

# SUTTON CHRISTIAN CENTRE TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1115813

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Charitable company

**Company number** [05878906](#)

**Registered** 2006-08-15

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 1) THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH EITHER IN THE UNITED KINGDOM OR OVERSEAS; 2) THE FURTHERANCE OF RELIGIOUS OR SECULAR EDUCATION; 3) THE RELIEF OF THE POOR AND NEEDY; 4) THE HELP AND COMFORT OF THE SICK AND AGED; AND5) THE ADVANCEMENT OF ANY CHARITABLE OBJECT NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THE FOREGOING.

**Activities:** Religious activitiesRelief to the poor and needyHelp and comfort to the sick and aged

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THE UNITED KINGDOM OR OVERSEAS
- Sutton

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-10-31	£161,013	£165,712	-	-
2023-10-31	£181,779	£168,344	-	-
2022-10-31	£189,081	£161,456	-	-
2021-10-31	£194,186	£154,403	-	-
2020-10-31	£175,683	£206,076	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANTONY JOHN HORSWOOD		
MICHAEL AMECHI IKWUEMESI		
OLUSEYI OLUYEMI OBAKIN		

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# Accounts

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**SUTTON CHRISTIAN CENTRE TRUST**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**31 OCTOBER 2024**

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**SUTTON CHRISTIAN CENTRE TRUST**  
**LEGAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION**

**Board**

Antony Horswood  
Mike Ikwuemesi  
Richard Langley  
Seyi Obakin

**Company Secretary**

Seyi Obakin

**Church Administrator**

Allison Marsh

**Registered Office**

25 Tate Road  
Sutton, Surrey  
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**Registration details**

Registered Charity No – 1115813  
Company Registration No – 5878906

**Solicitors**

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**SUTTON CHRISTIAN CENTRE TRUST  
REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024**

The Directors, who are also trustees of the charity, present their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2024, which comply with current statutory and accounting requirements.

**About Sutton Christian Centre Trust and its principal activities**

Sutton Christian Centre Trust is a registered charity legally organised in the form of a company limited by guarantee and governed by its Articles of Association. The Board of Trustees are the members of the company and their liability in the event of the company being wound up is limited to £1 each.

The company was incorporated on 17 July 2006 to take over the activities of Sutton Christian Centre Trust, a registered charity created by a trust deed dated 31 December 1985. The company became a registered charity (Charity Number 1115813) in England and Wales on 15 August 2006, its overall purpose being to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. Its charitable objectives are to advance the Christian faith in the United Kingdom or overseas, to further religious or secular education, to give relief to the poor and needy, and to help and comfort the sick and aged.

The Directors seek to achieve the company's charitable objectives by maintaining a centre of worship and fellowship, by regularly meeting for fellowship and prayer, by the baptising of believers by total immersion, by the dedication of infants and by the solemnisation of marriages. We run Sunday meetings where we preach the gospel, teach from the Bible and pray. The Church is split into small groups for pastoral care, we provide a wide range of activities for children and young adults and we reach out to Sutton's elderly through our ROSE ministries – a coordinated ministry with a specific vision to reach the elderly in our community for Christ. We host other activities to which all in our community are welcome.

**Governance**

The Company is controlled by a Board of Directors who also serve as trustees of the Charity. The Directors set out the vision, direction and strategies for the successful fulfilment of the company's purposes and continuing development, in consultation with the Elders. The Elders are responsible for the spiritual leadership of the church. Directors and Elders are volunteers and do not receive any remuneration for their service. The current membership of the Board of Directors is set out in the Legal, Administrative and Professional Information page of these financial statements. New Directors are appointed by the existing Directors. The Directors receive training by holding regular accountability sessions with our apostolic cover, Ray Djan, and holding Away Days.

The Directors are supported in their role by a Board of Deacons who oversee the day-to-day administration of the Company and ensure that the policies set out by the Directors are implemented. Deacons are elected by the church members to serve a term of two years each and can be re-elected. They do not receive any remuneration for their service.

**Grant making policy**

The recipients of grants are usually organisations or individuals known to church members and grants given are approved by Directors and/or Deacons. The amounts earmarked to be given but not yet passed over to recipients at the year-end are set aside in the reserves.

**Investment powers and policy**

Directors have powers to invest surplus funds at their absolute discretion. Funds in excess of our day to day needs are held in bank deposits with UK banks. The Directors believe this represents the best balance of good returns, good service and a safe place to keep our money.

**Risk assessment**

The Directors examine regularly the major risks facing the company and ensure that systems are established to enable the necessary steps to be taken to lessen these risks.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024**

**Review of the Year**

This year, we stayed true to our mission: *to be a loving family church, where people of all ages, races, cultures, abilities, and backgrounds can experience the love of Jesus, be transformed by His word, discover their calling, and lovingly serve and connect others to Christ*.

We held Sunday services in the church building and streamed them live on YouTube, allowing participation from home, including by people who do not normally attend Sutton Christian Centre. Connect Groups provided ongoing pastoral care, meeting primarily via Zoom, which increased attendance and strengthened relationships. We thank Connect Group leaders for their service and dedication.

2024 marked our 125th Anniversary. We celebrated this significant milestone with various activities through the year. These included a celebration of our long standing children and youth work in January, a quiz night in March, ladies afternoon tea, and a weekend celebration in June, attended by the Deputy Mayor of Sutton Borough, as well as many previous members. Each week featured historical highlights, showing how the church has been a blessing to many over the years and our long-standing community impact.

Prayer remained essential, facilitated through Connect Groups, a Wednesday prayer meeting and a prayer chain. The ladies' meetings flourished, providing encouragement and blessing.

John Blay joined as our new part-time youth leader. John has a calling on his life to work with the youth and the youth group has grown significantly under his leadership. Our expanding children's ministry continues to nurture and care for young attendees despite space constraints.

The church donated 10% of its income to missions and supported those in need through a special Christmas offering, as we have always done.

Our dedicated leaders and staff, including those broadcasting our services, played crucial roles this year, and we thank them all. We are also grateful to Ray Djan for his support as our covering apostle.

We provided opportunities for many to speak or lead during Sunday services, recognizing the diverse talents within our congregation. Worship is a strong part of our culture, and we are blessed to have a worship team that continually leads us in meaningful worship experiences.

Following a break due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we were delighted that Mercia Macdonald resumed visits and services at elderly folks' homes, continuing a nearly 50-year tradition. A newer tradition, Cornerstone meetings for adults with learning difficulties, grew stronger, meeting a significant need.

Some associated with Sutton Christian Centre went to be with their Lord and Saviour during the year. In particular, we remember Nancy Zakir who had been a member for many years and was a strong evangelist and Judy Haigh who went to be with Lord after a strong fight against cancer.

Trained members ran Christians Against Poverty (CAP) seminars, offering practical help during financial pressures. We are grateful to Anne Page and her team for leading this initiative.

Weekly activities like Table Tennis, Shape, and Tate Road Tots continued, alongside contributions to Street Pastors and Sutton Foodbank. All these activities are open to the public. Furthermore, our premises hosted Age UK, Through the Roof, and Taking Action (a theatre group for disabled adults), and served as a voting centre.

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We appreciate our deacons for their vital, often unseen work. This year, Richard Langley stepped down from the Eldership though we are delighted that he remains a trustee. We are really delighted to welcome Vicky Ikwuemesi and Ric Adams to the Eldership.

**Public Benefit**

Sutton Christian Centre has a strong belief that we should benefit the community and that we are community minded. The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when considering their activities. Various activities of direct benefit to the public have been covered in this report.

**Financial review and reserves**

At the end of this financial year, unrestricted funds amounted to £1,001,544 of which £240,528 is freely available and £761,016 is invested in fixed assets, including the church building at Tate Road. The building was professionally re-valued at £700,000 in October 2007 and this was treated as deemed cost on transition to FRS 102. Restricted funds include £90,572 donated towards the development of the church building in due course.

In order to ensure that the trust can continue to operate effectively should it experience a significant drop in income, it must hold reserves at a level that the Directors consider to be sufficient. The Directors adopt a risk-based approach to determining the minimum reserves that would be required to sustain the charity over twelve months. Thus, each line of income and expenditure budget was risk-adjusted, resulting in a need to hold a minimum of £38,075 in free reserve. Based on the budget for 2024/25, this is equivalent to around 12 weeks of expenditure. However, additional reserves are needed to replace fixed assets at the appropriate time and the Directors would like to gradually build up reserves to enable the charity to purchase a new building or redevelop Tate Road.

**Statements of Directors' Responsibilities**

The directors (who are also trustees of Sutton Christian Centre Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which 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 directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial

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information included in the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board on 9<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2025 and signed on its behalf by: ANTONY HORSWOOD



Antony Horswood

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
SUTTON CHRISTIAN CENTRE TRUST  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 October 2024 set out on pages 8 to 16.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees (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 the Company 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 the Company 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 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 the 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.



Paul Newton FCA

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Date: 11 April 2025

**SUTTON CHRISTIAN CENTRE TRUST**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**(INCLUDING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024**

	Note	2024			2023
		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
<b>Income from</b>					
Donations		134,664	23,191	157,855	176,564
Investment income		1,155	-	1,155	289
Other		2,003	-	2,003	4,926
<b>Total income</b>		<b>137,822</b>	<b>23,191</b>	<b>161,013</b>	<b>181,779</b>
<b>Expenditure on</b>					
Charitable activities		134,827	29,445	164,272	167,024
Governance costs		1,440	-	1,440	1,320
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>136,267</b>	<b>29,445</b>	<b>165,712</b>	<b>168,344</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>1,555</b>	<b>(6,254)</b>	<b>(4,699)</b>	<b>13,435</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Funds brought forward		999,989	95,881	1,095,870	1,082,435
<b>Funds carried forward</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1,001,544</b>	<b>89,627</b>	<b>1,091,171</b>	<b>1,095,870</b>

All of the above results relate to continuing activities.

**SUTTON CHRISTIAN CENTRE TRUST**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2024**  
**COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 5878906**

	Note	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Tangible Assets	4		761,016		765,600
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors and prepayments	5	31,250		17,729	
Cash at bank and in hand		302,595		315,261	
		<u>333,845</u>		<u>332,990</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	6		<u>3,690</u>		<u>2,720</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>			<b>330,155</b>		<b>330,270</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<b>1,091,171</b>		<b>1,095,870</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>					
Restricted funds	8		89,627		95,881
Unrestricted funds	8		1,001,544		999,989
<b>Total reserves</b>			<b>1,091,171</b>		<b>1,095,870</b>

For the year ending 31 October 2024, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

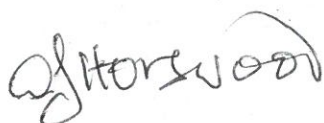
No member of the Company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit and loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

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

These financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on and signed on their behalf by:

9 April 2025



Antony Horswood

**SUTTON CHRISTIAN CENTRE TRUST**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**a) Basis of Preparation & Assessment of Going Concern**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006; Charities Act 2011; 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) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. It is a charitable company limited by guarantee with registered office of 25 Tate Road, Sutton, Surrey, SM1 2SY. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

**Assessment of Going Concern**

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The directors consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

**b) Fixed assets**

Assets purchased or donated for charity use are included in the balance sheet at their cost or the Directors estimation of cost.

**c) Depreciation**

Freehold land is not depreciated. Depreciation on freehold property is considered to be immaterial as the estimated residual value of the property is higher than the carrying value.

Depreciation is charged on a straight-line basis to write off the cost of other tangible fixed assets over their useful economic lives at the following annual rates:

Building improvements	-	15 years
Industrial boiler	-	15 years
Furniture and Equipment	-	4 years
Motor vehicles	-	4 years

**d) Income**

Income is accounted for when the conditions of entitlement, probability and measurability are met.

**e) Expenditure**

Expenditure is accounted for on a payable basis and has been analysed between:

- (i) Charitable activities - all expenditure in accordance with the objects of the charity.
- (ii) Governance costs – all expenditure to comply with statutory and legal requirements.

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**f) Grants**

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is conveyed to the recipient. Amounts earmarked as grant payable but for which recipients are yet to be decided and/or notified are included in designated reserves.

**g) Taxation**

The charitable company is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

**h) Financial instruments**

The charity has only financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. These are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

**i) Cash & cash equivalents**

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of opening the deposit.

