

**CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED**  
(A company limited by guarantee)

**Report and Financial Statements**

**For the year to 31 December 2023**

# CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

## Financial statements for the year to 31 December 2023

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## Legal and administrative information

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**Registered Charity Number:** 1121552

**Company Number:** 6347617

### **Trustees**

Revd R I Tice (retired 12 September 2023)  
Mr J McDowell (retired 14 February 2024)  
Revd T Archer  
Mr J Ibbett  
Mrs Y Ibbett (retired 9th February 2023)  
Mr W King  
Mr K Appleton  
Mr A Gordon  
Ms S Dawkins  
Mr N Houghton  
Ms R Fadipe  
Mr L Brereton (appointed 12 September 2023)

### **Company Secretary**

Mr I Roberts

### **Bankers**

Barclays Bank plc  
1 Churchill Place  
London  
E14 5HP

### **Registered office**

St, Paul's Church,  
Robert Adam Street,  
London,  
W1U 3HW

### **Auditors**

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

### **Key Management Personnel**

The Trustees  
Mr I Roberts  
Mrs K Carter  
Revd R Tice

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## Report of the trustees for the year to 31 December 2023

### (including Report of the directors)

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The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year to 31 December 2023.

Legal and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with the Memorandum of Association, the Companies Act 2006, The Charities Act 2011, the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102).

### Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association; it was incorporated on 20th August 2007 and commenced its activities on 1st January 2008. It was also registered with the Charity Commission on 9th November 2007. The Trustees who served during the period are listed on page 1 of this report. The power to appoint further Trustees is vested by the Articles of Association in the existing Trustees.

The Trustees met four times during the period.

New Trustees are briefed on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the content of the Memorandum and Articles, the committee and decision-making processes and other areas of importance to the charity. They meet key employees and the other Trustees.

### Objectives and Activities

The objective, as set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association is to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs incorporated within its constitution, particularly by:

- The worldwide promotion of the Christian faith according to the Bible;
- The worldwide promotion and teaching of all aspects of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and Christian living; and
- The worldwide promotion of evangelism.

Its major activities to achieve these objectives include

- (a) arrange, produce, promote and assist in any way in the arrangement, production and promotion of training courses, conferences, workshops, resource centres and lectures and related materials;
- (b) produce, arrange, commission, procure, print, publish, distribute, give and sell (whether in the name of "Christianity Explored" or otherwise) leaflets, books, magazines, articles, videos, DVDs, CD roms, films, computer programmes, audio visual aids, and any other multimedia or other information materials relating to the Objects of the charity;
- (c) to contract publishers to publish and distribute resources around the world;
- (d) to train representatives in the UK and abroad who train others to use the resources;

### Achievements and Performance

Major accomplishments during this period included:

- Deployment of a new website for the organisation, with clearer information about our resources, the ability to distribute digital resources directly, ability for logged-in visitors to control their own contact permissions, and an updated CMS to meet our evolving needs.
- Successful launch of an innovative new evangelistic resource for teens. Suitable for 11-18s to reflect the changing nature of youth groups, Vox was well received by youth workers and young people alike. This was our first "integrated" series, whereby everything needed to run the course is included in the film itself and can be downloaded from our website for free. Our successful marketing campaign saw 5,000 young people access the course in the first few weeks of launch.
- After a period of working from home and in co-working spaces, in 2023 the UK team settled in a new office space which has had a positive impact on productivity.
- Expansion of our partnership with Prison Fellowship International to provide Discipleship Explored materials as a follow-up course for The Prisoner's Journey. Over 70% of prisoners who complete TPJ desire to continue to a discipleship course. The programme is in a pilot phase in three countries: Australia, Czech Republic and Uganda.
- Completion of a Cantonese dubbing of the Christianity Explored course videos by our partner the Far East Broadcasting Company in response to the recent wave of migration from Hong Kong to the UK.



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A team of Cantonese speaking volunteers from the UK have worked to complete the translated books. This material is being piloted for release in Autumn 2024.

