
BRAVE CHURCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Trustees

Craig Clark
Jeff Brunton
Rebecca Fryer
Andy McCulloch (appointed 1 January 2025)

Charity registered number

1123994

Registered office

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Accountants

CW Accountants Limited, The Boulevard Centre, 45 Railway Road, Blackburn, Lancashire, BB1 1EZ

Bankers

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the 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 (FRS 102)

Objectives and Activities

a. POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

a) **To advance the Christian faith** in accordance with the statement of beliefs appearing in the schedule hereto in Oswaldtwistle Lancashire and in such other parts of the united kingdom or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit and to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the trust.

(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 trustees from time to time may think fit.

(c) **To advance the education of children, young people and adults** by the provision of a dedicated Christian ethos pre-school, training and development that pertains to lifelong learning, and information media to support individual capabilities, competence's, skills and understanding in Oswaldtwistle Lancashire and in such other parts of the united kingdom or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit

d) **To relieve those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health or disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage** through the provision of specialist advice, a drop-in centre and groups in Oswaldtwistle Lancashire and in such other parts of the united kingdom or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit

b. MAIN ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN TO FURTHER THE CHARITY'S PURPOSES FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT

The trustees have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and all issues relating to running a charity. The activities outlined above are the main activities undertaken to further the purpose for public benefit.

Achievements and performance

a. REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

Church Activities

The Church continues to be led by Senior Ministers, Craig Clark & Deborah Clark during this year. The church has continued to transition into a generational church that seeks to engage with all age groups and continues to develop spiritual, social and educational activities in line with the charities objectives in order to meet the needs of the local communities engaging with the church.

The church congregation continues to widen in diversity and makeup. The church continues to develop creative ways in engaging with the online congregation who are unable to physically access the churches services and community resources. In addition, the growing social media presence continues to prove successful in engaging with people which has resulted in numerous people and families attending the church due to this effective engagement.

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The ministry has been undertaken by a team led by Craig Clark who facilitates regular and relevant preaching series. Additional ministry through pastoral, grief and loss support, end of life support, funerals and crisis support were undertaken throughout the year for both church families and the community.

Significant emphasis has been placed on continuing the development of discipleship programmes to enable the congregation to grow in their faith. In addition, monthly corporate prayer and worship nights have been consistently being held. Due to the focus on discipleship amongst new believers this has resulted in approximately 20 baptisms throughout the year. This is considered spiritually healthy and evidences the spiritual growth in those within the church body.

2024 saw the continuation of the schools' programme and the growth in young people's outreach and weekly activities. The youth workers have served the local Primary and Secondary schools within assemblies, lunchtime clubs, after-school activities and spiritual enrichment weeks. During the year the church has seen growth in numbers and depth of our church youth group. The weekly attendance has significantly increased, particularly among young, unchurched people. Presently, the church connects with 140+ youth within the local communities. The children and youth team are providing valuable resources and work within the church and local community.

Brave Church continues to partner with Compassion International with the church congregation faithfully supporting over 95 children in Rwanda. In addition, the church continues to support a local charity who provide effective work with orphaned children in Tanzania at the Bethany Project. The church continues to financially and prayerfully support these vital missions work.

The church has continued to network in partnership with other local churches, national partners and local businesses. Brave Church patron, HR and You have continued during the year to provide support for the Church's HR which has been particularly helpful due to the changes within the staffing teams. A staff handbook has been updated with the assistance of the HR company. Brave Church patron, Cardboard Box Company continue to support Brave Church with promotion and marketing including banners and signs and the Christmas 'Have a Quality Christmas' giveaway boxes and hospital visit boxes. We are very appreciative of our patrons' contribution to supporting the work of Brave Church and Brave Community.

Community

The Emotional Health Hub has continued to grow and develop which has resulted in numerous people receiving significant support and communicating positive outcomes. In April the counselling room was developed and now provides a suitable, confidential and tranquil environment for the therapeutic support to take place. There are 3 counsellors in position being overseen and clinically supervised by a significantly qualified and experienced CBT counsellor and University clinical supervisor. There are plans to engage an additional counsellor early into 2025. Furthermore, the prayer room has been completed that provides a place of spiritual solitude for anyone within the church and community as well as an additional training and meeting room.

The Coffee House has benefitted from a significant investment in kitchen equipment. The Coffee House is managed by a competent manager who continues to provide a lovely environment for the local community to meet. The Coffee House continues to house increasing social groups that provide important social contacts for people within the local community. Brave Coffee House has gained a good reputation within the community to develop local people's social experiences and to develop social capital. The Coffee House continues to hold a 5 rating with the local Authority Food Safety Inspectors. The Coffee house is a growing hub for our community and is growing through word of mouth and personal recommendations.