**j) Creditors and provision**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation arising from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

**2. EXPENDITURE**

	<b>2024</b>			<b>2023</b>	
	<u>Direct activities</u>	<u>Grant funding</u>	<u>Governance</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Grants made (note 7)	-	41,140	-	41,140	57,335
Personnel costs	73,063	-	-	73,063	62,683
Ministries	10,763	-	-	10,763	12,706
Support services	2,722	-	-	2,722	2,199
Property costs	17,055	-	-	17,055	13,280
Office expenses	7,704	-	-	7,704	7,106
Depreciation	11,825	-	-	11,825	11,715
Examination fee	-	-	1,440	1,440	1,320
	<u>123,132</u>	<u>41,140</u>	<u>1,440</u>	<u>165,712</u>	<u>168,344</u>

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**3. EMPLOYEE INFORMATION**

	<u>2024</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Number</u>
<b>Staff numbers</b>		
Full time	1	1
Part time	3	2
	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>

The staff costs for the above persons were:

	<u>2024</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>£</u>
<b>Staff costs</b>		
Salaries	71,133	60,811
Social security costs	496	512
Pension costs	1,434	1,360
	<u>73,063</u>	<u>62,683</u>

There were no employees with emoluments above £60,000.

**Directors and deacons**

The Key Management Personnel are the Directors and Deacons. No Director or Deacon received remuneration except Mike Ikwuemesi who was paid £660 (2023: £660) for website support. The Articles of Association permits a minority of Directors to be paid for services supplied to the charity.

Grants of £3,500 (2023: £3,500) were given to Connections Trust, a charity registered in England. Antony Horswood, a Director, is also a Trustee of this charity.

£100 raised by Kings Club to help homeless young people was given to Centrepoint Soho, a charity registered in England. Seyi Obakin, a Director, is Chief Executive Officer of this charity.

Two Deacons (2023: four) were reimbursed for expenses of £4,138 (2023: £3,397) duly incurred for worship team, catering, digital media, evangelism, 125 Year celebration, and mileage.

Jan Nicholson was a deacon but stepped down in 2023. No expenses were reimbursed to her during 2024 (2023: £252).

Sue Langley who is related to one of the Directors was not reimbursed for any expenses this year (2023: £173 for hospitality).

The trustees gave unrestricted donations of £8,740 (2023: £9,980) during the year.

There were no other related party transactions.

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**4. TANGIBLE ASSETS**

	<u>Freehold property</u>	<u>Building improvements</u>	<u>Furniture &amp; equipment</u>	<u>Total</u>
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 November 2023	700,000	128,960	90,367	919,327
Additions	-	-	7,241	7,241
Disposals	-	-	(959)	(959)
At 31 October 2024	<u>700,000</u>	<u>128,960</u>	<u>96,649</u>	<u>925,609</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 November 2023	-	66,194	87,533	153,727
Charge for the year	-	8,597	3,228	11,825
Disposals	-	-	(959)	(959)
At 31 October 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>74,791</u>	<u>89,802</u>	<u>164,593</u>
<b>Net book value</b>				
At 31 October 2024	<u>700,000</u>	<u>54,169</u>	<u>6,847</u>	<u>761,016</u>
At 31 October 2023	<u>700,000</u>	<u>62,766</u>	<u>2,834</u>	<u>765,600</u>

The freehold property, the church premises at 25 Tate Road, Sutton, Surrey SM1 2SY, was valued by the Directors on an open market basis on 1 November 1996 when the property was included in the accounts for the first time at £200,000. It was re-valued in October 2017 at £700,000. At transition to FRS 102, this value was treated as deemed cost.

**5. DEBTORS**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
Other debtors	28,528	14,900
Prepayments	2,722	2,829
	<u>31,250</u>	<u>17,729</u>

**6. CREDITORS**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
Other creditors	1,054	932
Accruals	2,636	1,788
	<u>3,690</u>	<u>2,720</u>

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**7. GRANTS MADE**

	2024		2023	
	No.	£	No.	£
<b><i>To advance the Christian religion</i></b>				
To organisations:				
Assemblies of God	12	180	12	180
Christian Solidarity Worldwide	12	435	12	560
Cambodia Action	12	345	12	440
Sutton Schools Christian Workers Trust	12	1,200	12	1,200
		<b>2,160</b>		<b>2,380</b>
<b><i>To encourage Christian Missionary Activity</i></b>				
To organisations:				
Connections Trust	1	3,500	1	3,500
Living Word Ministries	1	3,500	1	3,500
Street Pastors - Mitcham		-	8	400
Street Pastors - Sutton	12	600	12	600
<i>Sub-total</i>		<u>7,600</u>		<u>8,000</u>
To individuals		3,184		1,200
Funds donated specifically to support T&L Lewry's mission in Brazil		25,692		40,346
		<b>36,476</b>		<b>49,546</b>
<b><i>To give relief to the poor &amp; needy and comfort the sick &amp; aged</i></b>				
To organisations:				
Beachy Head Chaplaincy	12	300	12	300
Foodbank Sutton	12	600	12	600
Tobi Adeyemi Foundation	1	107		-
Through The Roof	3	60		-
Impact 25:40 Turkey/Syria (2023: Ukraine)		-	1	250
Operation Mobilisation Turkey/Syria		-	1	250
British Heart Foundation	1	12		
Teen Challenge	12	300	12	300
		<u>1,379</u>		<u>1,700</u>
Funds donated specifically to support various individuals		1,125		3,709
		<b>2,504</b>		<b>5,409</b>
 <b>Total grants made</b>		 <b>41,140</b>		 <b>57,335</b>

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**8. FUNDS**

	<u>1 November 2023</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>31 October 2024</u>
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Income funds	999,989	137,822	(136,267)	1,001,544
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
For poor and needy	2,581	1,441	(1,050)	2,972
For onward transmission	1,336	2,755	(2,703)	1,388
For T&L Lewry's mission to Brazil	1,392	18,995	(25,692)	(5,305)
New building fund	90,572	-	-	90,572
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>1,095,870</u>	<u>161,013</u>	<u>(165,712)</u>	<u>1,091,171</u>

The T&L restricted fund is overdrawn because Sutton Christian Centre has paid over gift aid on the gifts received in advance of receiving the same from HMRC.

Below was the position at 31 October 2023:

	<u>1 November 2022</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>31 October 2023</u>
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Income funds	983,286	140,992	(124,289)	999,989
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
For poor and needy	2,450	1,719	(1,588)	2,581
For onward transmission	1,472	1,985	(2,121)	1,336
For T&L Lewry's mission to Brazil	4,655	37,083	(40,346)	1,392
New building fund	90,572	-	-	90,572
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>1,082,435</u>	<u>181,779</u>	<u>(168,344)</u>	<u>1,095,870</u>

Restricted funds comprise gifts given to be used in specified church activities or to be passed on.

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**9. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	761,016	-	761,016
Debtors	31,250	-	31,250
Bank and cash balances	212,968	89,627	302,595
Creditors	(3,690)	-	(3,690)
	<u>1,001,544</u>	<u>89,627</u>	<u>1,091,171</u>

Below was the position at 31 October 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	765,600	-	765,600
Debtors	17,729	-	17,729
Bank and cash balances	219,380	95,881	315,261
Creditors	(2,720)	-	(2,720)
	<u>999,989</u>	<u>95,881</u>	<u>1,095,870</u>

**10. SOFA COMPARATIVE**

	Note	2023		Total
		Unrestricted	Restricted	
		£	£	£
<b>Income from</b>				
Donations		135,777	40,787	176,564
Investment income		289	-	289
Other		4,926	-	4,926
<b>Total income</b>		<b>140,992</b>	<b>40,787</b>	<b>181,779</b>
<b>Expenditure on</b>				
Charitable activities		122,969	44,055	167,024
Governance costs		1,320	-	1,320
<b>Total expenditure</b>	2	<b>124,289</b>	<b>44,055</b>	<b>168,344</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>16,703</b>	<b>(3,268)</b>	<b>13,435</b>
Transfers between funds		-	-	-
Net movement in the year		-	-	-
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
Funds brought forward		983,286	99,149	1,082,435
<b>Funds carried forward</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>999,989</b>	<b>95,881</b>	<b>1,095,870</b>

**SUTTON CHRISTIAN CENTRE TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1115813

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# Accounts

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**SUTTON CHRISTIAN CENTRE TRUST**  
**LEGAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION**

**Board**

Antony Horswood  
Mike Ikwuemesi  
Richard Langley  
Seyi Obakin

**Company Secretary**

Seyi Obakin

**Church Administrator**

Allison Marsh

**Registered Office**

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**Registration details**

Registered Charity No – 1115813  
Company Registration No – 5878906

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**SUTTON CHRISTIAN CENTRE TRUST**  
**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023**

The Directors, who are also trustees of the charity, present their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2023, which comply with current statutory and accounting requirements.

**About Sutton Christian Centre Trust and its principal activities**

Sutton Christian Centre Trust is a registered charity legally organised in the form of a company limited by guarantee and governed by its Articles of Association. The Board of Trustees are the members of the company and their liability in the event of the company being wound up is limited to £1 each.

The company was incorporated on 17 July 2006 to take over the activities of Sutton Christian Centre Trust, a registered charity created by a trust deed dated 31 December 1985. The company became a registered charity (Charity Number 1115813) in England and Wales on 15 August 2006, its overall purpose being to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. Its charitable objectives are to advance the Christian faith in the United Kingdom or overseas, to further religious or secular education, to give relief to the poor and needy, and to help and comfort the sick and aged.

The Directors seek to achieve the company's charitable objectives by maintaining a centre of worship and fellowship, by regularly meeting for fellowship and prayer, by the baptising of believers by total immersion, by the dedication of infants and by the solemnisation of marriages. We run Sunday meetings where we preach the gospel, teach from the Bible and pray. The Church is split into small groups for pastoral care, we provide a wide range of activities for children and young adults and we reach out to Sutton's elderly through our ROSE ministries – a coordinated ministry with a specific vision to reach the elderly in our community for Christ. We host other activities to which all in our community are welcome.

**Governance**

The Company is controlled by a Board of Directors who also serve as trustees of the Charity. The Directors set out the vision, direction and strategies for the successful fulfilment of the company's purposes and continuing development. They are volunteers and do not receive any remuneration for their service. The current membership of the Board is set out in the Legal, Administrative and Professional Information page of these financial statements. New Directors are appointed by the existing Directors. The Directors receive training by holding regular accountability sessions with our apostolic cover, Ray Djan, and holding Away Days.

The Directors are supported in their role by a Board of Deacons who oversee the day-to-day administration of the Company and ensure that the policies set out by the Directors are implemented. Deacons are elected by the church members to serve a term of two years each and can be re-elected. They do not receive any remuneration for their service.

**Grant making policy**

The recipients of grants are usually organisations or individuals known to church members and grants given are approved by Directors and/or Deacons. The amounts earmarked to be given but not yet passed over to recipients at the year-end are set aside in the reserves.

**Investment powers and policy**

Directors have powers to invest surplus funds at their absolute discretion. Funds in excess of our day to day needs are held in bank deposits with UK banks. The Directors believe this represents the best balance of good returns, good service and a safe place to keep our money.

**Risk assessment**

The Directors examine regularly the major risks facing the company and ensure that systems are established to enable the necessary steps to be taken to lessen these risks.

**SUTTON CHRISTIAN CENTRE TRUST**  
**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS**  
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**Review of the Year**

This year we continued to hold our services in the church building, and we recorded services and streamed them on YouTube. This helped many people who could not attend or preferred to stay at home during this period, and it also enabled us to reach people who do not normally attend Sutton Christian Centre.

We continued to articulate our vision using our mission which is:

To be a loving family church, where people of all ages, races, cultures, abilities, and backgrounds can experience the love of Jesus, be transformed by His word, discover their calling, and lovingly serve and connect others to Christ.

In 2023, for the first half of the year our Sunday morning teaching is digging deeper into the church that God wants us to be. We looked at this through the six lenses of a biblical church; a worshipping church; a caring church; a serving church; a Holy Spirit church; and an expectant church.

In practical terms this is shown up strongly through our small groups, called Connect Groups, who met together regularly, primarily via zoom, and who contacted and helped people in their groups. Running the meetings via Zoom appears to have enabled more people to attend and some groups increased the number of meetings that they had. These groups are vital and continue to play a particularly important role in church life. It is where strong relationships are built, prayer needs are met, people grow and develop. The leaders of these groups are essential to the health of the church, and we thank them for their service and dedication.