- Completion of the Italian version of Christianity Explored, **Esplorare il Cristianesimo**, in partnership with Edizioni GBU. New translations are underway in Croatian, Japanese, Mandarin, Portuguese (European) and Slovenian.
- Creation of a "What is Christianity?" video telling the story of Jesus from the Bible. This two minute video is beautifully illustrated and is now available in 12 languages, with Arabic, Turkish, and Portuguese (Brazilian) versions coming soon.

### Financial Review

In the period under review, the charity had net income of £146,243 (2022: net expenditure of £128,982), of which net income of £8,913 related to restricted funds (2022: net expenditure of £66,056). The net funds carried forward at 31 December 2023 amounted to unrestricted funds of £707,627 (2022: £570,297) and restricted funds of £240,888 (2022: £231,975).

The primary reason for the surplus during the year was due to a high amount in grants received, which is due to cover planned expenditure spanning 2023 to 2025.

### Going concern

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties relating to whether the charity can continue as a going concern.

### Investment policy

Under the Memorandum and Articles of Association the charity has the power to invest in any way the Trustees think fit. The charity has made such investments to generate a return and has made no social investments.

### Reserves policy

The Charity has moderate reserves built up from previous surpluses. These are held for the following reasons:

- Primarily to underwrite years where courses are filmed and released which can more than double our annual expenditure;
- To fund working capital and non-current assets;
- To cover three to six months of core expenditure to insulate against the volatility of income.

### Risks

The charity has a risk management policy and a risk register ratified by the Board which reflects major risks prevailing and systems and procedures designed to manage them. Risks are classified under 5 headings: governance, operational, financial, external, and compliance. Whilst a regular review is conducted on all, none are deemed to be significantly high at this moment in time.

### Fundraising

The charity raises funds through liaison, promotion and correspondence within its own networks and currently uses no third parties. No complaints were received during the year.

### Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission with respect to the public benefit when planning their activities for the year. Christianity Explored exists to provide educational and apologetic material to explain the Christian faith to the general public. As noted below this is very often free, or heavily subsidised and there is a particular focus on developing countries where users ability to pay is very often absent or severely constrained.

Resources produced by the Charity are determined by Ministerial considerations rather than commercial. Video resources, in particular, are hugely subsidised from donations, and returns from royalties fall well short of covering costs. The website and app for those wanting to investigate Christianity prior to coming on a course are also made available free of charge. Furthermore the network of regional training available is entirely free.

Prison work also continues to grow. Christianity Explored was formally published in 2012 and Discipleship Explored in 2014. Minimal royalties are received from sales. A partnership with Prison Fellowship was agreed in 2014 whereby Christianity Explored forms the heart of a programme called "The Prisoners Journey". Since The Prisoner's Journey® was launched in 2014, 1,531,800 prisoners in 874 prisons have been invited to explore who Jesus is, why He came and what it means to follow Him through an interactive study of Mark's



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gospel tailored specifically for those in prison. By the end of 2023, over 736,676 prisoners have completed the programme, which runs in 36 countries around the world and is available in 26 languages and dialects.

Internationally, subsidies are often provided for translations of material and production runs into the developing world with little or no royalties being received. We believe that something like 500,000 people a year use our series in over 140 countries worldwide.

### *Remuneration of key management personnel*

The Chief Executive, Ian Roberts, is responsible for overall management of the charity including international operations. In the UK our National Director, Kay Carter, has responsibility for day-to-day management including product development. The pay of senior staff is reviewed annually and normally increases in accordance with average earnings bearing in mind charities of similar size and activity. Rico Tice, the cofounder of Christianity Explored, moved from being a trustee to an employee in September 2023.

### **Plans for the future**

In the coming year we will focus on completing the scripts for the next version of our flagship Christianity Explored course, and making the necessary preparations to begin filming. We are also in development on a brand new course with the working title of Christianity Explored Illustrated, which is based on our current Christianity Explored course but adapted to be more accessible to visual learners and those who struggle with reading text. In terms of organisational development we will focus on improving financial systems and automation of a number of processes that are currently done manually. To resource these changes we plan to hire a new Director of Product Development and a new Finance and Operations Manager.

