Venture Church (Milton Keynes)

England & Wales · Charity number 1119304

Details

Other names	MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	05982564
Registered	2007-05-21
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: (A) TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE DIRECTORS FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT;(B) TO RELIEVE SICKNESS AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND TO PROMOTE AND PRESERVE GOOD HEALTH BY THE PROVISION OF FUNDS, GOODS OR SERVICES OF ANY KIND INCLUDING THROUGH THE PROVISION OF COUNSELLING AND SUPPORT IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE DIRECTORS FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT; AND(C) TO ADVANCE EDUCATION IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE DIRECTORS FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT

Activities: Milton Keynes Christian Centre is a contemporary church seeking to benefit the citizens of Milton Keynes through the provision of a range of community activities including: Sunday services, Day Nursery, Children & Youth ministry, Senior Citizens focus, Gospel Outreaches, International Missions, Leadership & Personal development, variety of Small Groups and Counselling, Conferencing, & Coffee shop.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED. IN PRACTICE MILTON KEYNES
- Milton Keynes

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£2,674,647	£2,661,833	£3,299,681	54
2023-12-31	£2,390,526	£2,326,823	£3,286,867	55
2022-12-31	£2,263,623	£2,086,130	£3,223,164	55
2021-12-31	£1,956,101	£1,850,385	£3,027,748	56
2020-12-31	£1,939,275	£1,812,023	£2,922,032	56

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Omotayo Ogundiran Kufeji	Chair	2019-01-15
John Martin Els		2022-03-08
Jonathan Allan Keel		2022-03-08
Joseph Amaeze		2020-03-17
MARK ANDREW SHERRATT		
PETER TAKACS		2012-05-08
Virginia Jane Brown		2019-01-14

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Accounts

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MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE

(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mark Sherratt, Senior Pastor Virginia Brown Peter Takacs Omotayo Kufeji, Chair Joseph Amaeze Jon Keel Gabrielle Osei John Els
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Company number	05982564
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MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE
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MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Charity for the 1st January to 31 December 2024. The Annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the group and the Charity qualify as small under section 383 of the Companies Act 2006, the Group strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Public benefit

The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in "The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit" and regularly review all activities to ensure they are per the aims and objectives of the charity. The Trustees have also considered the Charity Commission's guidance "Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)".

Milton Keynes Christian Centre (MKCC) provides benefits to the public through its provision of public worship facilities, pastoral care and discipleship courses - both for existing partners and those from our community who wish to benefit from what we offer. MKCC promotes Christian values and encourages our partners to actively serve others within their local communities and wider afield for the benefit of society as a whole. Details of our activities and the public benefit we provided throughout 2024 are detailed below.

Objectives and activities

MKCC exists for the benefit of the public. Our charitable purposes as set out in the objects contained in our memorandum of association are to:

- advance the Christian faith;
- relieve sickness and financial hardship and promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counselling and support; and
- advance education.

Our vision statement at MKCC is to 'Bring people to Jesus and to equip them to be fully devoted followers of Christ'. Our values are:

- We're passionate about people - Lost people matter to God, so they must matter to us.
- We're committed to community - We do life together, building a loving community.
- We're moving towards maturity - We have made an intentional commitment to grow up in Christ.
- We're saved to serve - We are simply God's servants doing what He equipped us to do and watching Him make a difference.
- We're forgiven to forgive - We will share radical grace with others in the same uncompromising way we received it from Christ.
- We're given to generosity - We will lead the way with irrational generosity, we truly believe it is more blessed to give than receive.
- We're bringing our best - We want to excel in all that we do so that we inspire others, honour God and bring a smile to His face.

Our strategic vision inspires us. Over the next five years, we see .....

- A church that is for our city, positioned in the heart of our community; a church that is constantly celebrating people making decisions for Christ and growing in God.
- A church family outworking a unified vision to reach the next generation (equipping parents to be the primary influence on their child's spiritual formation).
- A church making an impact outside the walls of our building - in our community, nation and around the world (sharing the Good News and meeting practical needs).
- A church committed to equipping people for everyday, ordinary life (providing ideas, resources and events to empower people to experience healthy relationships, lead and impact in every sphere of life and grow in God).
- A church where Jesus is famous and all the glory goes to God.

MKCC is a family church welcoming everyone to join us at one of our Sunday worship services. In addition to attending Sunday services, we encourage everyone to engage in a Life Group and meet with others at least once a month, building community and enabling people to do life together. Other core activities include our children and youth ministries, senior citizens meetings, discipleship courses, a parent and toddler group and a food bank distribution centre. There are numerous opportunities for individuals to volunteer their time serving locally or further afield in projects throughout the world. MKCC operates Tiny Steps Day Nursery, provides accommodation and seeks to make the best use of our facilities through the provision of a coffee shop and conferencing services. MKCC provides financial support and provision of facilities to two partner organisations Into The Community, registered charity no. 1084287, and LightForce International, registered charity no. 1050871 to fulfil mission objectives.

Achievements and performance

Sunday services

Average weekly attendance at one of our three adult or children's or youth in-person church services rose to 1,429 individuals. This equates to an increase of 15.3% compared with 2023 attendance. An average of 151 people also joined us online each week whilst an average of 268 kids attended our Discovery Kids services. An incredible 2,754 individuals participated in our Easter weekend services in-person or by viewing online whilst 3,212 took in one of our Christmas Sunday and Christmas Eve services.

In 2024, our teaching team successfully implemented a well-rounded and biblically grounded curriculum, which was enthusiastically embraced by church partners and visitors alike. This curriculum plays an integral role in our overarching strategy to achieve our vision of fostering spiritual growth, both individually and as a community.

We are grateful to all who serve faithfully within our communications and creative arts team: leading our church in worship, operating audiovisual equipment, lights, or video cameras and all involved in our production team that works hard behind the scenes. Together the team enables us to provide an environment in which worshippers can focus on God and encounter Him for themselves through corporate worship and listening to the teaching of God's Word. Some 105 volunteers served in this area of ministry throughout the year.

Discipleship

In the first quarter of 2024, our long-standing Care Pastor retired from the staff team. We honoured her service and leadership and began the process of recruiting for the role. Our new Care Pastor has been an excellent addition to the team and has successfully built volunteer teams to enhance care and foster connections within our expanding church family.

Our Connections Pastor has continued to develop our Life Group ministry. These groups, typically hosted in homes, play a pivotal role in nurturing a sense of belonging, fellowship and discipleship. In 2024 we launched 7 new life groups across the city. The Connections Pastor also worked hard on developing a healthy structure for life groups so all of our volunteer leaders are supported. Additionally, we continued our provision of central life groups, held at the church centre and saw 45 people not connected to life groups attend.

First impressions

Our First Impressions ministry faithfully served throughout the year, warmly welcoming guests to our Sunday services. Today, a committed team of over 230 volunteers generously contribute in different roles, including the car park, welcome team, guest lounge, and cleaning team. Over the year, our volunteer team leaders have attentively cared for their volunteers by hosting appreciation events such as team BBQs, breakfast gatherings, and social outings.

Pastoral care

The growth of the MKCC Pastoral Care ministry has been remarkable since the appointment of a new Care Pastor in June 2024. In the second half of the year, we saw a significant increase in pastoral interactions, with 505 recorded contacts—compared to 30 in the first six months. This surge reflects a deeper sense of connection and trust within our church family, as more individuals reach out for support, prayer, and guidance during difficult times.

Alongside this growth, we also saw an increase in requests for assistance from our MKCC Benevolence Fund. Over the year, a total of £12,274 was distributed to families and individuals facing financial hardship. Of this amount, £7,458.01 was distributed between June and December 2024, reflecting the growing need for support within our community. This fund, made possible by our annual All-In Campaign, serves as a vital resource to help alleviate the challenges our members face during difficult times.

One poignant story involves a young family facing financial hardship due to a lack of work shifts for the father, through the Benevolence Fund they received much-needed support, enabling them to survive and restore their sense of security. This story underscores the vital role our Benevolence Fund plays in not just alleviating immediate needs, but also providing hope and encouragement for long-term transformation.

In addition to the Pastoral Care impact, our Sunday Prayer and Hospitality teams have evolved significantly. What began as a foundational structure has now flourished into full, vibrant teams, with volunteers who are equipped and trained, and who feel empowered to serve our congregation effectively. These dedicated volunteers are integral to our church's mission, playing a vital role in fostering a sense of community and care.

Next steps

In the period spanning from January to December 2024, we continue to experience growth, with 425 new adults added to our churchsuite database. We updated our systems to better cope with this growth and now hold monthly events for 'New Friends'. In 2024, 96 people attended one of these events.

We shifted our focus away from formal church membership to measure the engagement of individuals within the church. The year started with 868 people engaged and ended with 978 individuals involved in life groups, serving on teams, or contributing financially within the past 3 months. This represents a 12.7% increase.

Throughout the year, we celebrated three Baptism Sundays in March, July, and November, during which a total of 38 individuals publicly affirmed their faith – 24 adults and 14 children/young people. It was truly inspiring to witness the transformative impact of Jesus and their faith on their lives.

Local mission - forMK

The overwhelming generosity and compassion of our Church family have enabled us to positively impact our City by addressing key priority needs and bringing hope, support, and love to those in our community.

For the second year running, the focus of our annual Be-Rich campaign was our forMK Crisis Support Fund, offering vital assistance to individuals who had exhausted all other means of financial support. Community organisations, local charities, and partners submitted 139 applications, making referrals for individuals and families from their client base. The annual fund totalled over £26,000, and during the year £18,950 was allocated to those in dire need in our City. The remaining funds will continue to benefit those in crisis need in 2025

In the area of Crime and Safety, we supported events addressing issues of Violence against Women & Girls (VAWG) and Knife crime. This included funding a meeting with our Young People in FUSE and Thames Valley Police that facilitated dialogue, understanding, and cohesion between the Police Service and youth within our community.

Over the summer break, our financial input facilitated holiday activities for 80 Young Carers, gifts & incentives for 150 children aged under 12 at a local summer camp, 60 places at a 6-day youth sports camp for young people aged 12-16, and 8 places on an animation workshop for young people with additional needs. These efforts aimed to engage and empower young people and provide them with opportunities for growth, development, and well-being.

Throughout the year, our Poverty & Disadvantage relief, funded free community movie nights, half-term brunches, food hampers, and Christmas events, organised by our MKCC Family Ministry team. These events provided support, ongoing engagement, and fun to families facing financial hardship and isolation. Additionally, our partnerships & collaborations with:

- Campbell Park Community Council assisted with providing 454 free soup servings to our local community and on-site coffee shop patrons, twice weekly from January to March.
- MK Council's supported housing centres, allowed us to reach over 170 older residents with gifts over Christmas and provide
- Age UK MK funded domestic services, safety & security work and meal deliveries for older people with limited funds.
- Local Schools enabled us to provide funds for revision guides, scientific calculators and school holiday activities for pupil premium students.
- Prison Fellowship and HMP Woodhill enabled us to support prisoners and their families across the region through projects like Angel Tree and our MKCC prison outreach services.
- Foodbank MK, enabled us to contribute over 8,500 food items to initiatives such as their Reverse Advent & Christmas campaigns, and our weekly hosting of Foodbank & Top-up shop servings during the year, positively impacting those affected by food poverty & insecurity.
- Milton Keynes Council Family Centres, allowed us to identify and assist over 100 families in hardship with Christmas gifts and supermarket shopping vouchers.

In conclusion, through ongoing communication, collaboration, and the collective action of our Church community, forMK has effectively displayed dedication to seek out and serve the diverse needs of our City and as a result, we have enhanced our reputation as a symbol of generosity and love across Milton Keynes. Moving forward, we will remain committed to maintaining a steadfast and consistent effort to make a tangible difference in the lives of those around us and FOR our City.

Children

Discovery Kids exists to "encourage every child to dig deeper and discover Jesus for themselves" through the filter of our four values: Fun, Safety, Relationships, and Age Appropriateness. We achieve this through several programmes that run throughout the week and calendar year, including Sunday Discovery Kids services tailored to four age-appropriate settings, Wednesday DK Groups (school year-based small groups meeting weekly during term time), and our ministry for children with additional needs, Konnect, which ensures that every child can enjoy Discovery Kids at their level.

Throughout the year, we hosted numerous events for children aged 5-11. We held Easter and Christmas specials, both of which sold out with over 250 children in attendance. Our annual pizza party provided a fun and safe alternative to trick-or-treating for over 220 children.

In August, we organised the Summer Smash, a week-long activity extravaganza for 5-11-year-olds, with 104 children attending each day. We offered a range of on-site and off-site activities, with children having a fantastic time and parents expressing gratitude for the outstanding care provided and the exceptional value for money.

136 children enrolled in our DK Groups, which resumed in late September. Supported by 36 leaders leading 15 groups, fostering learning, growth, and meaningful relationships among children.

Discovery Kids partnered with the forMK Team to deliver half-term events targeting families struggling through the cost of living crisis. We provided a free brunch at MKCC or breakfast kits for home, along with family hot dog and movie nights, which were well-received by our local community and church family.

During Christmas, we partnered with the forMK team and local primary schools to provide over 60 hampers for families in need, including vouchers for a local supermarket.

Our Santa's Grotto welcomed over 360 children from our local community, offering a gift, a chocolate Santa, and a book with an age-appropriate tale of the nativity story.

Discovery Kids Sunday services remain vibrant, engaging an average of 307 children weekly across four classrooms. Our commitment to inclusivity extends to Konnect, where 26 children receive one-to-one support, and an additional 5 children receive extra assistance within their main classes. At Christmas, we celebrated with families, offering gifts as tokens of our love and support.

Our Tuesday morning parent and toddler group continues to attract families from the local community and helps to create a sense of belonging and togetherness. We continue to work closely with local children's centres who have been sending in some practitioners to offer help, guidance and support to families as well as running fun activities like baby discos!

Youth

Fuse, our ministry for secondary students aged 11 to 18 years, is where the fun truly ignites! Our vision for Fuse is all about "connecting young people to Jesus so they can treasure him," and we make it happen through our core values: Belong, Grow, and Be Real.

Friday nights are the prime time for Fuse action! We host engaging activities and a church service custom-tailored for young people. Throughout the year, we dive into topics like the foundations of faith, prayer, questions on faith, identity and mental health. During the series that we have unpacked, we have seen a desire for our young people to get into God's word, with many coming forward and asking for a Bible.

But wait, there's more! During the summer, we had our second Fuse conference. With 70 youths joining us, we feasted together, dove into thrilling activities, and provided the perfect atmosphere for young people to explore their faith and discover their true worth. We also ended the week with a late-night games night & a sleepover!

Our Sunday Fuse Area continues to work well! Our dedicated team of leaders see an average of 33 young people coming together during Sunday services, forming connections, and making memories with their buddies. At Fuse, the energy is electric, and the friendships are forever!

On average, 118 young people attended Fuse on a Friday evening and our Christmas Party had 186 young people in attendance.

Sensory Suite

The Sensory Suite has truly grown within the community in 2024. Dozens of schools now access our space regularly or through one-off trips, and many carers and families rely on it as a vital resource to regulate and stimulate their loved ones with additional needs.

During the half-term break, a young family visited the Sensory Suite for the first time—and they were amazed by its accessibility. For them, having a private, hour-long session was a game-changer. Before discovering our space, school holidays meant being stuck at home because public places were too busy, loud, and overwhelming. But here, they finally found a space their child could not only access but truly enjoy.

Beyond providing a safe and inclusive environment, we've also started reaching out to Sensory Suite users to connect them with the Konnect Support Fund. One remarkable story stands out: a mother requested an iPad with specialised communication software for her 8-year-old son, who had never been able to express his needs verbally. Just a week after receiving it, he was using the device to ask for the exact food he wanted—something his mother had never experienced in his eight years of life. It's incredible to witness first-hand how life-changing this fund can be.

The Sensory Suite has become a vital sanctuary for those who need it most—offering comfort, accessibility, and life-changing support. As we move through 2025, we aim to expand our reach even further, welcoming more families, schools, and day services while continuing to enhance the space to meet evolving needs. With ongoing support, we hope to create even more opportunities for connection, communication, and inclusion.

Seniors

The Time Out team diligently gathers every Thursday to create enjoyable and engaging afternoons for our senior citizens. The program is diverse, featuring quizzes, games, exercise sessions, a monthly service, and guest speakers. This year, we've welcomed Co-Op legal services offering financial advice and scam awareness, insights into the work of Medical Detection Dogs, discussions on beekeeping and candle making, presentations about work in Vietnam and stories from two of our members regarding their past endeavours in Papua New Guinea.

We've embraced six new participants but sadly lost a dear team member who served faithfully for 17 years and, whilst deeply missed, we cherish many joyful memories of her time with us. In November, Time Out celebrated its 30th anniversary, and the church hosted a delightful afternoon tea for all members (over 60 attendees!). The church staff meticulously organised and served, making it a wonderful celebration as we thanked God for His blessings over the years.

Through the benevolence fund, the church assisted a couple in need, which was profoundly appreciated. During Christmas, we enjoyed a vibrant carol service, a festive party, and a visit from nursery children who entertained us with their enthusiastic singing.

The essential work of Time Out continues to reach and impact the lives of elderly individuals, offering love, care, and companionship to those who need it most.

Facilities

The Accommodation Unit, initially constructed as a training facility to house bible school students and their classroom space, has fulfilled several purposes over the years. In recent times the unit has provided single-occupancy accommodation for young professionals working throughout the city. MKCC continues to rent out a property in Oldbrook which made a small contribution to the running costs of the centre. Occupancy levels fluctuated throughout 2024 before stabilising in the final months of the year. Accommodation generated a rental income of £80,714.

Whilst finance generated from the provision of accommodation assists in covering the general running costs of MKCC, such accommodation greatly benefits members of our local community who find themselves in great need and often unable to afford accommodation offered elsewhere in Milton Keynes.

Tiny Steps Day Nursery

Over the last year, we have been working hard to ensure our "ethos" of a home-from-home feeling is embedded within the team.

As we show new families around, we are proud to show them how far we have come and how the nursery has grown, we are more confident in who we are as a setting, and encourage the team to look after the children, as if they were their own.

Activities have massively improved and staff are proud of their setups and ensuring that the next steps and children's interests are being carried on and extending their learning.

2024 was a success in parent partnership involving families in their child's learning, whether this was through stay and play sessions, parent consultations or general feedback, the open and honest approach is always at the forefront of the team's mind.

Christmas was our busiest to date, we had over 100 people attend our Christmas Breakfast and was nice to see families engaging and meeting each other, through the children.

Enrolling on "maths championships" has been an eye-opener, and we are near the end, we will spend the first 6 months disseminating this to the team, and ensuring the staff have as much knowledge as possible in how to teach maths in early years.

Every staff meeting continues to be part of training, as we move through 2025 we begin the process of being "Ofsted" ready for 2026.

MKCC Limited

MKCC Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Milton Keynes Christian Centre, was established in December 2015 and commenced trading on February 1st, 2016. The company oversees the enterprise activities of MKCC, including conferencing, venue hire and a coffee shop, to generate funds to support the wider mission of the charity.

For the financial year ending December 31st, 2024, MKCC Ltd reported a turnover of £183,509, with a trading loss of £8,011.

MK Conferencing

MK Conferencing exists to provide high-quality event and conferencing services to both local and national organisations while leveraging MKCC's facilities to generate income that supports the Centre's charitable initiatives.

The business model remains focused on nurturing existing relationships—including local government agencies, NHS partners, and commercial clients—while actively engaging new customers.

While the post-pandemic landscape and ongoing cost-of-living challenges posed obstacles, MK Conferencing delivered a profitable year, though slightly below target. The team demonstrated remarkable agility, adapting to industry shifts such as shorter booking lead times and tighter client budgets. To continue supporting key workers, we also maintained discounted room hire rates for NHS staff, councils, charities, and statutory bodies facilitating training.

The year ended on a high note, and we are optimistic as we enter 2025, with strong momentum carrying forward and several larger bookings already confirmed. This foundation gives us every confidence that 2025 will bring greater success.

MK Conferencing contributed £24,483.89 towards overall overheads, helping to offset losses incurred by the Coffee Shop.

Strudwicks Coffee Shop

2024 marked the first full trading year for Strudwicks since resuming operational control. While the business recorded a £26,686 loss, this was primarily due to the costs of restarting from near scratch, coupled with a higher-than-expected increase in the national living wage.

Despite this, sales grew steadily month-on-month, offering an encouraging trajectory as we look ahead to 2025.

Strudwicks continues to play a vital role as the front-facing heart of our venue, offering a warm and welcoming space for the local community. More than a café, it serves as a hub where charities and support groups can connect with those they serve. Throughout the year, our space has been utilised by:

- A job seekers' group
- A weekly support network for parents of home-schooled children
- Local charities like MacIntyre, providing support for children and young adults with additional needs

While we anticipate some continued financial challenges in 2025, Strudwicks remains an essential part of our mission. As a company and a charitable organization, we are committed to ensuring its sustainability—balancing financial viability with our commitment to community impact.

Although MKCC Ltd closed the year with an overall deficit, we are entering 2025 with renewed confidence. With MK Conferencing's upward momentum and Strudwicks' growing customer base, we remain committed to strengthening our financial position while continuing to serve our community.

By refining our operations, fostering key partnerships, and staying adaptable in an evolving market, we look forward to a more successful year ahead.

Financial review
Tithes and Offerings

Giving to our undesignated funds totalled £1,140,722. This remarkable achievement includes Gift Aid of £207,138.

All in

Beyond our regular giving through Tithes and Offerings, we also received donations totalling £164,011 through our All In programme. The money will be put to meeting specific needs in our church community, in the city of Milton Keynes, or through mission via our partnership with LightForce International.

All In - Benevolence

Through the Benevolence Fund, we have helped countless people in our church family and beyond. In 2025 we distributed a total of £12,274 to thirty-four families or individuals.

Global Impact

In 2024, we had the privilege of investing £138,074 including £99,670 from All In, into overseas missions through our partnership with Pastor George and LightForce International in Uganda and India.

Our investment has enabled Pastor George and his team to continue their invaluable work in these countries, providing vital resources and support to those in need. From empowering young people in Uganda to promoting education and healthcare in India and Albania, our investment has helped to make a meaningful difference in the lives of countless individuals and communities.

In November 2024, Pastor Mark had the opportunity to visit the LightForce base in Uganda and was deeply moved by the incredible impact of our giving on the community of Lira. During his visit, he had the privilege of attending a joyous celebration with approximately two thousand guests, including local dignitaries, as they honoured the graduates from our day nursery, primary school, and agricultural college.

Pastor Mark's visit to the LightForce base in Uganda was a testament to the incredible work being done by the organization, and a reminder of the transformative power of giving and compassion.

For MK

Our members' generosity allowed us to respond to community needs through a variety of initiatives:

- In response to the cost of living crisis, £626 was spent creating a community 'warm space' at MKCC serving soup, rolls and refreshments.
- £7,000 was allocated to provide half-term brunches, breakfast pack giveaways, community movie nights, and Christmas community events organised by MKCC's families team.
- A total of £2,500 was distributed to schools in MK in support of student incentive programmes, transport funds and purchasing equipment for students unable to afford their own.
- £200 was gifted to the charity NutriTroops to purchase gifts and prizes for the children aged 6-11 years attending their 2-week free summer camp in Fishermead, Milton Keynes.
- £780 was donated to the 5-On-It Foundation charity in support of their fund enabling 12-16 year-olds from across Milton Keynes to attend the summer Health Activities and Food Scheme (HAFS) and for an animation workshop for those with additional needs.
- £1,595 donated to MK Carers in support of their work providing holiday activities for 80 young carers and 40 families as an opportunity to provide respite while building relationships with one another.
- £500 was donated to St. Mark's Meals in support of their work providing meal boxes to families – the timing of our donation enabled St Mark's to receive match funding from MK Community Foundation.
- £500 was donated to a local community charity Making Good Better (MGB) providing low-cost hot meals for those in our local community.
- £500 was used to purchase new equipment for our on-site Sensory Suite to enhance and facilitate the experience of those with additional & sensory needs.
- £300 was spent on personal hygiene products and toiletries in readiness for those who need immediate help with their circumstances.
- £500 was spent to assist the YMCA SoupFest fundraising initiative contributing to activities and welcome packs for their residents.
- £1,032 was raised for The Prison Fellowship's angel tree project together with 85 gifts donated for children of prisoners.

- A total of £1,200 was used to provide 100 Christmas gifts for local families identified as being in need.
- A total of £2,000 was spent to provide 170 Christmas goodie bags for senior citizen residents living in supported housing centres.
- As we entered 2025, £3,000 was spent to purchase 100 £30 vouchers for families identified by Family Centre practitioners as struggling following the festive period.

Through these initiatives, we demonstrated our commitment to supporting those who matter to God and, therefore, matter to us and expressing our true commitment to being for Milton Keynes.

BeRich

In February 2024 our annual Be-Rich campaign raised £7,706 thanks to the incredible generosity of our church community.

These donations were allocated to the ForMK Community Crisis Support Fund. Through a straightforward application process, we can provide financial assistance for those who have exhausted statutory support possibilities and are in emergency need.

Individuals/families can apply for a maximum of £150 over 12 months through one of our many referral charities and community organisations.

A total of £18,950 was distributed to 139 applicants throughout 2024.

a. Statement relating to Going Concern

We are pleased to report that the charity ended 2024 in a strong financial position thanks to the continued support of our partners, the excellent performance of our day nursery and conferencing activities and the continued efforts of senior management to control costs/expenditure.

The charity's cash balances increased slightly to £772,560 as of 31st December 2024. The Governance board can confirm Milton Keynes Christian Centre can continue operating in 2025 and further, with no concerns regarding financial viability.

Reserves policy

Total unrestricted reserves at 31 December 2024 were £3,186,584 (2023: £3,156,225) comprising:

- Unrestricted funds held as fixed assets — £2,600,559 (2023: £2,662,599)
- Designated funds — £nil (2023: £nil)
- Free reserves (see below) — £586,025 (2023: £493,666)

Our reserves policy focuses on free reserves as these are the reserves held at the discretion of the trustees.

The reserves policy range has been built up based on ensuring the financial stability of the charity and ensuring that the charity can meet both its ongoing commitments and its strategic plans. In calculating the required level of reserves, the trustees consider the risk of income shortfalls, the potential for budget shortfalls, and other broader risks that could impact the charity.

The current free reserves policy range approved by the board of trustees is £250,000, which is reviewed each year to take account of both internal and external factors. The free reserves on 31 December 2024 of £586,025 are above the Board's target.

The trustees last increased the required level of reserves in 2022 following the repayment of the property mortgage.

The reserves policy is kept under regular review and target levels are adjusted as assessments of risk and other factors develop or change.

Future developments

Throughout 2025 MKCC will continue to provide public benefit through the delivery of our charitable activities. We will continue to deliver our charitable objectives through:

- On-going development and implementation of a strategy which encourages and facilitates church growth;
- Continuing to maximise our volunteer participation;
- Assisting every individual to identify and take the next step in their spiritual journey;
- On-going development and implementation of our ForMK strategy which seeks to meet practical needs in our community;
- Continued support of LightForce International and Into The Community;
- Continually seeking to develop and enhance the services Tiny Steps Day Nursery, Conferencing@ MKCC and Coffee Shop provide to the members of our local community, Milton Keynes and surrounding areas.
- Promotion of our Sensory Suite to families throughout Milton Keynes who have at least one child with additional needs.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

Milton Keynes Christian Centre is incorporated as a charitable company limited by guarantee (charity number 1119304, company number 5982564) governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Governance

Our Governance Board currently comprises the Chair and seven other trustees whose names are listed on the association information page of this document. We have all declared that we will carry out our responsibilities as trustees of MKCC per the Charity Commission guidelines. Trustees have also considered the Good Governance Code for the voluntary sector. As part of our induction and training as trustees, we were provided with detailed information about MKCC and its various activities, including its memorandum and articles, accounts, financial reports and minutes of previous trustees' meetings. We, the trustees, form the membership of the charitable company.

We have overall responsibility for overseeing MKCC's strategy and operations, approving its budgets and for all its major decisions. The leadership of the church and management of the organisation's activities is delegated to the Senior Management team who report directly to the trustees providing feedback on performance and informing trustees of future planning. Trustee's meetings are held at least four times a year.

The Senior Management team comprises Mark Sherratt (Senior Pastor), Billy Ritchie (Executive Pastor), Nicola Ritchie (Associate Pastor), and Jon Keel (Discipleship Pastor).

Risk management

We regularly assess the major risks to which the charity is exposed and in particular; those related to reputation and stakeholder confidence in senior leadership, safeguarding children and vulnerable adults, Health and Safety, the fulfilment of regulatory requirements, business continuity and ensuring the long-term financial security of MKCC. The Governance board records all major risks identified within a risk register. Responsibility for maintaining/ updating the risk register is delegated to a subcommittee chaired by a member of the Trustee Board.

Throughout 2024 staff within the various departments updated sections of the risk register and populated the register with live/current risks – outworking MKCC's "see it, say it, sorted' policy.

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and to the date of signature of the financial statements were :

Mark Sherratt, Senior Pastor
Virginia Brown
Peter Takacs
Omotayo Kufeji, Chair
Joseph Amaeze
Jon Keel
Gabrielle Osei
John Els

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

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

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) 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 Group will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Group and the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Group and the Charity 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 Group and the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditor

The auditor, Crouchers Ltd, has indicated their willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditor at a meeting of the Trustees.

Disclosure of information to auditor
Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable group's auditor is unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable group's auditor is aware of that information.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Mark Sherratt, Senior Pastor
Trustee

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Peter Takacs
Trustee

Date: 30th July 2025

MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Milton Keynes Christian Centre (the "parent charitable company") and its subsidiary (the 'group') for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the consolidated statement of financial activities, the consolidated balance sheet, the charity balance sheet, the consolidated statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the 'parent charitable company' in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the 'parent charitable company''s ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

- the information given in the Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception
In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the parent charitable company has not kept adequate and sufficient accounting records, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or

- the parent charitable company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or

- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or

- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or

the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic report.