Prayer is an essential element of any church. There is a lot of prayer through the Connect Groups, the Wednesday prayer meeting and we have a prayer chain where we can get prayer request out the everyone in the church very quickly. We have a monthly church prayer meeting in addition.

Another group which has really flourished is the ladies' meetings. The meetings have been incredibly positive with ladies being blessed and greatly encouraged. Last April the ladies organized a conference called REFRESH. It was a wonderful day with many feeling the presence of God during the day.

The children's and youth meetings have moved to face-to-face meetings, which helps all the age groups. The local school no longer allows us to use their premises on Sunday morning so there is a real squeeze to get the creche, beginners, Kings Club, and the youth on the premises at the same time. Despite these difficulties much care and nurturing has taken place through the dedicated teams.

The youth attended DTI (Dream The Impossible) youth camp during the summer holidays. It proved to be a wonderful success with testimony after testimony from the youth who went. Five of them made decisions to accept the Lord as their Saviour. Two have now been baptised in water by total immersion. Thank you to all the leaders and helpers who took part in DTI. After our DTI camp, Chris Hickson, who had stood in the gap with real dedication and skill decided that the time had come for him to lay down the leadership. We thank Chris for all the work that he did while leading our youth.

We have John Blay taking over the leadership of the group, employed on a part-time basis. John has a calling on his life to work with the youth.

The church continues to give 10% of its income to missions and also has a fund to help those in need. One of the charities we give to in India has helped thousands of children and adults and we rejoice in God's goodness and pray for a continued blessing on all involved in this work.

**SUTTON CHRISTIAN CENTRE TRUST  
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023**

At Christmas, a special offering was taken as usual, and the money was given to those who needed help. This was organized by our deacons, and we thank them for their service. We thank especially Jan Nicholson who served as a deacon for many years and led the group. Jan has now stepped down but offers her help as it is requested.

The church has a wonderful and dedicated group of leaders and staff, and this year, the role of those who broadcast our services have been especially crucial. We sincerely thank each one for all that they do. We are also blessed to have Ray Djan as our covering apostle, supporting and guiding the elders, and we thank him for his service.

As the year progressed, we were able to give many the opportunity to speak or lead during our Sunday morning services. There is so much talent and ability. We will continue this policy of giving people opportunities and marvel that God has brought these people with such gifts to us.

The church also has a great worship team and worship is a strong part of our culture. These dedicated people give their time and talent to us week after week, leading us again and again into God's presence.

The church has been known for many years as the church that goes to elderly folks' homes which we did for nearly 50 years and saw 100's make a decision to accept Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. COVID meant that we could no longer visit the homes, but we are so pleased that Mercia Macdonald has taken the challenge and now three homes have visits and services.

During the financial year some associated with Sutton Christian Centre went to be with their Lord and Saviour. Les Wileman was one of those. Les was for some years the church administrator and he also was leader of our work among the elderly, and, in that role, he headed a church meeting for the elderly, visited homes, became chaplain to some homes, and many people were blessed by Les visiting them. He suffered some ill-health, but he continued to visit and testify to people and won many to Jesus Christ. Les shone out as a dedicated Christian giving his all for the Lord. A splendid example to us all. Well done thou good and faithful servant

Derek Belcher was another who went to be with the Lord in November 2022. It is doubtful that the church would have existed without Derek's input, particularly when the church was small. He led the church to employ George Parrott as our pastor and together they led the church to go from around 20 to 120 people and later he continued as an elder through time of Alan Bott as our pastor.

Steve Cross who had been the leader of the church intercession and our Encounter with God meeting passed away in January 23. With his wife Lynne he had moved to the south coast but continued to be heavily involved with our church. Steve was a tremendous blessing to us. Iris Sheridan who was a church member for many years also passed away. Iris was a strong Christian and a fervent evangelist.

We have four people trained in the Christians Against Poverty (CAP) system and we ran seminars and provided personal practical help – especially useful during a time of national cost of living pressures. We are running this course through some of our Connect Groups. Thank you to Anne Page and the team.

We have Table Tennis, Shape, Tots and All, as activities taking place at the church midweek and we have people who are street pastors and some who help with the food bank.

We started a new meeting called Cornerstone which is specifically aimed at adults with learning difficulties. This meeting, which takes place on the second Sunday of each month, is meeting a real need and those who attend are very blessed. During the year, the meeting went from strength to strength.

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Our premises are used by Age UK and Through the Roof as a hall for training and staff meetings and also as a voting centre for various elections. We are blessed to have Ric and Allison as staff. We thank them for all that they do often going "far beyond." Finally, we are looking forward to celebrating our 125 years anniversary throughout this new year.

**Public Benefit**

Sutton Christian Centre has a strong belief that we should benefit the community and that we are community minded. The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when considering their activities. Some of the activities this financial year which are of direct benefit are:

- Our premises are used to host a weekly table tennis session to which everyone is welcome.
- We run a youth club.
- We visit several elderly folk's homes and act as Chaplain to some.
- We belong to Sutton LinK partnership which looks at health issues in Sutton.
- We donate to the Sutton Foodbank scheme.
- We encourage our members to be active in the community from school governors to those who help local government.
- We help and donate to other charities.
- We run a children and mum's group that is open to the entire community.

**Financial review and reserves**

At the end of this financial year, unrestricted funds amounted to £999,989 of which £234,389 is freely available and £765,600 is invested in fixed assets, including the church building at Tate Road. The building was professionally re-valued at £700,000 in October 2007 and this was treated as deemed cost on transition to FRS 102. Restricted funds include £90,572 donated towards the development of the church building in due course.

In order to ensure that the trust can continue to operate effectively should it experience a significant drop in income, it must hold reserves at a level that the Directors consider to be sufficient. The Directors adopt a risk-based approach to determining the minimum reserves that would be required to sustain the charity over twelve months. Thus, each line of income and expenditure budget was risk-adjusted, resulting in a need to hold a minimum of £61,068 in free reserve. Based on the budget for 2023/24, this is equivalent to around 16.6 weeks of expenditure. However, additional reserves are needed to replace fixed assets at the appropriate time and the Directors would like to gradually build up reserves to enable the charity to purchase a new building or redevelop Tate Road.

**Statements of Directors' Responsibilities**

The directors (who are also trustees of Sutton Christian Centre Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then 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

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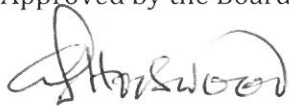
- departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which 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 directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included in the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board on 14/4/24 and signed on its behalf by:



Antony Horswood

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
SUTTON CHRISTIAN CENTRE TRUST  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 October 2023 set out on pages 9 to 17.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees (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 the Company 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 the Company 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 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 the 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.



Paul Newton FCA

Jacob Cavenagh & Skeet  
5 Robin Hood Lane  
Sutton  
Surrey SM1 2SW

Date: 15/4/2024

**SUTTON CHRISTIAN CENTRE TRUST**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**(INCLUDING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023**

	Note	2023			2022
		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
<b>Income from</b>					
Donations		135,777	40,787	176,564	167,213
Investment income		289	-	289	114
Other		4,926	-	4,926	21,754
<b>Total income</b>		<b>140,992</b>	<b>40,787</b>	<b>181,779</b>	<b>189,081</b>
<b>Expenditure on</b>					
Charitable activities	2	122,969	44,055	167,024	160,256
Governance costs	2	1,320	-	1,320	1,200
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>124,289</b>	<b>44,055</b>	<b>168,344</b>	<b>161,456</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>16,703</b>	<b>(3,268)</b>	<b>13,435</b>	<b>27,625</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Funds brought forward		983,286	99,149	1,082,435	1,054,810
<b>Funds carried forward</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>999,989</b>	<b>95,881</b>	<b>1,095,870</b>	<b>1,082,435</b>

All of the above results relate to continuing activities.

**SUTTON CHRISTIAN CENTRE TRUST**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2023**  
**COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 5878906**

	Note	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Tangible Assets	4		765,600		777,315
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors and prepayments	5	17,729		17,669	
Cash at bank and in hand		315,261		290,530	
		<u>332,990</u>		<u>308,199</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	6		<u>2,720</u>		<u>3,079</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>			<b>330,270</b>		<b>305,120</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<b>1,095,870</b>		<b>1,082,435</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>					
Restricted funds	8		95,881		99,149
Unrestricted funds	8		999,989		983,286
<b>Total reserves</b>			<b>1,095,870</b>		<b>1,082,435</b>

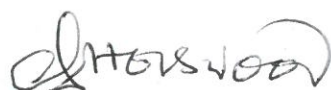
For the year ending 31 October 2023, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

No member of the Company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit and loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

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

These financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 14/4/24 and signed on their behalf by:



Antony Horswood

**SUTTON CHRISTIAN CENTRE TRUST**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**a) Basis of Preparation & Assessment of Going Concern**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006; Charities Act 2011; 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) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. It is a charitable company limited by guarantee with registered office of 25 Tate Road, Sutton, Surrey, SM1 2SY. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

**Assessment of Going Concern**

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The directors consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

**b) Fixed assets**

Assets purchased or donated for charity use are included in the balance sheet at their cost or the Directors estimation of cost.

**c) Depreciation**

Freehold land is not depreciated. Depreciation on freehold property is considered to be immaterial as the estimated residual value of the property is higher than the carrying value.

Depreciation is charged on a straight-line basis to write off the cost of other tangible fixed assets over their useful economic lives at the following annual rates:

Building improvements	-	15 years
Industrial boiler	-	15 years
Furniture and Equipment	-	4 years
Motor vehicles	-	4 years

**d) Income**

Income is accounted for when the conditions of entitlement, probability and measurability are met.

**e) Expenditure**

Expenditure is accounted for on a payable basis and has been analysed between:

- (i) Charitable activities - all expenditure in accordance with the objects of the charity.
- (ii) Governance costs – all expenditure to comply with statutory and legal requirements.

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**f) Grants**

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is conveyed to the recipient. Amounts earmarked as grant payable but for which recipients are yet to be decided and/or notified are included in designated reserves.

**g) Taxation**

The charitable company is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

**h) Financial instruments**

The charity has only financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. These are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

**i) Cash & cash equivalents**

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of opening the deposit.

**j) Creditors and provision**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation arising from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

**2. EXPENDITURE**

	<b>2023</b>			<b>2022</b>	
	Direct activities	Grant funding	Governance	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Grants made (note 7)	-	57,335	-	57,335	55,965
Personnel costs	62,683	-	-	62,683	60,710
Ministries	12,706	-	-	12,706	9,044
Support services	2,199	-	-	2,199	1,832
Property costs	13,280	-	-	13,280	13,849
Office expenses	7,106	-	-	7,106	6,731
Depreciation	11,715	-	-	11,715	12,125
	<u>109,689</u>	<u>57,335</u>	-	<u>167,024</u>	<u>160,256</u>
Examination fee	-	-	1,320	1,320	1,200
	<u>109,689</u>	<u>57,335</u>	<u>1,320</u>	<u>168,344</u>	<u>161,456</u>

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**3. EMPLOYEE INFORMATION**

	<u>2023</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Number</u>
<b>Staff numbers</b>		
Full time	1	1
Part time	2	2
	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

The staff costs for the above persons were:

	<u>2023</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>£</u>
<b>Staff costs</b>		
Salaries	60,811	58,493
Social security costs	512	926
Pension costs	1,360	1,291
	<u>62,683</u>	<u>60,710</u>

There were no employees with emoluments above £60,000.

**Directors and deacons**

The Key Management Personnel are the Directors and Deacons. No Director or Deacon received remuneration except Mike Ikwuemesi who was paid £660 (2022: £660) for website support. The Articles of Association permits a minority of Directors to be paid for services supplied to the charity.

Grants of £3,500 (2022: £5,000) were given to Connections Trust, a charity registered in England. Antony Horswood, a Director, is also a Trustee of this charity.

Three Directors and Deacons (2022: four) were reimbursed for expenses of £3,224 (2022: £1,199) duly incurred for worship team, catering, digital media expenses, evangelism, and mileage.

Sue Langley is related to one of the Directors and was reimbursed expenses of £173 (2022: £292) incurred for hospitality.

There were no other related party transactions.