As Christianity Explored develops globally we continue efforts to build a network of regional teams to support growth. In 2024, we are focussing on increasing our capacity throughout North and Latin America, as well as taking opportunities in East Asia and Africa.

### **Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements**

The Trustees (who are also directors 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 which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

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

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

### **Auditors**

A resolution will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting that Jacob Cavenagh & Skeet be re-appointed auditors to the charity.

### **Disclosure of information to auditors**

To the knowledge and belief of the Trustees in their capacity as directors of the company, there is no relevant information that the company's auditors are not aware of, and the Trustees have taken all the steps necessary to ensure they are aware of any relevant information, and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of the information.

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The Trustees' Report was prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies.

Approved by the Trustees on 13/6/24 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr K Appleton  
Trustee

Mr J Ibbett  
Trustee





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## Independent auditors' report to the members of Christianity Explored

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Christianity Explored (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the notes to the financial statements, 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 charitable charity'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 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 charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 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, including the trustees' 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.

### **Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Report, which includes the trustees' report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.



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## Independent auditors' report to the members of Christianity Explored

### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report included with the trustees' report.

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

- adequate and proper accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the 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 charity'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 charity 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.

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

Based on our understanding of the charity, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to employment and financial reporting legislation and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Companies Act.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by making enquiries of management, considering the internal controls in place and discussion amongst the engagement team.

We determined that the principal risks were related to: payments to third parties, management override of controls and presentation of separately disclosed items.

In response to the risks identified we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- verifying payments to third parties on a sample basis
- reviewing trustee meeting minutes
- evaluating the charity's internal controls
- identifying and testing journal entries
- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation

There are inherent limitations in the 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. 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.



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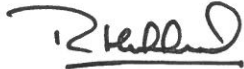
## **Independent auditors' report to the members of Christianity Explored**

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A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://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 regulations made under that Act. 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 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.



**Richard Haffenden MA(Cantab) FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)**  
**for and on behalf of Jacob Cavenagh & Skeet**  
**Statutory Auditor**  
**Chartered Accountants**

5 Robin Hood Lane  
Sutton  
Surrey  
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10 July 2024

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## Statement of financial activities for the year to 31 December 2023 (incorporating Income and Expenditure Account)

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 £
<b>Income from:</b>							
Donations and legacies	2	594,218	551,037	1,145,255	548,906	201,951	750,857
Investments: UK bank interest		16,370	-	16,370	2,545	-	2,545
Charitable activities: royalty income		25,451	-	25,451	39,796	-	39,796
Other trading activities:							
Sales of resource material		38	-	38	48	-	48
<b>Total income</b>		<u>636,077</u>	<u>551,037</u>	<u>1,187,114</u>	<u>591,295</u>	<u>201,951</u>	<u>793,246</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
Charitable activities	3	<u>498,747</u>	<u>542,124</u>	<u>1,040,871</u>	<u>654,221</u>	<u>268,007</u>	<u>922,228</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>498,747</u>	<u>542,124</u>	<u>1,040,871</u>	<u>654,221</u>	<u>268,007</u>	<u>922,228</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		137,330	8,913	146,243	( 62,926)	( 66,056)	(128,982)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		137,330	8,913	146,243	( 62,926)	( 66,056)	(128,982)
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<u>570,297</u>	<u>231,975</u>	<u>802,272</u>	<u>633,223</u>	<u>298,031</u>	<u>931,254</u>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>707,627</u>	<u>240,888</u>	<u>948,515</u>	<u>570,297</u>	<u>231,975</u>	<u>802,272</u>

All of the results relate to continuing activities.

There were no recognised gains and losses in the year other than as stated above.