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the Trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Trustees
As explained more fully in the statement of Trustees' responsibilities, the Trustees, who are also the directors of the 'parent charitable company' for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the 'parent charitable company''s ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements
We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

- the engagement partner's assessment of whether the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence and capabilities to identify or recognise non-compliance with laws and regulations, details of those matters about non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud that were communicated to the engagement team, and any discussions with specialists on areas of the financial statements particularly susceptible to fraud;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the Group through discussions with Trustees and other management, and from our knowledge of charity and company law and experience;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the Charitable Company, including the Companies Act 2006, Charities Act 2011 and UK tax legislation, as well as those laws and regulations relating to the Group's operations such as data protection, health and safety and employment legislation;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence;;
- identified laws and regulations were communicated with the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit; and
- we reviewed the minutes of Trustees' meetings to identify any references to non-compliances with laws and regulations.

We assessed the susceptibility of the Group's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining and understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- performed audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for bias.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing any correspondence with relevant regulators such as the Charity Commission.

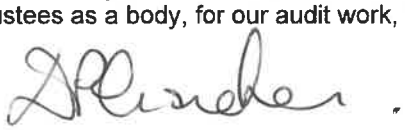
There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the Trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	1,140,722	164,011	1,304,733	1,108,128	148,425	1,256,553
Other trading activities	4	1,278,308	-	1,278,308	1,042,349	-	1,042,349
Investments	5	91,606	-	91,606	91,624	-	91,624
Total income		2,510,636	164,011	2,674,647	2,242,101	148,425	2,390,526
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	6	199,146	-	199,146	105,918	-	105,918
Charitable activities	7	2,281,721	181,556	2,463,277	2,064,261	156,644	2,220,905
Other expenditure		(590)	-	(590)	-	-	-
Total expenditure		2,480,277	181,556	2,661,833	2,170,179	156,644	2,326,823
Net income/(expenditure)		30,359	(17,545)	12,814	71,922	(8,219)	63,703
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	113,104	(113,104)	-
Net movement in funds		30,359	(17,545)	12,814	185,026	(121,323)	63,703
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		3,156,225	130,642	3,286,867	2,971,199	251,965	3,223,164
Fund balances at 31 December 2024		3,186,584	113,097	3,299,681	3,156,225	130,642	3,286,867

The consolidated statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**12**		2,713,453		2,662,559
Current assets					
Stocks	**14**	1,506		1,380	
Debtors	**15**	54,512		56,584	
Cash at bank and in hand		772,560		742,910	
		828,578		800,874	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**16**	(242,350)		(176,566)	
Net current assets			586,228		624,308
Total assets less current liabilities			3,299,681		3,286,867
The funds of the 'parent charitable company'					
Restricted funds	**18**		113,097		130,642
Unrestricted funds	**19**		3,186,584		3,156,225
			3,299,681		3,286,867

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Mark Sherratt, Senior Pastor
Trustee 30/07/2025

Omotayo Kufeji, Chair
Trustee 30/07/2025

Company registration number 05982564 (England and Wales)

MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
CHARITY BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**12**		2,710,936		2,660,198
Investments			100		100
			2,711,036		2,660,298
Current assets				-	
Debtors	**15**	63,034		58,501	
Cash at bank and in hand		761,381		725,587	
		824,415		784,088	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**16**	(227,186)		(156,946)	
Net current assets			597,229		627,142
Total assets less current liabilities			3,308,265		3,287,440
Net assets			3,308,265		3,287,440
Income funds					
Restricted funds	**18**		113,097		130,642
Unrestricted funds			3,308,265		3,156,798
			3,308,265		3,287,440

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

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Omotayo Kufeji, Chair
Trustee 30/07/2025

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MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	**22**		106,446		62,974
Investing activities					
Proceeds from disposal of intangibles		590		-	
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(169,308)		(48,296)	
Proceeds from disposal of tangible fixed assets		316		-	
Investment income received		91,606		91,624	
Net cash (used in)/generated from investing activities			(76,796)		43,328
Net cash generated from financing activities			-		-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			29,650		106,302
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			742,910		636,608
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			772,560		742,910

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The charity is a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and is a registered in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is Strudwick Drive, Oldbrook, Milton Keynes, MK6 2TG. The accounts have been prepared in sterling and rounded to the nearest £.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the 'parent charitable company"s governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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). The 'parent charitable company' is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the 'parent charitable company'. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

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

The Consolidated statement of financial activities (SOFA) and Consolidated balance sheet consolidate the financial statements of the Charity and its subsidiary undertaking. The results of the subsidiary are consolidated on a line by line basis.

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption allowed under section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and has not presented its own Statement of financial activities in these financial statements.

1.2 Going concern

In approving these accounts, the Trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern is appropriate and whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Trust to continue as a going concern. The Trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of at least one year from the date of the approval of the financial statements.

With the level of unrestricted funds and liquid assets available, the Trustees consider the organisation is in a stable financial position. The Trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The Trustees consider that the budgeted cashflow is sufficient with the level of unrestricted reserves for the Trust to be able to meet its liabilities as they fall due. For this reason, the Trustees consider it appropriate for the financial statements to continue being prepared on a going concern basis.

1.3 Charitable funds

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Group and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Group for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.4 Income

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

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the Charity has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the Charity, can be reliably measured.

Grants are included in the Consolidated statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognised as income when they are distributed to the projects. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold.

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

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Group to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Group's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	2% / 10%
Fixtures and fittings	20% / 25% / 33.3%
Motor vehicles	20%

1.7 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

1.8 Cash and 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 acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.9 Financial instruments

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

1.10 Debtors

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

1.11 Interest receivable

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

Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Consolidated statement of financial activities.

Investments in subsidiaries are valued at cost less provision for impairment.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.12 Liabilities and provisions

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

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

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Consolidated statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the 'parent charitable company''s accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

Critical judgements

Depreciation

Based on useful economic lives which are set out in the accounting policies. These estimates are the best estimate based on past experience and expected performance and are regularly reviewed to ensure remain appropriate.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Donations and gifts	1,140,722	164,011	1,304,733	1,108,128	148,425	1,256,553
Donations and gifts						
Tithes and offerings	933,584	-	933,584	915,515	-	915,515
All In income	-	164,011	164,011	-	148,425	148,425
Gift Aid Received	207,138	-	207,138	192,613	-	192,613
	1,140,722	164,011	1,304,733	1,108,128	148,425	1,256,553

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Other trading activities		
Other ministry income	46,519	30,765
Childcare income	1,048,279	871,860
Coffee shop and conferencing income	183,510	139,724
	1,278,308	1,042,349

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Rental income	80,714	82,810
Interest receivable	10,892	8,814
	91,606	91,624

6 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Fundraising and publicity		
Charges against rental income	7,626	6,966
Trading costs	191,520	98,952
	199,146	105,918

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable activities 2024 £	Charitable activities 2023 £
Direct costs		
Childcare costs	813,329	720,775
Ministry costs	1,054,383	966,895
Mission giving	173,370	127,948
Governance costs	11,418	5,400
Property and administration	410,777	399,887
	2,463,277	2,220,905
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	2,281,721	2,064,261
Restricted funds	181,556	156,644
	2,463,277	2,220,905

The amount above excludes a further £25,750 (2023: £25,750) of in-kind contribution to Missions as disclosed in Note 18

8 Auditor's remuneration

Fees payable to the charity's auditor and associates:	2024 £	2023 £
For audit services		
Audit of the financial statements of the charity	5,100	5,100

9 Trustees

During the year ended 31 December 2024, no Trustees expenses have been incurred (2023: £NIL).

During the year the following Trustees received remuneration and benefits of over £60,000:

Mark Sherratt- £65,000 - £70,000

10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

2024 Number	2023 Number
56	55

10 Employees (Continued)

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Aggregate compensation	260,211	66,132

The key management personnel (KMP) includes the Trustees and those Members of staff who are senior management personnel to whom the Trustees have delegated responsibility in the day-to-day running of the charity.

Milton Keynes Christian Centre redefined its Senior Management Team in 2024, with more staff classified as Key Management.

11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

12 Tangible fixed assets

Group

Current financial year	Freehold land and buildings	Fixtures and fittings	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 January 2024	3,842,095	322,120	14,750	4,178,965
Additions	146,671	22,637	-	169,308
Disposals	-	(21,115)	-	(21,115)
At 31 December 2024	3,988,766	323,642	14,750	4,327,158
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 January 2024	1,247,749	253,907	14,750	1,516,406
Depreciation charged in the year	95,206	22,892	-	118,098
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	(20,799)	-	(20,799)
At 31 December 2024	1,342,955	256,000	14,750	1,613,705
Carrying amount				
At 31 December 2024	2,645,811	67,642	-	2,713,453
At 31 December 2023	2,594,346	68,213	-	2,662,559

12 Tangible fixed assets (Continued)

Charity

Current financial year	Freehold land and buildings	Fixtures and fittings	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 January 2024	3,842,095	314,560	14,750	4,171,405
Additions	146,671	21,543	-	168,214
Disposals	-	(20,718)	-	(20,718)
At 31 December 2024	3,988,766	315,385	14,750	4,318,901
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 January 2024	1,247,749	248,709	14,750	1,511,208
Depreciation charged in the year	95,206	21,953	-	117,159
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	(20,402)	-	(20,402)
At 31 December 2024	1,342,955	250,260	14,750	1,607,965
Carrying amount				
At 31 December 2024	2,645,811	65,125	-	2,710,936
At 31 December 2023	2,594,346	65,852	-	2,660,198

13 Financial instruments

	Goup 2024	Goup 2023	Charity 2024	Charity 2023
	£	£	£	£
Carrying amount of financial assets				
Instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss	772,560	742,910	761,381	725,587

14 Stocks

	2024	2023
	£	£
Raw materials and consumables	1,506	1,380

15 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year:	Group 2024 £	Group 2023 £	Charity 2024 £	Charity 2023 £
Trade debtors	21,708	29,667	3,560	3,035
Amounts owed by fellow group undertakings	-	-	28,033	29,000
Other debtors	20,057	18,672	20,057	18,672
Prepayments and accrued income	12,747	8,245	11,384	7,794
	54,512	56,584	63,034	58,501

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Group 2024 £	Group 2023 £	Charity 2024 £	Charity 2023 £
Other taxation and social security	27,702	28,912	39,399	23,322
Trade creditors	52,930	55,773	50,998	48,033
Other creditors	55,068	43,228	33,389	39,563
Accruals and deferred income	106,650	48,653	103,400	46,028
	242,350	176,566	227,186	156,946

17 Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes

The 'parent charitable company' recognises that contributing to a pension fund is one of the most tax-efficient ways employees can save for their future as part of their retirement plans. MKCC operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees, contributing up to 10% of salary into the funds of scheme members. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the 'parent charitable company' in an independently administered fund.

18 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2024 £
All In	115,415	164,011	(181,556)	15,227	113,097
Nursery	2,861	-	-	(2,861)	-
Sensory suite	12,366	-	-	(12,366)	-
	130,642	164,011	(181,556)	-	113,097

18 Restricted funds (Continued)

Previous year:	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
All In	234,145	146,994	(152,620)	(113,104)	115,415
Nursery	6,885	-	(4,024)	-	2,861
Sensory suite	10,935	1,431	-	-	12,366
	251,965	148,425	(156,644)	(113,104)	130,642

All In - Each year we talk to our church family about specific ministry activities and offer an opportunity for individuals to pledge their financial support and partner with us as we seek to bring people to Jesus and equip them to be fully devoted followers of Christ.

Nursery & Sensory Suite - These funds were expended in 2023. Adjustments made to ensure the All In restricted fund balance is correct as at 31st December 2024.

19 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General Funds - all funds	2,637,783	2,510,636	(2,480,277)	-	2,668,142
Fixed assets	518,442	-	-	-	518,442
	3,156,225	2,510,636	(2,480,277)	-	3,186,584

Previous year:	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General Funds - all funds	2,452,757	2,242,101	(2,170,179)	113,104	2,637,783
Fixed assets	518,442	-	-	-	518,442
	2,971,199	2,242,101	(2,170,179)	113,104	3,156,225

20 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
At 31 December 2024:			
Tangible assets	2,600,356	-	2,600,356
Current assets/(liabilities)	586,228	-	586,228
	3,186,584	-	3,186,584

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
At 31 December 2023:			
Tangible assets	2,662,559	-	2,662,559
Current assets/(liabilities)	493,666	130,642	624,308
	3,156,225	130,642	3,286,867

21 Related party transactions

Transactions with related parties
During the year the 'parent charitable company' entered into the following transactions with related parties:

The Trustees recognise that LightForce International, the missions arm of the church, is a related party. A Memorandum of Understanding exists between Milton Keynes Christian Centre and Lightforce International defining their relationship. Lightforce International has a separate constitution and Trustee Body from that of Milton keynes Christian Centre. Milton Keynes Christian Centre pioneered the work of LightForce International and the partnership between the two charities enable the church to effectively fulfil its mission whilst enriching the church in many ways.

George Ridley is employed as a pastor (Minister of Religion) at Milton Keynes Christian Centre. Mark Sherratt's appointment as senior pastor in 2001 has enabled Milton Keynes Christian Centre to release more of George Ridley's time to develop the work of the overseas mission. This equates to £57,270 (2023: £55,743). In addition, other donations were made to Lightforce International amounting to £138,074 (2023: £155,952) and £25,750 (2023: £25,750) in kind, being the provision of office space.

The Trustees also recognised that Into the Community, is a related party. Some of the Trustees of Into the Community are also Trustees of Milton Keynes Christian Centre.

Milton Keynes Christian Centre passed donations given by church members to the Food Bank totalling £5,865 (2023: £3,094) and gifted a further £5,000 (2023: £5000) in-kind, being the provision of space within their foyer to undertake their weekly serving sessions. Milton Keynes Christian Centre also passed on weekly food donations collected on behalf of the Food Bank and arranged for the Food Bank to receive the Christmas hampers collected as part of their annual reverse advent appeal.

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The principal contacts and addresses of LightForce International and Into the Community are:

Mr G Ridley	Mr Ian Baird
LightForce International	Into the Community
Strudwick Drive	Strudwick Drive
Oldbrook	Oldbrook
Milton Keynes	Milton Keynes
MK6 2TG	MK6 2TG
www.lightforce.org.uk	www.mkfoodbank.org.uk

22 Cash generated from operations

	2024	2023
	£	£
Surplus for the year	12,814	63,703
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(91,606)	(91,624)
Gain on disposal of intangible assets	(590)	-
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	118,098	129,263
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase) in stocks	(126)	(1,380)
Decrease in debtors	2,072	913
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	65,784	(37,901)
Cash generated from operations	106,446	62,974

Venture Church (Milton Keynes)

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Accounts

Charity registration number 1119304

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MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE

(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mark Sherratt, Senior Pastor Virginia Brown Peter Takacs Omotayo Kufeji, Chair Joseph Amaeze Jon Keel Gabrielle Osei John Els
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Company number	05982564
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MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Charity for the year from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023. The Annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the group and the Charity qualify as small under section 383 of the Companies Act 2006, the Group strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Public benefit

The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in "The advancement of religion for the Public Benefit" and regularly review all activities to ensure they are per the aims and objectives of the charity. The Trustees have also considered the Charity Commission's guidance "public benefit: running a charity (PB2)".

Milton Keynes Christian Centre (MKCC) provides benefit to the public through its provision of public worship facilities, pastoral care and discipleship courses and community initiatives – both for existing MKCC partners and those from our community who wish to benefit from what we offer. MKCC promotes Christian values and encourages our partners to actively serve others within their local communities and wider afield for the benefit of society as a whole. Details of our activities and the public benefit we provided throughout 2023 are detailed below.

Objectives and activities

Milton Keynes Christian Centre exists for the benefit of the public. Our charitable purposes as set out in the objects contained in our memorandum of association are to:

- advance the Christian faith;
- relieve sickness and financial hardship and promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counselling and support; and
- advance education.

Our vision statement at MKCC is to 'Bring people to Jesus and to equip them to be fully devoted followers of Christ'. Our values are:

- We're passionate about people - Lost people matter to God, so they must matter to us.
- We're committed to community - We do life together, building a loving community.
- We're moving towards maturity - We have made an intentional commitment to grow up in Christ.
- We're saved to serve - We are simply God's servants doing what he equipped us to do and watching him make the difference.
- We're forgiven to forgive - We will share radical grace with others in the same uncompromising way we received it from Christ.
- We're given to generosity - We will lead the way with irrational generosity, we truly believe it is more blessed to give than receive.
- We're bringing our best - We want to excel in all that we do so that we inspire others, honour God and bring a smile to His face.

Our strategic vision inspires us. Over the next five years, we see :

- A church that is for our city, positioned in the heart of our community; a church that is constantly celebrating people making decisions for Christ and growing in God.
- A church family outworking a unified vision to reach the next generation (equipping parents to be the primary influence on their child's spiritual formation).
- A church making an impact outside the walls of our building – in our community, nation and around the world (sharing the Good News and meeting practical needs).
- A church committed to equipping people for everyday, ordinary life (providing ideas, resources and events to empower people to experience healthy relationships, lead and impact in every sphere of life and grow in God).
- A church where Jesus is famous and all the glory goes to God.

MKCC is a family church that welcomes everyone to join us at one of our Sunday worship services. In addition to attending Sunday services, we encourage everyone to engage in a Life Group and meet with others at least once a month, building of community and enabling people to do life together. Other core activities include our children and youth ministries, senior citizens meetings, discipleship courses, a parent and toddler group and a food bank distribution centre. There are numerous opportunities for individuals to volunteer their time serving locally or further afield in projects throughout the world. MKCC operates Tiny Steps Day Nursery, provides accommodation and seeks to make the best use of our facilities through the provision of a Coffee Shop and conferencing services. MKCC provides financial support and provision of facilities to two partner organisations Into The Community, registered charity no. 1084287, and LightForce International, registered charity no. 1050871, to fulfil mission objectives.

Achievements and performance

Sunday services

2023 has been a continued year of growth with an average of 1,239 individuals attending one of our three adult or children's in-person church services, an increase of 37.8% on 2022 attendance. An average of 144 people also joined us online each week. An average of 244 kids attended our Discovery Kids services. An incredible 2,000 individuals participated in our Easter weekend services in-person or by viewing online whilst 1,656 took in our Christmas Eve services.

In 2023, our teaching team successfully implemented a well-rounded and biblically grounded curriculum, which was enthusiastically embraced by church partners and visitors alike. This curriculum plays an integral role in our overarching strategy to achieve our vision of fostering spiritual growth, both individually and as a community.

We are grateful to all who serve faithfully within our communications and creative arts team: leading our church in worship, operating audiovisual equipment, lights, or video cameras and all involved in our production team that works hard behind the scenes. Together the team enables us to provide an environment in which worshippers can focus on God and encounter Him for themselves through corporate worship and listening to the teaching of God's Word. Some 99 volunteers served in this area of ministry throughout the year.

Discipleship

In 2023, we welcomed a full-time Connections Pastor to our team, tasked with overseeing Life Groups, Pastoral Care, and Connections. This addition has proven to be highly beneficial, placing a strong emphasis on maintaining vibrant groups and providing care. The Connections Pastor has successfully assembled volunteer teams to enhance care and foster connections within our expanding church family.

Additionally, efforts have been invested in strengthening our Life Group ministry. These groups, typically hosted in homes, play a pivotal role in nurturing a sense of belonging and fellowship. They serve as an embodiment of our vision to equip people to become fully devoted followers of Christ. While engagement levels are not yet where we aspire them to be, considerable progress has been made in revitalizing a healthy and flourishing Life Group structure.

First impressions

Our First Impressions ministry served faithfully over the year as we warmly received guests at our Sunday services. Currently, a dedicated team of over 200 volunteers generously serve in various capacities, including the car park, welcome team, guest lounge, and cleaning team. Throughout the year, our volunteer team leaders have diligently ensured the well-being of their volunteers by organizing appreciation events such as team BBQs, breakfast gatherings, and social outings.

Pastoral care

Throughout the year, we have witnessed a rise in applications for assistance from our MKCC Benevolence Fund, resulting in the distribution of £9,066 to families and individuals within our church community facing hardship. This fund is made possible by our annual all-in campaign, to alleviate financial need among our church members.

The support provided has included the provision of supermarket vouchers, offering individuals the dignity of choice while easing financial burdens. Additionally, financial assistance has been extended in certain cases.

One family we assisted expressed their initial reluctance to seek help, feeling ashamed of their circumstances. However, following a sudden job loss, the Benevolence Fund provided crucial support during this challenging period. The recipients were deeply grateful to the church community, realizing the significant impact of giving on someone's life.

Our Sunday Prayer and Pastoral care teams offer ongoing support to individuals facing various challenges. By consistently following up on prayer requests received by the church, we have identified common themes, such as an increased need for employment opportunities. In response, we have not only offered prayer support but also connected individuals with relevant expertise in HR and recruitment, providing both spiritual and practical assistance and care.

Next steps

In the period spanning from January to December 2023, our church experienced significant growth, with 468 new adults added to our churchsuite database. This surge in newcomers highlighted a bottleneck in our process for welcoming new guests, prompting us to reassess our approach.

We extend a warm invitation to all new guests to join us for our 'New Friends' lunch, where they can connect with others in the church community. This is followed by an invitation to our membership class.

To date, our focus has been on measuring membership numbers, and currently, we have 506 partners. However, we are now shifting our focus to measure the level of engagement individuals have within the church. Presently, there are 867 individuals involved in life groups, serving on teams, or contributing financially within the past 3 months.

Throughout the year, we celebrated three Baptism Sundays in April, July, and November, during which a total of 54 individuals publicly affirmed their faith – 25 adults and 29 children/young people. It was truly inspiring to witness the transformative impact of Jesus and their faith on their lives.

Local mission - forMK

This report details the impact of forMK's community engagement efforts throughout the challenging year of 2023. Despite the grip of the national economic crisis, the unwavering generosity and compassion of our Church family enabled us to extend a beacon of hope and support to those in need in our city.

Through our annual Be-Rich campaign and match funding from our 'All-In Community' budget, we established the forMK Crisis Support Fund, totalling over £27,000. Through referral from community & charity agencies and partners, this fund provided vital assistance to individuals who had exhausted all other means of financial support, with over £10,000 allocated between May and December. The remaining funds will continue to benefit our community in 2024, addressing the increasing and ongoing cost of living crisis.

In the area of Crime and Safety, we organized community consultation meetings with Thames Valley Police, addressing crucial issues such as the Race Action Plan, Section 60 Orders, and 'Stop and Search' procedures. These events facilitated dialogue and understanding, strengthening relationships between the Police Service with both adults & young people in our community.

In terms of supporting the education and well-being of the Next Generation, we invested in initiatives such as knife crime education for schools and provided funding for school resources, travel funds, and behavioural incentive schemes to secondary schools across the City. Over the summer break, our financial input facilitated holiday trips for 53 Young Carers, gifts & incentives for 70 children aged under 12 at a local summer camp, and 217 places at a youth sports camp for young people aged 12-16. These efforts aimed to engage and empower young people and provide them with opportunities for growth, development, and well-being.

Concerning our Poverty & Disadvantage relief, in collaboration with Campbell Park Parish Council, a core team of forMK volunteers welcomed and served 554 portions of free soup and rolls alongside refreshments, through our warm spaces initiative. This initiative provided warmth, nourishment and the opportunity to build relationships with members of our community during the colder months of February and March 2023.

Throughout the year, we funded community movie nights, half-term brunches, and Christmas events, organised by our MKCC Children & Families team all of which provided support, ongoing engagement, and fun to families facing financial hardship and isolation. Additionally, our partnerships & collaborations with:

- Foodbank MK, enabled us to contribute to initiatives such as the Guinness World Record achievement for the longest line of food cans and their Reverse Advent campaign, which positively impacted those affected by food poverty & insecurity.
- Age UK MK and MK Council's supported housing centres, allowed us to reach over 160 older residents with gifts over Christmas and provide funding for domestic services, safety & security work and meal deliveries for older people with limited funds.
- Local Schools and Children & Family centres, allowed us to identify and assist over 100 families in hardship with gifts, and distribute food hampers and shopping vouchers.
- Prison Fellowship and Woodhill Prison, enabled us to support prisoners and their families across the region through projects like Angel Tree and our MKCC prison outreach services.

In conclusion, through ongoing communication, collaboration, and the collective action of our Church community, forMK has effectively displayed dedication to seeking out and serving the diverse needs of our City and as a result, we have enhanced our reputation as a symbol of generosity and love across Milton Keynes. Moving forward, we will remain committed to maintaining a steadfast and consistent effort to make a tangible difference in the lives of those around us and FOR our City.

Children

Discovery Kids exists to "encourage every child to dig deeper and discover Jesus for themselves" through the filter of our four values: Fun, Safety, Relationships, and Age Appropriateness. We achieve this through several programs that run throughout the week and calendar year, including Sunday Discovery Kids services tailored to four age-appropriate settings, Wednesday DK Groups (school year-based small groups meeting weekly during term time), and our ministry for children with additional needs, Konnect, which ensures that every child can enjoy Discovery Kids at their level.

Throughout the year, we hosted numerous events for children aged 5-11. We held Easter and Christmas specials, both of which sold out with well over 200 children in attendance. Our annual pizza party provided a fun and safe alternative to trick-or-treating for over 220 children.

In August, we organized the Summer Smash, a week-long activity extravaganza for 5-11-year-olds, with 95 children attending each day. We offered a range of on-site and off-site activities, with children having a fantastic time and parents expressing gratitude for the outstanding care provided and the exceptional value for money.

145 children enrolled in our DK Groups, which resumed in late September. Supported by 41 leaders leading 17 groups, fostering learning, growth, and meaningful relationships among children.

Discovery Kids partnered with the forMK Team to deliver half-term events targeting families struggling through the cost of living crisis. We provided a free brunch at MKCC or breakfast kits for home, along with family hot dog and movie nights, which were well-received by our local community and church family.

During Christmas, we partnered with the forMK team and local primary schools to provide over 60 hampers for families in need, including vouchers for a local supermarket. One school remarked that we were "the most generous organization they had the pleasure of working with."

Our Santa's Grotto welcomed over 160 community families, offering a free, age-appropriate gift, a chocolate Santa, and a "family pack" containing hot chocolate, games, crafts, and a book.

Discovery Kids Sunday services remain vibrant, engaging an average of 275 children weekly across four classrooms. Our commitment to inclusivity extends to Konnect, where 22 children receive one-on-one support, and an additional 5 children receive extra assistance within their main classes. At Christmas, we celebrated with families, offering gifts as tokens of our love and support.

Our Tuesday morning parent and toddler group continues to attract families from the local community and helps to create a sense of belonging and togetherness. During 2023 we began to work more closely with local children's centres who have been sending in some practitioners to offer help, guidance and support to families as well as run fun activities like baby discos!

Youth

Fuse, our ministry for secondary students aged 11 to 18 years, is where the fun truly ignites! Our vision for Fuse is all about "connecting young people to Jesus so they can treasure him," and we make it happen through our core values: Belong, Grow, and Be Real.

Friday nights are the prime time for Fuse action! We host engaging activities and a church service custom-tailored for young people. Throughout the year, we dive into topics like identity, Who Jesus is, battling doubts, embracing forgiveness, and nurturing mental health. Plus, we give some of our young people the platform to share their faith with peers—because at Fuse, every voice matters!

But wait, there's more! During the summer, we cranked up the heat with our first-ever Fuse conference. With 59 youths joining us during the day and others joining in the evenings, we feasted together, dove into thrilling activities, and provided the perfect atmosphere for young people to explore their faith and discover their true worth.

Our Sunday Fuse zone continues to work well! Our dedicated team of fused leaders, see an average of 31 young people coming together during Sunday services, forming connections, and making memories with their buddies. At Fuse, the energy is electric, and the friendships are forever!

On average, 92 young people attended Fuse on a Friday evening and our Christmas Party had 154 young people in attendance.

Sensory Suite

Throughout 2023, the sensory suite has continued to serve as a beacon of empowerment and support within our community. Its impact has been profound, reaching diverse groups and enriching the lives of countless individuals.

One of the most notable aspects of the sensory suite's impact has been its role in education. School groups have embraced the opportunity to bring children with additional needs into the space, with teachers and students alike reporting the beneficial experience to their learning journey.

Moreover, our partnerships with organisations like MacIntrye and MK Council have allowed us to continue to extend our support to caregivers and families. The provision of dedicated sessions has provided much-needed respite and relaxation, nurturing both the children and their support networks.

The feedback from parents of children with visual impairments speaks volumes about the suite's effectiveness. It's heartening to hear stories of increased confidence, enjoyment, and a sense of belonging within the space. The sensory suite has become a cherished resource, filling a crucial gap in our community's support network. One parent gave feedback saying: *'Not found a space like this/sensory room in Milton Keynes, so feel privileged to have such a great space for our children to meet other children with a vision impairment, in a safe and relaxing space'.*

As we look ahead, we remain committed to fostering these partnerships and exploring innovative avenues for collaboration. The sensory suite stands as a testament to the power of community-driven initiatives, and we are dedicated to continuing its legacy of empowerment and inclusion in the years to come.

Seniors

Time Out continues uniting senior citizens within an enjoyable ambience to foster camaraderie, offer support, and extend compassion. Regrettably, due to the advanced age demographic, our ministry mourns the loss of five cherished long-standing members this year, including two who had recently reached the remarkable age of 90. Additionally, one member, aged merely 68, faced a terminal prognosis with limited time left. In response, we organized a heartfelt surprise birthday party, complete with cakes, balloons, and music from her beloved artist, Cliff Richard. A highlight of the event was a recorded video message from Sir Cliff himself, expressing his prayers and well wishes. Though bittersweet, the occasion brimmed with both joy and tears, affirming our dedication to uplifting one another.

Earlier in the year, a representative from the Council Housing Department visited and expressed admiration for our activities, even contemplating joining us upon retirement next year. We were elated to welcome six new individuals to our community this year, and we also celebrated another 90th birthday with gusto.

Our committed team persistently extends love and support to all members, ensuring home and hospital visits when necessary. These efforts are deeply valued by our attendees, reinforcing the significance of our weekly gatherings.

Facilities

The Accommodation Unit, initially constructed as a training facility to house bible school students and their classroom space, has fulfilled several purposes over the years. In recent times the unit has provided single-occupancy accommodation for young professionals working throughout the city. MKCC continues to rent out a property in Oldbrook which made a small contribution to the running costs of the centre. Throughout 2023 occupancy levels remained high generating a rental income of over £82,810.

Whilst finance generated from the provision of accommodation assists in covering the general running costs of MKCC, such accommodation greatly benefits members of our local community who find themselves in great need and often unable to afford accommodation offered elsewhere in Milton Keynes.