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**4. TANGIBLE ASSETS**

	<b>Freehold property</b>	<b>Building improvements</b>	<b>Furniture &amp; equipment</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 November 2022	700,000	128,960	90,367	919,327
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 October 2023	<u>700,000</u>	<u>128,960</u>	<u>90,367</u>	<u>919,327</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 November 2022	-	57,597	84,415	142,012
Charge for the year	-	8,597	3,118	11,715
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 October 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>66,194</u>	<u>87,533</u>	<u>153,727</u>
<b>Net book value</b>				
At 31 October 2023	<u>700,000</u>	<u>62,766</u>	<u>2,834</u>	<u>765,600</u>
At 31 October 2022	<u>700,000</u>	<u>71,363</u>	<u>5,952</u>	<u>777,315</u>

The freehold property, the church premises at 25 Tate Road, Sutton, Surrey SM1 2SY, was valued by the Directors on an open market basis on 1 November 1996 when the property was included in the accounts for the first time at £200,000. It was re-valued in October 2017 at £700,000. At transition to FRS 102, this value was treated as deemed cost.

**5. DEBTORS**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other debtors	14,900	14,338
Prepayments	2,829	3,331
	<u>17,729</u>	<u>17,669</u>

**6. CREDITORS**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other creditors	932	1,675
Accruals	1,788	1,390
	<u>2,720</u>	<u>3,065</u>

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**7. GRANTS MADE**

	2023		2022	
	No.	£	No.	£
<b><i>To advance the Christian religion</i></b>				
To organisations:				
Assemblies of God	12	180	12	180
Christian Solidarity Worldwide	12	560	12	600
Cambodia Action	12	440	12	480
Sutton Schools Christian Workers Trust	12	1,200	12	1,200
		<b>2,380</b>		<b>2,460</b>
<b><i>To encourage Christian Missionary Activity</i></b>				
To organisations:				
Connections Trust	1	3,500	1	5,000
Living Word Ministries	1	3,500	1	5,000
Soldiers & Airmen Scripture Readers Association		-	1	250
Street Pastors - Mitcham	8	400	12	600
Street Pastors - Sutton	12	600	12	600
<i>Sub-total</i>		8,000		11,450
To individuals	12	1,200	13	1,700
Funds donated specifically to support T&L Lewry's mission in Brazil		40,346		34,614
		<b>49,546</b>		<b>47,764</b>
<b><i>To give relief to the poor &amp; needy and comfort the sick &amp; aged</i></b>				
To organisations:				
Beachy Head Chaplaincy	12	300	12	300
Foodbank Sutton	12	600	12	600
Home-Start Sutton		-	1	250
Impact 25:40 Turkey/Syria (2022: Ukraine)	1	250	1	400
Operation Mobilisation Turkey/Syria	1	250		-
Teen Challenge	12	300	12	300
		1,700		1,850
Funds donated specifically to support various individuals		3,709		3,891
		<b>5,409</b>		<b>5,741</b>
<b>Total grants made</b>		<b>57,335</b>		<b>55,965</b>

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**8. FUNDS**

	<u>1 November 2022</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>31 October 2023</u>
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Income funds	983,286	140,992	(124,289)	999,989
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
For poor and needy	2,450	1,719	(1,588)	2,581
For onward transmission	1,472	1,985	(2,121)	1,336
For T&L Lewry's mission to Brazil	4,655	37,083	(40,346)	1,392
New building fund	90,572	-	-	90,572
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>1,082,435</u>	<u>181,779</u>	<u>(168,344)</u>	<u>1,095,870</u>

Below was the position at 31 October 2022:

	<u>1 November 2021</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>31 October 2022</u>
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Income funds	952,252	153,985	(122,951)	983,286
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
For poor and needy	2,480	1,770	(1,800)	2,450
For onward transmission	946	2,617	(2,091)	1,472
For T&L Lewry's mission to Brazil	8,560	30,709	(34,614)	4,655
New building fund	90,572	-	-	90,572
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>1,054,810</u>	<u>189,081</u>	<u>(161,456)</u>	<u>1,082,435</u>

Restricted funds comprise gifts given to be used in specified church activities or to be passed on.

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**9. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	765,600	-	765,600
Debtors	17,729	-	17,729
Bank and cash balances	219,380	95,881	315,261
Creditors	(2,720)	-	(2,720)
	<u>999,989</u>	<u>95,881</u>	<u>1,095,870</u>

Below was the position at 31 October 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	777,315	-	777,315
Debtors	17,669	-	17,669
Bank and cash balances	191,381	99,149	290,530
Creditors	(3,079)	-	(3,079)
	<u>983,286</u>	<u>99,149</u>	<u>1,082,435</u>

**10. SOFA COMPARATIVE**

	Note	2022		Total
		Unrestricted	Restricted	
		£	£	£
<b>Income from</b>				
Donations		132,117	35,096	167,213
Investment income		114	-	114
Other		21,754	-	21,754
<b>Total income</b>		<b>153,985</b>	<b>35,096</b>	<b>189,081</b>
<b>Expenditure on</b>				
Charitable activities	2	121,751	38,505	160,256
Governance costs	2	1,200	-	1,200
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>122,951</b>	<b>38,505</b>	<b>161,456</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>31,034</b>	<b>(3,409)</b>	<b>27,625</b>
Transfers between funds		-	-	-
Net movement in the year		-	-	-
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
Funds brought forward		952,252	102,558	1,054,810
<b>Funds carried forward</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>983,286</b>	<b>99,149</b>	<b>1,082,435</b>

**SUTTON CHRISTIAN CENTRE TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1115813

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# Accounts

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**31 OCTOBER 2022**

**SUTTON CHRISTIAN CENTRE TRUST**  
**LEGAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION**

**Board**

Antony Horswood  
Mike Ikwuemesi  
Richard Langley  
Seyi Obakin

**Company Secretary**

Seyi Obakin

**Church Administrator**

Allison Marsh

**Registered Office**

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Sutton, Surrey  
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**Registration details**

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Company Registration No – 5878906

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**SUTTON CHRISTIAN CENTRE TRUST  
REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022**

The Directors, who are also trustees of the charity, present their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2022, which comply with current statutory and accounting requirements.

**About Sutton Christian Centre Trust and its principal activities**

Sutton Christian Centre Trust is a registered charity legally organised in the form of a company limited by guarantee and governed by its Articles of Association. The Board of Trustees are the members of the company and their liability in the event of the company being wound up is limited to £1 each.

The company was incorporated on 17 July 2006 to take over the activities of Sutton Christian Centre Trust, a registered charity created by a trust deed dated 31 December 1985. The company became a registered charity (Charity Number 1115813) in England and Wales on 15 August 2006, its overall purpose being to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. Its charitable objectives are to advance the Christian faith in the United Kingdom or overseas, to further religious or secular education, to give relief to the poor and needy, and to help and comfort the sick and aged.

The Directors seek to achieve the company's charitable objectives by maintaining a centre of worship and fellowship, by regularly meeting for fellowship and prayer, by the baptising of believers by total immersion, by the dedication of infants and by the solemnisation of marriages. We run Sunday meetings where we preach the gospel, teach from the Bible and pray. The Church is split into small groups for pastoral care, we provide a wide range of activities for children and young adults and we reach out to Sutton's elderly through our ROSE ministries – a coordinated ministry with a specific vision to reach the elderly in our community for Christ. We host other activities to which all in our community are welcome.

**Governance**

The Company is controlled by a Board of Directors who also serve as trustees of the Charity. The Directors set out the vision, direction and strategies for the successful fulfilment of the company's purposes and continuing development. They are volunteers and do not receive any remuneration for their service. The current membership of the Board is set out in the Legal, Administrative and Professional Information page of these financial statements. New Directors are appointed by the existing Directors. The Directors receive training by holding regular accountability sessions with our apostolic cover, Ray Djan, and holding Away Days.

The Directors are supported in their role by a Board of Deacons who oversee the day-to-day administration of the Company and ensure that the policies set out by the Directors are implemented. Deacons are elected by the church members to serve a term of two years each and can be re-elected. They do not receive any remuneration for their service.

**Grant making policy**

The recipients of grants are usually organisations or individuals known to church members and grants given are approved by Directors and/or Deacons. The amounts earmarked to be given but not yet passed over to recipients at the year-end are set aside in the reserves.

**Investment powers and policy**

Directors have powers to invest surplus funds at their absolute discretion. Funds in excess of our day to day needs are held in bank deposits with UK banks. The Directors believe this represents the best balance of good returns, good service and a safe place to keep our money.

**Risk assessment**

The Directors examine regularly the major risks facing the company and ensure that systems are established to enable the necessary steps to be taken to lessen these risks.

**SUTTON CHRISTIAN CENTRE TRUST  
REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022**

**Review of the Year**

This year we continued to hold our services in the church building, and we recorded services and streamed them on YouTube. This helped many people who could not attend or preferred to stay at home during this period, and it also enabled us to reach people who do not normally attend Sutton Christian Centre.

We continued to articulate our vision using our mission which is:

*To be a loving family church, where people of all ages, races, cultures, abilities, and backgrounds can experience the love of Jesus, be transformed by His word, discover their calling, and lovingly serve and connect others to Christ.*

In practical terms this is shown up strongly through our small groups, called Connect Groups, who met together regularly and helped people in their groups. Running the meetings virtually via Zoom appear to have enabled more people to attend and some groups increased the number of meetings that they had. We encourage everyone to join a Connect Group as these groups play a very important role in church life. It is where strong relationships are built, prayer needs are met, people grow and develop. The leaders of these groups are vital to the health of the church, and we thank them for their service and dedication.

Prayer is an important element of any church. There is a lot of prayer through the Connect Groups, the Wednesday prayer meeting and we have a prayer chain where we can get prayer request out to everyone in the church very quickly. We have a monthly church prayer meeting in addition.

Another group which has really flourished is the ladies' meetings. The breakfast meetings have been very positive with ladies being blessed and greatly encouraged.

The children and youth meetings have moved to face to face meetings which helps all the age groups. The local school no longer allows us to use their premises on Sunday morning so there is a real squeeze to get the creche, beginners, Kings Club, and the youth in the premises at the same time. We are currently considering options to alleviate this squeeze but delighted that despite these difficulties, much care and nurturing has taken place through the dedicated teams.

The youth went to a youth camp called DTI (Dream The Impossible) during the summer holidays. It proved to be a wonderful success with testimony after testimony from the youth who went. Five of them made decisions to accept the Lord as their saviour. Thank you to all the leaders and helpers who took part.

On June the 5<sup>th</sup> we had a special service to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee, attended by the Mayor of Sutton, Cllr. Trish Fivey. We had a tent in the car park and provided breakfast rolls and a hot drink while inviting our neighbours to join us. The late Queen had such a strong faith and made no secret of her belief and trust in God which spoke to many people. We celebrated with many people giving thanks to God for Her Majesty.

Sadly, one of our members, Marion Browne, passed on and went to be with their Lord and Saviour. Marion and her family were the first family of Afro-Caribbean background to join the church several years ago and were always a special blessing. She served in the creche for many years and only stopped when her knees caused her too much pain. We mourn with her family for their great loss while we rejoice in that Marion was such a strong Christian whose faith shone brightly. The service was broadcast on YouTube and large numbers of people watched the service and saw the witness of a strong believer.

**SUTTON CHRISTIAN CENTRE TRUST  
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022**

The church continues to give 10% of its income to missions and also has a fund to help those in need. One of the charities we give to in India has helped thousands of children and adults and we rejoice in God's goodness and pray for a continued blessing on all involved in this work. At Christmas a special offering was taken as usual, and the money was given to those who needed help.

The church has a wonderful and dedicated group of leaders, all who volunteer their time, and this year, the role of those who broadcast our services have been especially crucial. We sincerely thank each one for all that they do. We are blessed to have Ric Adams and Allison Marsh as key staff, and we thank them for all that they do, often going "far beyond". We are also blessed to have Ray Djan as our covering apostle, supporting and guiding the elders, and we thank him for his service.

As the year progressed, we were able to give many the opportunity to speak or lead during our Sunday morning services. There is so much talent and ability. We will continue this policy of giving people opportunities and marvel that God has brought these people with such gifts to us.

The church also has a wonderful worship team and worship is a strong part of our culture. These dedicated people give their time and talent to us week after week, leading us again and again into God's presence. We have also had some special worship nights with Merland Rise Church which have been very enjoyable times.

The church has been known for many years as the church that goes to elderly folks' homes which we did for nearly 50 years and saw hundreds make decision. COVID meant that we could no longer visit the home, but we are so pleased that Mercia Macdonald has taken the challenge of leading this work and now three homes have visits and services.