The notes on pages 12 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

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## Balance Sheet at 31 December 2023

	Notes	£	2023	£	£	2022	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>							
Tangible assets	6			4,564			5,961
<b>Current assets</b>							
Debtors	7	77,092			100,380		
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>924,846</u>			<u>724,035</u>		
			1,001,938			824,415	
<b>Creditors:</b> amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>57,987</u>			<u>28,104</u>		
<b>Net current assets</b>				<u>943,951</u>			<u>796,311</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>				<u>948,515</u>			<u>802,272</u>
<b>Funds</b>							
Unrestricted funds:	9			707,627			570,297
Restricted funds	10			<u>240,888</u>			<u>231,975</u>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>				<u>948,515</u>			<u>802,272</u>

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

Approved by the Trustees on 13/06/2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Mr K Appleton  
Trustee



Mr J Ibbett  
Trustee



Charity number: 1121552  
Company number: 6347617

The notes on pages 12 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

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## Statement of cash flows for the year to 31 December 2023

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash provided by/(used in) operating activities</b> (see below)		<b>185,939</b>		<b>(103,989)</b>
Interest received	<b>16,370</b>		2,545	
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets	<b>(1,498)</b>		<b>(3,702)</b>	
<b>Cash provided by/(used in) investing activities</b>		<b>14,872</b>		<b>(1,157)</b>
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow)</b>		<b>200,811</b>		<b>(105,146)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January 2023		724,035		829,181
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December 2023</b>		<b>924,846</b>		<b>724,035</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>				
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>146,243</b>		<b>(128,982)</b>
Interest received shown in investing activities		<b>(16,370)</b>		<b>(2,545)</b>
Depreciation		<b>2,895</b>		<b>2,878</b>
Decrease/(increase) in debtors		<b>23,288</b>		<b>15,225</b>
Increase/(decrease) creditors		<b>29,883</b>		<b>8,194</b>
Decrease in stock		<b>-</b>		<b>1,241</b>
<b>Cash provided by/(used in) operating activities</b>		<b>185,939</b>		<b>(103,989)</b>

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## Notes to the financial statements for the year to 31 December 2023

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### 1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies which are adopted consistently in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

#### **a) Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102). The financial statements are drawn up on the historical cost basis of accounting and prepared in sterling, which is the financial currency of the charity, rounded to the nearest £.

Christianity Explored is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is St. Paul's Church, Robert Adam Street, London, W1U 3HW. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity 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.

#### **b) Income**

Voluntary income and donations (including legacies and grants) are accounted for once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be reliably measured.

#### **c) Expenditure**

Expenditure is accrued as soon as a liability is considered probable, discounted to present value for longer term liabilities.

Support costs are included in charitable activities. These represent expenditure incurred in support of the sole activity of the charity and include governance costs which comprise expenditure incurred in the charity's compliance with legal and regulatory obligations.

#### **d) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets are included in the balance sheet at cost or at market value at the date of the gift.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the full cost or valuation less estimated residual value of each asset over its estimated useful life. The principal rates in use are:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	25% on cost
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#### **e) Stocks**

Stock and work in progress is valued at the lower of cost and estimated net realisable value.

#### **f) VAT**

The charity is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure includes VAT where appropriate.



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### **1 Accounting policies (continued)**

#### **g) Debtors**

Staff loans and other debtors are included at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

#### **h) Cash and bank**

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

#### **i) Creditors and provisions**

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

#### **j) Financial instruments**

The charity only has financial assets and 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.

#### **k) Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific trusts, which may be declared by the donor or with their authority but still within the objects of the charity. The restricted funds relevant to Christianity Explored are restricted income funds, which are expendable at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of some particular aspects of the objects of the charity.

#### **l) Foreign currency transactions**

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate ruling on the date of the transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the net income/expenditure for the year.