Tiny Steps Day Nursery

Tiny Steps is committed to establishing a nurturing environment akin to a "second" home, ensuring it exudes warmth and hospitality. Employing a "home from home" approach, we welcome children from the local and neighbouring communities, allowing them to fully engage in enriching activities while fostering independence, imagination, and vocabulary development.

Our staff remains dedicated to upholding high standards, promoting positivity and understanding among children, and encouraging empathy and appreciation for differences. Our "stay and play" sessions are a great success, and during 2024, we aim to extend these sessions to children who will be joining us later in the year, facilitating the establishment of relationships with new families.

In 2023, our focus was on preparing for the Ofsted, the visit took place on July 6th. Ofsted praised our manager and staff for their dedication to providing all children with a positive learning journey, noting the effective and enjoyable learning programs we offer. They highlighted the inclusive environment of our nursery, where every child, including those with special needs, feels valued and fully engaged in nursery life.

With only two minor recommendations, we are proud of our achievements. We are committed to refining our approach by clarifying learning intentions for activities and enhancing our mathematics curriculum to boost staff confidence in teaching mathematical concepts. To address this, we have enrolled management in the "Maths Championships" course offered by NDNA, which focuses on age-appropriate mathematics and runs throughout the year.

In August, we celebrated a milestone as we held our first-ever outdoor graduation ceremony in our beautifully refreshed garden. Families enjoyed a relaxed picnic atmosphere, marking a memorable occasion.

As we enter 2024, our primary focus is on addressing the mathematics recommendation and fostering cohesion within our management team. We are actively training new staff to ensure they meet our rigorous standards and expectations.

MKCC Limited

MKCC Ltd is a subsidiary company that is wholly owned by Milton Keynes Christian Centre incorporated on 21st December 2015 and which commenced trading on 1st February 2016.

MKCC LTD's main business activities comprise the enterprise aspects of Milton Keynes Christian Centre activity including:

- Conferencing and venue hire

MKCC Ltd's turnover equated to £139,724 for the period 1st January to 31st December 2023, making a trading loss of £1,028.

MK Conferencing

MK Conferencing's primary purpose is to offer conferencing and event services to both local and national organisations, whilst utilising the facilities of MKCC to generate funds. The surplus funds generated are then gift-aided to serve the vision and purposes of the charity and ensure donations received can be directed towards the local/global mission of MKCC.

The business model revolves around nurturing existing clientele, which includes local government agencies and their partners, various sectors of the NHS, and other commercial clients, while also actively engaging with new business and commercial clients.

Despite some of the challenges faced post-pandemic and with the cost of living crisis, MK Conferencing had a profitable year, while falling short of the expected target. In light of some of the challenges faced across the industry, MK Conferencing had some success as the industry started to settle down into a new normal. The team adapted to the changing landscape of conferencing and client behaviour, including shorter lead time on bookings, and working with clients who had an increasingly restricted budget. Additionally, to support key workers, room hire continued to be provided at a discounted rate to NHS, Councils, Charities and Statutory Bodies for facilitating training.

Significant factors

MK Conferencing had some staffing challenges in the first part of the year and combined with increasing costs, led to a disappointing first half of the year. With a settled team from July onwards, we had a more solid end to the year. With the team now settled again, we have every reason to believe we will have a more successful 2024. While business levels were not where they were in 2022, we had a successful end to the year with good momentum following through to the start of 2024.

MK Conferencing was able to contribute an amount of £24,633 towards the overheads which was able to offset some of the opening costs and early trading of the Coffee Shop.

New Day Café/Strudwicks

The day-to-day running of the Coffee Shop had been outsourced to New Day Café who ended their running of the coffee shop at the end of May. Following on from this, it was decided that we would reopen the café internally under the previous name of Strudwicks. There were initial setup and training costs which led to Strudwicks making a loss of £23,622 for the year. Sales increased month on month giving cause for an optimistic outlook for 2024.

The Coffee Shop continues to act as a reception point for the building, providing a warm welcome to the local community. It also serves as a safe space for local charities to meet with their clients. Additionally, the coffee shop & foyer have been utilised to welcome various groups, such as a job seekers group, a weekly support meeting for parents of home-schooled children, and charities like MacIntyre, providing space for children and young adults with additional needs.

Due to the lower-than-expected performance of the Conferencing Department combined with the setting up and opening of the Coffee Shop, the trading company had an overall deficit for the year. The projections for 2024 do have the Coffee Shop making a loss, however, we feel it is an important part of our venue and ethos both as a limited company and as a charitable organisation and so will seek to cover any losses through the profit generated by MK Conferencing while seeking to make a positive financial contribution to the organisation as a whole.

Financial review
Tithes and Offerings

Having exceeded one million pounds for the first time in 2022, giving to undesignated funds reached a total of £1,108,126. This remarkable achievement includes Gift Aid of £192,613.

All in

Beyond our regular giving through Tithes and Offerings, we also contributed to various designated funds that made a significant impact on the lives of individuals within our church community, in the city of Milton Keynes, and beyond through our partnership with LightForce International. In total, including gift aid, we gave £148,425 to these important causes.

All In - Benevolence

Through the Benevolence Fund, we have helped countless people in our church family and beyond. We had the privilege of assisting an individual through our fund, who had been facing immense challenges. This person was a newcomer to our church and one Sunday, when they reached a breaking point, one of our volunteers stepped in to offer assistance. After learning about their struggles, the volunteer arranged a supermarket voucher from the fund. The volunteer had the joy of taking them to the supermarket to redeem the voucher. This act of kindness ensured that the person had access to food for the next month without any financial burden.

The impact of our intervention was profound, as the person who had come to our church feeling hopeless, was left with a renewed sense of hope and a bright smile on their face. Our efforts not only met their immediate needs but also connected them with someone willing to walk alongside them in their journey. It was a humbling experience to witness the power of compassion and generosity in transforming lives.

Global Impact

In 2023, we had the privilege of investing £127,948 including £74,048 from All In, into overseas missions through our partnership with Pastor George and LightForce International in Uganda and India.

Our investment has enabled Pastor George and his team to continue their invaluable work in these countries, providing vital resources and support to those in need. From empowering young people in Uganda to promoting education and healthcare in India and Albania, our investment has helped to make a meaningful difference in the lives of countless individuals and communities.

In November 2023, Pastor Mark had the opportunity to visit the LightForce base in Uganda and was deeply moved by the incredible impact of our giving on the community of Lira. During his visit, he had the privilege of attending a joyous celebration with over a thousand guests, including local dignitaries, as they honoured the graduates from our day nursery, primary school, and agricultural college.

Pastor Mark's visit to the LightForce base in Uganda was a testament to the incredible work being done by the organization, and a reminder of the transformative power of giving and compassion.

For MK

Our members' generosity allowed us to respond to community needs through a variety of initiatives:

- In response to the cost of living crisis, £802 was spent (match funded by Campbell Park Parish Council) creating a community 'warm space' at MKCC serving soup, rolls and refreshments.
- £7,500 was allocated to provide half-term brunches, breakfast pack giveaways, community movie nights, and Christmas community events organised by MKCC's families team.
- A total of £4,817 was distributed to schools in MK in support of student incentive programmes, transport funds and purchasing equipment for students unable to afford their own.
- £350 was gifted to the charity NutriTroops to purchase gifts and prizes for the children aged 6-11 years attending their 2-week free summer camp in Fishermead, Milton Keynes.
- £2,000 was donated to the 5 On It Foundation charity in support of their fund enabling 12-16 year-olds from across Milton Keynes to attend the summer Health Activities and Food Scheme (HAFS) for 2 weeks.
- £658 donated to MK Carers in support of their work providing holiday activities for 50 young carers and an opportunity to build relationships with one another.
- £1,500 was donated to The Safety Centre in support of their knife crime education appeal, providing workshops for young people to dispel myths and common misconceptions about carrying weapons and involvement in knife crime.

- £1,080 was provided to MK Foodbank to cover the administrative costs of their October MK Can event which sought to break the Guinness World Record for the longest line of food cans and replenish Foodbank shelves in readiness for winter demand.
- A hardship fund of £1,500 was established with MK Money Lifeline supporting service users facing barriers to services such as interpreters, translators, and transport.
- £525 was donated to St. Mark's Meals in support of their work providing meal boxes to families – the timing of our donation enabled St Mark's to receive match funding from MK Community Foundations.
- £450 was used to purchase waterproof sleeping bags in association with British Red Cross MK who distributed them to homeless individuals to help them survive outdoors over winter.
- £1,211.55 was raised for The Prison Fellowship's angel tree project together with 115 gifts.
- A total of £1,500 was given to local children's centres to provide 100 Christmas gifts for local families identified as being in need.
- A total of £2,500 was given to local supported housing centres to provide 160 Christmas goodie bags for senior citizen residents.
- As we entered 2024, £3,500 was used to purchase 125 £30 vouchers for families identified by Children's centre practitioners as struggling following the festive period.

Through these initiatives, we demonstrated our commitment to supporting those who matter to God and, therefore, matter to us. We remain truly for Milton Keynes.

BeRich

In February 2023 our annual Be-Rich campaign raised £14,104 thanks to the incredible generosity of our church community. A further £13,300 was added from All In donations resulting in a total of £27,404.

These donations were used to establish the ForMK Community Crisis Support Fund. Through a straightforward application process, we can provide financial assistance for those who have exhausted statutory support possibilities and are in emergency need.

Individuals/families can apply for a maximum of £150 over 12 months through one of our many referral charities and community organisations.

In the period May to December 2023, £10,078 was distributed to 70 applicants.

Statement relating to Going Concern

We are pleased to report that the charity ended 2023 in a strong financial position thanks to the continued support of our partners, the excellent performance of our day nursery and conferencing activities and the continued efforts of senior management to control costs/expenditure.

The charity's cash reserves increased by £106,302 during 2023 resulting in free cash reserves of £609,407 as of 31st December 2023. The Governance board can confirm Milton Keynes Christian Centre can continue operating in 2024 and further, with no concerns regarding financial viability.

Reserves policy

Total unrestricted reserves at 31 December 2023 were £3,156,225 (2022: £2,971,199) comprising:

- Unrestricted funds held as fixed assets £2,662,559 (2022: £2,743,526)
- Designated funds £nil (2022: £nil)
- Free reserves (see below) £493,666 (2022: £227,673)

Our reserves policy focuses on free reserves as these are the reserves held at the discretion of the trustees.

The reserves policy range has been built up based on ensuring the financial stability of the charity and ensuring that the charity can meet both its ongoing commitments and its strategic plans. In calculating the required level of reserves, the trustees consider the risk of income shortfalls, the potential for budget shortfalls, and other broader risks that could impact the charity.

The current free reserves policy range approved by the board of trustees is £250,000, which is reviewed each year to take account of both internal and external factors. The free reserves on 31 December 2023 of £493,666 are above the Board's target.

The trustees last increased the required level of reserves in 2022 following the repayment of the property mortgage.

The reserves policy is kept under regular review and target levels are adjusted as assessments of risk and other factors develop or change.

Future developments

Throughout 2024 MKCC will continue to provide public benefit through the delivery of our charitable activates. We will continue to deliver our charitable objectives through:

- On-going development and implementation of a strategy which encourages and facilitates church growth.
- Continuing to maximise our volunteer participation.
- Assisting every individual to identify and take the next step in their spiritual journey.
- On-going development and implementation of our ForMK strategy which seeks to meet practical needs in our community.
- Continued support of LightForce International and Into The Community.
- Continually seeking to develop and enhance the services Tiny Steps Day Nursery, Conferencing@ MKCC and Coffee shop provide to the members of our local community, Milton Keynes and surrounding areas.
- Promotion of our Sensory Suite to families throughout Milton Keynes who have at least one child with additional needs.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

Milton Keynes Christian Centre is incorporated as a charitable company limited by guarantee (charity number 1119304, company number 5982564) governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Governance

Our Governance Board currently comprises the Chair and seven other Trustees whose names are listed on the association information page of this document. We have all declared that we will carry out our responsibilities as Trustees of MKCC per the Charity Commission guidelines. Trustees have also considered the Good Governance Code for the voluntary sector. As part of our induction and training as Trustees, we were provided with detailed information about MKCC and its various activities, including its memorandum and articles, accounts, financial reports and minutes of previous Trustees' meetings. We, the Trustees, form the membership of the charitable company.

We have overall responsibility for overseeing MKCC's strategy and operations, approving its budgets and for all its major decisions. The leadership of the church and management of the organisation's activities is delegated to the Church Leadership and senior management who report directly to the Trustees providing feedback on performance and informing Trustees of future planning. Trustee's meetings are held at least four times a year.

The Church Leadership comprises Mark Sherratt (Senior Pastor), Billy Ritchie (Executive Pastor), Nicola Ritchie (Associate Pastor), Jon Keel (Discipleship Pastor), Laura Conway (Director of Family Ministries), Craig Betts (Director of Communications). Ian Baird acts as Operations Manager. All report to the Trustee Board.

Risk management

We regularly assess the major risks to which the charity is exposed and in particular; those related to reputation and stakeholder confidence in senior leadership, safeguarding children and vulnerable adults, Health and Safety, the fulfilment of regulatory requirements, business continuity and ensuring the long-term financial security of MKCC. The Governance board records all major risks identified within a risk register. Responsibility for maintaining/ updating the risk register is delegated to a sub-committee overseen by Peter Takacs .

Towards the end of 2003, the risk management sub-committee reviewed and reformatted the risk register. Senior management has been tasked with updating current risks, taking inventory of what new risks may have emerged and in the process confirming whether the mitigating actions/processed are still relevant or need improvement. Any new risks that exceed the threshold of operational management, will come to the Board for review/discussion.

It is hoped that changes to the risk management process will result in senior management becoming familiar with the inventory of key risks identified by the Governance Board, double checking on whether the controls, processes and mitigating actions are still relevant and effective and implement a "see it, say it, sorted" policy making it easy to log potential new risks. Ultimately, it is hoped the new risk management process will achieve a higher level of risk awareness and involvement from the wider team.

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and to the date of signature of the financial statements were :

Mark Sherratt, Senior Pastor
Virginia Brown
Peter Takacs
Omotayo Kufeji, Chair
Joseph Amaeze
Jon Keel
Gabrielle Osei
John Els
Fola Komolafe (Resigned 12 December 2023)

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently .
- Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102) .
- Make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) 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 Group will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Group and the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Group and the Charity 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 Group and the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditor

The auditor, Crouchers Ltd, has indicated their willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditor at a meeting of the Trustees.

Disclosure of information to the auditor

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable group's auditor is unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable group's auditor is aware of that information.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of and signed on their behalf by,

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Peter Takacs
Trustee

Mark Sherratt, Senior Pastor
Trustee

Date: .....20th September 2024.....

MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Milton Keynes Christian Centre (the "parent charitable company") and its subsidiary (the 'group') for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the consolidated statement of financial activities, the consolidated balance sheet, the charity balance sheet, the consolidated statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the 'parent charitable company' in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the 'parent charitable company''s ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

- the information given in the Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception
In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the parent charitable company has not kept adequate and sufficient accounting records, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or

- the parent charitable company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or

- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or

- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or

the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic report.

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the Trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Trustees
As explained more fully in the statement of Trustees' responsibilities, the Trustees, who are also the directors of the 'parent charitable company' for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the 'parent charitable company''s ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements
We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

- the engagement partner's assessment of whether the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence and capabilities to identify or recognise non-compliance with laws and regulations, details of those matters about non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud that were communicated to the engagement team, and any discussions with specialists on areas of the financial statements particularly susceptible to fraud;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the Group through discussions with Trustees and other management, and from our knowledge of charity and company law and experience;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the Charitable Company, including the Companies Act 2006, Charities Act 2011 and UK tax legislation, as well as those laws and regulations relating to the Group's operations such as data protection, health and safety and employment legislation;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence;;
- identified laws and regulations were communicated with the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit; and
- we reviewed the minutes of Trustees' meetings to identify any references to non-compliances with laws and regulations.

We assessed the susceptibility of the Group's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining and understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- performed audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for bias.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing any correspondence with relevant regulators such as the Charity Commission.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the Trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Mr Darren Croucher BSc (Hons) FCCA FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Crouchers Limited

23.09.2024

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MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Income from:							
Income from donations and legacies	2	1,108,128	148,425	1,256,553	1,063,456	157,412	1,220,868
Income from Other trading activities	3	1,042,349	-	1,042,349	963,607	3,449	967,056
Investment income	4	91,624	-	91,624	75,699	-	75,699
Total income		2,242,101	148,425	2,390,526	2,102,762	160,861	2,263,623
Expenditure on:							
Fundraising trading expenses	5	105,918	-	105,918	97,309	-	97,309
Other trading expenses	5	-	-	-	41,800	-	41,800
		105,918	-	105,918	139,109	-	139,109
Charitable activities expenditure	6	2,064,261	156,644	2,220,905	1,823,102	119,331	1,942,433
Other expenditure	9	-	-	-	4,588	-	4,588
Total expenditure		2,170,179	156,644	2,326,823	1,966,799	119,331	2,086,130
Net income/(expenditure)		71,922	(8,219)	63,703	135,963	41,530	177,493
Gross transfers between funds		113,104	(113,104)	-	35,717	(17,794)	17,923
Net movement in funds		185,026	(121,323)	63,703	171,680	23,736	195,416
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 January 2023		2,971,199	251,965	3,223,164	2,799,519	228,229	3,027,748
Fund balances at 31 December 2023		3,156,225	130,642	3,286,867	2,971,199	251,965	3,223,164

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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

MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE
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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**11**		2,662,559		2,743,526
			2,662,559		2,743,526
Current assets					
Stocks	**13**	1,380		-	
Debtors	**14**	56,584		57,497	
Cash at bank and in hand		742,910		636,608	
		800,874		694,105	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**15**	(176,566)		(214,467)	
Net current assets			624,308		479,638
Total assets less current liabilities			3,286,867		3,223,164
Net assets			3,286,867		3,223,164
Income funds					
Restricted funds	**16**		130,642		251,965
Unrestricted funds			3,156,225		2,971,199
			3,286,867		3,223,164

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Omotayo Kufeji, Chair
Trustee

Mark Sherratt, Senior Pastor
Trustee

Company registration number 05982564 (England and Wales)

20.09.2024

MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
CHARITY BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**11**		2,660,198		2,742,258
Investments			100		100
			2,660,298		2,742,358
Current assets					-
Debtors	**14**	58,501		49,821	
Cash at bank and in hand		725,587		590,031	
		784,088		639,852	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**15**	(156,946)		(159,495)	
Net current assets			627,142		480,357
Total assets less current liabilities			3,287,440		3,222,715
Net assets			3,287,440		3,222,715
Income funds					
Restricted funds	**16**		130,642		251,965
Unrestricted funds			3,156,798		2,970,750
			3,287,440		3,222,715

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MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	**20**		62,974		307,020
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(48,296)		(50,419)	
Proceeds from disposal of tangible fixed assets		-		5,833	
Investment income received		91,624		75,699	
Net cash generated from investing activities			43,328		31,113
Financing activities					
Repayment of borrowings		-		(256,908)	
Repayment of bank loans		-		(23,719)	
Net cash used in financing activities			-		(280,627)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			106,302		57,506
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			636,608		579,102
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			742,910		636,608

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The charity is a private company limited by guiarantee, registered in England and Wales and is a registered in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is Strudwick Drive, Oldbrook, Milton Keynes, MK6 2TG. The accounts have been prepared in sterling and rounded to the nearest £.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the 'parent charitable company"s governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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). The 'parent charitable company' is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the 'parent charitable company'. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

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

The Consolidated statement of financial activities (SOFA) and Consolidated balance sheet consolidate the financial statements of the Charity and its subsidiary undertaking. The results of the subsidiary are consolidated on a line by line basis.

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption allowed under section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and has not presented its own Statement of financial activities in these financial statements.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Fees payable to the Charity's auditor for the audi has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Group and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Group for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

1.4 Income

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

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the Charity has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the Charity, can be reliably measured.

Grants are included in the Consolidated statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognised as income when they are distributed to the projects. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold.

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

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Group to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Group's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	2% / 10%
Fixtures and fittings	20% / 25% / 33.3%
Motor vehicles	20%

1.7 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

1.8 Cash and 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 acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.9 Financial instruments

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

1.10 Debtors

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

1.11 Interest receivable

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

Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Consolidated statement of financial activities.

Investments in subsidiaries are valued at cost less provision for impairment.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.12 Liabilities and provisions

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

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

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Consolidated statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Donations and gifts	1,108,128	148,425	1,256,553	1,063,456	157,412	1,220,868
Donations and gifts						
Tithes and offerings	915,515	-	915,515	876,973	-	876,973
All In income	-	148,425	148,425	-	157,412	157,412
Gift Aid Received	192,613	-	192,613	186,483	-	186,483
	1,108,128	148,425	1,256,553	1,063,456	157,412	1,220,868

During the year, MKCC Limited (trading company of Milton Keynes Christian Centre), donated funds of £Nil (2022: £41,800) to the Charity.

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Other trading activities						
Other ministry income	30,765	-	30,765	24,911	-	24,911
Childcare income	871,860	-	871,860	806,038	3,449	809,487
Coffee shop and conferencing income	139,724	-	139,724	132,658	-	132,658
	1,042,349	-	1,042,349	963,607	3,449	967,056

4 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Rental income	82,810	74,366
Interest receivable	8,814	1,333
	91,624	75,699

5 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Fundraising trading expenses		
Charges against rental income	6,966	6,698
Trading costs	98,952	90,611
	105,918	97,309
Other trading expenses		
Trading profits gift aided to the charity	-	41,800
Total costs	105,918	139,109

MKCC Ltd reported a small loss for the year ended 31 December 2023 thus no trading profits were gift aided to the charity.

6 Charitable activities expenditure

	Charitable activities 2023	Charitable activities 2022
	£	£
Childcare costs	720,775	622,115
Ministry costs	966,895	752,388
Mission giving	127,948	155,915
Governance costs	5,400	6,133
Property and administration	399,887	405,882
	2,220,905	1,942,433
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	2,064,261	1,823,102
Restricted funds	156,644	119,331
	2,220,905	1,942,433

The amount above excludes a further £25,750 (2022: £16,750) of in-kind contribution to Missions as disclosed in Note 22

7 Auditor's remuneration

Fees payable to the charity's auditor and associates:	2023	2022
	£	£
For audit services		
Audit of the financial statements of the charity	5,100	5,100

8 Trustees

Trustees do not receive any remuneration in respect of their roles as Trustees. However, the following Trustees were remunerated or received other benefits in respect of their employment:

	2023	2022
Mark Sherratt	59,070	59,151
Fola Komolafe	34,865	49,350
John Keel	38,691	36,996

During the year ended 31 December 2023, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2022 - £NIL).

9 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted funds 2023	Unrestricted funds 2022
	£	£
Financing costs	-	4,588

10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

11 Tangible fixed assets

Group

Current financial year	Freehold land and buildings	Fixtures and fittings	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 January 2023	3,815,497	310,598	14,750	4,140,845
Additions	26,598	21,698	-	48,296
Disposals	-	(10,176)	-	(10,176)
At 31 December 2023	3,842,095	322,120	14,750	4,178,965
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 January 2023	1,140,155	242,415	14,750	1,397,320
Depreciation charged in the year	107,594	21,668	-	129,262
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	(10,176)	-	(10,176)
At 31 December 2023	1,247,749	253,907	14,750	1,516,406
Carrying amount				
At 31 December 2023	2,594,346	68,213	-	2,662,559
At 31 December 2022	2,675,342	68,184	-	2,743,526

Charity

Current financial year	Freehold land and buildings	Fixtures and fittings	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 January 2023	3,815,497	305,585	14,750	4,135,832
Additions	26,598	19,797	-	46,395
Disposals	-	(10,176)	-	(10,176)

11 Tangible fixed assets **(Continued)**

At 31 December 2023	3,842,095	315,206	14,750	4,172,051
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 January 2023	1,140,155	238,669	14,750	1,393,574
Depreciation charged in the year	107,594	20,855	-	128,449
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	(10,176)	-	(10,176)
At 31 December 2023	1,247,749	249,348	14,750	1,511,847
Carrying amount				
At 31 December 2023	2,594,346	65,852	-	2,660,198
At 31 December 2022	2,675,342	66,916	-	2,742,258

12 Financial instruments

	Goup 2023 £	Goup 2022 £	Charity 2023 £	Charity 2022 £
Carrying amount of financial assets				
Instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss	742,910	636,608	725,587	590,031

13 Stocks

	2023 £	2022 £
Raw materials and consumables	1,380	-

14 Debtors

	Group 2023 £	Group 2022 £	Charity 2023 £	Charity 2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:				
Trade debtors	29,667	25,789	3,035	3,417
Amounts owed by fellow group undertakings	-	-	29,000	15,000
Other debtors	18,672	23,262	18,672	23,262
Prepayments and accrued income	8,245	8,446	7,794	8,142
	56,584	57,497	58,501	49,821

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Group 2023	Group 2022	Charity 2023	Charity 2022
	£	£	£	£
Other taxation and social security	28,912	29,652	23,322	28,004
Trade creditors	55,773	48,120	48,033	41,096
Amount owed to parent undertaking	-	51,370	1,153	9,570
Other creditors	43,228	22,849	38,410	20,848
Accruals and deferred income	48,653	62,476	46,028	59,977
	176,566	214,467	156,946	159,495

16 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
All In	234,145	146,994	(152,620)	(113,104)	115,415
Nursery	6,885	-	(4,024)	-	2,861
Sensory suite	10,935	1,431	-	-	12,366
	251,965	148,425	(156,644)	(113,104)	130,642

Previous year:	At 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
All In	198,934	157,412	(104,407)	(17,794)	234,145
Nursery	3,436	3,449	-	-	6,885
Sensory suite	25,859	-	(14,924)	-	10,935
	228,229	160,861	(119,331)	(17,794)	251,965

All In – Each year we talk to our church family about specific ministry activities and offer an opportunity for individuals to pledge their financial support and partner with us as we seek to bring people to Jesus and equip them to be fully devoted followers of Christ.

Mission – Donations raised for, and passed to, LightForce International in support of their mission activities.

Nursery – Grant funding able to be used for purchasing nursery toys and equipment or staff training.

Sensory suite – MK Community Foundation grant received to furnish and equip our Sensory Suite. The funds were received in August 2020 and consumed in December 2020.

17 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General Funds - all funds	2,452,757	2,242,101	(2,170,179)	113,104	2,637,783
Fixed assets	518,442	-	-	-	518,442
	2,971,199	2,242,101	(2,170,179)	113,104	3,156,225

Previous year:	At 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
General Funds - all funds	2,281,077	2,102,762	(1,966,799)	35,717	2,452,757
Fixed assets	518,442	-	-	-	518,442
	2,799,519	2,102,762	(1,966,799)	35,717	2,971,199

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023	Restricted funds 2023	Total 2023
	£	£	£
At 31 December 2023:			
Tangible assets	2,662,559	-	2,662,559
Current assets/(liabilities)	493,666	130,642	624,308
	3,156,225	130,642	3,286,867

	Unrestricted funds 2022	Restricted funds 2022	Total 2022
	£	£	£
At 31 December 2022:			
Tangible assets	2,743,526	-	2,743,526
Current assets/(liabilities)	227,673	251,965	479,638
	2,971,199	251,965	3,223,164

19 Related party transactions

The Trustees recognise that LightForce International, the missions arm of the church, is a related party. A Memorandum of Understanding exists between MKCC and LFI defining their relationship. LFI has a separate constitution and Trustee Body from that of MKCC. MKCC pioneered the work of LightForce International and the partnership between the two charities enable the church to effectively fulfil its mission whilst enriching the church in many ways.

George Ridley is employed as a pastor (Minister of Religion) at MKCC. Mark Sherratt's appointment as senior pastor in 2001 has enabled MKCC to release more of George Ridley's time to develop the work of the overseas mission. This equates to £59,070 (2022: £59,151). In addition, other donations were made to LFI amounting to £118,673 (2022: £102,738) and £25,750 (2022: £16,750) in kind, being the provision of office space.

The Trustees also recognised that Into the Community, is a related party. Some of the Trustees of Into the Community are also directors of MKCC.

MKCC passed donations given by church members to the Food Bank totalling £2,556 (2022: £4,649) and gifted a further £5,000 (2022: £5000) in-kind, being the provision of space within our foyer to undertake their weekly serving sessions. MKCC also passed on weekly food donations collected on behalf of the Food Bank and arranged for the Food Bank to receive the Christmas hampers collected as part of their annual reverse advent appeal.

The principal contacts and addresses of LightForce International and Into the Community are:

Mr G Ridley	Mr Ian Baird
LightForce International	Into the Community
Strudwick Drive	Strudwick Drive
Oldbrook	Oldbrook
Milton Keynes	Milton Keynes
MK6 2TG	MK6 2TG
www.lightforce.org.uk	www.mkfoodbank.org.uk

20 Cash generated from operations

	2023	2022
	£	£
Surplus for the year	63,703	195,416
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(91,624)	(75,699)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	129,263	135,054
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase) in stocks	(1,380)	-
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	913	(28,073)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(37,901)	80,322
Cash generated from operations	62,974	307,020

Venture Church (Milton Keynes)

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Accounts

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MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE

(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mark Sherratt, Senior Pastor	
	Virginia Brown	
	Peter Takacs	
	Omotayo Kufeji	
	Joseph Amaeze	
	Jon Keel	(Appointed 8 March 2022)
	Gabrielle Osei	(Appointed 8 March 2022)
	John Eis	(Appointed 8 March 2022)
	Fala Komolafe, Chair	
Secretary	Ian Baird	
Charity number	1119304	
Company number	05982564	
Registered office	Strudwick Drive Oldbrook Milton Keynes MK62TG	
Auditor	Crouchers Ltd 2 Copperhouse Court Caldecotte Business Park Milton Keynes Buckinghamshire England **MK7 8NL**	
Bankers	Natwest Bank Plc 501 Silbury Boulevard Saxon Gate East Milton Keynes MK9 3ER	
Solicitors	Geldards LLP Dumfries House Dumfries Place Cardiff CF10 3ZF	

MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE
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MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Charity for the period from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022. The Annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the group and the Charity qualify as small under section 383 of the Companies Act 2006, the Group strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

a. Public benefit

The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in "The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit" and regularly review all activities to ensure they are per the aims and objectives of the charity. The Trustees have also considered the Charity Commission's guidance "Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)".