As we finish the financial year, we look forward to a new meeting called Cornerstone which is specifically aimed at adults with learning difficulties. We also will start a series on 'The church that God wants us to be' next January, and we look forward to celebrating the church's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the summer.

#### **Public Benefit**

Sutton Christian Centre has a strong belief that we should benefit the community and that we are community minded. The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when considering their activities. Some of the activities this financial year which are of direct benefit are:

- Our premises are used to host a weekly table tennis session to which everyone is welcome.
- We run a youth club.
- We visit several elderly folk's homes and act as Chaplain to some.
- We belong to Sutton LinK partnership which looks at health issues in Sutton.
- We donate to the Sutton Foodbank scheme.
- We encourage our members to be active in the community from school governors to those who help local government.
- We help and donate to other charities.
- We run a children and mum's group that is open to the entire community.

#### **Financial review and reserves**

At the end of this financial year, unrestricted funds amounted to £983,286 of which £205,971 is freely available and £777,315 is invested in fixed assets, including the church building at Tate Road. The building was professionally re-valued at £700,000 in October 2007 and this was treated as deemed cost on transition to FRS 102. Restricted funds include £90,572 donated towards the development of the church building in due course.

**SUTTON CHRISTIAN CENTRE TRUST  
REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022**

In order to ensure that the trust can continue to operate effectively should it experience a significant drop in income, it must hold reserves at a level that the Directors consider to be sufficient. The Directors adopt a risk-based approach to determining the minimum reserves that would be required to sustain the charity over twelve months. Thus, each line of income and expenditure budget was risk-adjusted, resulting in a need to hold a minimum of £59,650 in free reserve. Based on the budget for 2022/23, this is equivalent to around 18 weeks of expenditure. However, additional reserves are needed to replace fixed assets at the appropriate time and the Directors would like to gradually build up reserves to enable the charity to purchase a new building or redevelop Tate Road.

**Statements of Directors' Responsibilities**

The directors (who are also trustees of Sutton Christian Centre Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which 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 directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included in the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

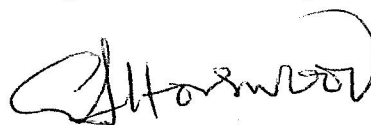
This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board on

1<sup>st</sup> JUNE 23

Antony Horswood

and signed on its behalf by:



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
SUTTON CHRISTIAN CENTRE TRUST  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 October 2022 set out on pages 8 to 16.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees (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 the Company 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 the Company 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 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 the 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.



Paul Newton FCA

Jacob Cavenagh & Skeet  
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Surrey SM1 2SW

Date: 6/6/2023

**SUTTON CHRISTIAN CENTRE TRUST**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**(INCLUDING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022**

	Note	2022		Total £	2021
		Unrestricted £	Restricted £		Total £
<b>Income from</b>					
Donations		132,117	35,096	167,213	192,639
Investment income		114	-	114	74
Other		21,754	-	21,754	1,473
<b>Total income</b>		<b>153,985</b>	<b>35,096</b>	<b>189,081</b>	<b>194,186</b>
<b>Expenditure on</b>					
Charitable activities	2	121,751	38,505	160,256	153,233
Governance costs	2	1,200	-	1,200	1,170
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>122,951</b>	<b>38,505</b>	<b>161,456</b>	<b>154,403</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>31,034</b>	<b>(3,409)</b>	<b>27,625</b>	<b>39,783</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Funds brought forward		952,252	102,558	1,054,810	1,015,027
<b>Funds carried forward</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>983,286</b>	<b>99,149</b>	<b>1,082,435</b>	<b>1,054,810</b>

All of the above results relate to continuing activities.

**SUTTON CHRISTIAN CENTRE TRUST**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2022**  
**COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 5878906**

	Note	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Tangible Assets	4		777,315		760,251
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors and prepayments	5	17,669		20,366	
Cash at bank and in hand		290,530		277,258	
		<u>308,199</u>		<u>297,624</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	6		<u>3,079</u>		<u>3,065</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>			<b>305,120</b>		<b>294,559</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<b>1,082,435</b>		<b>1,054,810</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>					
Restricted funds	8		99,149		102,558
Unrestricted funds	8		983,286		952,252
<b>Total reserves</b>			<b>1,082,435</b>		<b>1,054,810</b>

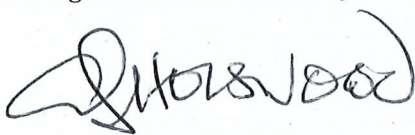
For the year ending 31 October 2022, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

No member of the Company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit and loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

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

These financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 1st June 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Antony Horswood

**SUTTON CHRISTIAN CENTRE TRUST**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**a) Basis of Preparation & Assessment of Going Concern**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006; Charities Act 2011; 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) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. It is a charitable company limited by guarantee with registered office of 25 Tate Road, Sutton, Surrey, SM1 2SY. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

**Assessment of Going Concern**

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The directors consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

**b) Fixed assets**

Assets purchased or donated for charity use are included in the balance sheet at their cost or the Directors estimation of cost.

**c) Depreciation**

Freehold land is not depreciated. Depreciation on freehold property is considered to be immaterial as the estimated residual value of the property is higher than the carrying value.

Depreciation is charged on a straight-line basis to write off the cost of other tangible fixed assets over their useful economic lives at the following annual rates:

Building improvements	-	15 years
Industrial boiler	-	15 years
Furniture and Equipment	-	4 years
Motor vehicles	-	4 years

**d) Income**

Income is accounted for when the conditions of entitlement, probability and measurability are met.

**e) Expenditure**

Expenditure is accounted for on a payable basis and has been analysed between:

- (i) Charitable activities - all expenditure in accordance with the objects of the charity.
- (ii) Governance costs – all expenditure to comply with statutory and legal requirements.

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**f) Grants**

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is conveyed to the recipient. Amounts earmarked as grant payable but for which recipients are yet to be decided and/or notified are included in designated reserves.

**g) Taxation**

The charitable company is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

**h) Financial instruments**

The charity has only financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. These are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

**i) Cash & cash equivalents**

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of opening the deposit.

**j) Creditors and provision**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation arising from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

**2. EXPENDITURE**

	2022				2021
	Direct activities	Grant funding	Governance	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Grants made (note 7)	-	55,965	-	55,965	56,405
Personnel costs	60,710	-	-	60,710	64,200
Ministries	9,044	-	-	9,044	6,249
Support services	1,832	-	-	1,832	480
Property costs	13,849	-	-	13,849	4,670
Office expenses	6,731	-	-	6,731	7,742
Depreciation	12,125	-	-	12,125	13,487
	<u>104,291</u>	<u>55,965</u>	-	<u>160,256</u>	<u>153,233</u>
Examination fee	-	-	1,200	1,200	1,170
	<u>104,291</u>	<u>55,965</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>161,456</u>	<u>154,403</u>

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**3. EMPLOYEE INFORMATION**

	<u>2022</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>2021</u> <u>Number</u>
<b>Staff numbers</b>		
Full time	1	1
Part time	2	3
	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>

The staff costs for the above persons were:

	<u>2022</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2021</u> <u>£</u>
<b>Staff costs</b>		
Salaries	58,493	60,642
Social security costs	926	2,295
Pension costs	1,291	1,263
	<u>60,710</u>	<u>64,200</u>

There were no employees with emoluments above £60,000.

**Directors and deacons**

The Key Management Personnel are the Directors and Deacons. No Director or Deacon received remuneration except Mike Ikwuemesi who was paid £660 (2021: £660) for website support. The Articles of Association permits a minority of Directors to be paid for services supplied to the charity.

Grants of £5,000 (2021: £6,000) were given to Connections Trust, a charity registered in England. Antony Horswood, a Director, is also a Trustee of this charity.

Four Directors and Deacons (2021: two) were reimbursed for expenses of £1,199 (2021: £259) duly incurred for worship team, catering, digital media expenses, evangelism, and mileage.

Sue Langley is related to one of the Directors and was reimbursed expenses of £292 incurred for hospitality and youth work.

There were no other related party transactions.

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**4. TANGIBLE ASSETS**

	<b>Freehold property</b>	<b>Building improvements</b>	<b>Furniture &amp; equipment</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 November 2021	700,000	105,440	84,698	890,138
Additions	-	23,520	5,669	29,189
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 October 2022	<u>700,000</u>	<u>128,960</u>	<u>90,367</u>	<u>919,327</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 November 2021	-	49,000	80,887	129,887
Charge for the year	-	8,597	3,528	12,125
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 October 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>57,597</u>	<u>84,415</u>	<u>142,012</u>
<b>Net book value</b>				
At 31 October 2022	<u>700,000</u>	<u>71,363</u>	<u>5,952</u>	<u>777,315</u>
At 31 October 2021	<u>700,000</u>	<u>56,440</u>	<u>3,811</u>	<u>760,251</u>

The freehold property, the church premises at 25 Tate Road, Sutton, Surrey SM1 2SY, was valued by the Directors on an open market basis on 1 November 1996 when the property was included in the accounts for the first time at £200,000. It was re-valued in October 2017 at £700,000. At transition to FRS 102, this value was treated as deemed cost.

**5. DEBTORS**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other debtors	14,338	18,126
Prepayments	3,331	2,240
	<u>17,669</u>	<u>20,366</u>

**6. CREDITORS**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other creditors	1,689	1,675
Accruals	1,390	1,390
	<u>3,079</u>	<u>3,065</u>

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**7. GRANTS MADE**

	2022		2021	
	No.	£	No.	£
<b><i>To advance the Christian religion</i></b>				
To organisations:				
Assemblies of God	12	180	12	180
Christian Solidarity Worldwide	12	600	12	600
Cambodia Action	12	480	12	480
Sutton Schools Christian Workers Trust	12	1,200	12	1,200
		<b>2,460</b>		<b>2,460</b>
<b><i>To encourage Christian Missionary Activity</i></b>				
To organisations:				
Connections Trust	1	5,000	1	6,000
Living Word Ministries	1	5,000	1	6,000
Soldiers & Airmen Scripture Readers Association	1	250	-	-
Street Pastors - Mitcham	12	600	12	600
Street Pastors - Sutton	12	600	12	600
<i>Sub-total</i>		11,450		13,200
To individuals	13	1,700	12	1,200
Funds donated specifically to support T&L Lewry's mission in Brazil		34,614		31,459
		<b>47,764</b>		<b>45,859</b>
<b><i>To give relief to the poor &amp; needy and comfort the sick &amp; aged</i></b>				
To organisations:				
Beachy Head Chaplaincy	12	300	12	300
Foodbank Sutton	12	600	12	600
Home-Start Sutton	1	250	-	-
Impact 25:40 Ukraine	1	400	-	-
Teen Challenge	12	300	12	300
		1,850		1,200
Funds donated specifically to support various individuals		3,891		6,886
		<b>5,741</b>		<b>8,086</b>
 <b>Total grants made</b>		<b>55,965</b>		<b>56,405</b>

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**8. FUNDS**

	<u>1 November 2021</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>31 October 2022</u>
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Income funds	952,252	153,985	(122,951)	983,286
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
For poor and needy	2,480	1,770	(1,800)	2,450
For onward transmission	946	2,617	(2,091)	1,472
For T&L Lewry's mission to Brazil	8,560	30,709	(34,614)	4,655
New building fund	90,572	-	-	90,572
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>1,054,810</u>	<u>189,081</u>	<u>(161,456)</u>	<u>1,082,435</u>

Below was the position at 31 October 2021:

	<u>1 November 2020</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>31 October 2021</u>
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Income funds	921,948	147,624	(117,320)	952,252
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
For poor and needy	(301)	4,461	(1,680)	2,480
For onward transmission	560	4,330	(3,944)	946
For T&L Lewry's mission to Brazil	2,248	37,771	(31,459)	8,560
New building fund	90,572	-	-	90,572
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>1,015,027</u>	<u>194,186</u>	<u>(154,403)</u>	<u>1,054,810</u>

Restricted funds comprise gifts given to be used in specified church activities or to be passed on.

