
Business Donations		200	550	<b>750</b>	11,100
Charitable Grant		0	1,000	<b>1,000</b>	8,375
Fundraising Events		506	578	<b>1,084</b>	7,578
Legacy Gift		0	0	<b>0</b>	0
Bank Refund/Interest		0	0	<b>0</b>	2,118
HMRC Gift Aid		8,152	0	<b>8,152</b>	9,258
Easy Fundraising		87	0	<b>87</b>	104
Transfer from Guild	(a)	0	1,073	<b>1,073</b>	1,764
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>19,450</b>	<b>29,342</b>	<b>48,792</b>	<b>73,916</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Foreign Grants		10,098	25,326	<b>35,424</b>	60,122
Guild Expenses		15	165	<b>180</b>	180
Fundraiser		332	0	<b>332</b>	2,805
Employee Wages	(b)	0	15,552	<b>15,552</b>	18,397
Operations		1,237	440	<b>1,677</b>	406
Bank Fees		150	0	<b>150</b>	655
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>11,832</b>	<b>41,484</b>	<b>53,315</b>	<b>82,565</b>
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>					
Funds C/F Previous Year		4,120	12,101	<b>16,222</b>	24,871
Deficit/Surplus for the Year		7,618	-12,142	<b>-4,523</b>	-8,649
<b>Funds Carried Forward</b>		<b>11,738</b>	<b>-41</b>	<b>11,699</b>	<b>16,222</b>

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	Notes	Balance Carried Forward 2021 £	Restricted Donations £	Expenditures £	Balance Carried Forward 2024 £
General Fund		469	24,474	23,582	<b>1,361</b>
Necca Zimbabwe		1,524	58	0	<b>1,582</b>
St. Mark's Academy		1,040	5,842	5,882	<b>1,000</b>
Sisters of Rahab and Ruth		100	1,100	700	<b>500</b>
Home of Love India		316	410	0	<b>726</b>
Sampson Ghana		322	241	563	<b>0</b>
Guild Travel Expenses		91	1,775	1,281	<b>585</b>
Nairobi Gathering		1,600	1,200	0	<b>2,800</b>
Operating Expenses		378	575	628	<b>325</b>
Education Fund		0	1,050	727	<b>323</b>
Emergency Relief		0	1,000	800	<b>200</b>
Guild of St. John		95	275	370	<b>0</b>
Employee Wages		4,841	10,500	15,341	<b>0</b>
Other Restricted Donations		5,445	13,726	16,874	<b>2,297</b>
Minus Internal Transfers			13,435	13,435	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>16,221</b>	<b>48,791</b>	<b>53,313</b>	<b>11,699</b>

**Financial Report Notes**

Note (a): The Guild is the prayer network which works with SPT. While the two organizations are deeply connected, they do maintain separate financial accounts. Therefore, there are often times that funds are sent from one account to the other.

Note (b): These funds went to anyone who performed paid work for SPT in 2023. The majority of this was the CEO, but also some outside independent contractors to help with specific projects.