Milton Keynes Christian Centre (MKCC) provides benefits to the public through its provision of public worship facilities, pastoral care, discipleship courses and community initiatives - both for existing partners and those from our community who wish to benefit from what we offer. MKCC promotes Christian values and encourages our partners to actively serve others within their local communities and wider afield for the benefit of society as a whole. Details of our activities and the public benefit we provided throughout 2022 are detailed below.

b. Objectives and activities

Milton Keynes Christian Centre exists for the benefit of the public. Our charitable purposes as set out in the objects contained in our memorandum of association are to:

- advance the Christian faith;
- relieve sickness and financial hardship and promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counselling and support; and
- advance education.

Our vision statement at MKCC is to 'Bring people to Jesus and to equip them to be fully devoted followers of Christ'. Our values are:

- We're passionate about people - Lost people matter to God, so they must matter to us.
- We're committed to community - We do life together, building a loving community.
- We're moving towards maturity - We have made an intentional commitment to grow up in Christ.
- We're saved to serve - We are simply God's servants doing what he equipped us to do and watching him make the difference.
- We're forgiven to forgive - We will share radical grace with others in the same uncompromising way we received it from Christ.
- We're given to generosity - We will lead the way with irrational generosity, we truly believe it is more blessed to give than receive.
- We're bringing our best - We want to excel in all that we do so that we inspire others, honour God and bring a smile to His face.

Our strategic vision inspires us. Over the next five years, we see:

- A church that is for our city, positioned in the heart of our community; a church that is constantly celebrating people making decisions for Christ and growing in God.
- A church family outworking a unified vision to reach the next generation (equipping parents to be the primary influence on their child's spiritual formation).
- A church making an impact outside the walls of our building - in our community, nation and around the world (sharing the Good News and meeting practical needs).
- A church committed to equipping people for everyday, ordinary life (providing ideas, resources and events to empower people to experience healthy relationships, lead and impact in every sphere of life and grow in God).
- A church where Jesus is famous and all the glory goes to God.

MKCC is a family church that welcomes everyone to join us at one of our Sunday worship services. In addition to attending Sunday services, we encourage everyone to engage in a Life Group and meet with others at least once a month. Life Groups encourage the building of community and enable people to do life together. Other core activities that MKCC initiates are children and youth ministries, senior citizens meetings, discipleship courses, a parent and toddler group and a food bank distribution centre. There are numerous opportunities for individuals to volunteer their time serving locally or further afield in projects throughout the world. MKCC operates Tiny Steps Day Nursery, provides accommodation and seeks to make the best use of our facilities through the provision of a Coffee Shop and conferencing services. MKCC provides financial support and provision of facilities to two partner organisations Into The Community, registered charity no. 1084287, and LightForce International, registered charity no. 1050871, to fulfil! mission objectives.

Achievements and performance

c. Sunday services

2022 has been a year of re-growth with an average of 599 adults attending one of our two in-person church services between January and August rising to an average of 763 adults between September and December following the relaunch of a third service. An average of 191 kids attended our Discovery Kids services between January and May, rising to an average of 228 between September and December. We averaged 152 attendees at our online Sunday services across the year. An incredible 1,647 individuals participated in our Easter weekend services in-person or by viewing online whilst 1,353 took in our Christmas Eve services.

In 2022, our teaching team successfully implemented a well-rounded and biblically grounded curriculum, which was enthusiastically embraced by church partners and visitors alike. This curriculum plays an integral role in our overarching strategy to achieve our vision of fostering spiritual growth, both individually and as a community.

We are grateful to all who serve faithfully within our communications and creative arts team: leading our church in worship, operating audiovisual equipment, lights, or video cameras and all involved in our production team that works hard behind the scenes. Together the team enables us to provide an environment in which worshippers can focus on God and encounter Him for themselves through corporate worship and listening to the teaching of God's Word. Some 83 volunteers served in this area of ministry throughout the year.

d. Discipleship

Life Groups typically meet in private homes and play a vital role in fostering a sense of belonging and community, providing a more intimate setting for individuals to connect. Moreover, Life Groups serve as a tangible expression of our vision to equip people to become fully devoted followers of Jesus as they delve deeper into the Bible, pose thought-provoking questions, engage in meaningful prayer and cultivate their faith.

In 2022, we identified the need to revitalise our Life Group structure attendance hovering around 10-15% of sunday attendance. We embarked on several initiatives, including the formation of interest groups, targeted outreach to individuals in their 20s, and the expansion of our existing groups. We will be recruiting a Connections Pastor in early 2023, who will focus on cultivating connection, fostering group dynamics and pastoral care for all members.

e. First impressions

It has been wonderful to welcome so many guests to our Sunday services during 2022. Whilst familiar faces returned we welcomed a significant number of first-time visitors to our guest lounge each week.

Growth in in-person attendance and the move to three services in September resulted in a need to adapt this ministry and grow the team. We now have 176 volunteers serving in our car park and throughout the church building stewarding, cleaning and our guest lounge. With such a large team, we have worked hard to develop a culture of appreciation and in June we held a volunteer appreciation week celebrating the contributions of all our volunteers.

f. Pastoral care

We distributed a total of £3,981 from our benevolence fund to 19 individuals and families within our church family. We are committed to actively promoting, and we urge our volunteers and team leaders to remain vigilant and attentive to potential needs as they interact with individuals during our weekend services.

Our Sunday care team provides a vital service, praying for individuals after each service. Additionally, our pastoral care team seeks to befriend individuals, couples or families who are experiencing particularly challenging circumstances. In June we received a remarkable number of prayer request cards ahead of our prayer and worship evening. In response, our staff and volunteers made a concerted effort to reach out to 105 individuals who had submitted a prayer request, connecting with them over the phone to pray and offer encouragement. The result was truly awe-inspiring, as we received multiple reports of individuals who experienced answers to their prayers.

g. Next steps

During the period from September to December 2022, 176 new adults were added to our church database. Our connections team reaches out to new guests by telephone, seeking to establish a personal connection and inquire about their experience during our Sunday service. New guests are warmly invited to attend our 'New Friends' lunch and those who wish to take the next step in their spiritual journey are also invited to join our membership class - we currently have 513 partners.

We held four baptism celebrations; in March, July, August and November with a total of 47 people baptised - 17 adults and 30 children/young people. Some of those baptised in July were invited to record a short video story about their faith journey which proved effective to help candidates reflect and articulate the difference God had brought to their lives and created significant moments in our weekend services.

h. Local mission - forMK

Whilst 2022 has been a year of gradual COVID-19 recovery, the return to a 'new normal' has been backdropped by an exponential increase in needs arising from the economic crisis. Amidst the current cost of living crisis, we have witnessed an overwhelming outpouring of generosity from our church family enabling forMK to strategically express the love of Christ and meet needs within our community.

Our annual Be-Rich campaign enabled a grassroots fund to be established, aimed at helping small groups, organisations and individuals who were directly meeting community needs. Through a simple application process, 13 'hidden gems' and 'unsung heroes' of our community were supported. Areas of need addressed were:

- bereavement support for children and young people
- provision of community food parcels to those with Mental Health and/or isolation/transport issues
- support to those who have lost a loved one through Covid-19
- free holiday club provision including healthy food and activities for 6-11 years aids
- community activities and information sessions for residents of Fishermead
- provision of a hot cooked breakfast at minimum cost
- increasing awareness of maintaining natural hair care for those of African and Caribbean origin
- community and elite-level basketball and behavioural coaching for children and young people
- Christmas extravaganza for families of children with additional needs and life-limiting conditions
- performing arts workshops (dance, drama and music) for people with disabilities
- building diverse community cohesion through joining a community choir

- provision of 190+ cooked Christmas dinners and goodie boxes to the vulnerable in MK
- live music and network event for young people and showcasing national musical talent

ForMK has maintained strong and positive connections with our voluntary sector friends and partners while encouraging our members to get involved and pursue their passions. Our Volunteer Expo held in March, was attended by 110 people and saw 19 charities and organisations represented.

Through ongoing communication, connections and partnerships our response to the practical and financial needs of the community of Milton Keynes has broadened and our reputation as a source of generosity, love and help in our community has increased.

Under the banner of Crime and Safety, and in response to the increasing gang-related incidents and knife crime across Milton Keynes, forMK hosted 2 community events. The first, in May, was coordinated by the African Diaspora Foundation (led by Fresh Youth MK) with representation from Thames Valley Police. Over 50 people attended from 11 local Black Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities and discussed ways to build better community relationships to tackle youth crime. The second event in August was built on the youth workshop held in November 2021 and facilitated by Leo Powell - a London-based Church youth leader, filmmaker, speaker, and pastoral mentor with working knowledge of County Lines, gang culture and knife crime. Leo engaged an audience of 80 adults and young people sharing information and raising awareness of 'County Lines'; its definitions, terminology, signs, stats and reporting.

We have continued to connect and partner with people and organisations and key decision-makers; invest in local initiatives and community projects and encourage our church family to activate their passions to serve others through volunteering.

Though such need can often seem overwhelming, the ongoing generosity of MKCC members' time, talent and finances has meant that forMK has been able to track and respond to community needs. The result has been a year of success where we have been able to step out as God leads to bring positive impact and change to those within our reach.

i. Children

Discovery Kids exists to 'encourage every child to dig deeper and discover Jesus for themselves' through the filter of our four values: Fun, Safety, Relationships and Age-appropriate.

We outwork this through several programs that run throughout the week and calendar year - Sunday Discovery Kids services (within four age-appropriate settings), Wednesday DK Groups (school year-based small groups meeting each week in term-time) our ministry for children with additional needs, Konnect, which seeks to ensure 'every child' can enjoy Discovery Kids at their level.

It was great to see activities and relationships returning to 'normal' throughout 2022. For the first time in several years, we were able to run our Christmas and Easter specials for children aged 5-11 with both events selling out and over 200 children in attendance.

In August we ran an activity for 5-11-Year-olds called the Summer Smash with 91 children attending each day. We undertook a range of on/off-site activities with the kids having a fantastic time and parents expressing their gratitude.

140 children enrolled in our DK Groups which recommenced in late September. 40 leaders help lead 18 groups to help children learn and grow together and build strong relationships.

Discovery Kids partnered with the forMK Team to deliver some half-term events targeting families struggling through the cost of living crisis. We provided a free brunch at MKCC or breakfast at home kits, held a family dinner and games night and a family hot dog and movie night. These events were well received by our local community and church family.

At Christmas, we partnered with the forMK team and local primary schools providing over 60 hampers for families in need -hampers included vouchers for a local supermarket. As we delivered the hamper to one family a young lad was heard shouting to his dad, "Dad, Christmas can start there is food in the house!" Our Santa's grotto saw over

300 community children attend to receive a free, age-appropriate gift, a chocolate Santa and a 'family pack' which included hot chocolate, games, craft and a book.

Konnect (ministry for children with additional needs) thrived during 2022 following a slow post-covid return - we now support 12 children with a 1-2-1 buddy. At Christmas, we gathered the families for a party and gave each a gift to show our love and support.

j. Youth

Fuse is our ministry to secondary students aged 11 to 18 years. The vision for Fuse is 'connecting young people to Jesus so they can treasure him' and it is worked out through the values; Belong, Grow, and Be Real.

The primary Fuse event takes place on Friday nights with activities and a church service tailored specifically for young people. Throughout the year we addressed issues such as purpose and identity, who Jesus is, doubt, forgiveness and mental health as well as giving 6 young people the chance to share their faith with their peers. Our Fuse team grew with 14 new leaders added to the team.

During the Unsinkable series, one young person said, "I like hearing about people who doubted God. It makes me feel better and helps me to know that I'm not alone and I can get over my doubts."

Throughout the summer we ran some different activities to help the young people to stay connected to their friends and in September we launched a Sunday Fuse area - an average of 37 young people sat together during Sunday services, connecting with friends.

On average, 83 young people attended Fuse on a Friday evening and our Christmas Party had 132 young people in attendance.

k Sensory Suite

It's evident that the Sensory Suite is truly fulfilling a significant need within the community, and it's heartening to witness the wide array of groups benefitting from it. The Sensory Suite is not only empowering learners to reach their utmost potential, but it's also serving as an invaluable resource for caregivers and other support personnel, equipping them to deliver the highest level of care. With 10-12 sessions booked each week, it's clear that the demand for this facility is consistently growing, further attesting its vital role in the community.

The suite caters to a diverse range of users, including family groups, dedicated caregivers, charitable organisations, specialised schools, as well as our own Tiny Steps Day Nursery and Discovery Kids. The reaction from all users has been so positive. One parent recently sent an e-mail after their first use saying 'Our son loved his time in the sensory space we were just amazed that such a place exists for him as this is very rarely the case.'

It's great to witness formal arrangements which enable family members to receive respite care, and the involvement of organisations such as MacIntrye and MK Council, who are utilising the suite to support learners. These partnerships with charities and other community organisations prove to be immensely beneficial for all parties, as they foster the sharing of resources and expertise, leading to a more comprehensive and effective support for families in need. We are committed to continually building such partnerships and exploring innovative ways of collaborating to further enhance our support for families in our community.

I Seniors

Our lime Out ministry seeks to provide an opportunity for seniors to come together to build friendships and find support and care through a weekly program. The aim is to stimulate mind, body and spirit as our dedicated team of volunteers actively care for members during the weekly Thursday afternoon session. Transport is provided for those with limited mobility and in addition to bringing individuals to MKCC each week, our dedicated volunteer team visit the housebound and those in hospital or nursing homes.

We re-launched in-person gatherings in February when it was great to see people returning after having to be isolated for such a long time. We also had several new people join us regularly. Those who attend love to come together to socialise - it makes for a noisy but most enjoyable afternoon.

Sadly, we lost 2 long-standing members in the early months of 2022 - their passing brought much sadness but the group was able to reflect with fondness on so many memories of their time with us. One of the ladies who passed left some money and instructions for us to hold a cream tea celebration in her memory. We were able to celebrate one member's 90th birthday - the lady was thrilled with her party and overwhelmed with emotion on the day. During a hot spell of weather, the church kindly provided fans for those in the group who didn't have one - they were gratefully received.

A planned Christmas party had to be cancelled at the last minute due to snow but our team of volunteers were able to visit all our regulars to distribute Christmas presents of blankets, books and chocolates, courtesy of #ForMK. Once again people expressed their gratitude for our love and generosity.

m. Facilities

The Accommodation Unit, initially constructed as a training facility to house bible school students and their classroom space, has fulfilled several purposes over the years. In recent times the unit has provided single-occupancy accommodation for young professionals working throughout the city. MKCC continues to rent out a property in Oldbrook which made a small contribution to the running costs of the centre. Throughout 2022 occupancy levels remained high generating a rental income of over £74,366.

Whilst finance generated from the provision of accommodation assists in covering the general running costs of MKCC, such accommodation greatly benefits members of our local community who find themselves in great need and often unable to afford accommodation offered elsewhere in Milton Keynes.

n. Tiny Steps Day Nursery

Tiny Steps is dedicated to creating a warm and welcoming "home from home" environment for the children who attend our setting from the local community and surrounding areas. Our staff work tirelessly to instil in the children a sense of good citizenship and empathy towards themselves and others, ensuring every child feels valued and included, with equal opportunities for growth and development.

In response to the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic, we implemented a drop-and-collect-at-the-door policy, which has remained and had a significant positive impact on the children. Even the youngest ones, as young as 1-year-old, now walk into the setting confidently without needing additional supervision. We have also introduced "stay and play" sessions, where families can come into the setting and play with their children, providing an opportunity for parents/carers to experience the environment their child attends. Through the use of the Family app, we have also introduced "daily news feeds" that keep parents/carers informed about the activities and events taking place throughout the day.

Our management team is strong and our staff cohort works cohesively, exploring different theories that inform and guide our practice. We have been particularly focused on understanding schemas, a type of learning, and facilitating children's exploration and enhancement of this aspect of their development.

One of our proudest achievements is the cohesion and strength of our team, which remains intact and continues to grow stronger as a unified unit. We have successfully supported a visually impaired child, who will be moving up to pre-school soon, and other visually impaired and differently-able children who receive specialised care and attention.

In August, our preschool garden underwent a renovation, providing a fresh new space that the children are enjoying, especially the new shelter.

As we move into 2023, we are excited about the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead, including our upcoming Ofsted inspection. At the end of the 2022, we maintained a full-time occupancy (FTE) of 60.6, and we are eager to continue providing high-quality care and education to our children and families. Despite the whirlwind of 2022, we are ready to embrace the new year and all that it has in store for us.

MKCC Limited

MKCC Ltd is a subsidiary company that is wholly owned by Milton Keynes Christian Centre incorporated on 21st December 2015 and which commenced trading on 1st February 2016.

MKCC LTD's main business activities comprise the enterprise aspects of Milton Keynes Christian Centre activity including: Conferencing and venue hire

MKCC Ltd turnover equated to £132,658 for the period 1st January to 31st December 2022, making a trading profit of £41,977.

MK Conferencing

MK Conferencing's primary purpose is to offer conferencing and event services to both local and national organisations, whilst utilising the facilities of MKCC to generate funds. The surplus funds generated are then gift aided to serve the vison and purposes of the charity and ensuring donations received can be directed towards the local/global mission of MKCC.

The business model revolves around nurturing existing clientele, which includes local government agencies and their partners, various sectors of the NHS, and other commercial clients, while also actively engaging with new business and commercial clients.

Despite the challenges faced during the pandemic, MK Conferencing had a successful year as the industry started to recover towards normalcy. While business levels were not on a par with 2019 due to clients changing their business model and cautiousness towards large in-person events, we witnessed the return of several clients and larger bookings towards the end of the year. Additionally, to support key workers, room hire was provided at a discounted rate to NHS, Councils, Charities and Statutory Bodies for facilitating training.

MK Conferencing adapted to the changing landscape of conferencing and client behaviour, including shorter lead time on bookings, and consistently performed above budgeted levels. As the year progressed, there was an increasing demand from clients to book the facilities, and due to a faster-than-expected recovery from the pandemic, MK Conferencing was able to contribute a substantial amount of £42,123 towards the overheads of MKCC, further supporting its mission.

New DayCafe

The day to day running of the Coffee Shop is outsourced to New Day Cafe. The Coffee Shop continues to act as a reception point for the building, providing a warm welcome to the local community. It also serves as a safe space for local charities to meet with their clients. Additionally, the coffee shop & foyer has been utilised to welcome various groups, such as a job seekers group, a weekly support meeting for parents of home-schooled children, and charities like MacIntyre, providing space for children and young adults with additional needs.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Tithes and Offerings

In a historic moment for our church, giving to undesignated funds has exceeded one million pounds for the first time, reaching a total of £1,063,456. This remarkable achievement includes Gift Aid of £186,483, which is significantly higher than usual due to several people completing gift aid forms, allowing us to reclaim gift aid on their giving for the previous four years.

All In

Beyond our regular giving through Tithes and Offerings, we also contributed to various restricted funds that made a significant impact on the lives of individuals within our church community and in the city of Milton Keynes as well as beyond through our partnership with LightForce International. In total, including Gift Aid, we gave £157,412 to these important causes.

All In - Benevolence

Through the Benevolence fund, we have helped countless people in our church family and beyond. We had the privilege of assisting an individual through our fund, who had been facing immense challenges. This person was a newcomer to our church and one Sunday, when they reached a breaking point, one of our volunteers stepped in to offer assistance. After learning about their struggles, the volunteer arranged a supermarket voucher from the fund. The volunteer had the joy of taking them to the supermarket to redeem the voucher. This act of kindness ensured that the person had access to food for the next month without any financial burden

The impact of our intervention was profound, as the person who had come to our church feeling hopeless, was left with a renewed sense of hope and a bright smile on their face. Our efforts not only met their immediate needs but also connected them with someone willing to walk alongside them in their journey. It was a humbling experience to witness the power of compassion and generosity in transforming lives.

Global Impact

In 2022, we had the privilege of investing £172,665 including £72,223 from All In, into overseas missions through our partnership with Pastor George and LightForce International in Albania, Uganda and India.

Our investment has enabled Pastor George Ridley and his team to continue their invaluable work in these countries, providing vital resources and support to those in need. From empowering young people in Uganda to promoting education and healthcare in India and Albania, our investment has helped to make a meaningful difference in the lives of countless individuals and communities.

In November 2022, Pastor Mark had the opportunity to visit the LightForce base in Uganda and was deeply moved by the incredible impact of our giving on the community of Lira. During his visit, he had the privilege of attending a joyous celebration with over a thousand guests, including local dignitaries and the Bishop of Uganda, as they honoured the graduates from the LightForce International Day Nursery, Primary School, and Agricultural College.

Reflecting on his experience, Pastor Mark shared his profound admiration for the transformative work being carried out by LightForce International. He was particularly impressed by the significant number of young people involved in the projects and George's unwavering commitment to empowering them to create a better future for themselves. Moreover, he witnessed first-hand how Christian principles were being taught and put into action throughout the projects, leading to a positive impact on countless lives through the grace and love of God.

Pastor Mark's visit to the LightForce International base in Uganda was a testament to the incredible work being done by the organisation, and a reminder of the transformative power of giving and compassion.

ForMK

As a church community, we made a significant impact on our city through our "All In" campaign, raising £39,227 to support those in need. Despite the ongoing challenges of the pandemic and the cost of living crisis, our members' generosity allowed us to respond to community needs through a variety of initiatives:

- We donated £500 worth of sanitary hygiene products to the Afghan refugee community in Heelands and Newport Pagnell.
- We gave £582.79 worth of school stationery items to St Paul's Catholic school to be gifted to students who lacked these key items.
- A £500 donation was made to Lord Grey school to contribute to their incentive scheme, rewarding students for improved behaviour and progress.
- We donated £500 to Oldbrook First School to replenish their library, along with £100 worth of Children's Bibles as identified by our DK team.
- We contributed £400 to Bridgebuilder Trust to purchase Next Steps booklets, helping children transition from primary to secondary school.
- We donated £527.50 to MK Carers to fund holiday activities for 54 young carers at Willen Watersports and Caldecotte Rock Climbing, providing respite for those caring for their loved ones.
- A donation of £500 was made to MK ACT to help fund a seaside trip for all residents of the refuge, many of whom had never been to the seaside before.
- We raised £530 to create 20 start-up packs for new clients of Connection Support (homeless and mental health charity), providing them with bedding, cutlery, and basic toiletries to help them settle into new accommodations.
- We gave £1,500 to Fresh Youth MK to assist in setting up their volunteer monitoring and evaluation system.
- We donated £8,700 to MK Foodbank to help establish their mobile Top-Up Shop service and support their food drop campaign.
- We invested £3,000 in equipment to improve the Sensory Suite.
- We raised £2,268.75 for Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree campaign, donating 137 gifts for the children of prisoners.
- We invested approximately £3,000 in Christmas outreach through a collaboration with the DK Team to coordinate the Santa's Grotto event and community Family Hampers distribution.

- We collected over 1,900 non-perishable food items at our "Fill Santa's Sleigh" drive-thru event in support of MK Foodbank.
- We packed and delivered Christmas goody bags, each containing a warm blanket, to 180 older residents across five local sheltered accommodation units.
- We purchased 50 address books to be added to gift bags for all Time Out attendees, helping them restore their contact lists and rebuild relationships.
- We purchased 100 brand-new family board games for families identified by local Children's Centres through our partnership with MK Council Family Support Team.

Through these initiatives, we demonstrated our commitment to supporting those who matter to God and, therefore, matter to us. We are truly for Milton Keynes.

Be Rich

In February 2022, we were thrilled to revive our annual Be Rich campaign after the ease of restrictions, encouraging members to give 'a little' to collectively make a 'big' impact. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our community, the campaign raised an astounding £7,417.

This money enabled us to establish a Grassroots Fund, aimed at supporting small groups, organizations, and individuals who were directly addressing community needs. Through a straightforward application process, we were able to identify and support 13 'hidden gems' and 'unsung heroes' in our community. These efforts addressed a wide range of pressing issues, including bereavement support for children and young people, community food parcel provisions for those facing mental health and isolation/transport issues, and support for those who have lost loved ones to COVID-19.

Our campaign also helped to fund a range of community activities, such as free holiday club provisions for 6-11year-olds, community information sessions for Fishermead residents, and hot-cooked breakfast provisions at a minimum cost. Additionally, we supported initiatives aimed at building community cohesion and empowering young people, including basketball and behavioural coaching, performing arts workshops, and live music events.

Our efforts culminated in the provision of 190+ cooked Christmas dinners and goodie boxes for the vulnerable in MK, as well as a Christmas extravaganza for families of children with additional needs and life-limiting conditions. We are proud of the positive impact our Be Rich campaign has had on our community and remain committed to supporting those in need in the years to come.

Prophecy Fulfilled

In the early days of 1985, our small church family faced a daunting financial challenge as we embarked on building a new church in Oldbrook. Following a day of prayer and fasting, a lady brought a word from God that the money needed for the project would come "of the church, not from the church." At the time, we didn't fully understand the significance of this message.

However, as the building was completed and we began to utilise it, we realised that God had a plan. We would use our facilities to generate funds to cover all the core costs associated with owning a building, including mortgage, maintenance, and utilities, freeing up tithes and offerings for the ministry and mission.

Fast forward to 2022, and for the year these costs amounted to £281,489. But we are thrilled to report that our facilities, such as the Tiny Steps Day Nursery and MK Conferencing, not only covered these costs in full but generated a surplus of £19,648.

In 2010, we completed the latest phase of development on our Oldbrook site and entered into a mortgage agreement of £1.5 million, with a repayment deadline of 2030. Thanks to the surpluses generated by our activities and the sacrificial giving of our MKCC family, we were able to clear our mortgage in 2022, a full eight years ahead of schedule. We are humbled and grateful to God for His provision and faithfulness throughout this journey.

a. Statement relating to Going Concern (COVID-19)

We are pleased to report that the charity ended 2022 in a strong financial position thanks to the continued support of our partners, the excellent post-pandemic performance of our Day Nursery and Conferencing activities and the continued efforts of senior management to control costs/expenditure.

The charity's cash reserves increased by £57,506 during 2022 resulting in free cash reserves of £439,479 as on 31st December 2022. The Governance board can confirm Milton Keynes Christian Centre can continue operating in 2023 and further, with no concerns regarding financial viability.

Reserves policy

The reserves policy of Milton Keynes Christian Centre is to hold sufficient funds to cover the costs of closing part or all of our facilities in Oldbrook, Milton Keynes in the event of a major setback. We aim to hold £250,000 as a free cash flow to pay any notice periods, redundancies and expenses associated with the site closure whilst enabling us to retain required staff and secure alternate premises to be able to continue our weekend church services and provide pastoral assistance to our local community. In addition, we also seek to hold funds to meet the requirements of our 12-month rolling capital replacement program. MKCC held cash reserves of £636,608 on the 31st December 2022 of which £197,129 was restricted (£193.693 All In, £3,436 Nursery grant) leaving free cash reserves of £439,479. The Trustees believe the charity currently hold £439,479 in free cash reserves. The Trustees review this policy annually.

Future developments

Throughout 2023 MKCC will continue to provide public benefit through the delivery of our charitable activities. We will continue to deliver our charitable objectives through:

- On-going development and implementation of a strategy which encourages and facilitates church growth;
- Continuing to maximise our volunteer participation;
- Assisting every individual to identify and take the next step in their spiritual journey;
- On-going development and implementation of our ForMK strategy which seeks to meet practical needs in our community;
- Continued support of LightForce International and Into The Community;
- Continually seeking to develop and enhance the services Tiny Steps Day Nursery, Conferencing@ MKCC and Coffee Shop provide to the members of our local community, Milton Keynes and surrounding areas.
- Promotion of our Sensory Suite to families throughout Milton Keynes who have at least one child with additional needs.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

Milton Keynes Christian Centre is incorporated as a charitable company limited by guarantee (charity number 1119304, company number 5982564) governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Governance

Our Governance Board currently comprises the Chair and eight other Trustees whose names are listed on the association information page of this document. We have all declared that we will carry out our responsibilities as Trustees of MKCC per the Charity Commission guidelines. Trustees have also considered the Good Governance Code for the voluntary sector. As part of our induction and training as Trustees, we were provided with detailed information about MKCC and its various activities, including its memorandum and articles, accounts, financial reports and minutes of previous Trustees' meetings. We, the Trustees, form the membership of the charitable company.

We have overall responsibility for overseeing MKCC's strategy and operations, approving its budgets and for all its major decisions. The leadership of the church and management of the organisation's activities is delegated to the Church Leadership and senior management who report directly to the Trustees providing feedback on performance and informing Trustees of future planning. Trustee's meetings are held at least four times a year.

Risk management

We regularly assess the major risks to which the charity is exposed and in particular; those related to reputation and stakeholder confidence in senior leadership, safeguarding children and vulnerable adults, Health and Safety, the fulfilment of regulatory requirements, business continuity and ensuring the long-term financial security of MKCC. The Governance board record all major risks identified within a risk register. Responsibility for maintaining/updating the risk register is delegated to a sub-committee overseen by Peter Takacs.

The Governance board review all risks identified within our register at least once a year and the key policy and procedures which relate to the major risks and receives regular reports from senior management and church leadership.

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mark Sherratt, Senior Pastor	
Virginia Brown	
Peter Takacs	
Omotayo Kufeji	
Joseph Amaeze	
Jon Keel	(Appointed 8 March 2022)
Gabrielle Osei	(Appointed 8 March 2022)
John Eis	(Appointed 8 March 2022)
Fola Komolafe, Chair	

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

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

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) 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 Group will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Group's and the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Group and the Charity 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 Group and the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditor

The auditor, Crouchers Ltd, has indicated his willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditor at a meeting of the Trustees.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable group's auditor is unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable group's auditor is aware of that information.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of and signed on their behalf by.

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Fola Komolafe, Chair
Trustee

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Mark Sherratt, Senior Pastor
Trustee

Date: ...15th September 2023.....

MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Milton Keynes Christian Centre (the 'Charity') for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic* of *Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditors responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees' remuneration and expenses with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustees' remuneration and expenses are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the parent charitable company has not kept adequate and sufficient accounting records, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent charitable company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or

the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic report.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the Group's and the parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the Group or the parent charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 151 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- Enquiry of management around actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rational of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for bias;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at; www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006, and to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

D P Croucher

Mr D P Croucher BSc (Hons) FCCA ACA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Crouchers Ltd

15.09.2023

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MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Current financial year

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Income from:					
Income from donations and legacies	2	1,063,456	157,412	1,220,868	1,034,271
Income from Other trading activities	3	963,607	3,449	967,056	770,247
Other income	4	-	-	-	78,142
Investment income	5	75,699	-	75,699	73,441
Total income		2,102,762	160,861	2,263,623	1,956,101
Expenditure on:					
Expenditure on raising funds					
Fundraising trading expenses	6	97,309	-	97,309	72,348
Other trading expenses	6	41,800	-	41,800	17,923
		139,109	-	139,109	90,271
Charitable activities expenditure	7	1,823,102	119,331	1,942,433	1,754,619
Other expenditure	10	4,588	-	4,588	5,495
Total expenditure		1,966,799	119,331	2,086,130	1,850,385
Net incoming resources before transfers		135,963	41,530	177,493	105,716
Gross transfers between funds		35,717	(17,794)	17,923	-
Net movement in funds		171,680	23,736	195,416	105,716
Fund balances at 1 January 2022		2,799,519	228,229	3,027,748	2,922,032
Fund balances at 31 December 2022		2,971,199	251,965	3,223,164	3,027,748

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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

MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
Consolidated Balance Sheet
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		2,743,526		2,833,994
Current assets					
Debtors	15	57,497		29,424	
Cash at bank and in hand		636,608		579,102	
		694,105		608,526	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(214,467)		(157,864)	
Net current assets			479,638		450,662
Total assets less current liabilities			3,223,164		3,284,656
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	17		-		(256,908)
Net assets			3,223,164		3,027,748
Income funds					
Restricted funds	18		251,965		228,229
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds	19	2,971,199		2,799,519	
			2,971,199		2,799,519
			3,223,164		3,027,748

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to

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

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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Fola Komolafe, Chair
Trustee

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Mark Sherratt, Senior Pastor
Trustee

The notes on pages 21 to 35 form part of these financial statements.

Company registration number 05982564

MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
Charity Balance Sheet
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		2,742,258		2,832,101
Investments	13		100		100
			2,742,358		2,832,201
Current assets					
Debtors	15	49,821		42,183	
Cash at bank and in hand		590,031		540,308	
		639,852		582,491	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(159,495)		(130,244)	
Net current assets			480,357		452,247
Total assets less current liabilities			3,222,715		3,284,448
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	17		-		(256,908)
Net assets			3,222,715		3,027,540
Income funds					
Restricted funds	18		251,965		257,812
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds	19	2,970,750		2,769,728	
			2,970,750		2,769,728
			3,222,715		3,027,540

The Charity's net movement in funds for the year was £195,416 (2021 - £105,716).

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MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
Consolidated Balance Sheet

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

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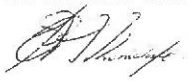

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MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
CONSOLIDTAED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	23		307,020		1,478
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(50,419)		(36,539)	
Proceeds from disposal of tangible fixed assets		5,833		267	
Purchase of investments		-		(100)	
Proceeds from disposal of investments		-		100	
Investment income received		75,699		73,411	
Net cash generated from investing activities			31,113		37,139
Financing activities					
Repayment of borrowings		(256,908)		-	
Repayment of bank loans		(23,719)		-	
Net cash used in financing activities			(280,627)		-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			57,506		38,617
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			579,102		540,485
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			636,608		579,102

The notes on pages 21 to 36 form part of these financial statements.

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The charity is a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and is a registered in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is Strudwick Drive, Oldbrook, Milton Keynes, MK6 2TG. The accounts have been prepared in sterling and rounded to the nearest£.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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). The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

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

The Consolidated statement of financial activities (SOFA) and Consolidated balance sheet consolidate the financial statements of the Charity and its subsidiary undertaking. The results of the subsidiary are consolidated on a line by line basis.

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption allowed under section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and has not presented its own Statement of financial activities in these financial statements.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Fees payable to the Charity's auditor for the audit has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Group and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Group for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

1.4 Income

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

1 **Accounting policies** **(Continued)**

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the Charity has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the Charity, can be reliably measured.

Grants are included in the Consolidated statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognised as income when they are distributed to the projects. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold.

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

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Group to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Group's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	2% / 10%
Office equipment	25%
Fixtures and fittings	20% / 25% / 33.3%
Motor vehicles	20%

1.7 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

1.8 Cash and 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 acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.9 Financial instruments

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

1.10 Debtors

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

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.11 Liabilities and provisions

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

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

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Consolidated statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2022	2022	2022	2021	2021	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	1,063,456	157,412	1,220,868	874,941	125,602	1,000,543
Grants	-	-	-	-	33,728	33,728
	1,063,456	157,412	1,220,868	874,941	159,330	1,034,271
Donations and gifts						
Tithes and offerings	876,973	-	876,973	738,984	-	738,984
All h income	-	157,412	157,412	-	59,602	59,602
Mission giving	-	-	-	-	66,000	66,000
Gift Aid Received	186,483	-	186,483	135,957	-	135,957
	1,063,456	157,412	1,220,868	874,941	125,602	1,000,543

During the year, MKCC Limited (trading company of Milton Keynes Christian Centre), donated funds of £41,800 (2021: £17,923) to the Charity.

Grants receivable for core activities

Grants	-	-	-	-	33,728	33,728
	-	-	-	-	33,728	33,728

3 Income from Other trading activities

	Income from Other trading activities 2022 £	Income from Other trading activities 2021 £
Other ministry income	24,911	9,714
Childcare income	809,487	688,775
Coffee shop and conferencing income	132,658	71,758
	967,056	770,247
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	963,607	768,525
Restricted funds	3,449	1,722
	967,056	770,247

4 Other income

	Total Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £
Furlough income	-	78,142

5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £
Rental income	74,366	73,384
Interest receivable	1,333	57
	75,699	73,441

6 Expenditure on raising funds

Fundraising trading expenses

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £
Fundraising trading expenses		
Charges against rental income	6,698	6,290
Trading costs	90,611	66,058
Fundraising trading expenses	97,309	72,348
Other trading expenses		
Trading profits gift aided to the charity	41,800	17,923
	139,109	90,271

7 Charitable activities expenditure

		Amounts Reclassified
	2022 £	2021 £
Childcare costs	622,115	591,263
Ministry costs	752,388	655,396
Mission giving (** See below)	155,915	136,739
Governance costs	6,133	8,052
Property and administration	405,882	363,169
	1,942,433	1,754,619
	1,942,433	1,754,619
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	1,823,102	1,661,500
Restricted funds	119,331	93,119
	1,942,433	1,754,619

** The amount above excludes a further £16,750 (2021: £13,750) of in-kind contribution to Missions as disclosed in Note 22

8 Auditor's remuneration

Fees payable to the Charity's auditor and associates:	2022	2021
	£	£
Audit of the Charity's annual accounts	5,100	5,100

9 Trustees' Remuneration And Expenses

No trustee receives remuneration in respect of their role as Trustees. However, during the year, one or more Trustees has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from their employment with the Charity

	2022	2021
	£	£
Mark Sherratt	59,151	53,140
Fola Komolafe	49,350	43,120
John Keel	36,996	

During the year ended 31 December 2022, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2021 - £NIL).

10 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted funds	**Unrestricted funds**
	2022	2021
	£	£
Financing costs	4,588	5,495

11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

12 Tangible fixed assets

Group

Current financial year	Freehold land and buildings	Fixtures, fittings and office equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 January 2022	3,808,145	305,648	14,750	4,128,543
Additions	21,913	28,506	-	50,419
Disposals	(14,561)	(23,555)	-	(38,116)
At 31 December 2022	3,815,497	310,599	14,750	4,140,846
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 January 2022	1,042,777	238,989	12,783	1,294,549
Depreciation charged in the year	106,106	26,981	1,967	135,054
Eliminated in respect of disposals	(8,728)	(23,555)	-	(32,283)
At 31 December 2022	1,140,155	242,415	14,750	1,397,320
Carrying amount				
At 31 December 2022	2,675,342	68,184	-	2,743,526
At 31 December 2021	2,765,368	64,787	1,967	2,833,994

12 Tangible fixed assets (Continued)

Charity

Current financial year	Freehold land and buildings	Fixtures, fittings and office equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 January 2022	3,808,145	300,631	14,750	4,123,526
Additions	21,913	28,509	-	50,422
Disposals	(14,561)	(23,555)	-	(38,116)
At 31 December 2022	3,815,497	305,585	14,750	4,135,832
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 January 2022	1,042,777	235,868	12,783	1,291,428
Depreciation charged in the year	106,106	26,356	1,967	134,429
Eliminated in respect of disposals	(8,728)	(23,555)	-	(32,283)
At 31 December 2022	1,140,155	238,669	14,750	1,393,574
Carrying amount				
At 31 December 2022	2,675,342	66,916	-	2,742,258
At 31 December 2021	2,765,368	64,763	1,967	2,832,098

14 Financial instruments

	Group 2022	Group 2021	Charity 2022	Charity 2021
	£	£	£	£
Carrying amount of financial assets				
Instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss	636,608	579,102	590,031	540,308

15 Debtors

	Group 2022	Group 2021	Charity 2022	Charity 2021
Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£	£	£
Trade debtors	25,789	8,179	3,417	1,417
Amounts owed by fellow group undertakings	-	-	-	20,077
Other debtors	23,262	14,243	23,262	14,243
Prepayments and accrued income	8,446	7,002	8,142	6,446
	57,497	29,424	34,821	42,183

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Group 2022 £	Group 2021 £	Charity 2022 £	Charity 2021 £
Bank loans	-	23,719	-	23,719
Other taxation and social security	29,652	15,726	28,004	14,520
Trade creditors	48,120	29,413	41,096	29,026
Amount owed to associated undertaking	51,370	26,887	9,570	8,935
Other creditors	22,849	25,404	20,848	17,329
Accruals and deferred income	62,476	36,715	31,268	36,715
	214,467	157,864	130,786	130,244

17 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Group 2022 £	Group 2021 £	Charity 2022 £	Charity 2021 £
Borrowings	-	256,908	-	256,908

The loan was fully repaid during the year.

18 Restricted Funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds					Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 January 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 1 January 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
AllIn	208,388	59,602	(19,029)	(50,027)	198,934	159,134	(104,407)	(19,516)	234,145
Mission	-	66,000	(66,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Konnect	333	-	(333)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nursery	1,714	1,722	-	-	3,436	3,449	-	-	6,885
Sensory Suite	-	33,728	(7,757)	(112)	25,859	-	(14,924)	-	10,935
	210,435	161,052	(93,119)	(50,139)	228,229	162,583	(119,331)	(19,516)	251,965

All In - Each year we talk to our church family about specific ministry activities and offer an opportunity for individuals to pledge their financial support and partner with us as we seek to bring people to Jesus and equip them to be fully devoted followers of Christ.

Mission - Donations raised for, and passed to, LightForce International in support of their mission activities.

Konnect - Grant received to purchase sensory toys and equipment - funds were consumed in 2021.

Nursery- Grant funding able to be used for purchasing nursery toys and equipment or staff training.

Sensory suite - MK Community Foundation grant received to furnish and equip our Sensory Suite. The funds were received in August 2020 and consumed in December 2020.

19 Designated Funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds					Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 January 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 1 January 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
General Funds									
All funds	2,193,155	1,795,049	(1,757,266)	50,139	2,281,077	2,102,762	(1,966,799)	35,717	2,452,757
Fixed assets	518,442	-	-	-	518,442	-	-	-	518,442
	2,711,597	1,795,049	(1,757,266)	50,139	2,799,519	2,102,762	(1,966,799)	35,717	2,971,199

20 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	2,743,526	-	2,743,526	2,833,994	-	2,833,994
Current assets/(liabilities)	227,673	251,965	479,638	222,433	228,229	450,662
Long term liabilities	-	-	-	(256,908)	-	(256,908)
	2,971,199	251,965	3,223,164	2,799,519	228,229	3,027,748

21 Operating lease commitments

At 31 December 2022 the Group and the Charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Within one year	-	3,158

22 Related party transactions

The Trustees recognise that LightForce International, the missions arm of the church, is a related party. A Memorandum of Understanding exists between MKCC and LFI defining their relationship. LFI has a separate constitution and Trustee Body from that of MKCC. MKCC pioneered the work of LightForce International and the partnership between the two charities enable the church to effectively fulfil its mission whilst enriching the church in many ways.

George Ridley is a pastor (Minister of Religion) at MKCC and remunerated by MKCC. Mark Sherratt's appointment as senior pastor in 2001 has enabled MKCC to release more of George Ridley's time to develop the work of the overseas mission. The cost of remuneration to George Ridley borne by MKCC amounted to £53,177 (2021: £50,702). In addition, other donations were made to LFI amounting to £102,738 (2021: £86,037) and £16,750 (2021: £13,750) in kind, being the provision of office space. In total, £172,665 was given to overseas mission, including donations in kind.

The Trustees also recognised that Into the Community, is a related party. Some of the Trustees of Into the Community are also directors of MKCC.

MKCC passed donations given by church members to the Food Bank totalling £4,649 (io21: £5,097) and gifted a further £5,000 (2021: £5000) in-kind, being the provision of space within our foyer to undertake their weekly serving sessions. MKCC also passed on weekly food donations collected on behalf of the Food Bank and arranged for the Food Bank to receive the Christmas hampers collected as part of their annual reverse advent appeal.

The principal contacts and addresses of LightForce International and Into the Community are:

MrG Ridley	Mr Ian Baird
LightForce International	Into the Community
Strudwick Drive	Strudwick Drive
Oldbrook	Oldbrook
Milton Keynes	Milton Keynes
MK6 2TG	MK62TG
www.lightforce.org.uk	www.mkfoodbank.org.uk

23 Cash generated from operations

	2022	2021
	£	£
Surplus for the year	195,416	(56,467)
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(75,699)	(73,441)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	135,054	138,471
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase)/decrease in stocks	-	1,125
(Increase) in debtors	(28,073)	(3,340)
Increase in creditors	80,322	55,244
(Decrease) in deferred income	-	(60,144)
Cash generated from operations	307,020	1,448

24 Analysis of changes in net funds

	At 1 January 2022	Cash flows	At 31 December 2022
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	579,102	57,506	636,608
Loans falling due within one year	(23,719)	23,719	-
Loans falling due after more than one year	(256,908)	256,908	-
	298,475	338,133	636,608

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE
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MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE
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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Trustees	Fola Komolafe, Chair Mark Sherratt, Senior Pastor Billy Ritchie, Associate Pastor (resigned 8 June 2021) Virginia Brown Bola Odunlami (resigned 8 March 2022) Andrew Kiff (resigned 5 January 2022) Peter Takacs Omotayo Kufeji Joseph Amaeze Jon Keel (appointed 8 March 2022) Gabrielle Osei (appointed 8 March 2022) John Els (appointed 8 March 2022)
Company registered number	05982564
Charity registered number	1119304
Registered office	Strudwick Drive Oldbrook Milton Keynes MK6 2TG
Company secretary	Ian Baird
Independent auditor	MHA MacIntyre Hudson Chartered Accountants Statutory Auditors Moorgate House 201 Silbury Boulevard Milton Keynes Buckinghamshire MK9 1LZ
Bankers	NatWest Bank Plc 501 Silbury Boulevard Saxon Gate East Milton Keynes MK9 3ER
Solicitors	Geldards LLP Dumfries House Dumfries Place Cardiff CF10 3ZF

TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Charity for the 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021. The Annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the group and the Charity qualify as small under section 383 of the Companies Act 2006, the Group strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Objectives and activities

a. Public benefit

The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in "The advancement of religion for the Public Benefit" and regularly review all activities to ensure they are per the aims and objectives of the charity. The Trustees have also considered the Charity Commission's guidance "public benefit: running a charity (PB2)".

MKCC provides benefit to the public through its provision of public worship facilities, pastoral care and discipleship courses – both for existing MKCC partners and those from our community who wish to benefit from what we offer. MKCC promotes Christian values and encourages our partners to actively serve others within their local communities and wider afield for the benefit of society as a whole. Details of our activities and the public benefit we provided throughout 2021 are detailed below.

b. Objectives and activities

Milton Keynes Christian Centre exists for the benefit of the public. Our charitable purposes as set out in the objects contained in our memorandum of association are to:

- advance the Christian faith;
- relieve sickness and financial hardship and promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counselling and support; and
- advance education.

Our vision statement at MKCC is to 'Bring people to Jesus and to equip them to be fully devoted followers of Christ'. Our values are:

- We're passionate about people - Lost people matter to God, so they must matter to us.
- We're committed to community - We do life together, building a loving community.
- We're moving towards maturity - We have made an intentional commitment to grow up in Christ.
- We're saved to serve - We are simply God's servants doing what he equipped us to do and watching him make the difference.
- We're forgiven to forgive - We will share radical grace with others in the same uncompromising way we received it from Christ.
- We're given to generosity - We will lead the way with irrational generosity, we truly believe it is more blessed to give than receive.
- We're bringing our best - We want to excel in all that we do so that we inspire others, honour God and bring a smile to His face.

Objectives and activities (continued)

Our strategic vision inspires us. Over the next five years, we see .....

- A church that is for our city, positioned in the heart of our community; a church that is constantly celebrating people making decisions for Christ and growing in God.
- A church family outworking a unified vision to reach the next generation (equipping parents to be the primary influence on their child's spiritual formation).
- A church making an impact outside the walls of our building – in our community, nation and around the world (sharing the Good News and meeting practical needs).
- A church committed to equipping people for everyday, ordinary life (providing ideas, resources and events to empower people to experience healthy relationships, lead and impact in every sphere of life and grow in God).
- A church where Jesus is famous and all the glory goes to God.

MKCC is a family church that welcomes everyone to join us at one of our Sunday worship services. In addition to attending Sunday services, we encourage everyone to engage in a Life Group and meet with others at least once a month. Life Groups encourage the building of community and enable people to do life together. Other core activities that MKCC initiates are children and youth ministries, senior citizens meetings, discipleship courses, a parent and toddler group and a food bank distribution centre. There are numerous opportunities for individuals to volunteer their time serving locally or further afield in projects throughout the world. MKCC operates Tiny Steps Day Nursery, provides accommodation and seeks to make the best use of our facilities through the provision of a Coffee Shop and conferencing services. MKCC provides financial support and provision of facilities to our sister organisations Into The Community, registered charity no. 1084287, and LightForce International, registered charity no. 1050871.

c. Achievements and performance

Milton Keynes entered 2021 under Tier 4 COVID-19 restrictions and it was Sunday 14th March when we hosted our first in-person church services of the year.

MKCC's COVID strategy has been:

- Protecting people in the short term (implementing measures to safeguard the wellbeing of employees and all those MKCC engages with – financial, mental and emotional wellbeing).
- Implementing immediate cost-saving measures to minimise expenditure during the current COVID-19 crisis.
- Considering the longer-term implications for MKCC and what MKCC needs to look like, post-COVID-19.

The church leadership are extremely grateful to our staff team who worked tirelessly to connect with individuals and maintain a sense of community throughout the National lockdown(s) and during periods we were unable to host in-person church services. The church leadership are also grateful for the commitment of church partners who gave so generously of their finances throughout 2021. We were able to repay our £150,000 CBILs loan in full in May 2021.

Objectives and activities (continued)

d. Sunday services

An average of 283 adults attended one of our in-person church services between March and June increasing to an average of 422 in the second half as more and more individuals were vaccinated. An average of 146 kids attended our discovery kids services between May and December. We averaged 349 attendees at our online Sunday services. Not even a pandemic could alter people's church attendance behaviour with our Easter and Christmas weekend services proving to be the highest attended of the year.

Throughout 2021 our teaching team have delivered a balanced and biblically-based teaching program that was well received by church partners and visitors. Our teaching program forms part of our strategy for fulfilling our vision of seeing individuals, and our church body as a whole, growing in spiritual maturity.

We are grateful to all who serve faithfully within our communications and creative arts team: leading our church in worship, operating audiovisual equipment, lights, or video cameras and all involved in our production team that works hard behind the scenes. Together the team enables us to provide an environment in which worshippers can focus on God and encounter Him for themselves through corporate worship and listening to the teaching of God's Word. Some 76 volunteers served in this area of ministry throughout the year.

e. First impressions

The ministry continued to thrive and serve above and beyond despite the ups and downs of being in lockdown during the year. Leaders within the ministry continued to reach out to their members and offered support and encouragement where needed. The beginning of the year saw us in lockdown, with the majority of the ministry arms not being able to serve in person. However, our leaders and facilitators have continued to find ways to stay connected with their respective teams. A particular example of this was when the team rallied around to support a fellow team member undergoing an operation and dealing with a family bereavement.

When lockdown eased mid-way through the year, the ministry was able to welcome back guests with little or no restrictions. However, there were serving gaps in most arms of the ministry and a way to combat this was shoulder tapping that our leaders took on board and encouraged new volunteers to sign up and serve on respective teams. The Car Park appointed a deputy that helped to drum up more volunteers to sign up to serve on the team and saw the team grow by 44%. Here to Serve and Guest lounge also saw increases on their respective teams because of the recruitment drive. We also launched a new Cleaning Team that quickly became an essential part of the first Impression ministry and have seen this team thrive. Despite gaps in the ministry, we were still able to fulfil roles needed each Sunday and especially during the festive periods as members and leaders alike rose to help to ensure the events went with little glitches.

We relaunched our multiple Sunday service format in September to much fanfare, celebration and doughnuts for all attending in-person as covid restrictions were removed and individuals were once again able to worship as they desired. We also refreshed the Connection Point and sourced new IPADs to help with ensuring we captured guest details and were able to give out information whilst maintaining social distancing.

Objectives and activities (continued)

f. Pastoral care

This year as a really practical way of caring for our church family we have further developed our Benevolence Fund. This fund has been set up to try and help with specific needs within the church family. The fund is populated through our yearly All in offering and distributed through an application process, since launching a more thorough process we have been able to distribute more and more benevolence support including a bed for someone recovering from cancer, an amount given towards electricity bills, a contribution to an electric scooter and help to furnish a property that was given to a church family through the council. We believe this fund is making a difference.

One of the challenges of the past two years is the increase in stories of loss and bereavement. We supported 23 grieving families this year who have lost their loved ones. Some people have experienced multiple losses and others are processing losses linked to COVID. Flowers & cards were sent on behalf of Pastor Mark and everyone at Milton Keynes Centre. Our Pastoral teams then offer continued support to those who are struggling.

We have a committed team of pastoral carers who are partnered with people facing particular challenges and needs in their lives. This year we have invested in training this team. The team is growing and has helped support a wide variety of needs.

The Sunday Care team provide a pastoral presence on a Sunday morning. This team restarted in September and has had the privilege of helping people who come through the church services each week.

g. Next steps

Through our next steps we seek to fulfil our vision and equip our church to become 'Fully Devoted Followers of Christ' – they include growth track, life groups, baptism and serving.

Growth Track – We have four classes designed to help our members in their discipleship journey - Membership, Maturity, Ministry and Mission. In 2021 we began to look at how we can offer a more 'hybrid' approach with our classes and began the process of recording some of the class content so that the class can be hosted by class facilitators with the teaching recorded to use both online and in person. Throughout the year, however, we offered a mixture of classes both in-person and online.

We had 14 attend our membership classes, 14 for Maturity, 7 for Mission and 13 for Ministry.

Baptisms - We were pleased to be able to host Baptism services again towards the end of the year in September and November as Covid Restrictions lifted. We had 15 people (including children and youth) baptised across both services.

Life Groups - We have continued to have the majority of our life groups meeting online throughout 2021, however, some began meeting in person towards the end of the year. At the end of 2021, we had 29 active life groups with an average of 243 attending a life group on average across the year. Below is a lovely story from a couple who attend one of our groups and reached out into their community as a result of the 'Everybody Always' series we went through as a church in February which was encouraging us all to reach out to those in our community.

We are lucky to live in an area where we do know most of our neighbours and the majority of them are retired. Nevertheless life, even under covid, gets busy and the days and weeks pass by so it was good to have the prompt to do a check-in with those who lived nearby.

We decided to visit five sets of neighbours with flowers and just say hi on the doorstep and what an amazing experience it turned out to be for both them and us!

Objectives and activities (continued)

It's surprising what you realise is happening for people so close by and how a little gesture of ringing the doorbell (and standing 2m back) has led to some wonderful supportive chats and a greater understanding of our lovely neighbourhood. And, of course, it goes without saying we have lots of future invites for neighbourly cuppas and get-togethers when it's safe to do so.

Achievements and performance

a. Global Mission

LightForce International (LFI) - exists to take the good news to the poor and practical help to people in need. MKCC provided financial support towards the work of LFI equating to £150,489. MKCC provided support in the form of cash donations (£86,037), provision of the International Director's salary (£50,702) and use of office space at MKCC (equivalent to £13,750).

India - LFI continued its partnership with the Home of Faith and Indian Gospel Mission. Both projects are involved with child care - providing much-needed project management, accommodation, food and education.

In Albania, similar to 2020, the LightForce Activity Centre was unable to operate children or youth summer camps due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

LFI's work in Northern Uganda continues to bring great benefits to the local people of Lira. The children's day nursery and the primary school remained closed for the majority of the year due to the ongoing pandemic. With much of Uganda locked down, LFI focused much of their effort on developing its farm project – this project seeks to provide student training and create long term sustainability projects for future generations and during 2021 the signs of success were visible. A new project was launched supporting girls in their teens and early 20s with feminine hygiene each month – they have 150 registered group members.

Education for Life in Kenya is still supported by members of MKCC and LFI. They provide education and practical help to hundreds of children.

Morocco - Hannah and Hmad Naatit have been members of MKCC for many years and together they seek to provide education and hope to Berber people through their Hannan School project in El Borj. MKCC continued to encourage, support and promote their work during 2021.

42nd Generation - MKCC provided financial amounting to £4,200 to the ministry of Andrew Shearman and the G42 leadership academy in the training of young Christian men and women.

Burgess Hill - Pastor Mark continued to serve the International Bible Training Institute (IBTC) during 2021 undertaking lectures online and serving as a trustee. MKCC donated £1,200 to IBTC through 2021.

Achievements and performance (continued)

b. Local mission

At the heart of forMK is 'Passion for People' and a desire to reach lost souls for Christ not only because it is part of our duty and calling as followers of Christ but also because we know that Lost People Matter to God and, with a heart aligned to God, they also matter to us.

Over the year we have maintained our 4 key priority areas of Poverty & Disadvantage, Homelessness, Safety & Crime Prevention and Mental Health & Well-Being as a focus. The process by which we tackle these areas is by; Connecting with people & community organisations; Partnering with statutory bodies, organisations & key decision-makers; Investing in local initiatives & community projects and; Mobilising our people to activate their passions and get involved through volunteering.

Within the Voluntary & Community Sector, we have maintained strong and positive connections with our voluntary sector friends and our partners. These include MK Foodbank, MK ACT, YMCA, Age UK MK, Community Action, Community Foundation, Baby Basics, Prison Fellowship, MK University Hospital Charity, MKUH Chaplaincy, MK Watling Rotary, MK Council Family Support Team & Local Children Centres; Local Sheltered Accommodation Units, SMART team, local Parish Councils.

The impact of the ongoing fluctuations of restrictions throughout the year has resulted in a combination of reactionary and responsive approaches to community needs. The following outlines key activities of forMK throughout 2021:

- £500 donation to Prison fellowship Mothers days campaign. £1,383.39 was raised for their Angel Tree campaign (providing 184 gifts for the children of prisoners).
- £1,200 donation to support Foodbank back-a-rack and buy a crate campaign.
- £500 donation to Baby basics in response to an emergency need to provide baby food.
- £500 donation to MK Community Foundation's next-generation fund.
- £789 to Age UK MK to top up their hardship fund.
- £1,000 donation to MK ACT to set up a hardship fund providing emergency items/services. 36 Mother's Day pamper packs, 20 cleaning packs and 33 Easter eggs & DK activity packs for all resident mothers and children at MK ACT refuge.
- £1,000 donation to MK YMCA to set up a hardship fund to support employment, training & development. 50 toiletry welcome packs for new residents.
- 130 Easter eggs to our local cluster of sheltered accommodation.
- 115 personal hygiene packs were distributed through 10 local community outlets.
- 105 brand new gifts purchased for needy /vulnerable families who were identified by local Children Centres through our partnership with MK Council Family Support Team,
- 300 gospel-centred Christmas children's books were purchased for distribution by the Discovery Kids team who provided Christmas hampers to schools and hosted a 'Come See Santa' event on 18th December
- Supported MK Food Bank with food donations, volunteers, finance and leadership. MKCC also provided free use of the facilities as a serving centre, providing emergency food parcels to individuals and families in need. An excess of 2,500 non-perishable food items was collected at our drive-thru to Fill Santa's Sleigh'.
- 160 Christmas goody bags delivered to our older local neighbours & residents and across 4 local sheltered accommodation units.
- 50 seasonal china mugs with chocolates gifted to all 'Time Out' attendees.

In addition, £18,454 from our MKCC Fund was distributed by MK Community Foundation to 14 local community organisations addressing mental health & well-being, (Harrys Rainbow, Autism Beds, Carers MK, Arts for Health, Animal Antiks), education, training & employment (Autism Early Support, Daytop Multicultural Centre CIC) and vulnerable communities & inclusivity (Emily Star, Coffee Hall Residents Association, Friends of Moorlands,

Achievements and performance (continued)

Wolverton Community Orchard, Transitions UK and MK Money Lifeline).

Urban Saints – MKCC gave £600 in support of their work discipling young people.

Bridgebuilder Trust – MKCC gave £240 towards Bridgebuilder's work within local schools.

Benevolence – MKCC provided financial support to both church members and members of our local community who were in need. The pastoral team assisted numerous individuals through our benevolence fund. Individual gifts ranged from £50 upwards to several hundred pounds.

c. Children

Discovery Kids exists to 'encourage every child to dig deeper and discover Jesus for themselves' and it does this through the filter of our four values: Fun, Safety, Relationships and Age appropriate.

This vision is outworked through several different programs that run throughout the week and calendar year. We have our Sunday Discovery Kids services, which take place in four age-appropriate settings, on Wednesdays during term time we have DK Groups - which are fixed small groups based on school years, during our Sunday services we also have 'Konnect' which is our ministry for children who have additional needs – this makes sure that 'every child' can enjoy Discovery Kids at their own level.

Throughout this year we have continued to support and equip families through a hybrid approach of online and in-person activities. At the start of the year, we had weekly kids' sessions and family games night online.