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**9. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	777,315	-	777,315
Debtors	17,669	-	17,669
Bank and cash balances	191,381	99,149	290,530
Creditors	(3,079)	-	(3,079)
	<u>983,286</u>	<u>99,149</u>	<u>1,082,435</u>

Below was the position at 31 October 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	760,251	-	760,251
Debtors	20,366	-	20,366
Bank and cash balances	174,700	102,558	277,258
Creditors	(3,065)	-	(3,065)
	<u>952,252</u>	<u>102,558</u>	<u>1,054,810</u>

**10. SOFA COMPARATIVE**

	Note	2021		Total
		Unrestricted	Restricted	
		£	£	£
<b>Income from</b>				
Donations		146,077	46,562	192,639
Investment income		74	-	74
Other		1,473	-	1,473
<b>Total income</b>		<b>147,624</b>	<b>46,562</b>	<b>194,186</b>
<b>Expenditure on</b>				
Charitable activities	2	116,150	37,083	153,233
Governance costs	2	1,170	-	1,170
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>117,320</b>	<b>37,083</b>	<b>154,403</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>30,304</b>	<b>9,479</b>	<b>39,783</b>
Transfers between funds		-	-	-
Net movement in the year		-	-	-
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
Funds brought forward		921,948	93,079	1,015,027
<b>Funds carried forward</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>952,252</b>	<b>102,558</b>	<b>1,054,810</b>

**SUTTON CHRISTIAN CENTRE TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1115813

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**SUTTON CHRISTIAN CENTRE TRUST**  
**LEGAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION**

**Board**

Antony Horswood  
Mike Ikwuemesi  
Richard Langley  
Seyi Obakin

**Company Secretary**

Seyi Obakin

**Church Administrator**

Allison Marsh

**Registered Office**

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**Registration details**

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Company Registration No – 5878906

**Solicitors**

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**SUTTON CHRISTIAN CENTRE TRUST**  
**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021**

The Directors, who are also trustees of the charity, present their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2021, which comply with current statutory and accounting requirements.

**About Sutton Christian Centre Trust and its principal activities**

Sutton Christian Centre Trust is a registered charity legally organised in the form of a company limited by guarantee and governed by its Articles of Association. The Board of Trustees are the members of the company and their liability in the event of the company being wound up is limited to £1 each.

The company was incorporated on 17 July 2006 to take over the activities of Sutton Christian Centre Trust, a registered charity created by a trust deed dated 31 December 1985. The company became a registered charity (Charity Number 1115813) in England and Wales on 15 August 2006, its overall purpose being to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. Its charitable objectives are to advance the Christian faith in the United Kingdom or overseas, to further religious or secular education, to give relief to the poor and needy, and to help and comfort the sick and aged.

The Directors seek to achieve the company's charitable objectives by maintaining a centre of worship and fellowship, by regularly meeting for fellowship and prayer, by the baptising of believers by total immersion, by the dedication of infants and by the solemnisation of marriages. We run Sunday meetings, morning and evening where we preach the gospel, teach from the Bible and pray. The Church is split into small groups for pastoral care, we provide a wide range of activities for children and young adults and we reach out to Sutton's elderly through our ROSE ministries – a coordinated ministry with a specific vision to reach the elderly in our community for Christ. We host other activities to which all in our community are welcome.

**Governance**

The Company is controlled by a Board of Directors who also serve as trustees of the Charity. The Directors set out the vision, direction and strategies for the successful fulfilment of the company's purposes and continuing development. They are volunteers and do not receive any remuneration for their service. The current membership of the Board is set out in the Legal, Administrative and Professional Information page of these financial statements. New Directors are appointed by the existing Directors. The Directors receive training by holding regular accountability sessions with our apostolic cover, Ray Djan, and holding Away Days.

The Directors are supported in their role by a Board of Deacons who oversee the day-to-day administration of the Company and ensure that the policies set out by the Directors are implemented. Deacons are elected by the church members to serve a term of two years each and can be re-elected. They do not receive any remuneration for their service.

**Grant making policy**

The recipients of grants are usually organisations or individuals known to church members and grants given are approved by Directors and/or Deacons. The amounts earmarked to be given but not yet passed over to recipients at the year-end are set aside in the reserves.

**Investment powers and policy**

Directors have powers to invest surplus funds at their absolute discretion. Funds in excess of our day to day needs are held in bank deposits with UK banks. The Directors believe this represents the best balance of good returns, good service and a safe place to keep our money.

**Risk assessment**

The Directors examine regularly the major risks facing the company and ensure that systems are established to enable the necessary steps to be taken to lessen these risks.

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**Review of the Year**

The year started and continued with a period of restriction due to Covid 19. This meant that we could not always hold our services in the church building and where that was the case, we recorded services and streamed them on YouTube. Where we could meet, inside the government restrictions, we did meet physically yet continued to stream our services. This helped many people who could not attend or preferred to stay at home during this period, and it also enabled us to reach people who do not normally attend Sutton Christian Centre.

Early in the year, we ran the Christian To The Core (CTTC) programme, a 12-week journey to becoming deeper disciples by increasing our intimacy with God, increasing our love for people, and discovering God's greater purposes for our lives. The series was run virtually on Zoom and that enabled so many to take part. The series helped and challenged many.

During the year, we continued to articulate our vision by developing a mission statement which set out the vision more clearly. The new mission statement, which reflect who are as a church, is:

*To be a loving family church, where people of all ages, races, cultures, abilities and backgrounds can experience the love of Jesus, be transformed by His word, discover their calling and lovingly serve and connect others to Christ.*

We presented it to the church and followed the presentation up with a series on the book of Ephesians explaining how the mission statement lines up with the word of God.

In practical terms this is shown up strongly through our small groups, called Connect Groups, who met together regularly via zoom and who contacted and helped people in their groups. Running the meetings virtually via Zoom appear to have enabled more people to attend and some groups increased the number of meetings that they had. These groups were vital during this period and will continue to play a very important role in church life. As the financial year ends, we are planning a teaching series for all leaders of small groups and others who may become leaders. These people are vital to the health of the church.

Prayer is an important element of any church. There is a lot of prayer through the Connect Groups, the Wednesday prayer meeting and we have a prayer chain where we can get prayer request out to everyone in the church very quickly. We have a monthly church prayer meeting in addition.

Children and youth thrive from face-to-face meetings and so the impact of the Covid restrictions on them was high as it prevented physical meetings. Nonetheless, we were delighted that the leaders kept morale and spirits up throughout through various weekly materials, including videos. When we could meet physically, we had groups for creche, beginners, 5 to 11 year olds, and youth 12 to 18.

Sadly, three of our members passed on and went to be with their Lord and Saviour - Sam Nadarajah, Grace Coilpillai and Zena Fernandez. We mourn with the families for their great loss while we rejoice in three lives who were strong Christians whose faith shone brightly. The services were broadcast on YouTube and huge numbers of people watched the services and saw the witness of strong believers.

The church continues to give 10% of its income to missions and also has a fund to help those in need. At Christmas a special offering was taken as usual and the money was given to those who needed help.

We are blessed with a wonderful and dedicated group of leaders and staff, and this year, the role of those who broadcast our services have been especially crucial. We sincerely thank each one for

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all that they do. We are also blessed to have Ray Djan as our covering apostle, supporting and guiding the elders, and we thank him for his service.

**Public Benefit**

Sutton Christian Centre has a strong belief that we should benefit the community and that we are community minded. The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when considering their activities. Some of the activities this financial year which are of direct benefit are:

- Our premises are used to host a weekly Age Concern dance group and table tennis.
- We run a youth club.
- We visit several elderly folk's homes and act as Chaplain to some.
- We belong to Sutton LinK partnership which looks at health issues in Sutton.
- We donate to the Sutton Foodbank scheme.
- We encourage our members to be active in the community from school governors to those who help local government.
- We help and donate to other charities.
- We run a weekly children and mum's group that is open to the entire community.

**Financial review and reserves**

At the end of this financial year, unrestricted funds amounted to £952,252 of which £192,001 is freely available and £760,251 is invested in fixed assets, including the church building at Tate Road. The building was professionally re-valued at £700,000 in October 2007 and this was treated as deemed cost on transition to FRS 102. Restricted funds include £90,572 donated towards the development of the church building in due course.

In order to ensure that the trust can continue to operate effectively should it experience a significant drop in income, it must hold reserves at a level that the Directors consider to be sufficient. The Directors adopt a risk-based approach to determining the minimum reserves that would be required to sustain the charity over twelve months. Thus, each line of income and expenditure budget was risk-adjusted, resulting in a need to hold a minimum of £32,500 in free reserve. Based on the budget for 2022/23, this is equivalent to around 11.5 weeks of expenditure. However, additional reserves are needed to replace fixed assets at the appropriate time and the Directors would like to gradually build up reserves to enable the charity to purchase a new building or redevelop Tate Road.

**Statements of Directors' Responsibilities**

The directors (who are also trustees of Sutton Christian Centre Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

**SUTTON CHRISTIAN CENTRE TRUST  
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The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which 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 directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included in the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Horswood', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Antony Horswood

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
SUTTON CHRISTIAN CENTRE TRUST  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 October 2021 set out on pages 8 to 16.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees (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 the Company 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 the Company 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 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 the 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.



Paul Newton FCA

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Date: 6 June 2022

**SUTTON CHRISTIAN CENTRE TRUST**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**(INCLUDING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021**

	Note	2021			2020
		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
<b>Income from</b>					
Donations		146,077	46,562	192,639	171,460
Investment income		74	-	74	334
Other		1,473	-	1,473	3,889
<b>Total income</b>		<b>147,624</b>	<b>46,562</b>	<b>194,186</b>	<b>175,683</b>
<b>Expenditure on</b>					
Charitable activities	2	116,150	37,083	153,233	204,896
Governance costs	2	1,170	-	1,170	1,180
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>117,320</b>	<b>37,083</b>	<b>154,403</b>	<b>206,076</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>30,304</b>	<b>9,479</b>	<b>39,783</b>	<b>(30,393)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Funds brought forward		921,948	93,079	1,015,027	1,045,420
<b>Funds carried forward</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>952,252</b>	<b>102,558</b>	<b>1,054,810</b>	<b>1,015,027</b>

All of the above results relate to continuing activities.

**SUTTON CHRISTIAN CENTRE TRUST**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2021**  
**COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 5878906**

	Note	2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Tangible Assets	4		760,251		774,367
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors and prepayments	5	20,366		16,495	
Cash at bank and in hand		277,258		229,574	
		<u>297,624</u>		<u>246,069</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	6	<u>3,065</u>		<u>5,409</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<b>294,559</b>		<b>240,660</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<b>1,054,810</b>		<b>1,015,027</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>					
Restricted funds	8		102,558		93,079
Unrestricted funds	8		952,252		921,948
<b>Total reserves</b>			<b>1,054,810</b>		<b>1,015,027</b>

For the year ending 31 October 2021, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

No member of the Company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit and loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

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

These financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on and signed on their behalf by:

27 January 2022



Antony Horswood

**SUTTON CHRISTIAN CENTRE TRUST**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**a) Basis of Preparation & Assessment of Going Concern**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006; Charities Act 2011; 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) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. It is a charitable company limited by guarantee with registered office of 25 Tate Road, Sutton, Surrey, SM1 2SY. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

**Assessment of Going Concern**

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The directors consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

**b) Fixed assets**

Assets purchased or donated for charity use are included in the balance sheet at their cost or the Directors estimation of cost.

**c) Depreciation**

Freehold land and building is not subject to depreciation. Any depreciation provided would be immaterial as the estimated residual value of the property is not significantly different from its carrying value, which was established at revaluation in 2007.

Depreciation is charged on a straight-line basis to write off the cost of other tangible fixed assets over their useful economic lives at the following annual rates:

Building improvements	-	15 years
Industrial boiler	-	15 years
Furniture and Equipment	-	4 years
Motor vehicles	-	4 years

**d) Income**

Income is accounted for when the conditions of entitlement, probability and measurability are met.

**e) Expenditure**

Expenditure is accounted for on a payable basis and has been analysed between:

- (i) Charitable activities - all expenditure in accordance with the objects of the charity.
- (ii) Governance costs – all expenditure to comply with statutory and legal requirements.

**f) Grants**

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is conveyed to the recipient. Amounts

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earmarked as grant payable but for which recipients are yet to be decided and/or notified are included in designated reserves.

**g) Taxation**

The charitable company is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

**h) Financial instruments**

The charity has only financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. These are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

**i) Cash & cash equivalents**

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of opening the deposit.