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## Notes to the financial statements for the year to 31 December 2023

### 2 Donations and legacies

	<i>Unrestricted funds £</i>	<i>Restricted funds £</i>	<b><i>Total 2023 £</i></b>	<b><i>Total 2022 £</i></b>
Donations:				
Gift Aided	145,822	105,738	<b>251,560</b>	156,494
Non Gift Aided	261,061	168,865	<b>429,926</b>	405,624
Gift Aid recoverable	37,335	26,434	<b>63,769</b>	39,139
Donations from trusts	<u>150,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<b><u>400,000</u></b>	<u>149,600</u>
	<u>594,218</u>	<u>551,037</u>	<b><u>1,145,255</u></b>	<u>750,857</u>

### 3 Expenditure on charitable activities

	<i>Unrestricted funds £</i>	<i>Restricted funds £</i>	<b><i>Total 2023 £</i></b>	<b><i>Total 2022 £</i></b>
<b>Direct costs</b>				
Staff costs, including social security	319,859	183,979	<b>503,838</b>	461,626
Pension costs	69,520	-	<b>69,520</b>	54,119
Resources purchased	61	-	<b>61</b>	313
Film production	-	199,366	<b>199,366</b>	110,305
Translation and Consultancy	10,119	78,372	<b>88,491</b>	115,641
Advertising and promotion	802	-	<b>802</b>	3,491
Advocates' costs	205	-	<b>205</b>	109
Conferences and resource printing	8,803	68,447	<b>77,250</b>	106,297
Donor relations	<u>5,671</u>	<u>-</u>	<b><u>5,671</u></b>	<u>4,675</u>
	<u>415,040</u>	<u>530,164</u>	<b><u>945,204</u></b>	<u>856,576</u>
<b>Support Costs</b>				
Office costs:				
Rent and rates	27,178	-	<b>27,178</b>	3,797
Insurance	4,544	-	<b>4,544</b>	2,973
Cleaning, repairs and maintenance	45	-	<b>45</b>	-
Telephone and IT	12,939	11,600	<b>24,539</b>	36,782
Printing, postage and stationery	707	-	<b>707</b>	77
Other office costs	13,532	-	<b>13,532</b>	4,330
Travel	5,993	360	<b>6,353</b>	4,977
Depreciation	2,895	-	<b>2,895</b>	2,878
Bank charges	998	-	<b>998</b>	632
Exchange (gains)/losses	<u>74</u>	<u>-</u>	<b><u>74</u></b>	<u>( 156)</u>
	<u>68,905</u>	<u>11,960</u>	<b><u>80,865</u></b>	<u>56,290</u>
<b>Governance Costs</b>				
Audit fees	5,000	-	<b>5,000</b>	4,860
Accountancy fees for auditor	1,493	-	<b>1,493</b>	1,636
Legal and professional	<u>8,309</u>	<u>-</u>	<b><u>8,309</u></b>	<u>2,866</u>
	<u>14,802</u>	<u>-</u>	<b><u>14,802</u></b>	<u>9,362</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<u>498,747</u>	<u>542,124</u>	<b><u>1,040,871</u></b>	<u>922,228</u>

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### 4 Staff numbers and costs

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Staff costs:</b>		
Wages and salaries	465,425	425,960
Social security costs	38,413	35,666
Pension costs	69,520	54,119
	<u>573,358</u>	<u>515,745</u>

The average number of employees during the period was 13 (2022: 11).

There were no employees with emoluments above £60,000 (2022: none).

Included in total staff costs is a figure of £34,008 (2022: £48,945) paid to Churches whose staff provided services to the Company.

None of the trustees have received any remuneration or other benefits during the year. Four trustees received reimbursement of travelling expenses from the charity during the year totalling £933 (2022: £1,904). No other trustees received reimbursement of expenses during the year and no expenses were paid to third parties on behalf of the trustees.

### 5 Net income/(expenditure)

This is stated after charging:

	2023 £	2022 £
Depreciation	2,895	2,878
Rent of properties	3,332	-
Auditors' remuneration:		
- external audit	5,000	4,860
- other services	1,493	1,636

### 6 Tangible fixed assets

	<i>Fixtures, Fittings &amp; Equipment</i> £
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 January 2023	17,784
Additions	1,498
Disposals	-
At 31 January 2023	<u>19,282</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>	
At 1 January 2023	11,823
Provision for the year	2,895
Adjustments for disposals	-
At 31 December 2023	<u>14,718</u>
<b>Net book value</b>	
At 31 December 2023	4,564
At 31 December 2022	<u>5,961</u>