In March we did a family prayer journal and held a drive-through collection that 54 attended and took part in. For Easter, we held an 'at home' Easter event called the 'Big Easter Weekend' which included crafts, Easter eggs and clues for a family Easter egg hunt as well as an online Easter 'show'. Over 100 church and community families took part and people from the local community commented on how well put together and generous the pack were.

From the 9th of May, Discovery Kids was able to begin to meet again in person (with some format changes) but it was great to be able to welcome families back. During August we ran an activity week 'Summer Smash' which was attended by 50 – who loved being together with friends and leaders.

Since September things have been slowly returning to normal and it has been fantastic to welcome on average 165 children each Sunday and have 131 children signed up for our mid-week small groups.

At Christmas, we focused on our local community for a 'Santa Grotto' event on Saturday 18th December! This was a fantastic event and 186 families (around 350 children) signed up to attend - it was well attended and very much appreciated!

Each child got age-appropriate gifts from Santa, a chocolate Santa and each family got a 'family pack' including hot chocolate, games, craft and a book

One parent from our local community shared 'I love this church, you might only see me once a year but I really love this church! You are so generous!' this feedback was shared by so many families who attended the event.

Achievements and performance (continued)

d. Youth

Fuse is our ministry to secondary students aged 11 to 18 years. The vision for Fuse is 'connecting young people to Jesus so they can treasure him' and it is worked out through the values; Belong, Grow, and Be Real. All our ministry activities and programs are intentionally focused on fulfilling our vision for our young people.

The primary Fuse event takes place on Friday nights with activities and a church service tailored specifically for young people.

In 2021 Fuse adopted a hybrid approach to connecting with young people by continuing to use online tools but also meeting in person whenever possible to continue to create an environment where young people belong and feel able to connect with others and grow.

As well as weekly online events in February we did weekly girls 'dream big' and boys 'bold' small groups to help nurture healthy relationships and conversations.

A highlight was being able to meet in person once again in May we held small groups; it was great to see young people connecting with one another and leaders again. In July we held an end of year party and had great feedback from young people about how much they had missed 'this'. It was clear that being physically together had been missed by many of our young people. We gave every young person a gift that included a book called 'free to be me'.

In September Fuse started in a format that the young people know and love free from many of the restrictions that had been in place. It has been incredible to see on Average 115 young people coming weekly and young people from our local community, who had not connected online returning and sharing 'how much they had missed Fuse and all the leaders'.

In November 2021 Fuse hosted Leo Powell who came to run a workshop on knife crime – this was attended by young people from MKCC and the local community. One of the parents, who have a vulnerable child at risk of criminal exploitation was so thankful we had put this on and even provided her child with 121 support at the event. It was very informative and I think challenged all who attended to think through their actions.

e. Sensory Suite

Sadly, covid restrictions impacted our ability to promote and open our sensory suite facility to families and organisations in our local community during the first half of 2021. However, in the latter stages of the year, we launched a weekly coffee morning for parents of children with additional needs with the aim of creating a space where they could connect whilst enabling their children to explore all the sensory suite has to offer. The coffee morning proved to be a great success and a catalyst in terms of promoting the space alongside our use of social media and contact with the Milton Keynes Disability team.

Usage of the sensory suite surged in the later stages of 2021 and the early months of 2022 with increased numbers of families and local charities booking weekly sessions. Towards the end of 2021, we arranged for visits by charities such as Emily's Star, Colour Hospice, Little miracles and McMillan to view the facility and understand how they could make use of it and how MKCC could support them.

Currently, families and organisations can book free sessions in the sensory suite whilst being able to make a voluntary donation should they wish. Longer-term we are seeking to access what funding is available to enable us to manage the upkeep of the suite and subsidise the cost to families and charity groups using the suite.

Achievements and performance (continued)

f. Seniors

Our Time Out ministry seeks to provide an opportunity for seniors to come together to build friendships and find support and care through a weekly program. The aim is to stimulate mind, body and spirit as our dedicated team of volunteers actively care for members during the weekly Thursday afternoon session. Transport is provided for those with limited mobility and in addition to bringing individuals to MKCC each week, our dedicated volunteer team visit the housebound and those in hospital or nursing homes.

Unable to meet together in person, our volunteers were assigned a group to care for to ensure we kept in regular contact by telephone. As restrictions lifted, we undertook outdoor home visits and arranged for transportation to shops, the hospital and such. We were able to help one lady who was struggling financially with a monetary gift.

At Easter, we delivered easter eggs and hot cross buns to all our members whilst at Christmas, we delivered a lovely mug filled with chocolates in association with ForMK#.

Time Out re-commenced in-person gatherings in September 2021 for the first time in 18 months. A number of our regulars were unable to do so but those who were able expressed their delight to be back together again despite the need for social distancing and wearing masks. They were glad to be able to renew friendships and spend some quality time together. In-person gatherings continued until just before Christmas when they had to cease once more through to February 2022 as the Omicron variant took hold across the UK.

g. Facilities

The Accommodation Unit, initially constructed as a training facility to house bible school students and their classroom space, has fulfilled several purposes over the years. In recent times the unit has provided single occupancy accommodation for young professionals working throughout the city. MKCC continues to rent out a property in Oldbrook which made a small contribution to the running costs of the centre. Throughout 2020 occupancy levels remained high though we did have a few vacancies which we held off advertising until the autumn when Covid-19 infection levels had reduced within Milton Keynes. Rental income generated over £73,384. Tenants tend to be single professionals working in and around Milton Keynes.

Whilst finance generated from the provision of accommodation assists in covering the general running costs of MKCC, such accommodation greatly benefits members of our local community who find themselves in great need and often unable to afford accommodation offered elsewhere in Milton Keynes.

Achievements and performance (continued)

h. Tiny Steps Day Nursery

Tiny Steps Day Nursery strives to provide a nurturing, warm environment for children from the local community and surrounding areas to feel valued, celebrated and successful. The setting is passionate about fulfilling its commitments to our core values and ethos through a safe and stimulating environment by "encouraging every child to take their unique next steps in life."

With parents still unable to enter the setting we have worked hard on parent partnerships; creating a library outside for children to have opportunities to have access to literacy at home, introducing a children's clothes bank to support those who are struggling financially and providing a little bit of extra care through coffee stations at the beginning of the day. April 2021 saw us introduce Famly, new management software that is super user-friendly enabling practitioners and parent communication channels.

Nursery management changed throughout the year and we headed towards 2022 with a new Manager and a clear vision to create amazing opportunities with the team and for all children before they leave to go to school. The team have been amazing in introducing new ways of learning to the children and the nursery environment is now focused on being child-led and letting children decide how to learn from what is provided at the beginning of their session. Practitioners are at hand to facilitate learning with Ipads and books from our library in reception – they enhance the children's learning by creating opportunities for "in the moment teaching." This leans in beautifully with the updated version of the EYFS focused less on evidencing development and more on practitioners knowing their children.

Our biggest achievement is a visually impaired little girl who joined our setting, all staff adore her and we are so proud to watch her grow and develop in confidence. Feedback received from the team who attend the nursery to support and share strategies with practitioners has been so encouraging concerning the care and support she receives.

At the end of 2021, we had a full-time occupancy (FTE) of 44.6, with expectations this will continue to grow as more families are expected to return to work. Considering the challenges of COVID the Nursery has had an incredible year, one where we have seen the setting bounce back from changes, staff adapting and working as a team. And in all of this wonderful new families have joined and we cannot wait to see all 2022 has in store.

Achievements and performance (continued)

i. MKCC Limited

MKCC Ltd is a subsidiary company that is wholly owned by Milton Keynes Christian Centre incorporated on 21st December 2015 and which commenced trading on 1st February 2016.

MKCC LTD's main business activities comprise the enterprise aspects of Milton Keynes Christian Centre activity including:

- Conferencing and venue hire
- Coffee shop

MKCC Ltd's turnover, not included furlough grant income, equated to £71,758 for the period 1st January to 31st December 2021, making a trading profit of £24,864.

Coffee Shop

Our coffee shop remained closed for the majority of 2021 and only relaunched in early November. Having investigated numerous options and consulted with local experts it was decided that we would outsource the day to day operation of the coffee shop to New Day Café.

This business model allows us to fulfil our vision for the coffee shop whilst greatly reducing the financial risk/exposure for the trading company and charity. The coffee shop exists to provide a warm welcome to people visiting the centre, a reception point for conferences and a relaxing environment for visitors to the coffee shop itself.

MK Conferencing

MK Conferencing exists to provide conferencing and event services to local and national organisations. Through our conferencing activities, we come into contact with thousands of individuals who would otherwise never step foot into MKCC. Funds generated through conferencing ultimately cover the central overheads of the charity as MKCC Ltd can gift aids annual profits. Conferencing's contribution towards central overheads enables MKCC to use charitable donations to fulfil the purposes and ministry of the charity.

Our conferencing business is focused on nurturing existing clientele (such as local government agencies and partners, sectors within the NHS, and other commercial clients) whilst always seeking to engage with new commercial and not for profit clients.

Covid restrictions resulted in a challenging start to 2021 as most workplaces had moved smaller meetings online and larger events could not be facilitated. MKCC Ltd was able to offer conferencing/meeting facilities for training organisations providing services to 'key workers'. NHS events and care home training providers formed the basis of our conferencing business during the early stages of 2021 which, together with support from the government's furlough scheme, enabled us to cover costs and retain staff.

As restrictions eased in the second half of the year, key worker training continued to form much of our business but clients reinstigated in-person meetings and we began to welcome clients old and new and take larger bookings in the Autumn months. Conferencing generated an annual contribution of £28,528 which in turn enabled MKCC Ltd to gift aid £17,923 to the charity.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Financial review

a. Statement relating to Going Concern (COVID-19)

We are pleased to report that the charity ended 2021 in a strong financial position thanks to the continued support of our partners and a combination of Government support (staff furlough, business rate relief, VAT payment deferral) and the efforts of senior management to control costs/expenditure.

Cash reserves increased further during the first few months of 2022 resulting in our being able to make a one-off payment of £100,000 against the NatWest loan in May 2022.

Rigorous risk assessments have been undertaken within each area of the charity (church, staff offices, day nursery, conferencing) resulting in the implementation of robust systems to safeguard staff, volunteers and visitors to MKCC during these unprecedented times.

The Governance Board can confirm Milton Keynes Christian Centre can continue operating in 2022 and further, with no concerns regarding financial viability.

b. Financial review

Towards the end of each calendar year, detailed budgets for the following year are prepared and submitted to the trustees for approval. Having originally budgeted to generate a net profit of £55,059 during 2021 we ended the year with a consolidated surplus of £105,716 and a positive variance of £50,657. Our trading activities made a profit of £6,941 for the year. Total church income increased slightly compared to 2020 (1% increase) whilst we further controlled expenditure resulting in a 12.5% decrease compared to 2020. Our income streams made a loss of £1,711 for the year which was £77,348 ahead of the £79,059 loss we had originally budgeted for. We agreed to a further 6-month capital repayment holiday with NatWest but still managed to pay down our long term debt (mortgage) by £12,182 during 2021. Having secured a £150,000 CBILs loan in 2020 at the outset of the pandemic we were able to repay the loan in full before interest became payable in May 2021.

The Statement of Financial Activities for the year is presented in the financial statements. Our total income during the year ending 31st December 2021 amounted to £1,956,101 whilst total expenditure was £1,850,385. Governance costs continued to be well controlled at approximately 0.5% of total expenditure.

c. Fundraising effectiveness

Our partners have given generously to our 2020-21 All In campaign, entitled 'Limitless', which ended in September. An incredible £135,742 (including Gift Aid) was received which enabled us to give to LightForce International, redevelop church infrastructure and equipment, invest further in children and youth ministry and provide financial assistance to members of our local community.

In October MKCC ran a teaching series called 'Generous' which culminated with an opportunity for partners to commit to our 2021-22 All In campaign. We are seeking to raise £20,000 to benefit those in need and in crisis across Milton Keynes and bring hope to the people in our city. We are also seeking to raise £20,000 to expand the reach of our online ministry and grow our Benevolence Fund and a further £60,000 in support of LightForce International and its work in Uganda, India and Albania. An incredible £124,470 was pledged by our church congregation.

d. Reserves policy

Our reserve policy is to reserve sufficient funds to cover MKCC in the event of a major setback and to facilitate our capital replacement strategy. We aim to hold £150,000 as free cash flow to cover outgoings for staff costs & utilities and additional funds to meet the requirements of our 12-month rolling capital replacement program. MKCC held cash reserves of £579,102 on the 31st December 2021 of which £197,129 was restricted (£193,693 All In, £3,436 Nursery grant) leaving free cash reserves of £381,973. One-off loan overpayments will only be made once cash reserves have grown more than the desired free cash flow reserve.

e. Future developments

Throughout 2021 MKCC will continue to provide public benefit through the delivery of our charitable activities. We will continue to deliver our charitable objectives through:

- On-going development and implementation of a strategy which encourages and facilitates church growth;
- Continuing to maximise our volunteer participation;
- Assisting every individual to identify and take the next step in their spiritual journey;
- Continued support of LightForce International and Into The Community;
- Continually seeking to develop and enhance the services Tiny Steps Day Nursery,Conferencing @ MKCC and (a relaunched) Coffee Shop provide to the members of our local community, Milton Keynes and surrounding areas.
- Promotion of our Sensory Suite to families throughout Milton Keynes who have at least one child with additional needs.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Milton Keynes Christian Centre is incorporated as a charitable company limited by guarantee (charity number 1119304, company number 5982564) governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

b. Governance

Our Governance Board currently comprises the Chair and eight other trustees whose names are listed on the association information page of this document. We have all declared that we will carry out our responsibilities as trustees of MKCC per the Charity Commission guidelines. Trustees have also considered the Good Governance Code for the voluntary sector. As part of our induction and training as trustees, we were provided with detailed information about MKCC and its various activities, including its memorandum and articles, accounts, financial reports and minutes of previous trustees' meetings. We, the trustees, form the membership of the charitable company.

We have overall responsibility for overseeing MKCC's strategy and operations, approving its budgets and for all its major decisions. The leadership of the church and management of the organisation's activities is delegated to the Church Leadership and senior management which report directly to the trustees providing feedback on performance and informing trustees of future planning. Trustee's meetings are held at least four times a year.

Structure, governance and management (continued)

c. Risk management

We regularly assess the major risks to which the charity is exposed and in particular; those related to reputation and stakeholder confidence in senior leadership, safeguarding children and vulnerable adults, Health and Safety, the fulfilment of regulatory requirements, business continuity and ensuring the long-term financial security of MKCC. The Governance board record all major risks identified within a risk register. Responsibility for maintaining/updating the risk register is delegated to Peter Takacs who serves on our Governance board.

The Governance board review all risks identified within our register at least once a year and the key policy and procedures which relate to the major risks and receives regular reports from senior management and church leadership.

d. Management

The Church Leadership comprises Mark Sherratt (Senior Pastor), Billy Ritchie (Teaching Pastor), Nicola Ritchie (Associate Pastor), Jon Keel (Discipleship Pastor), Laura Conway (Director of Family Ministries), Fola Komolafe (Director For MK) and Sam Francis (Director of Communications and Creative Arts). Ian Baird acts as Operations Manager. All report to the Trustee Board.

MKCC is reliant upon the involvement and commitment of the church membership, who volunteer their time and energy, to operate the numerous community-focused activities. We are extremely grateful to all who serve alongside us.

e. Remuneration

Senior management submits annual staff salary proposals to a sub-committee of the Governance Board in April each year. In addition to reviewing and approving proposals from senior management, the sub-committee is tasked with reviewing the salaries of senior management and negotiating terms with contractors. Annual salaries are reviewed in line with MKCC's salary scale, individual performance appraisals and a view of the financial health of both MKCC and the UK economy at large.

f. Related party relationships

God has blessed the church from the very beginning from the commitment and devotion of church families and the Board appreciates all that they do. There are specific staff policies around the recruitment and employment of family members and other related parties. The controls are in place to address areas such as nepotism, conflicts of interest and overdue control by any family.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

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

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) 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 Group will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Group and the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Group and the Charity 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 Group and the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditor

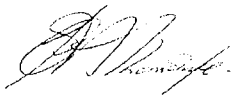
Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable group's auditor is unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable group's auditor is aware of that information.

Auditor

The auditor, MHA MacIntyre Hudson, has indicated his willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditor at a meeting of the Trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



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Fola Komolafe
Chair

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Mark Sherratt
Senior Pastor

Date: 13th September 2022

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Milton Keynes Christian Centre (the 'parent charitable company') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31 December 2021 which comprise the Consolidated statement of financial activities, the Consolidated balance sheet, the Charity balance sheet, the Consolidated statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Group's and of the parent charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2021 and of the Group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Group's or the parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE (CONTINUED)

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the parent charitable company has not kept adequate and sufficient accounting records, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent charitable company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the Group's and the parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the Group or the parent charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:
- Enquiry of management around actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rational of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for bias;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditor's report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE (CONTINUED)

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006, and to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Elizabeth Newell BA (Hons) FCA (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of
MHA MacIntyre Hudson

Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditors

Milton Keynes

Date: 23/9/2022

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	**874,941**	**159,330**	**1,034,271**	1,026,433
Other trading activities	4	**768,525**	**1,722**	**770,247**	692,896
Investments	5	**73,441**	**-**	**73,441**	74,927
Other income	6	**78,142**	**-**	**78,142**	145,019
Total income		**1,795,049**	**161,052**	**1,956,101**	1,939,275
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	7	**90,271**	**-**	**90,271**	75,019
Charitable activities	8	**1,661,500**	**93,119**	**1,754,619**	1,728,737
Other expenditure	9	**5,495**	**-**	**5,495**	8,267
Total expenditure		**1,757,266**	**93,119**	**1,850,385**	1,812,023
Net income		**37,783**	**67,933**	**105,716**	127,252
Transfers between funds	20	**50,139**	**(50,139)**	**-**	-
Total transfers		**50,139**	**(50,139)**	**-**	-
Net movement in funds		**87,922**	**17,794**	**105,716**	127,252
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		**2,711,597**	**210,435**	**2,922,032**	2,794,780
Net movement in funds		**87,922**	**17,794**	**105,716**	127,252
Total funds carried forward		**2,799,519**	**228,229**	**3,027,748**	2,922,032

MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE
(A company limited by guarantee)
REGISTERED NUMBER: 05982564

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

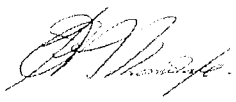
	Note		2021 £		2020 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13		**2,833,994**		2,936,192
			2,833,994		2,936,192
Current assets					
Stocks	15	-		1,125	
Debtors	16	**29,424**		26,084	
Cash at bank and in hand		**579,102**		540,485	
		608,526		567,694	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	**(157,864)**		(162,763)	
Net current assets			**450,662**		404,931
Total assets less current liabilities			**3,284,656**		3,341,123
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	18		**(256,908)**		(419,091)
Net assets excluding pension asset			**3,027,748**		2,922,032
Total net assets			**3,027,748**		2,922,032
Charity funds					
Restricted funds	20		**228,229**		210,435
Unrestricted funds	20		**2,799,519**		2,711,597
Total funds			**3,027,748**		2,922,032

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



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Fola Komolafe
Chair
Date: 13th September 2022

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Mark Sherratt
Senior Pastor

The notes on pages 27 to 45 form part of these financial statements.

MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE
(A company limited by guarantee)
REGISTERED NUMBER: 05982564

CHARITY BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note		2021 £		2020 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13		**2,832,101**		2,935,684
Investments	14		**100**		100
			2,832,201		2,935,784
Current assets					
Stocks	15	-		1,125	
Debtors	16	**42,183**		43,003	
Cash at bank and in hand		**540,308**		525,452	
		582,491		569,580	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	**(130,244)**		(157,508)	
Net current assets			**452,247**		412,072
Total assets less current liabilities			**3,284,448**		3,347,856
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	18		**(256,908)**		(419,091)
Net assets excluding pension asset			**3,027,540**		2,928,765
Total net assets			**3,027,540**		2,928,765
Charity funds					
Restricted funds	20		**257,812**		210,435
Unrestricted funds	20		**2,769,728**		2,718,330
Total funds			**3,027,540**		2,928,765

CHARITY BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

The Charity's net movement in funds for the year was £98,775 *(2020 - £134,196)*.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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The notes on pages 27 to 45 form part of these financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash used in operating activities	**1,478**	215,806
Cash flows from investing activities		
Investment income	**73,411**	74,927
Proceeds from the sale of tangible fixed assets	**267**	-
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	**(36,539)**	(224,186)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	**37,139**	**(149,259)**
Cash flows from financing activities		
Cash inflows from new borrowing	**-**	113,001
Net cash provided by financing activities	**-**	**113,001**
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	**38,617**	**179,548**
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	**540,485**	360,937
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	**579,102**	540,485

The notes on pages 27 to 45 form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1. General information

The charity is a private company limited by guiarantee, registered in England and Wales and is a registered in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is Strudwick Drive, Oldbrook, Milton Keynes, MK6 2TG.

The accounts have been prepared in sterling and rounded to the nearest £.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

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

The Consolidated statement of financial activities (SOFA) and Consolidated balance sheet consolidate the financial statements of the Charity and its subsidiary undertaking. The results of the subsidiary are consolidated on a line by line basis.

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption allowed under section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and has not presented its own Statement of financial activities in these financial statements.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.2 Income

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

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the Charity has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the Charity, can be reliably measured.

Grants are included in the Consolidated statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognised as income when they are distributed to the projects. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold.

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

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

2.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Group to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Group's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Interest receivable

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

2.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Freehold property	- 2% / 10%
Motor vehicles	- 20%
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% / 25% / 33.3%
Office equipment	- 25%

2.6 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Consolidated statement of financial activities.

Investments in subsidiaries are valued at cost less provision for impairment.

2.7 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

2.8 Debtors

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

2.9 Cash at bank and in hand

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 acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.10 Liabilities and provisions

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

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

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Consolidated statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2.11 Financial instruments

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

2.12 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Group and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Group for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Donations				
Tithes and offerings	738,984	-	**738,984**	723,854
All In income	-	59,602	**59,602**	79,046
Mission Income	-	66,000	**66,000**	(95,478)
Gift Aid Received	135,957	-	**135,957**	128,055
Subtotal detailed disclosure	874,941	125,602	**1,000,543**	835,477
Grants	-	33,728	**33,728**	190,956
Subtotal	-	33,728	**33,728**	190,956
	874,941	159,330	**1,034,271**	1,026,433
Total 2020	851,909	174,524	1,026,433	

During the year, MKCC Limited (trading company of Milton Keynes Christian Centre), donated funds of £17,923 (2020: £nil) to the Charity.

4. Income from other trading activities

Income from fundraising events

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Other ministry income	9,714	-	**9,714**	23,541
Childcare income	687,053	1,722	**688,775**	607,767
Coffee shop and conferencing income	71,758	-	**71,758**	61,588
	768,525	1,722	**770,247**	692,896
Total 2020	692,246	650	692,896	

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Rental income	73,384	**73,384**	74,552
Bank interest	57	**57**	375
	73,441	**73,441**	74,927

6. Other incoming resources

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Furlough income	78,142	**78,142**	145,019
	78,142	**78,142**	145,019

7. Expenditure on raising funds

Fundraising trading expenses

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Trading costs	66,058	**66,058**	68,844
Charges against rental income	6,290	**6,290**	6,175
	72,348	**72,348**	75,019

Other trading expenses

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Trading profits gift aided to the charity	17,923	**17,923**	-

8. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Childcare costs	591,263	-	**591,263**	616,824
Ministry costs	672,492	18,921	**691,413**	633,476
Mission giving	34,722	66,000	**100,722**	130,402
Property and administration	354,971	8,198	**363,169**	340,373
Governance costs	8,052	-	**8,052**	7,662
	1,661,500	93,119	**1,754,619**	1,728,737
Total 2020	1,522,652	206,085	1,728,737	

9. Other expenditure

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Interest paid on Natwest loan	5,495	**5,495**	8,267

10. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2021 £	Support costs 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Childcare costs	89,900	501,363	**591,263**	616,824
Ministry costs	288,931	402,482	**691,413**	633,476
Mission giving	100,722	-	**100,722**	130,402
Property and administration	242,168	121,001	**363,169**	340,373
Governance costs	-	8,052	**8,052**	7,662
Total 2021	721,721	1,032,898	**1,754,619**	1,728,737
Total 2020	705,337	1,023,400	1,728,737	

11. Auditor's remuneration

	2021	2020
	£	£
Fees payable to the Charity's auditor for the audit of the Charity's annual accounts	**5,100**	4,950

12. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, one or more Trustees has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from an employment with the Charity. The value of Trustees' remuneration and other benefits was as follows:

		2021	2020
		£	£
Billy Ritchie	Remuneration	**17,385**	43,137
	Pension contributions paid	**1,104**	2,588
Mark Sherratt	Fees	**53,140**	53,209
Fola Komolafe	Fees	**43,120**	42,300

During the year ended 31 December 2021, no Trustee expenses have been incurred *(2020 - £NIL)*.

13. Tangible fixed assets

Group

	Freehold property £	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures and fittings £	Office equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation					
At 1 January 2021	**3,796,607**	**14,750**	**291,730**	**-**	**4,103,087**
Additions	**12,438**	**-**	**22,229**	**1,872**	**36,539**
Disposals	**(900)**	**-**	**(10,184)**	**-**	**(11,084)**
At 31 December 2021	**3,808,145**	**14,750**	**303,775**	**1,872**	**4,128,542**
Depreciation					
At 1 January 2021	**937,036**	**9,833**	**220,026**	**-**	**1,166,895**
Charge for the year	**106,641**	**2,950**	**28,879**	**-**	**138,470**
On disposals	**(900)**	**-**	**(9,917)**	**-**	**(10,817)**
At 31 December 2021	**1,042,777**	**12,783**	**238,988**	**-**	**1,294,548**
Net book value					
At 31 December 2021	**2,765,368**	**1,967**	**64,787**	**1,872**	**2,833,994**
At 31 December 2020	2,859,571	4,917	71,704	-	2,936,192

13. Tangible fixed assets (continued)

Charity

	Freehold property £	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 January 2021	**3,796,607**	**14,750**	**287,946**	**4,099,303**
Additions	**12,438**	**-**	**22,229**	**34,667**
Disposals	**(900)**	**-**	**(9,544)**	**(10,444)**
At 31 December 2021	**3,808,145**	**14,750**	**300,631**	**4,123,526**
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2021	**937,036**	**9,833**	**216,750**	**1,163,619**
Charge for the year	**106,641**	**2,950**	**28,395**	**137,986**
On disposals	**(900)**	**-**	**(9,277)**	**(10,177)**
At 31 December 2021	**1,042,777**	**12,783**	**235,868**	**1,291,428**
Net book value				
At 31 December 2021	**2,765,368**	**1,967**	**64,763**	**2,832,098**
At 31 December 2020	2,859,571	4,917	71,196	2,935,684

14. Fixed asset investments

Charity	Investments in subsidiary companies £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2021	**100**
At 31 December 2021	**100**
Net book value	
At 31 December 2021	**100**
At 31 December 2020	100

Principal subsidiaries

The following was a subsidiary undertaking of the Charity:

Name	Company number	Registered office or principal place of business	Holding
MKCC Limited	09924457	Christian Centre Strudwick Drive, Oldbrook, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, United Kingdom, MK6 2TG	100%

The financial results of the subsidiary for the year were:

Name	Profit for the year £	Net assets £
MKCC Limited	**6,941**	**208**

15. Stocks

	Group 2021 £	Group 2020 £	Charity 2021 £	Charity 2020 £
Finished goods and goods for resale	-	1,125	-	1,125

16. Debtors

	Group 2021 £	Group 2020 £	Charity 2021 £	Charity 2020 £
Due within one year				
Trade debtors	**8,179**	7,533	**1,417**	4,341
Amounts owed by group undertakings	**-**	-	**20,077**	20,191
Other debtors	**1,230**	194	**1,230**	114
Prepayments and accrued income	**7,002**	5,457	**6,446**	5,457
Tax recoverable	**13,013**	12,900	**13,013**	12,900
	29,424	26,084	**42,183**	43,003

17. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Group 2021 £	Group 2020 £	Charity 2021 £	Charity 2020 £
Bank loans	**23,719**	23,718	**23,719**	23,718
Trade creditors	**29,413**	36,820	**29,026**	36,792
Amounts owed to associated undertakings	**26,887**	-	**8,935**	-
Other taxation and social security	**15,726**	17,129	**14,520**	16,157
Other creditors	**25,404**	15,978	**17,329**	11,723
Accruals and nursery grant deferred income	**36,715**	69,118	**36,715**	69,118
	157,864	162,763	**130,244**	157,508

Included within other creditors is a credit card liability amounting to £8,634 (2020: £4,972).

18. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	Group 2021 £	Group 2020 £	**Charity 2021 £**	Charity 2020 £
Bank loans	**256,908**	419,091	**256,908**	419,091

Included within creditors:amounts falling due after more than one year is an amount £256,908 (2020: £419,091).

Based on the payment profiles, the amount payable or repayable by instalments which falls due for payment after more than five years from the reporting date is £162,033.

The bank loan has been secured against the property held by Milton Keynes Christian Centre and terms were originally, per the loan agreement in 2010, tied to the LIBOR rate and are over a 20 year period. The loan agreement was revised in 2016 applicable to the remaining balance of £900,000 with terms then tied to the base rate and some additional capital repayments made subsequently. This has now reverted to no change in the complete period to repay the total loan.

During 2020, the Charity also secured a CBILS loan of £150,000. This was repaid by May 2021 before the interest became payable. The amount was secured to ensure the Charity had sufficient general reserves in place throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

19. Financial instruments

	Group 2021 £	Group 2020 £	**Charity 2021 £**	Charity 2020 £
Financial assets				
Measured at amortised cost	**579,102**	540,485	**540,308**	525,453

20. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 January 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 December 2021 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds - all funds	**2,193,155**	**1,795,049**	**(1,757,266)**	**50,139**	**2,281,077**
Fixed asset	**518,442**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**518,442**
	2,711,597	**1,795,049**	**(1,757,266)**	**50,139**	**2,799,519**
Restricted funds					
All In	**208,388**	**59,602**	**(19,029)**	**(50,027)**	**198,934**
Mission	**-**	**66,000**	**(66,000)**	**-**	**-**
Konnect	**333**	**-**	**(333)**	**-**	**-**
Nursery	**1,714**	**1,722**	**-**	**-**	**3,436**
Sensory suite	**-**	**33,728**	**(7,757)**	**(112)**	**25,859**
	210,435	**161,052**	**(93,119)**	**(50,139)**	**228,229**
Total of funds	**2,922,032**	**1,956,101**	**(1,850,385)**	**-**	**3,027,748**

All In – Each year we talk to our church family about specific ministry activities and offer an opportunity for individuals to pledge their financial support and partner with us as we seek to bring people to Jesus and equip them to be fully devoted followers of Christ.
Mission – Donations raised for, and passed to, LightForce International in support of their mission activities.