**j) Creditors and provision**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation arising from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

**2. EXPENDITURE**

	<b>2021</b>			<b>2020</b>	
	Direct activities £	Grant funding £	Governance £	Total £	Total £
Grants made (note 7)	-	56,405	-	56,405	52,904
Personnel costs	64,200	-	-	64,200	104,374
Ministries	6,249	-	-	6,249	8,437
Support services	480	-	-	480	396
Property costs	4,670	-	-	4,670	11,128
Office expenses	7,742	-	-	7,742	8,438
Depreciation	13,487	-	-	13,487	19,219
	<u>96,828</u>	<u>56,405</u>	-	<u>153,233</u>	<u>204,896</u>
Examination fee	-	-	1,170	1,170	1,180
	<u>96,828</u>	<u>56,405</u>	<u>1,170</u>	<u>154,403</u>	<u>206,076</u>

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**3. EMPLOYEE INFORMATION**

	<u>2021</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>2020</u> <u>Number</u>
<b>Staff numbers</b>		
Full time	1	1
Part time	3	5
	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>

The staff costs for the above persons were:

	<u>2021</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2020</u> <u>£</u>
<b>Staff costs</b>		
Salaries	60,642	95,231
Redundancy costs	-	3,440
Social security costs	2,295	3,812
Pension costs	1,263	1,891
	<u>64,200</u>	<u>104,374</u>

There were no employees with emoluments above £60,000.

**Directors and deacons**

The Key Management Personnel are the Directors and Deacons. No Director or Deacon received remuneration except Mike Ikwuemesi who was paid £660 (2020: £660) for website support. The Articles of Association permits a minority of Directors to be paid for services supplied to the charity.

Grants of £6,000 (2020: £6,000) were given to Connections Trust, a charity registered in England. Antony Horswood, a Director, is also a Trustee of this charity.

Two Directors and Deacons (2020: two) were reimbursed for expenses of £259 (2020: £569) duly incurred for worship team, youth and digital media expenses.

There were no other related party transactions.

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**4. TANGIBLE ASSETS**

	<u>Freehold property</u>	<u>Building improvements</u>	<u>Furniture &amp; equipment</u>	<u>Total</u>
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 November 2020	700,000	105,440	85,537	890,977
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	(839)	(839)
At 31 October 2021	<u>700,000</u>	<u>105,440</u>	<u>84,698</u>	<u>890,138</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 November 2020	-	41,970	74,639	116,610
Charge for the year	-	7,029	6,458	13,487
Disposals	-	-	(210)	(210)
At 31 October 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>49,000</u>	<u>80,887</u>	<u>129,887</u>
<b>Net book value</b>				
At 31 October 2021	<u>700,000</u>	<u>56,440</u>	<u>3,811</u>	<u>760,251</u>
At 31 October 2020	<u>700,000</u>	<u>63,470</u>	<u>10,897</u>	<u>774,367</u>

The freehold property, the church premises at 25 Tate Road, Sutton, Surrey SM1 2SY, was valued by the Directors on an open market basis on 1 November 1996 when the property was included in the accounts for the first time at £200,000. It was re-valued in October 2017 at £700,000. At transition to FRS 102, this value was treated as deemed cost.

**5. DEBTORS**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
	£	£
Other debtors	18,126	14,257
Prepayments	2,240	2,238
	<u>20,366</u>	<u>16,495</u>

**6. CREDITORS**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
	£	£
Other creditors	1,675	2,718
Accruals	1,390	2,691
	<u>3,065</u>	<u>5,409</u>

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**7. GRANTS MADE**

	2021		2020	
	No.	£	No.	£
<b><i>To advance the Christian religion</i></b>				
To organisations:				
Assemblies of God	12	180	12	180
Christian Solidarity World Wide	12	600	12	600
Cambodia Action	12	480	12	480
Sutton Schools Christian Workers Trust	12	1,200	12	1,200
		<b>2,460</b>		<b>2,460</b>
<b><i>To encourage Christian Missionary Activity</i></b>				
To organisations:				
Connections Trust	1	6,000	1	6,000
Living Word Ministries	1	6,000	1	6,000
Street Pastors - Mitcham	12	600	12	600
Street Pastors - Sutton	12	600	12	600
<i>Sub-total</i>		13,200		13,200
To individuals	12	1,200	12	1,200
Funds donated specifically to support T&L Lewry's mission in Brazil		31,459		31,232
		<b>45,859</b>		<b>45,632</b>
<b><i>To give relief to the poor &amp; needy and comfort the sick &amp; aged</i></b>				
To organisations:				
Beachy Head Chaplaincy	12	300	12	300
Foodbank Sutton	12	600	4	200
Teen Challenge	12	300	12	300
		<b>1,200</b>		<b>800</b>
Funds donated specifically to support various individuals		6,886		4,012
		<b>8,086</b>		<b>4,812</b>
 <b>Total grants made</b>		 <b>56,405</b>		 <b>52,904</b>

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**8. FUNDS**

	<u>1 November 2020</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>31 October 2021</u>
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Income funds	921,948	147,624	(117,320)	952,252
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
For poor and needy	(301)	4,461	(1,680)	2,480
For onward transmission	560	4,330	(3,944)	946
For T&L Lewry's mission to Brazil	2,248	37,771	(31,459)	8,560
New building fund	90,572	-	-	90,572
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>1,015,027</u>	<u>194,186</u>	<u>(154,403)</u>	<u>1,054,810</u>

Below was the position at 31 October 2020:

	<u>1 November 2019</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>31 October 2020</u>
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Income funds	952,368	140,413	(170,833)	921,948
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
For poor and needy	170	778	(1,249)	(301)
For onward transmission	62	3,260	(2,762)	560
For T&L Lewry's mission to Brazil	2,248	31,232	(31,232)	2,248
New building fund	90,572	-	-	90,572
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>1,045,420</u>	<u>175,683</u>	<u>(206,076)</u>	<u>1,015,027</u>

Restricted funds comprise gifts given to be used in specified church activities or to be passed on.

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**9. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	760,251	-	760,251
Debtors	20,366	-	20,366
Bank and cash balances	174,700	102,558	277,258
Creditors	(3,065)	-	(3,065)
	<u>952,252</u>	<u>102,558</u>	<u>1,054,810</u>

Below was the position at 31 October 2020

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	774,367	-	774,367
Debtors	16,495	-	16,495
Bank and cash balances	136,495	93,079	229,574
Creditors	(5,409)	-	(5,409)
	<u>921,948</u>	<u>93,079</u>	<u>1,015,027</u>

**10. SOFA COMPARATIVE**

	Note	2020		Total
		Unrestricted	Restricted	
		£	£	£
<b>Income from</b>				
Donations		136,190	35,270	171,460
Investment income		334	-	334
Other		3,889	-	3,889
<b>Total income</b>		<b>140,413</b>	<b>35,270</b>	<b>175,683</b>
<b>Expenditure on</b>				
Charitable activities	2	169,653	35,243	204,896
Governance costs	2	1,180	-	1,180
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>170,883</b>	<b>35,243</b>	<b>206,076</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>(30,420)</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>(30,393)</b>
Transfers between funds		-	-	-
Net movement in the year		-	-	-
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
Funds brought forward		952,368	93,052	1,045,420
<b>Funds carried forward</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>921,948</b>	<b>93,079</b>	<b>1,015,027</b>

**SUTTON CHRISTIAN CENTRE TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1115813

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# Accounts

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**31 OCTOBER 2020**

**SUTTON CHRISTIAN CENTRE TRUST**  
**LEGAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION**

**Board**

Antony Horswood  
Mike Ikwuemesi  
Richard Langley  
Seyi Obakin

**Company Secretary**

Seyi Obakin

**Church Administrator**

Allison Marsh

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Company Registration No – 5878906

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**SUTTON CHRISTIAN CENTRE TRUST  
REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020**

The Directors, who are also trustees of the charity, present their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2020, which comply with current statutory and accounting requirements.

**About Sutton Christian Centre Trust and its principal activities**

Sutton Christian Centre Trust is a registered charity legally organised in the form of a company limited by guarantee and governed by its Articles of Association. The Board of Trustees are the members of the company and their liability in the event of the company being wound up is limited to £1 each.

The company was incorporated on 17 July 2006 to take over the activities of Sutton Christian Centre Trust, a registered charity created by a trust deed dated 31 December 1985. The company became a registered charity (Charity Number 1115813) in England and Wales on 15 August 2006, its overall purpose being to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. Its charitable objectives are to advance the Christian faith in the United Kingdom or overseas, to further religious or secular education, to give relief to the poor and needy, and to help and comfort the sick and aged.

The Directors seek to achieve the company's charitable objectives by maintaining a centre of worship and fellowship, by regularly meeting for fellowship and prayer, by the baptising of believers by total immersion, by the dedication of infants and by the solemnisation of marriages. We run Sunday meetings, morning and evening where we preach the gospel, teach from the Bible and pray. The Church is split into small groups for pastoral care, we provide a wide range of activities for children and young adults and we reach out to Sutton's elderly through our ROSE ministries – a coordinated ministry with a specific vision to reach the elderly in our community for Christ. We host other activities to which all in our community are welcome.

**Governance**

The Company is controlled by a Board of Directors who also serve as trustees of the Charity. The Directors set out the vision, direction and strategies for the successful fulfilment of the company's purposes and continuing development. They are volunteers and do not receive any remuneration for their service. The current membership of the Board is set out in the Legal, Administrative and Professional Information page of these financial statements. New Directors are appointed by the existing Directors. The Directors receive training by holding regular accountability sessions with our apostolic cover, Ray Djan, and holding Away Days.

The Directors are supported in their role by a Board of Deacons who oversee the day-to-day administration of the Company and ensure that the policies set out by the Directors are implemented. Deacons are elected by the church members to serve a term of two years each and can be re-elected. They do not receive any remuneration for their service.

**Grant making policy**

The recipients of grants are usually organisations or individuals known to church members and grants given are approved by Directors and/or Deacons. The amounts earmarked to be given but not yet passed over to recipients at the year-end are set aside in the reserves.

**Investment powers and policy**

Directors have powers to invest surplus funds at their absolute discretion. Funds in excess of our day to day needs are held in bank deposits with UK banks. The Directors believe this represents the best balance of good returns, good service and a safe place to keep our money.

**Risk assessment**

The Directors examine regularly the major risks facing the company and ensure that systems are established to enable the necessary steps to be taken to lessen these risks.

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**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS**  
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**Review of the Year**

This year saw steady progress in delivering our vision, with action in each of the four quadrants – building a culture of caring for and nurturing each other; facilitating a lifestyle of prayer, including worship and intercession, training and equipping the people for maturity and service; and connecting communities at home and abroad to Christ.

Caring and shepherding is a key part of our church and is vital if we are to fulfil Christ's message that we should love one another as He loved us. Much of this is done through our Connect Groups and that has been so important this year because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

All our meetings moved online as soon as the first national lockdown took effect on 23 March 2020, and it was a blessing to be able to host virtual Connect Group meetings that enabled our people to stay connected with each other. Not only are people receiving care and love but also have the opportunity to grow and to use gifts that God has given. We are especially grateful to Mike Ikwuemesi who took over ensuring that our services could be delivered online every Sunday.

Even though we saw plenty of action in each quadrant of our vision and we are lovingly connecting each other and other people to Christ, we wanted progress to be faster. Thus, we engaged Colin Williams as a strategy and delivery coordinator to review how we could do this. The review led to us introducing a new mission statement which was launched at the end of the financial year: *to be a loving family church, where people of all ages, races, cultures, abilities, and backgrounds can experience the love of Jesus, be transformed by his word, discover their calling, and lovingly serve and connect others to Christ*. This mission statement expands out the essence of our vision and we will be working to communicate it effectively through the next financial year.

Restrictions continue due to the pandemic, and we will continue to follow government guidance and do all we can to keep our people safe.

The elders remain accountable to Ray Djan as our apostolic cover. He brings strength, wisdom and anointing and he is always available for counsel while he does check whether we are on track. He is also a wonderful speaker and a blessing to the whole fellowship.

**Public Benefit**

Sutton Christian Centre has a strong belief that we should benefit the community and that we are community minded. The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when considering their activities. Some of the activities this financial year which are of direct benefit are:

- Our premises are used to host a weekly Age Concern dance group and table tennis.
- We run a youth club.
- We visit several elderly folk's homes and act as Chaplain to some.
- We belong to Sutton LinK partnership which looks at health issues in Sutton.
- We donate to the Sutton Foodbank scheme.
- We encourage our members to be active in the community from school governors to those who help local government.
- We help and donate to other charities.
- We run a weekly children and mum's group that is open to the entire community.