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### 7 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Prepaid expenses and accrued income	4,919	-
Staff loan	-	35,000
Other debtors	<u>72,173</u>	<u>65,380</u>
	<u>77,092</u>	<u>100,380</u>

### 8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Taxation and social security	12,754	16,956
Accruals	<u>45,233</u>	<u>11,148</u>
	<u>57,987</u>	<u>28,104</u>

### 9 Unrestricted funds

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
General fund	<u>570,297</u>	<u>636,077</u>	<u>(498,747)</u>	-	<u>707,627</u>

	Balance at 1 January 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 December 2022 £
General fund	<u>633,223</u>	<u>591,295</u>	<u>(654,221)</u>	-	<u>570,297</u>

### 10 Restricted funds

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Match fund plan	45,184	-	( 18,548)	-	26,636
Prisons	-	360	( 360)	-	-
Translations	181,791	143,132	(131,889)	-	193,034
Communication	5,000	-	(856)	-	4,144
Evangelism	-	7,545	(7,545)	-	-
Film projects	-	<u>400,000</u>	<u>(382,926)</u>	-	<u>17,074</u>
	<u>231,975</u>	<u>551,037</u>	<u>(542,124)</u>	-	<u>240,888</u>

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### 10 Restricted funds (continued)

	<i>Balance at 1 January 2022 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 December 2022 £</i>
Match fund plan	72,833	-	( 27,649)	-	<b>45,184</b>
Prisons	-	360	( 360)	-	-
Translations	193,948	165,341	(177,498)	-	<b>181,791</b>
Communication	-	5,000	(-)	-	<b>5,000</b>
Evangelism	-	-	(-)	-	-
Film projects	<u>31,250</u>	<u>31,250</u>	<u>( 62,500)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<b><u>298,031</u></b>	<b><u>201,951</u></b>	<b><u>(268,007)</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>231,975</u></b>

Restricted funds in use in the year were for the following purposes:

*Match Fund:*

Donations towards international work received in respect of a 2019 match funding campaign.

*Prisons /Translations/Film projects:*

Grants and donations received to support Prisons/Translations/Filming operations and development expenditure respectively.

*Communications:*

A restricted donation received to fund networking and training opportunities for communications professionals from Christian organisations.

*Evangelism:*

During the year founder Rico Tice joined us as an employee to increase our evangelism profile and people are giving to support this area of the ministry.

### 11 Analysis of net assets among funds

	<i>Unrestricted funds £</i>	<i>Restricted funds £</i>	<b>2023 £</b>
Fund balances are represented by:			
Tangible fixed assets	4,564	-	<b>4,564</b>
Net current assets	<u>703,063</u>	<u>240,888</u>	<b><u>943,951</u></b>
	<b><u>707,627</u></b>	<b><u>240,888</u></b>	<b><u>948,515</u></b>
	<i>Unrestricted funds £</i>	<i>Restricted funds £</i>	<b>2022 £</b>
Fund balances are represented by:			
Tangible fixed assets	5,961	-	<b>5,961</b>
Net current assets	<u>564,336</u>	<u>231,975</u>	<b><u>796,311</u></b>
	<b><u>570,297</u></b>	<b><u>231,975</u></b>	<b><u>802,272</u></b>



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### 12 Pension commitments and other post-retirement benefits

#### Defined contribution scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and contributes to employees' personal schemes. The assets of the schemes are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds. The pension cost and charge represents contributions payable by the charity to the funds and amounted to £69,520 (2022: £54,119).

### 13 Related party transactions

During the year trustees gave a total of £100,510 (2022: £97,095) in unrestricted donations and £120,000 (2022: £150,000) to Bursary and Translation funds.

Total remuneration of key management personnel amounted to £177,387 (2022: £141,351).

### 14 Financial commitments

The total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are payable:

	<b>Land and Buildings</b>	
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Within one year	16,660	-
In one to five years	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<b><u>16,660</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>
The operating lease charges for the year were:		
Hire of premises	<b><u>3,332</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>