Konnect – Grant received to purchase sensory toys and equipment – funds were consumed in 2021.

Nursery – Grant funding able to be used for purchasing nursery toys and equipment or staff training.

Sensory suite – MK Community Foundation grant received to furnish and equip our Sensory Suite. The funds were received in August 2020 and consumed in December 2020.

20. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 January 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 December 2020 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds - all funds	2,021,182	1,764,101	(1,605,938)	13,810	2,193,155
Fixed asset	518,442	-	-	-	518,442
	2,539,624	1,764,101	(1,605,938)	13,810	2,711,597
Restricted funds					
All In	251,546	79,046	(108,394)	(13,810)	208,388
Mission	-	95,478	(95,478)	-	-
Konnect	333	-	-	-	333
Nursery	3,277	650	(2,213)	-	1,714
	255,156	175,174	(206,085)	(13,810)	210,435
Total of funds	2,794,780	1,939,275	(1,812,023)	-	2,922,032

21. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	2,833,994	-	**2,833,994**
Current assets	380,297	228,229	**608,526**
Creditors due within one year	(157,864)	-	**(157,864)**
Creditors due in more than one year	(256,908)	-	**(256,908)**
Total	2,799,519	228,229	**3,027,748**

21. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	2,936,192	-	2,936,192
Current assets	357,259	210,435	567,694
Creditors due within one year	(162,763)	-	(162,763)
Creditors due in more than one year	(419,091)	-	(419,091)
Other unallocated	(2)	-	(2)
Total	2,711,595	210,435	2,922,030

22. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	Group 2021 £	Group 2020 £
Net income for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	**105,716**	*127,252*
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	**138,470**	130,521
Other interest receivable and similar income	**(73,411)**	(74,927)
Decrease in stocks	**1,125**	103
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	**(3,340)**	33,604
Decrease in creditors	**(167,082)**	(747)
Net cash provided by operating activities	**1,478**	215,806

23. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	Group 2021 £	Group 2020 £
Cash in hand	**579,102**	540,485
Total cash and cash equivalents	**579,102**	540,485

24. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 January 2021 £	Cash flows £	At 31 December 2021 £
Cash at bank and in hand	**540,485**	**38,617**	**579,102**
Debt due within 1 year	**(23,718)**	**(8,610)**	**(32,328)**
Debt due after 1 year	**(419,091)**	**162,183**	**(256,908)**
	97,676	**192,190**	**289,866**

25. Operating lease commitments

At 31 December 2021 the Group and the Charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Group 2021 £	Group 2020 £	Charity 2021 £	Charity 2020 £
Not later than 1 year	**3,158**	4,211	**3,158**	4,211
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	**-**	3,158	**-**	3,158
	3,158	7,369	**3,158**	7,369

26. Related party transactions

The following transactions with related parties took place in the year:

Name of related party	Relationship	Nature of transaction	Amount
N Ritchie	Wife of W Ritchie (Trustee to 8 June 2021)	Salary	£16,528
		Pension Contributions	£1,377
M Sherratt	Trustee/Director	Fees	£53,140
F Komolafe	Trustee/Director	Fees	£43,120
O Kiff	Brother of A Kiff (Trustee)	Salary	£27,220
		Pension Contribution	£1,346

The Trustees recognise that LightForce International, the missions arm of the church, is a related party. A Memorandum of Understanding exists between MKCC and LFI defining their relationship. LFI has a separate constitution and Trustee Body from that of MKCC. MKCC pioneered the work of LightForce International and the partnership between the two charities enable the church to effectively fulfil its mission whilst enriching the church in many ways.

George Ridley is contracted as a pastor (Minister of Religion) at MKCC. Mark Sherratt's appointment as senior pastor in 2001 has enabled MKCC to release more of George Ridley's time to develop the work of the overseas mission. This equates to £50,702 (2020: £50,702). In addition, other donations were made to LFI amounting to £86,037 (2020: £121,878) and £13,750 (2020: £13,750) in kind, being the provision of office space.

The Trustees also recognised that Into the Community, a secular charity, is a related party. Some of the Trustees of Into the Community are also directors of MKCC.

MKCC passed donations given by church members to the Food Bank totalling £5,097 and gifted a further £5,000 in-kind, being the provision of space within our foyer to undertake their weekly serving sessions. MKCC also passed on weekly food donations collected on behalf of the Food Bank and arranged for the Food Bank to receive the Christmas hampers collected as part of their annual reverse advent appeal.

The principal contacts and addresses of LightForce International and Into the Community are:

Mr G Ridley
LightForce International
Strudwick Drive
Oldbrook
Milton Keynes
MK6 2TG
www.lightforce.org.uk

Mr Ian Baird
Into the Community
Strudwick Drive
Oldbrook
Milton Keynes
MK6 2TG
www.mkfoodbank.org.uk

Venture Church (Milton Keynes)

England & Wales - Charity number 1119304

Accounts

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MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE

(A company limited by guarantee)

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

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MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE
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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Trustees	Fola Komolafe, Chair Mark Sherratt, Senior Pastor Billy Ritchie, Associate Pastor Virginia Brown Bola Odunlami Andrew Kiff Peter Takacs Omotayo Kufeji Joseph Amaeze
Company registered number	05982564
Charity registered number	1119304
Registered office	Strudwick Drive Oldbrook Milton Keynes MK6 2TG
Company secretary	Ian Baird
Independent auditors	MHA MacIntyre Hudson Chartered Accountants Moorgate House 201 Silbury Boulevard Milton Keynes Buckinghamshire MK9 1LZ
Bankers	NatWest Bank Plc 501 Silbury Boulevard Saxon Gate East Milton Keynes MK9 3ER
Solicitors	Geldards LLP Dumfries House Dumfries Place Cardiff CF10 3ZF

TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Charity for the year 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020. The Annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the group and the Charity qualify as small under section 383 of the Companies Act 2006, the Group strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

MKCC provides benefit to the public through its provision of public worship facilities, pastoral care and discipleship courses – both for existing MKCC partners and those from our community who wish to benefit from what we offer. MKCC promotes Christian values and encourages our partners to actively serve others within their local communities and wider afield for the benefit of society as a whole. Details of our activities and the public benefit we provided throughout 2020 are detailed below.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Objectives and activities (continued)

b. Objectives and activities

Milton Keynes Christian Centre exists for the benefit of the public. Our charitable purposes as set out in the objects contained in our memorandum of association are to:

- advance the Christian faith;
- relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counselling and support; and
- advance education

Our vision statement at MKCC is to 'Bring people to Jesus and to equip them to be fully devoted followers of Christ'. Our values are:

- We're passionate about people - Lost people matter to God, so they must matter to us.
- We're committed to community - We do life together, building a loving community.
- We're moving towards maturity - We have made an intentional commitment to grow up in Christ.
- We're saved to serve - We are simply God's servants doing what he equipped us to do and watching him make the difference.
- We're forgiven to forgive - We will share radical grace with others in the same uncompromising way we received it from Christ.
- We're given to generosity - We will lead the way with irrational generosity, we truly believe it is more blessed to give than receive.
- We're bringing our best - We want to excel in all that we do so that we inspire others, honour God and bring a smile to His face.

Our strategic vision inspires us. Over the next five years we see …..

- A church that is for our city, positioned in the heart of our community; a church that is constantly celebrating people making decisions for Christ and growing in God.
- A church family outworking a unified vision to reach the next generation (equipping parents to be the primary influence on their child's spiritual formation).
- A church making an impact outside the walls of our building – in our community, nation and around the world (sharing the Good News and meeting practical needs).
- A church committed to equipping people for everyday, ordinary life (providing ideas, resources and events to empower people to experience healthy relationships, lead and impact in every sphere of life and grow in God).
- A church where Jesus is famous and all the glory goes to God.
  MKCC is a family church that welcomes everyone to join us at one of our Sunday worship services. Before the national lockdown in March 2020, we operated four services each week attended by an average of 1,334 people.

In addition to attending Sunday services, we encourage everyone to engage in a Life Group and meet with others at least once a month. Life Groups encourage the building of community and enable people to do life together. Other core activities that MKCC initiates are children and youth ministries, senior citizens meetings, discipleship courses, a parent and toddler group and a food bank distribution centre. There are numerous opportunities for individuals to volunteer their time serving locally or further afield in projects throughout the world. MKCC operates Tiny Steps Day Nursery, provides accommodation and seeks to make the best use of our facilities through the provision of Strudwicks Coffee Shop and conferencing services. MKCC provides financial support and provision of facilities to our sister organisations Into The Community, registered charity no. 1084287, and LightForce International, registered charity no. 1050871.

Objectives and activities (continued)

c. Achievements and performance

The dust had barely settled from MKCC's 40th-anniversary celebrations when, along with the rest of the World, we entered a year unlike any we have faced before.

A working group was formed in February to consider the implications of the emerging Covid-19 pandemic and its impact on our charitable activities and our service users. As the pandemic gathered pace in March, senior management undertook a financial remodelling process and presented various forecast scenarios to the Governance Board. The Board approved an application for a £150,000 CBILs loan to ensure the charity held sufficient cash reserves through 2020. The loan was secured in May 2020 (repaid in full in May 2021).

Following the Government's announcement of a National lockdown, the church leadership took steps to cancel in-person church services from the weekend of Sunday 22nd March and fast-tracked their plans to enhance MKCC's online presence. With our centre closed to all but the children of key workers (Tiny Steps Day Nursery) and the provision of serving facilities for MK Food Bank much of our church ministry to adults, children and youth moved online.

MKCC's COVID strategy has been:

- Protecting people in the short term (implementing measures to safeguard the wellbeing of employees and all those MKCC engages with – financial, mental and emotional wellbeing).

- Implementing immediate cost-saving measures to minimise expenditure during the current COVID-19 crisis.
- Considering the longer-term implications for MKCC and what MKCC needs to look like, post-COVID-19.

The church leadership are extremely grateful to our staff team who worked tirelessly to connect with individuals and maintain a sense of community throughout the National lockdown(s). The church leadership are also grateful for the commitment of church partners who gave so generously of their finances throughout 2020. Thanks to the continued support of our partners and a combination of Government support (staff furlough, business rate relief, VAT payment deferral, CBILs funding) and the efforts of senior management to control costs/expenditure, MKCC was able to navigate the worst of the pandemic.

Objectives and activities (continued)

d. Sunday services

An average of 1,334 adults and children attended one of our three church services during the early stages of 2020 – the average adult attendance was 909 individuals. We averaged just over 500 core attendees at our online Sunday services – a 'core atendee' represents either an individual, couple or family taking in one of our Sunday services. Total reach (individuals coming across the live feed as they scroll through Facebook or check out MKCC's website) averaged 2,500 each week. An average of 176 individuals attended one of our two covid-secure, in-person services in the later months of 2020. Once again more people 'attended' our Easter and Christmas weekend services than at any other point in the year.

Throughout 2020 our teaching team have delivered a balanced and biblically-based teaching program that was well received by church partners and visitors. Our teaching program forms part of our strategy for fulfilling our vision of seeing individuals, and our church body as a whole, growing in spiritual maturity.

We are grateful to all who serve faithfully within our communications and creative arts team: leading our church in worship, operating audiovisual equipment, lights, or video cameras and all involved in our production team that works hard behind the scenes. Together the team enables us to provide an environment in which worshippers can focus on God and encountering Him for themselves through corporate worship and listening to the teaching of God's Word. The team played a crucial role during the pandemic; developing MKCC's digital strategy, ensuring our church family remained informed and connected, leading MKCC's transition from in-person to online and supporting departments in their use of digital media. Some 84 volunteers served alongside our small staff team of 4 throughout the year.

e. First impressions

With Sunday services moving online the first impressions team did not serve for a large portion of the year. Government guidance prevented the team meeting together, in-person, so leaders and facilitators got creative and reached out to teams members via video conferencing and one to one phone calls to offer support and practical assistance. An example of how the team came together during this difficult year was when two team members lost their dad during the initial lockdown - unable to comfort the sisters in person; team members sent cards and flowers, cooked meals (delivered on doorsteps) and made telephone calls which the sisters found to be a great source of comfort at an extremely difficult time in their lives.

At the onset of lockdown in March, a volunteer Befriending Team was launched to befriend isolated members of MKCC and engage them in regular conversation – the team did an amazing job, contacting over 250 people to offer practical and spiritual support and signpost them to organisations able to meet specific needs. In the final months of 2020, the befriending team stepped up once more and connected with over 400 people in our church family.

In-person church services recommenced in September with the team playing a key role in welcoming guests, implementing covid-secure protocols and ensuring everyone remained safe whilst on-site.

Objectives and activities (continued)

f. Pastoral care

One of our Core Values at Milton Keynes Christian Centre is "We are Passionate about People". The pandemic and lockdowns have resulted in increased loneliness, health challenges, mental health difficulties and increased sense of loss with individuals unable to be present at loved one's funerals. The Pastoral Care team gave their tiome and a listening ear but also sought to provide physical assistance and support where this was possible. Throughout 2020, this fantastic team have touched the lives of so many within our church family and the wider community. The team seek to demonstrate the love of Christ – an example of this in action was when the team became aware of a young mother whose washing machine had broken down and arranged for a replacement machine to be delivered within days.

During 2020, the team has supported 23 families who lost of lovbed obe due to Covid and other health related issues. The team comforted family member, prayed with individuals and arranged for flowers to be sent on behalf of the wider church family.

g. Next steps

Through next steps we seek to fulfil our vision and equip our church to become 'Fully Devoted Followers of Christ' – they include growth track, life groups, baptism and serving.

Growth Track – We have four classes designed to help our members in their discipleship journey - Membership, Maturity, Ministry and Mission. During 2020 the classes transitioned online. We had 27 people attend Membership, 14 attend Maturity, 7 attend Ministry and 10 attend our Mission class. Here are a couple of comments from individuals attending one of the classes:

"The class refreshed my understanding of the different spiritual gifts. It helped me relate my natural abilities to the giftings, how to serve, what my calling is not, and where best to serve." (Ministry Class)

"It was a great reminder how to connect and establish healthy relationships with friends, family, and work colleagues in relation to sharing the good news of the gospel in a non pushy way." (Mission Class)

Baptisms - Baptisms usually take place 3-4 times per year but unfortunately we were unable to host baptismal services during 2020 due to Covid restrictions. However, some 26 people expressed an interest in baptism during the year and we look forward to helping them take the next step in the discipleship journey at some point in 2021 as restrictions ease.

Life Groups - Life groups encourage community, enable people to develop their relationship with God and with one another, to study the bible in greater depth, worship and pray together. Our life groups have played a vital role throughout 2020 keeping people connected and maintaining a sense of community at a time when individuals became increasingly isolated. The majority of our life groups transitioned online whilst 10 new groups were formed specifically to enable individuals to connect with others during lockdown – many of these groups have continued to meet, even as lockdown measures have eased. There are currently 34 Life Groups meeting actively online with an average of 293 people attending a life group during 2020.

Volunteering - Volunteering opportunities allow individuals to use their talents and gifts to glorify God and serve others in our church family and the wider community – 382 volunteers currently serve in our various teams. The pandemic has limited opportunities for our volunteers to serve but many of our volunteers have taken the opportunity to serve in newly created roles during lockdown or have expressed their desire to get serving once more when this is possible.

Achievements and performance

a. Global Mission

LightForce International (LFI) - exists to take the good news to the poor and practical help to people in need. MKCC provided financial support towards the work of LFI equating to £186,330. MKCC provided support in the form of cash donations (£121,878), provision of International Director's salary (£50,702) and use of office space at MKCC (equivalent to £13,750).

India - LFI continued its partnership with the Home of Faith and Indian Gospel Mission. Both projects are involved with child care - providing much-needed project management, accommodation, food and education.

In Albania, the LightForce Activity Centre was unable to operate children or youth summer camps due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

LFI's work in Northern Uganda continues to bring great benefit to the local people of Lira. The International Director was required to remain in Uganda for over 9 months due to travel restrictions. The children's day nursery and the primary school were closed for the majority of the year due to the pandemic but weekly homeschooling packs were provided for parents to collect, take home and return the completed homework the following week whilst collecting a new pack. LFI also operates a health clinic, agricultural and vocational training school and a home for vulnerable children and support for Victory Church in Masaka. Much progress was made on LFI’s farming projects during 2020

Education for Life in Kenya is still supported by members of MKCC and LFI. They provide education and practical help to hundreds of children.

Morocco - Hannah and Hmad Naatit have been members of MKCC for many years and together they seek to provide education and hope to Berber people through their Hannan School project in El Borj. MKCC continued to encourage, support and promote their work during 2020.

Spain - MKCC provided financial amounting to approximately £5,000 to the ministry of Andrew Shearman and the G42 leadership academy in the training of young Christian men and women.

Burgess Hill - Pastor Mark continued to serve the International Bible Training Institute (IBTI) during 2020 undertaking lectures online and serving as a trustee. MKCC donated £1,200 to IBTI through 2020.

Dominican Republic – Through our relationship with Roger Blackmore, Lead Pastor of Genesis Church, Medford, New York, MKCC contributed £933 during 2020 to support the education of vulnerable children in The Dominican Republic.

Achievements and performance (continued)

b. Local mission

MK Food Bank - MKCC supported MK Food Bank with food donations, volunteers, finance and leadership. MKCC also provided free use of the facilities as a serving centre, providing emergency food parcels to individuals and families in need. The Food Bank partnered with MK Council to deliver their 'Food Bank Xtra' project meeting the increased need for food throughout Milton Keynes and surrounding areas as the pandemic took hold. MKCC staff and volunteers gave if their time and energy sorting food and undertaking home deliveries during April, May and June.

Urban Saints – MKCC gave £600 in support of their work discipling young people.

Bridgebuilder Trust – MKCC gave £240 towards Bridgebuilder's work within local schools.

Benevolence – MKCC provided financial support to both church members and members of our local community who were in need. The pastoral team assisted numerous individuals through our benevolence fund. Individual gifts ranged from £50 upwards to several hundred pounds.

Achievements and performance (continued)

c. forMK

Through our forMK ministry, MKCC seeks to actively and intentionally express the love of Christ by meeting the needs of our community. We are driven by the belief that 'Lost people matter to God, so they must matter to us'. At the heart of forMK is our 'Passion for People' and our desire to reach lost souls for Christ, through service to our community.

Milton Keynes Community Foundation's 'vital signs' report was used as a main point of reference to narrow down and identify 4 key priority areas - Poverty & Disadvantage, Homelessness, Safety & Crime Prevention and Mental Health & Well-Being.

The process by which we tackle these areas are by; **Connecting** with people & community organisations, **Partnering** with statutory bodies, organisations & key decision-makers, Investing in local initiatives & community projects and **Mobilising** our people to activate their passions and get involved through volunteering.

Over 2020, despite the significant impact of COVID-19 on the Voluntary & Community Sector, we maintained strong and positive connections with our voluntary sector friends and our partners such as Bus Shelter MK, MK Foodbank, The Safety Centre - Hazard Alley, Child Bereavement UK, Age UK MK, MK Hospital Cancer Centre, Chaplaincy & their Children's Ward, MK Watling Rotary, MK Council Family Support Team & Local Children Centres and Local Sheltered Accommodation Units. In so doing have been the conduit for MKCC to reach community groups and beneficiaries, spreading the love of Christ by responding to practical and financial needs
At the culmination of our Be-Rich teaching series in February 2020 over 500 church members expressed their passion for one of our 4 priority areas and an astounding sum of £6,483.00 was raised and distributed as follows:

- £1,000 to Bus Shelter MK to assist those resettling from the shelter in a new home
- £1,000 to MK Foodbank Xtra initiative contributing to their four-fold increase in demand in response to the COVID-19 crisis
- £1,000 to The Safety Centre, Hazard Alley to assist with re-establishing, their premises, facilities and becoming COVID prepared
- £500 to Child Bereavement UK to help with their ongoing support and digital services
- £500 to MKUH Cancer Centre to contribute to the landscaping & gardening of their newly built specialised unit
- £1,000 to Age UK MK to establish a hardship fund that will financially assist those in greatest need & eligible for their Individual Living Service Fund.
- MKUH Chaplaincy ~£1,500 spent to purchase 190 Bibles for the hospital chaplaincy and Campbell Centre

In addition, £6,100 of our MKCC fund (a £40,000 community fund ring-fenced to provide small grants for local projects & initiatives) was utilised to help 5 local community organisations addressing needs in the areas of education (School Readers), bereavement counselling (Harry's Rainbow), community sport (Newport Pagnell Town Panthers FC) and additional needs for young people and adults (Peak Empower & Autism Bedfordshire)

As part of MKCC's Christmas 2020 program of activities we:

- raised £1,704.10 for Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree campaign; assisting in the provision of 226 gifts for the children of prisoners,
- purchased 103 brand new gifts for needy /vulnerable families as identified by local Children Centres through our partnership with MK Council Family Support Team,
- distributed 120 Christ-centred Christmas children's books to local schools and MK Hospital Children's ward
- donated 90 brand new NIV bibles to MK Hospital Chaplaincy and the Campbell Centre to help replenish their stock,
- collected 4,120 food items at our drive-thru to Fill Santa's Sleigh' in support of MK Foodbank,

Achievements and performance (continued)

- distributed 130 Christmas goody bags to our older and more isolated neighbours across 4 local sheltered accommodation units,
- distribute 50 gift hampers to nominated MKCC members.

In the business, figures, finances and data capture of our daily activity, we remain mindful of the impact of our actions on individual lives. One of the many residents of the local sheltered accommodation unit who received a gift bag of food items as part of our outreach to senior citizens was a gentleman who expressed his heartfelt response of gratitude to us. He highlighted the fact that a simple token of 'neighbourly' love could help reach the heart of a lonely, isolated and bereaved person, opening up a window of hope for the future as he considered visiting MKCC when services & 'normality' resumes.

d. Children

Discovery Kids exists to 'encourage every child to dig deeper and discover Jesus for themselves' and it does this through the filter of our four values: Fun, Safety, Relationships and Age appropriate.

This vision is outworked through several different programs that run throughout the week and calendar year. We have our Sunday Discovery Kids services, this takes place in four age-appropriate settings, on Wednesday's during term time we have DK Groups - which are fixed small groups based on school years, during our Sunday services we also have 'Konnect' which is our ministry for children who have additional needs – this makes sure that 'every child' can enjoy Discovery Kids at their own level.

From January – March 2020 we met in person on MKCC premises and saw an average of 277 children each Sunday and 160 children registered for the 2019-2020 intake.

From March we moved to connect with families online through social media with weekly lessons that kids can engage with and dig deeper activities to help them and their families explore our subject for the week at home. We also ran a weekly Q&A session to help children ask questions they had as well as family games nights on zoom to keep relational connections. Online engagement is lower than in person but on average we are seeing around 70 families connect with our weekly lesson. We are also trying to stay connected to families through calls and have sent 'we miss you' postcards.

This year more than ever we tried to focus on equipping parents to nurture faith at home. We gave out activity packs called summer camp@Home and Advent@home that gave parents great tools to have faith conversations at home.

A couple of great things happened through 2020 – during summer camp at home, families explored what 'kind' of a family they wanted to be! What were their values and one family went all out setting up a camp area at home and contacted us after to share how special it had been for them and had helped them to refocus on what was truly important to them! They described it is as a defining moment for their family!

During Advent at home, another family messaged to say thank you for turning their 'stressed out, tense house' into a place of 'fun and laughter' after they were able to use the activities to come together and have fun and help one another on the run-up to Christmas.
Toward the end of the year, we opened registration for DK Groups @ home that will be the 2020-21 intake and we saw 67 families sign up who we will coach and connect with as they work through this resource at home due to restrictions.

Achievements and performance (continued)

e. Youth

Fuse is our ministry to secondary students aged 11 to 18 years. The vision for Fuse is 'connecting young people to Jesus so they can treasure him' and it is worked out through the values; Belong, Grow, and Be Real. All our ministry activities and programs are intentionally focused on fulfilling our vision for our young people.

The primary Fuse event takes place on Friday nights with activities and a church service tailored specifically for young people. In early 2020 we met in person each Friday rotating between large group services and small group discussions but from March we made use of various mediums and moved our activities online. We alternated between a streamed YouTube service that individuals could watch and engage with via the live chat and using Instagram Live which was also streamed live with chat functionality. The services are interactive and vary between 'classroom-style' activities and short messages. Each week the young people receive one clear takeaway they can think more on and seek to apply within their lives. Small groups are crucial to our success enabling young people to connect with one another, their designated leaders and an opportunity to connect with the Bible to understand what God is saying to them and helping them grow their faith. We have been running these small groups online via zoom in the form of various series that young people can choose to sign up for. Our group leaders invest in the lives of young people, seeking to build a relationship and speak into their lives
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At a time where it's harder to engage as many young people as we did when meeting in person, our small groups continue to be an effective strategy. One young person spoke to our leaders after completing one of our series saying "This is the best thing I have ever done in my life!". This came from a young person that was on the fringes when we met physically and had been struggling to connect with other members of the group. Throughout the small group series, he opened up and found his group to be a place where he could be himself, speak his mind and learn and grow with others. It's a reminder for us of the importance of what we do and the impact that these online sessions can have.

Fuse has been able to support MK Food Bank throughout the pandemic, encouraging young people to get involved by donating food. In July, Fuse was able to provide food that would go to making pack lunches for school children from deprived circumstances. The young people and leaders were able to help MK Food Bank reach and surpass their initial goal of 1,000 food packs! The young people have been incredibly generous and many continue to give towards MK Food Bank now.

In the middle of November Fuse leaders volunteered to help form a team that would individually phone each young person that had attended at least 30% of the time from September 2019 – March 2020 (157 young people). The goal was to help young people and their families feel cared for. Each leader was given several young people to contact and to have a conversation around how they're getting on, how their families are doing and if there was anything the leader and the wider Fuse team could pray for. This has been successful so far with lots of young people feeling appreciative of the call and very happy to speak to leaders that they knew when we were meeting in person.

Before moving online in March we saw an average of 116 young people engage with Fuse over 10 Friday nights. Since moving online, attendance was initially between 50 – 70 for the first couple of weeks before slowly dropping to around 20 – 30 before the summer break. Since September attendance has varied between 15 – 30 on our Friday night programs. Our small groups have run mid-week with the first set of groups had between 30 - 35 young people attend each week. The second set in September had between 25 - 30 young people attend each week with 18 leaders.

Achievements and performance (continued)

f. Seniors

This has been a particularly difficult time for many of our seniors, especially those who have had to shield themselves due to underlying health conditions. Many have suffered from anxiety and the fear of being on their own for such a prolonged period - 37 of our members are over the age of 70. During this difficult period, our wonderful Time Out volunteers have been in constant contact with everyone demonstrating a commitment and faithfulness in caring for our elderly folks.

We have 48 members who would normally regularly attend Timeout plus an additional three individuals who are now in nursing homes. The team contacted everyone by phone and visited many to have a chat at the door when guidance permitted. We have taken flowers and gifts to those who were struggling as well as delivering gifts bags provided by the church - which they were thrilled to receive. We send hand-made cards of encouragement, birthday cards and produce the “Time Out Telegraph” a newsletter with quizzes, poems, recipes, interesting items and thought for the day. Those with particular needs often send in their prayer requests to us, which is great as many of them are not committed Christians but do see the value of prayer.

In the lead up to Christmas, we delivered gift bags to all our members. It was so wonderful to see people face to face again (although we were wearing our masks!!) - they miss meeting together in person and look forward to doing so again when guidance permits.

g. Facilities

The Accommodation Unit, initially constructed as a training facility to house bible school students and their classroom space, has fulfilled several purposes over the years. In recent times the unit has provided single occupancy accommodation for young professionals working throughout the city. MKCC continues to rent out a property in Oldbrook which made a small contribution to the running costs of the centre. Throughout 2020 occupancy levels remained high though we did have a few vacancies which we held of advertising until the autumn when Covid-19 infection levels had reduced within Milton Keynes. Rental income generated over £74,500. Tenants tend to be single professionals working in and around Milton Keynes.

Whilst finance generated from the provision of accommodation assists in covering the general running costs of MKCC, such accommodation greatly benefits members of our local community who find themselves in great need and often unable to afford accommodation offered elsewhere in Milton Keynes.

The covid-19 pandemic resulted in many of our plans for 2020 being pushed to one side but with the centre closed for the majority of 2020 to all but nursery children and residential tenants we were able to progress the construction of our sensory suite. The suite was constructed and furnished by The New Factory at a total cost of just under £200,000 thanks to the faithful giving of our church members and the support of Milton Keynes Foundation. MK Foundation provided grant funding which enabled us to furnish and equip the sensory suite. We took ownership of the suite in late November but ongoing covid restrictions have limited our ability to open up our facilities to families in our local community. However, strong links have been forged with the Milton Keynes Disability Team and also the Inclusion Team and we look forward to welcoming more and more families to experience and benefit from our sensory suite facilities once covid restrictions ease.

Achievements and performance (continued)

h. Tiny Steps Day Nursery

Tiny Steps Day Nursery strives to provide a nurturing, warm environment for children from the local community and surrounding areas in which they feel valued, celebrated and successful. Management is extremely passionate in their endeavours, upholding our core values and ethos, ensuring a safe and stimulating environment and "encouraging every child to take their unique next steps in life."

Building positive relationships with the parents has remained a key theme throughout the year and something often recognised by visitors, other professionals and parents alike. Our newly introduced open mornings provided parents with an opportunity to come in and spend the morning with their child, witnessing first-hand what their child likes, being able to get involved in activities, share ideas and ask any questions so we can better partner with parents. It has been heart-warming to see members of our local community come into the setting and become involved at a deeper level.

Using the environment as a third teacher has enabled our staff to focus on following the children's lead, particularly as they cultivate a love for learning through open-ended resources and equipment. We have officially embarked upon the first steps of our journey towards a 'Curiosity Approach' which aims to create home from home and develop a sense of exploration, awe and wonder in the children. The outside physical environment has changed with the addition of a sun shelter and the installation of open-ended large play equipment within each area of the garden As our environment has transformed our children, parents and staff have become increasingly excited to see what's next for our children.