**Financial review and reserves**

At the end of this financial year, unrestricted funds amounted to £921,948 of which £147,581 is freely available and £774,367 is invested in fixed assets, including the church building at Tate Road. The building was professionally re-valued at £700,000 in October 2007 and this was treated as deemed cost on transition to FRS 102. Restricted funds include £90,572 donated towards the

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development of the church building in due course.

In order to ensure that the trust can continue to operate effectively should it experience a significant drop in income, it must hold reserves at a level that the Directors consider to be sufficient. The Directors adopt a risk-based approach to determining the minimum reserves that would be required to sustain the charity over twelve months. Thus, each line of income and expenditure budget is risk-adjusted to assess the reserve requirement. Income for the current year was significantly curtailed by the pandemic, resulting in a special budget for 2020/21 that is similarly curtailed. As this is expected to be exceptional, the directors have decided to hold reserves at a minimum of £74,500, the same level as 2019/20. This is equivalent to around 25 weeks of expenditure based on the significantly curtailed 2020/21 budget, and around 19 weeks of the charity's usual expenditure budget. Additional reserves are needed to replace fixed assets at the appropriate time and the Directors would like to gradually build up reserves to enable the charity to purchase a new building or redevelop Tate Road.

**Statements of Directors' Responsibilities**

The directors (who are also trustees of Sutton Christian Centre Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which 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 directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included in the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



Antony Horswood

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
SUTTON CHRISTIAN CENTRE TRUST  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 October 2020 set out on pages 7 to 15.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees (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 the Company 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 the Company 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 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 the 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.



Paul Newton FCA

Jacob Cavenagh & Skeet  
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Sutton  
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Date: 15 July 2021

**SUTTON CHRISTIAN CENTRE TRUST**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**(INCLUDING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020**

	Note	2020			2019
		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
<b>Income from</b>					
Donations		136,190	35,270	171,460	208,409
Investment income		334	-	334	479
Other		3,889	-	3,889	2,824
<b>Total income</b>		<b>140,413</b>	<b>35,270</b>	<b>175,683</b>	<b>211,712</b>
<b>Expenditure on</b>					
Charitable activities	2	169,653	35,243	204,896	209,144
Governance costs	2	1,180	-	1,180	1,410
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>170,833</b>	<b>35,243</b>	<b>206,076</b>	<b>210,554</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>(30,420)</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>(30,393)</b>	<b>1,158</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Funds brought forward		952,368	93,052	1,045,020	1,044,262
<b>Funds carried forward</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>921,948</b>	<b>93,079</b>	<b>1,015,027</b>	<b>1,045,420</b>

All of the above results relate to continuing activities.

**SUTTON CHRISTIAN CENTRE TRUST**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2020**  
**COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 5878906**

	Note	2020		2019	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Tangible Assets	4		774,367		785,943
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors and prepayments	5	16,495		19,485	
Cash at bank and in hand		229,574		245,697	
		<u>246,069</u>		<u>265,182</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	6	<u>5,409</u>		<u>5,705</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<b>240,660</b>		<b>259,477</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<b>1,015,027</b>		<b>1,045,420</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>					
Restricted funds	8		93,079		93,052
Unrestricted funds	8		921,948		952,368
<b>Total reserves</b>			<b>1,015,027</b>		<b>1,045,420</b>

For the year ending 31 October 2020, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

No member of the Company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit and loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

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

These financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



Antony Horswood

**SUTTON CHRISTIAN CENTRE TRUST**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**a) Basis of Preparation & Assessment of Going Concern**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006; Charities Act 2011; 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) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. It is a charitable company limited by guarantee with registered office of 25 Tate Road, Sutton, Surrey, SM1 2SY. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

**Assessment of Going Concern**

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The directors consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

**b) Fixed assets**

Assets purchased or donated for charity use are included in the balance sheet at their cost or the Directors estimation of cost.

**c) Depreciation**

Freehold land and building is not subject to depreciation. Any depreciation provided would be immaterial as the estimated residual value of the property is not significantly different from its carrying value, which was established at revaluation in 2007.

Depreciation is charged on a straight-line basis to write off the cost of other tangible fixed assets over their useful economic lives at the following annual rates:

Building improvements	-	15 years
Industrial boiler	-	15 years
Furniture and Equipment	-	4 years
Motor vehicles	-	4 years

**d) Income**

Income is accounted for when the conditions of entitlement, probability and measurability are met.

**e) Expenditure**

Expenditure is accounted for on a payable basis and has been analysed between:

- (i) Charitable activities - all expenditure in accordance with the objects of the charity.
- (ii) Governance costs – all expenditure to comply with statutory and legal requirements.

**f) Grants**

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is conveyed to the recipient. Amounts

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earmarked as grant payable but for which recipients are yet to be decided and/or notified are included in designated reserves.

**g) Taxation**

The charitable company is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

**h) Financial instruments**

The charity has only financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. These are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

**i) Cash & cash equivalents**

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of opening the deposit.

**j) Creditors and provision**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation arising from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

**2. EXPENDITURE**

	2020			2019	
	Direct activities £	Grant funding £	Governance £	Total £	Total £
Grants made (note 7)	-	52,904	-	52,904	67,845
Personnel costs	104,374	-	-	104,374	91,032
Ministries	8,437	-	-	8,437	11,915
Support services	396	-	-	396	1,002
Property costs	11,128	-	-	11,128	9,291
Office expenses	8,438	-	-	8,438	10,020
Depreciation	19,219	-	-	19,219	18,039
	151,992	52,904	-	204,896	209,144
Examination fee	-	-	1,180	1,180	1,410
	151,992	52,904	1,180	206,076	210,554

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**3. EMPLOYEE INFORMATION**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Number</b>
<b>Staff numbers</b>		
Full time	1	2
Part time	5	3
	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>

The staff costs for the above persons were:

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Staff costs</b>		
Salaries	95,231	85,203
Redundancy costs	3,440	-
Social security costs	3,812	4,287
Pension costs	1,891	1,542
	<u>104,374</u>	<u>91,032</u>

There were no employees with emoluments above £60,000.

**Directors and deacons**

The Key Management Personnel are the Directors and Deacons. No Director or Deacon received remuneration except Mike Ikwuemesi who was paid £660 (2019: £660) for website support. The Articles of Association permits a minority of Directors to be paid for services supplied to the charity.

Grants of £6,000 (2019: £4,000) were given to Connections Trust, a charity registered in England. Antony Horswood, a Director, is also a Trustee of this charity.

Three Directors and Deacons (2019: two) were reimbursed for expenses of £569 (2019: £854) duly incurred for catering, network and youth expenses.

There were no other related party transactions.

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**4. TANGIBLE ASSETS**

	<b>Freehold property</b>	<b>Building improvements</b>	<b>Furniture &amp; equipment</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 November 2019	700,000	105,440	89,478	894,918
Additions	-	-	7,643	7,643
Disposals	-	-	(11,584)	(11,584)
At 31 October 2020	<u>700,000</u>	<u>105,440</u>	<u>85,537</u>	<u>890,977</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 November 2019	-	34,941	74,034	108,975
Charge for the year	-	7,029	12,190	19,219
Disposals	-	-	(11,584)	(11,584)
At 31 October 2020	<u>-</u>	<u>41,970</u>	<u>74,640</u>	<u>116,610</u>
<b>Net book value</b>				
At 31 October 2020	<u>700,000</u>	<u>63,470</u>	<u>10,897</u>	<u>774,367</u>
At 31 October 2019	<u>700,000</u>	<u>70,499</u>	<u>15,444</u>	<u>785,943</u>

The freehold property, the church premises at 25 Tate Road, Sutton, Surrey SM1 2SY, was valued by the Directors on an open market basis on 1 November 1996 when the property was included in the accounts for the first time at £200,000. It was re-valued in October 2017 at £700,000. At transition to FRS 102, this value was treated as deemed cost.

**5. DEBTORS**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other debtors	14,257	17,646
Prepayments	2,238	1,839
	<u>16,495</u>	<u>19,485</u>

**6. CREDITORS**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other creditors	2,718	2,681
Accruals	2,691	3,024
	<u>5,409</u>	<u>5,705</u>

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**7. GRANTS MADE**

	<b>2020</b>		<b>2019</b>	
	<b>No.</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>£</b>
<b><i>To advance the Christian religion</i></b>				
To organisations:				
Assemblies of God	12	180	9	135
Christian Solidarity World Wide	12	600	12	525
Cambodia Action	12	480	12	435
More Fire Revival Ministries	-	-	3	45
Share Christian Fellowship	-	-	1	750
Sutton Schools Christian Workers Trust	12	1,200	12	1,200
		<b>2,460</b>		<b>3,090</b>
<b><i>To encourage Christian Missionary Activity</i></b>				
To organisations:				
Connections Trust	1	6,000	1	4,000
Living Word Ministries	1	6,000	1	4,000
Street Pastors - Mitcham	12	600	12	600
Street Pastors - Sutton	12	600	12	600
<i>Sub-total</i>		<u>13,200</u>		<u>9,200</u>
To individuals	12	1,200	12	1,200
Funds donated specifically to support T&L Lewry's mission in Brazil		31,232		53,410
		<b>45,632</b>		<b>63,810</b>
<b><i>To give relief to the poor &amp; needy and comfort the sick &amp; aged</i></b>				
To organisations:				
Beachy Head Chaplaincy	12	300	9	225
Foodbank Sutton	4	200	1	100
Through The Roof	-	-	1	100
Sutton Winter Shelter	-	-	1	150
The Leprosy Mission	-	-	1	100
Teen Challenge	12	300	12	270
		<u>800</u>		<u>945</u>
Funds donated specifically to support various individuals		4,012		
		<b>4,812</b>		
<b>Total grants made</b>		<b>52,904</b>		<b>67,845</b>

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**8. FUNDS**

	<u>1 November 2019</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>31 October 2020</u>
	£	£	£		£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
Income funds	952,368	140,413	(170,833)	-	921,948
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
For poor and needy	170	778	(1,249)	-	(301)
For onward transmission	62	3,260	(2,762)	-	560
For T&L Lewry's mission to Brazil	2,248	31,232	(31,232)	-	2,248
New building fund	90,572	-	-	-	90,572
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>1,045,420</u>	<u>175,683</u>	<u>(206,076)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,015,027</u>

Below was the position at 31 October 2019:

	<u>1 November 2018</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>31 October 2019</u>
	£	£	£		£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
Income funds	951,091	166,577	(154,649)	(10,651)	952,368
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
For poor and needy	-	825	(655)	-	170
For onward transmission	190	1,902	(1,840)	(190)	62
For T&L Lewry's mission to Brazil	2,409	42,408	(53,410)	10,841	2,248
New building fund	90,572	-	-	-	90,572
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>1,044,262</u>	<u>211,712</u>	<u>(210,554)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,045,420</u>

Restricted funds comprise gifts given to be used in specified church activities or to be passed on.

The transfers in the prior year correct the treatment of restricted funds in the past years.

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**9. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	774,367	-	774,367
Debtors	16,495	-	16,495
Bank and cash balances	136,495	93,079	229,574
Creditors	(5,409)	-	(5,409)
	<u>921,948</u>	<u>93,079</u>	<u>1,015,027</u>

Below was the position at 31 October 2019

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	785,843	-	785,843
Debtors	19,485	-	19,485
Bank and cash balances	152,555	93,242	245,797
Creditors	(5,705)	-	(5,705)
	<u>952,178</u>	<u>93,242</u>	<u>1,045,420</u>

**10. SOFA COMPARATIVE**

	Note	2019		
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
		£	£	£
<b>Income from</b>				
Donations		163,274	45,135	208,409
Investment income		479	-	479
Other		2,824	-	2,824
<b>Total income</b>		<b>166,577</b>	<b>45,135</b>	<b>211,712</b>
<b>Expenditure on</b>				
Charitable activities	2	153,239	55,905	209,144
Governance costs	2	1,410	-	1,410
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>154,649</b>	<b>55,905</b>	<b>210,554</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>11,928</b>	<b>(10,770)</b>	<b>1,158</b>
Transfers between funds		(10,651)	10,651	-
Net movement in the year		1,277	(119)	1,158
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
Funds brought forward		951,091	93,171	1,044,262
<b>Funds carried forward</b>		<b>952,368</b>	<b>93,052</b>	<b>1,045,420</b>