Once again, we celebrated numerous staff members obtaining their NVQ level 2 & 3 qualifications which benefitted the setting and maintained care and education standards at a high level.

One of our biggest success stories during 2019 related to one of the children whose start in life had been difficult – born some 24 weeks prematurely parents unsure of what the future held when they registered their child in the nursery all several years previous. This same child graduated from our setting in 2019 and left with an Education, Health and Care Plan in place that outlines the support the child is required to receive at school. The same plan will protect the child until they reach the age of 25. It was a truly emotional day when we reflected with the family on the child's time in the setting and looked forward to the future that lay before them. Tiny Steps Day Nursery exists for families such as this, it exists to make such moments a reality in the lives of individual children – is at the heart of everything we do.

We ended 2019 with a Full-Time Occupancy Equivalent (FTE) of 54.9 with an expectation that attendance would continue to rise through to summer 2020.

i. MKCC Limited

MKCC Limited
MKCC Ltd is a subsidiary company that is wholly owned by Milton Keynes Christian Centre incorporated on 21st December 2015 and which commenced trading on 1st February 2016.
MKCC LTD's main business activities comprise the enterprise aspects of Milton Keynes Christian Centre activity including:

- Conferencing and venue hire
- Coffee shop

MKCC Ltd turnover equated to £61,903 for the period 1st January to 31st December 2020, making a trading loss of £6.847.

Achievements and performance (continued)

j. Strudwicks Coffee Shop

The coffee shop exists to provide a warm welcome to people visiting the centre, a reception point for conferences and a relaxing environment for visitors to the coffee shop itself. We have seen regular visitors from local walking groups, a local school for pupils with additional needs, parents and toddlers and other community groups, alongside our conferencing clients and people working remotely.
Strudwicks closed towards the end of March in line with Government guidance and staff were furloughed. Every effort was made to support staff through the pandemic but unfortunately, projecting significant financial loss through 2020 and into 2021, the difficult decision was made in July to make staff redundant. We will look to re-open the coffee shop at some point in 2021 when the Covid restrictions have lifted and it is financially viable for us to recommence offering a service to our MKCC church members, service users and our local community.

k. MK Conferencing

MK Conferencing exists to provide conferencing and event services to local and national organisations and whilstmaking use of MKCC's facilities to generate funds. MKCC Ltd is able to gift aid surplus funds to cover the centraloverheads of the charity and ensure donations received can be used for the local/global mission of MKCC.

The business model is built around a combination of nurturing existing clientele (such as local governmentagencies and their partners, various sectors of the NHS, other commercial clients) and engaging new businessand commercial clients.

Following a strong February, the growing pandemic and national lockdown had a significant impact on our Marchbookings and ultimately caused us to cease trading. Unable to provide conferencing facilities, we furloughed staffand battoned down the hatches until July when once again we were able to host key worker training events forthe NHS and care sector organisations. At a time when many commercial venues remained closed and unwillingto open their doors to limited business, we were pleased to offer our facilities and to support these organisations.

These small, regular training event bookings formed our conferencing business in the second half of the year and,together with Government support measures (furlough scheme, vat relief) enabled us to generate a small profitof just over £4,000 towards the central overheads of the trading subsidiary.

Government support in the form of the furlough scheme has enables us to retain our staff through 2020 providingus with a strong platform to build on when Covid restrictions ease completely, we seek to comprehend our 'newnormal' and rebuild our conferencing business.

Financial review

a. Statement relating to Going Concern (COVID-19)

We are pleased to report that the charity ended 2020 in a strong financial position thanks to the continued support of our partners and a combination of Government support (staff furlough, business rate relief, VAT payment deferral, CBILs funding) and the efforts of senior management to control costs/expenditure.
Cash reserves increased further during the first few months of 2021 and we were able to repay the £150,000 CIBLs loan in May 2021.

Rigorous risk assessments have been undertaken within each area of the charity (church, staff offices, day nursery, conferencing) resulting in the implementation of robust systems to safeguard staff, volunteers and visitors to MKCC during these unprecedented times.

The Governance Board can confirm Milton Keynes Christian Centre is able to continue operating in 2020 and further, with no concerns regarding financial viability.

b. Financial review

Towards the end of each calendar year, detailed budgets for the following year are prepared and submitted to the trustees for approval. Having originally budgeted to generate a net profit of £31,808 during 2020 we ended the year with a consolidated surplus of £232,181and a positive variance of £200,373. Whilst our trading activities made a small loss for the year, cost saving measures more than compensated for a decrease in income across all our charitable activities. Total church income was down 6.5% compared with 2019 but expenditure was 45% less compared to 2019. Our income streams made a loss of £20,523 for the year which was £40,000 ahead of the £62,282 we had originally budget. We agreed a 6-month capital repayment holiday with NatWest but still managed to pay down our long term debt (mortgage) by £36,999 during 2020. The Board obtained £150,000 CBILs funding at the outset of the pandemic and held these funds in reserve through 2020 before reapying the loan in full before interest became payable in May 2021.

The Statement of Financial Activities for the year is presented in the financial statements. Our total income during the year ending 31st December 2020 amounted to £1,939,275 whilst total expenditure was £1,812,023. Governance costs continued to be well controlled at approximately 0.4% of total expenditure.

c. Fundraising effectiveness

Our partners have given generously to our 2019-20 All In campaign, entitled ‘Core’, which ended in September. An incredible £153,974 (including Gift Aid) was received which enabled us to give to LightForce International, redevelop church infrastructure and equipment, invest further in children and youth ministry and provide financial assistance to members of our local community.

In October MKCC ran a teaching series called ‘Limitless’ which culminated with an opportunity for partners to commit to our 2020-21 All In campaign. We are seeking to raise £20,000 to work with and support community organisations working in four key areas: homelessness, crime and safety, poverty and disadvantage and mental health. We are also seeking to raise £20,000 to support individuals and families impacted by the Covid-19 crisis and a further £60,000 in support of LightForce International and its work in Uganda, India and Albania. An incredible £125,552 was pledged by our church congregation.

d. Reserves policy

Our reserve policy is to reserve sufficient funds to cover MKCC in the event of a major setback and to facilitate our capital replacement strategy. We aim to hold £150,000 as free cash flow to cover outgoings for staff costs & utilities and additional funds to meet the requirements of our 12-month rolling capital replacement program. At 31st December 2020, MKCC had cash reserves of £540,385 of which £210,321 was restricted (being the funds held concerning our All In strategies) resulting in free cash flow of £330,064 (inclusive of the £150,000 CBILs funds). One-off loan overpayments will only be made once cash reserves have grown more than the desired free cash flow reserve.

e. Future developments

Throughout 2021 MKCC will continue to provide public benefit through the delivery of our charitable activities. We will continue to deliver our charitable objectives through:

- On-going development and implementation of a strategy which encourages and facilitates church growth;
- Continuing to maximise our volunteer participation;
- Assisting every individual to identify and take the next step in their spiritual journey;
- Continued support of LightForce International and Into The Community;
- Continually seeking to develop and enhance the services Tiny Steps Day Nursery, Conferencing @ MKCC and (a relaunched) Strudwicks Coffee Shop provide to the members of our local community, Milton Keynes and surrounding areas.
- Promotion of our Sensory Suite to families throughout Milton Keynes who have at least one child with additional needs.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Milton Keynes Christian Centre is incorporated as a charitable company limited by guarantee (charity number 1119304, company number 5982564) governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

b. Governance

Our Governance Board currently comprises the Chair and eight other trustees whose names are listed on the association information page of this document. We have all declared that we will carry out our responsibilities as trustees of MKCC per the Charity Commission guidelines. Trustees have also considered the Good Governance Code for the voluntary sector. As part of our induction and training as trustees, we were provided with detailed information about MKCC and its various activities, including its memorandum and articles, accounts, financial reports and minutes of previous trustees' meetings. We, the trustees, form the membership of the charitable company.

We have overall responsibility for overseeing MKCC's strategy and operations, approving its budgets and for all its major decisions. The leadership of the church and management of the organisation's activities is delegated to the Church Leadership and senior management which report directly to the trustees providing feedback on performance and informing trustees of future planning. Trustee's meetings are held at least four times a year.

Structure, governance and management (continued)

c. Risk management

We regularly assess the major risks to which the charity is exposed and in particular; those related to reputation and stakeholder confidence in senior leadership, safeguarding children and vulnerable adults, Health and Safety, the fulfilment of regulatory requirements, business continuity and ensuring the long-term financial security of MKCC. The Governance board record all major risks identified within a risk register. Responsibility for maintaining/updating the risk register is delegated to Peter Takacs who serves on our Governance board.

The Governance board review all risks identified within our register at least once a year and the key policy and procedures which relate to the major risks and receive regular reports from senior management and church leadership.

d. Management

The Church Leadership comprises Mark Sherratt (Senior Pastor), Billy Ritchie (Associate Pastor), Nicola Ritchie (Family Pastor), Fola Komolafe (Director For MK) and Sam Francis (Director of communications and Creative Arts). Ian Baird acts as Operations Manager. All report to the Trustee Board.

MKCC is reliant upon the involvement and commitment of the church membership, who volunteer their time and energy, to operate the numerous community-focused activities. We are extremely grateful to all who serve alongside us.

e. Remuneration

Senior management submits annual staff salary proposals to a sub-committee of the Governance Board in April each year. In addition to reviewing and approving proposals from senior management, the sub-committee is tasked with reviewing the salaries of senior management and agreeing on annual increases. Annual salaries are reviewed in line with MKCC's salary scale, individual performance appraisals and a view on the financial health of both MKCC and the UK economy at large.

f. Related party relationships

God has blessed the church from the very beginning from the commitment and devotion of church families and the Board appreciates all that they do. There are specific staff policies around the recruitment and employment of family members and other related parties. The controls are in place to address areas such as nepotism, conflicts of interest and overdue control by any family.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

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

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) 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 Group will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Group and the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Group and the Charity 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 Group and the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable group's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable group's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

The auditors, MHA MacIntyre Hudson, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditors at a meeting of the Trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Fola Komolafe
Trustee

Date: 15th September 2021

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Milton Keynes Christian Centre (the 'parent charitable company') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31 December 2020 which comprise the Consolidated statement of financial activities, the Consolidated balance sheet, the Charity balance sheet, the Consolidated statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Group's and of the parent charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2020 and of the Group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Group's or the parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustees' report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- the parent charitable company has not kept sufficient accounting records; or
- the parent charitable company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the Group's and the parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the Group or the parent charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE (CONTINUED)

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 151 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:
- Enquiry of management around actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rational of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for bias;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE (CONTINUED)

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

MHA MacIntyre Hudson
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditors
Milton Keynes

Date: 21 September 2021

MHA MacIntyre Hudson are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	*Total funds 2019 £*
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	**851,909**	**174,524**	**1,026,433**	*1,027,930*
Other trading activities	4	**692,546**	**650**	**693,196**	*1,129,150*
Investments	5	**74,927**	**-**	**74,927**	*90,438*
Other income	6	**144,719**	**-**	**144,719**	*36,638*
Total income		**1,764,101**	**175,174**	**1,939,275**	*2,284,156*
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	7	**75,019**	**-**	**75,019**	*232,231*
Charitable activities	8	**1,522,652**	**206,085**	**1,728,737**	*1,888,716*
Other expenditure	9	**8,267**	**-**	**8,267**	*40,077*
Total expenditure		**1,605,938**	**206,085**	**1,812,023**	*2,161,024*
Net income/(expenditure)		**158,163**	**(30,911)**	**127,252**	*123,132*
Transfers between funds	20	**13,810**	**(13,810)**	**-**	*-*
Net movement in funds		**171,973**	**(44,721)**	**127,252**	*123,132*
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		**2,539,624**	**255,156**	**2,794,780**	*2,671,648*
Net movement in funds		**171,973**	**(44,721)**	**127,252**	*123,132*
Total funds carried forward		**2,711,597**	**210,435**	**2,922,032**	*2,794,780*

MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE
(A company limited by guarantee)
REGISTERED NUMBER: 05982564

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note		2020 £		*2019* *£*
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13		**2,936,192**		*2,842,527*
			2,936,192		*2,842,527*
Current assets					
Stocks	15	**1,125**		*1,228*	
Debtors	16	**26,084**		*59,588*	
Cash at bank and in hand		**540,485**		*360,937*	
		567,694		*421,753*	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	**(162,763)**		*(191,945)*	
Net current assets			**404,931**		*229,808*
Total assets less current liabilities			**3,341,123**		*3,072,335*
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	18		**(419,091)**		*(277,555)*
Net assets excluding pension asset			**2,922,032**		*2,794,780*
Total net assets			**2,922,032**		*2,794,780*
Charity funds					
Restricted funds	20		**210,435**		*255,156*
Unrestricted funds	20		**2,711,597**		*2,539,624*
Total funds			**2,922,032**		*2,794,780*

The Charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the entity to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

However, an audit is required in accordance with section 151 of the Charities Act 2011.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Fola Komolafe Mark Sherratt

Date 15th September 2021

The notes on pages 29 to 48 form part of these financial statements.

CHARITY BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note		2020 £		*2019 £*
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13		**2,935,684**		*2,841,395*
Investments	14		**100**		*100*
			2,935,784		*2,841,495*
Current assets					
Stocks	15	**1,125**		*1,125*	
Debtors	16	**43,003**		*125,877*	
Cash at bank and in hand		**525,452**		*284,340*	
		569,580		*411,342*	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	**(157,508)**		*(180,713)*	
Net current assets			**412,072**		*230,629*
Total assets less current liabilities			**3,347,856**		*3,072,124*
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	18		**(419,091)**		*(277,555)*
Net assets excluding pension asset			**2,928,765**		*2,794,569*
Total net assets			**2,928,765**		*2,794,569*
Charity funds					
Restricted funds	20		**210,435**		*255,156*
Unrestricted funds	20		**2,718,330**		*2,539,413*
Total funds			**2,928,765**		*2,764,569*

The Charity's net movement in funds for the year was £134,193 *(2019 - £112,799)*.

The Charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the entity to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

However, an audit is required in accordance with section 151 of the Charities Act 2011.

CHARITY BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

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Date: 15th September 2021

Fola Komolafe

Mark Sherratt

The notes on pages 29 to 48 form part of these financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	2020 £	*2019* *£*
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash used in operating activities	**215,806**	*103,442*
Cash flows from investing activities		
Investment income	**74,927**	*90,438*
Proceeds from the sale of tangible fixed assets	**-**	*679*
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	**(224,186)**	*(88,640)*
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities	**(149,259)**	**2,477**
Cash flows from financing activities		
Cash inflows from new borrowing	**113,001**	*(170,777)*
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities	**113,001**	**(170,777)**
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	**179,548**	**(64,858)**
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	**360,937**	*425,795*
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	**540,485**	*360,937*

The notes on pages 29 to 48 form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. General information

The charity is a private company limited by guiarantee, registered in England and Wales and is a registered in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is Strudwick Drive, Oldbrook, Milton Keynes, MK6 2TG.

The accounts have been prepared in sterling and rounded to the nearest £.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

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

The Consolidated statement of financial activities (SOFA) and Consolidated balance sheet consolidate the financial statements of the Charity and its subsidiary undertaking. The results of the subsidiary are consolidated on a line by line basis.

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption allowed under section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and has not presented its own Statement of financial activities in these financial statements.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.2 Income

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

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the Charity has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the Charity, can be reliably measured.

Grants are included in the Consolidated statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognised as income when they are distributed to the projects. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold.

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

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

2.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset’s use.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Group to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Group's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Interest receivable

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

2.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Freehold property	- 2% / 10%
Motor vehicles	- 20%
Fixtures and fittings	- 20%/25%/33.3%

2.6 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as ‘Gains/(Losses) on investments’ in the Consolidated statement of financial activities.

Investments in subsidiaries are valued at cost less provision for impairment.

2.7 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

2.8 Debtors

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

2.9 Cash at bank and in hand

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 acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.10 Liabilities and provisions

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

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

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Consolidated statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2.11 Financial instruments

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

2.12 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Group and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Group for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	*Total funds 2019 £*
Donations				
Tithes and offerings	723,854	-	**723,854**	*749,996*
All In income	-	79,046	**79,046**	*81,201*
Mission income	-	95,478	**95,478**	*70,403*
Gift aid received	128,055	-	**128,055**	*126,330*
	851,909	174,524	**1,026,433**	*1,027,930*
Total 2019	*876,326*	*151,604*	*1,027,930*	

During the year, MKCC Limited (trading company of Milton Keynes Christian Centre), donated funds of £nil (2019: £42,575) to the Charity.

4. Income from other trading activities

Income from fundraising events

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	*Total funds 2019 £*
Other ministry income	23,541	-	**23,541**	*59,592*
Childcare income	607,117	650	**607,767**	*800,337*
Coffee shop and conferencing income	61,888	-	**61,888**	*269,221*
	692,546	650	**693,196**	*1,129,150*
Total 2019	*1,115,745*	*13,405*	*1,129,150*	

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	*Total funds 2019 £*
Rental income	74,552	**74,552**	*89,544*
Bank interest	375	**375**	*894*
	74,927	**74,927**	*90,438*

6. Other incoming resources

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	*Total funds 2019 £*
Insurance income	-	**-**	*36,638*
Furlough income	144,719	**144,719**	*-*
	144,719	**144,719**	*36,638*

7. Expenditure on raising funds

Fundraising trading expenses

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	*Total funds 2019 £*
Trading costs	68,844	**68,844**	*226,791*
Charges against rental income	6,175	**6,175**	*5,440*
	75,019	**75,019**	*232,231*

8. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	*Total funds 2019 £*
Childcare costs	614,611	2,213	**616,824**	*602,562*
Ministry costs	525,082	108,394	**633,476**	*684,076*
Mission giving	8,524	95,478	**104,002**	*138,534*
Property and administration	366,773	-	**366,773**	*455,170*
Governance costs	7,662	-	**7,662**	*8,374*
	1,522,652	206,085	**1,728,737**	*1,888,716*
Total 2019	*1,768,145*	*120,571*	*1,888,716*	

9. Other expenditure

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	*Total funds 2019 £*
40th Anniversary events	-	**-**	*26,281*
Other ministry expenditure	8,267	**8,267**	*13,796*
	8,267	**8,267**	*40,077*

10. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2020 £	Support costs 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	*Total funds 2019 £*
Childcare costs	70,427	546,397	**616,824**	*602,562*
Ministry costs	279,308	354,168	**633,476**	*684,076*
Mission giving	104,002	-	**104,002**	*138,534*
Property and administration	251,600	115,173	**366,773**	*455,170*
Governance costs	-	7,662	**7,662**	*8,374*
Total 2020	705,337	1,023,400	**1,728,737**	*1,888,716*
Total 2019	*889,776*	*998,940*	*1,888,716*	

11. Auditors' remuneration

	2020 £	*2019 £*
Fees payable to the Charity's auditor for the audit of the Charity's annual accounts	**4,950**	*6,170*

12. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, one or more Trustees has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from an employment with the Charity. The value of Trustees' remuneration and other benefits was as follows:

		2020 £	*2019 £*
Billy Ritchie	Remuneration	**43,137**	*42,855*
	Pension contributions paid	**2,588**	*2,571*
Mark Sherratt	Fees	**53,209**	*52,793*
Fola Komolafe	Fees	**42,300**	*14,000*

During the year ended 31 December 2020, no Trustee expenses have been incurred *(2019 - £255)*.

13. Tangible fixed assets

Group

	Freehold property £	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 January 2020	**3,595,302**	**14,750**	**292,881**	**3,902,933**
Additions	**203,874**	**-**	**20,312**	**224,186**
Disposals	**(2,569)**	**-**	**(21,463)**	**(24,032)**
At 31 December 2020	**3,796,607**	**14,750**	**291,730**	**4,103,087**
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2020	**842,534**	**6,883**	**210,989**	**1,060,406**
Charge for the year	**97,071**	**2,950**	**30,500**	**130,521**
On disposals	**(2,569)**	**-**	**(21,463)**	**(24,032)**
At 31 December 2020	**937,036**	**9,833**	**220,026**	**1,166,895**
Net book value				
At 31 December 2020	**2,859,571**	**4,917**	**71,704**	**2,936,192**
At 31 December 2019	*2,752,768*	*7,867*	*81,892*	*2,842,527*

13. Tangible fixed assets (continued)

Charity

	Freehold property £	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 January 2020	**3,595,302**	**14,750**	**289,097**	**3,899,149**
Additions	**203,874**	**-**	**20,312**	**224,186**
Disposals	**(2,569)**	**-**	**(21,463)**	**(24,032)**
At 31 December 2020	**3,796,607**	**14,750**	**287,946**	**4,099,303**
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2020	**842,534**	**6,883**	**208,337**	**1,057,754**
Charge for the year	**97,071**	**2,950**	**29,876**	**129,897**
On disposals	**(2,569)**	**-**	**(21,463)**	**(24,032)**
At 31 December 2020	**937,036**	**9,833**	**216,750**	**1,163,619**
Net book value				
At 31 December 2020	**2,859,571**	**4,917**	**71,196**	**2,935,684**
At 31 December 2019	*2,752,768*	*7,867*	*80,760*	*2,841,395*

14. Fixed asset investments

Charity	Investments in subsidiary companies £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2020	**100**
At 31 December 2020	**100**
Net book value	
At 31 December 2020	**100**
At 31 December 2019	*100*

Principal subsidiaries

The following was a subsidiary undertaking of the Charity:

Name	Company number	Registered office or principal place of business	Holding
MKCC Limited	09924457	Christian Centre Strudwick Drive, Oldbrook, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, United Kingdom, MK6 2TG	100%

The financial results of the subsidiary for the year were:

Name	(Loss) for the year £	Net assets £
MKCC Limited	**(6,941)**	**(6,733)**

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15. Stocks

	Group 2020 £	*Group 2019 £*	Charity 2020 £	*Charity 2019 £*
Finished goods and goods for resale	**1,125**	*1,228*	**1,125**	*1,125*

16. Debtors

	Group 2020 £	*Group 2019 £*	Charity 2020 £	*Charity 2019 £*
Due within one year				
Trade debtors	**7,533**	*23,102*	**4,341**	*4,356*
Amounts owed by group undertakings	**-**	*-*	**20,191**	*85,876*
Other debtors	**194**	*6,707*	**114**	*6,021*
Prepayments and accrued income	**5,457**	*11,902*	**5,457**	*11,747*
Tax recoverable	**12,900**	*17,877*	**12,900**	*17,877*
	26,084	*59,588*	**43,003**	*125,877*

17. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Group 2020 £	*Group 2019 £*	Charity 2020 £	*Charity 2019 £*
Bank loans	**23,718**	*52,253*	**23,718**	*52,253*
Trade creditors	**36,820**	*52,613*	**36,792**	*50,035*
Other taxation and social security	**17,129**	*20,844*	**16,157**	*15,860*
Other creditors	**15,978**	*18,418*	**11,723**	*18,382*
Accruals and nursery grant deferred income	**69,118**	*47,817*	**69,118**	*44,183*
	162,763	*191,945*	**157,508**	*180,713*

Included within other creditors is a credit card liabilily amounting to £4,972 (2019: £11,603).

18. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	Group 2020 £	*Group 2019 £*	Charity 2020 £	*Charity 2019 £*
Bank loans	**419,091**	*277,555*	**419,091**	*277,555*

Included within creditors:amounts falling due after more than one year is an amount £419,091 (2019: £277,555).

Based on the payment profiles, the amount payable or repayable by instalments which falls due for payment after more than five years from the reporting date is £85,651.

The bank loan has been secured against the property held by Milton Keynes Christian Centre and terms were originally, per the loan agreement in 2010, tied to the LIBOR rate and are over a 20 year period.
The loan agreement was revised in 2016 applicable to the remaining balance of £900,000 with terms then tied to the base rate and some additional capital repayments made subsequently. This has now reverted to no change in the complete period to repay the total loan.

During the year, the Charity also secured a CBILS loan of £150,000. This was repaid by May 2021 before the interest became payable. The amount was secured to ensure the Charity had sufficient general reserves in place throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

19. Financial instruments

	Group 2020 £	*Group 2019 £*	Charity 2020 £	*Charity 2019 £*
Financial assets				
Measured at amortised cost	**540,483**	*360,936*	**525,453**	*284,340*

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20. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 January 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 December 2020 £
Unrestricted funds					
Fixed asset	**518,442**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**518,442**
Unrestricted	**2,021,182**	**1,764,101**	**(1,605,938)**	**13,810**	**2,193,155**
	2,539,624	**1,764,101**	**(1,605,938)**	**13,810**	**2,711,597**
Restricted funds					
All In	**251,546**	**79,046**	**(108,394)**	**(13,810)**	**208,388**
Mission	**-**	**95,478**	**(95,478)**	**-**	**-**
Konnect	**333**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**333**
Nursery	**3,277**	**650**	**(2,213)**	**-**	**1,714**
	255,156	**175,174**	**(206,085)**	**(13,810)**	**210,435**
Total of funds	**2,794,780**	**1,939,275**	**(1,812,023)**	**-**	**2,922,032**

20. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 January 2019 £	*Income £*	*Expenditure £*	*Transfers in/out £*	*Balance at 31 December 2019 £*
Unrestricted funds					
Fixed asset	*518,442*	*-*	*-*	*-*	*518,442*
Unrestricted	*1,859,966*	*2,119,147*	*(2,024,584)*	*66,653*	*2,021,182*
	2,378,408	*2,119,147*	*(2,024,584)*	*66,653*	*2,539,624*
Restricted funds					
All In	*283,105*	*81,201*	*(46,107)*	*(66,653)*	*251,546*
Mission	*-*	*70,403*	*(70,403)*	*-*	*-*
Konnect	*333*	*-*	*-*	*-*	*333*
Nursery	*9,802*	*13,405*	*(19,930)*	*-*	*3,277*
	293,240	*165,009*	*(136,440)*	*(66,653)*	*255,156*
Total of funds	*2,671,648*	*165,009*	*(2,161,024)*	*-*	*2,794,780*

21. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 January 2020 £	**Income £**	**Expenditure £**	**Transfers in/out £**	**Balance at 31 December 2020 £**
General funds	**2,539,624**	**1,764,101**	**(1,605,938)**	**13,810**	**2,711,597**
Restricted funds	**255,156**	**175,174**	**(206,085)**	**(13,810)**	**210,435**
	2,794,780	**1,939,275**	**(1,812,023)**	**-**	**2,922,032**

21. Summary of funds (continued)

Summary of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 January 2019 £	*Income* £	*Expenditure* £	*Transfers in/out* £	*Balance at 31 December 2019* £
General funds	*2,378,408*	*2,119,147*	*(2,024,584)*	*66,653*	*2,539,624*
Restricted funds	*293,240*	*165,009*	*(136,440)*	*(66,653)*	*255,156*
	2,671,648	*2,284,156*	*(2,161,024)*	*-*	*2,794,780*

22. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	**Restricted funds 2020 £**	**Total funds 2020 £**
Tangible fixed assets	2,936,192	-	**2,936,192**
Current assets	357,255	210,435	**567,690**
Creditors due within one year	(162,763)	-	**(162,763)**
Creditors due in more than one year	(419,091)	-	**(419,091)**
Total	2,711,595	210,435	**2,922,030**

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period

	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	*Restricted funds 2019* £	*Total funds 2019* £
Tangible fixed assets	*2,842,527*	*-*	*2,842,527*
Current assets	*-*	*421,752*	*421,752*
Creditors due within one year	*(25,349)*	*(166,596)*	*(191,945)*
Creditors due in more than one year	*(277,555)*	*-*	*(277,555)*
Total	*2,539,623*	*255,156*	*2,794,779*

22. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

23. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	Group 2020 £	*Group 2019 £*
Net income for the period (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	**127,252**	*123,132*
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	**130,521**	*125,642*
Other interest receivable and similar income	**(74,927)**	*(90,438)*
Loss/(profit) on the sale of fixed assets	**-**	*(679)*
Decrease in stocks	**103**	*22*
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	**33,604**	*(6,602)*
Decrease in creditors	**(747)**	*(11,676)*
Other adjustments	**-**	*(35,959)*
Net cash provided by operating activities	**215,806**	*103,442*

24. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	Group 2020 £	*Group 2019 £*
Cash in hand	**540,485**	*360,937*

25. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 January 2020 £	Cash flows £	At 31 December 2020 £
Cash at bank and in hand	**360,936**	**179,547**	**540,483**
Debt due within 1 year	**(52,253)**	**28,535**	**(23,718)**
Debt due after 1 year	**(277,555)**	**(141,536)**	**(419,091)**
	31,128	**66,546**	**97,674**

26. Operating lease commitments

At 31 December 2020 the Group and the Charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Group 2020 £	*Group 2019 £*	Charity 2020 £	*Charity 2019 £*
Not later than 1 year	**4,211**	*4,211*	**4,211**	*4,211*
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	**3,158**	*7,369*	**3,158**	*7,369*
	7,369	*11,580*	**7,369**	*11,580*

27. Related party transactions

The following transactions with related parties took place in the year:

Name of related party	Relationship	Nature of transaction	Amount
N Ritchie	Wife of W Ritchie (Trustee)	Salary	£39,667
		Pension contribution	£3,967
M Sherratt	Trustee/Director	Fees	£53,209
F Komolafe	Trustee/Director	Fees	£42,300
O Kiff	Trustee/Director	Salary	£29,510
		Pension contribution	£1,197

The Trustees recognise that LightForce International, the missions arm of the church, is a related party. A Memorandum of Understanding exists between MKCC and LFI defining their relationship. LFI has a separate constitution and Trustee Body from that of MKCC. MKCC pioneered the work of LightForce International and the partnership between the two charities enable the church to effectively fulfil its mission whilst enriching the church in many ways.

George Ridley is contracted as a pastor (Minister of Religion) at MKCC. Mark Sherratt's appointment as senior pastor in 2001 has enabled MKCC to release more of George Ridley's time to develop the work of the overseas mission. This equates to £50,702 (2019: £50,372). In addition, other donations were made to LFI amounting to £121,878 (2019: £131,107) and £13,750 (2019: £13,750) in kind, being the provision of office space.

The Trustees also recognised that Into the Community, a secular charity, is a related party.
Some of the Trustees of Into the Community are also directors of MKCC.

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