The local Primary Schools have engaged in two weeks of prayer within the church offering the schools opportunity to access a prayer space. This received significantly positive feedback from the schools stating that the environment created was meaningful for the children in their understanding of spirituality. It is considered that the church has served the local schools well within 2024.

2024 has evidenced continued engagement with the Hyndburn Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF), where we saw consistent numbers of 60+ (per session) young people from our community, many from

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disadvantaged backgrounds, take part in sessions during Easter, Summer and Christmas team activities and enjoy food together. Additionally, family food parcels and food vouchers were given out at each event. Christmas Day evidenced a successful day engaging with people and families to provide meaningful social connections and displaying the churches aim of loving and valuing people.

The development of community services brought in £112,820 of additional funding which has enabled the emotional health hub (Counselling, Grief and Loss Support, Mentoring, Prayer, Befriending and Crisis Prevention).

The church has continued to offer the building facilities for conferencing and room hire, with the surplus from this enabling more community support.

Building

The building compliances have been adhered to with ongoing monitoring and developments throughout the year. All relevant fire, evacuation and health and safety procedures have been managed by the building manager overseen by the Trustees. The 5-yr building electrical testing has been completed and all certifications gained.

Insurance brokers, Rowlands and Hames have continued to provide the appropriate insurance covers. The rising cost of utilities continues to be a consideration and the need for ongoing monitoring of these costs is seen as important. During the year the Trustees have continued to explore ways to save on utility costs by managing the building lighting, heating and considering ways to make the building environmentally sustainable. The procurement of utilities continues to be managed by Craig Clark to gain the best value in the uncertain times of the cost-of-living crisis. Savings and economies have been made which enabled the church to function adequately.

The large industrial heater in the centre of the building has been removed with the space being used for additional storage space. The building manager continues to be available to respond to building issues e.g. repairs, cleanliness, oversight of building volunteers etc.

IT Developments

It was considered that the IT hardware and software needed updating and developing to meet the growing needs of the church. In June a local IT company, Cirrus were commissioned to overhaul the IT systems and operating software. The church transitioned from Google operating systems to Microsoft. This development has significantly improved the IT operations of the church. The system is secure and operates effectively.

Pre-School

The Pre-School Manager, Helen Horrocks, has continued to lead alongside the support of Deborah Clark and nominated safeguarding lead Louise Teese. The nursery continues to attract healthy numbers of children with the staff team remaining focused on providing quality care, support and education in line with the aims and objectives of the church.

The completion of the baby room provision in April has further developed the provision of baby and childcare for the local community. It is considered that the Brave Nursery and Pre School have gained a very positive reputation within the local community.

Volunteers

Brave Church recognise the significant value that church volunteers have in the life of the church and within the local community. The extensive work carried out would not be able to take place without the support, investment, and commitment of our faithful volunteers, who work tirelessly in their support. We have volunteers of approx 97, covering many aspects of each area. The community coordinators have been successful in developing further growth due to being available to provide pastoral support and guidance.

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Financial review**a. GOING CONCERN**

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

b. RESERVES POLICY

Financial protocols were reviewed annually and a financial handbook was implemented to ensure segregation and accountability for all procedures across the charity.

As at 31 December 2024, the Charity held total funds of £434,483 of which £48,312 are free unrestricted funds. A fixed asset and strategic reserve has been designated amounting to £351,919. It is intended that sufficient reserves are retained to enable the Charity to undertake its financial commitments for a minimum of three months which would equate to approximately £47,708. The level of available, liquid unrestricted funds carried forward at 31 December 2024 meets the required level of reserve.

Structure, governance and management**a. CONSTITUTION**

The Charity is registered and was set up by a Trust deed on May 2008 .

The Charity is constituted under a Trust deed dated May 2008 .

b. METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

New trustees are appointed with adherence to the Charity Commission guidelines CC30. It is essential that they are a person committed to the teachings of the Bible and have personal knowledge of God through Jesus Christ. They should be in agreement with the objectives and core values of Brave Church. Trustees are nominated to join the team by the Trustees and approved and appointed by the existing Trustees

c. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND DECISION MAKING

The Charity is governed by its Trust Deed, and the on-going running of the Charity is overseen by the Board of Trustees. Brave Church has had engagement with the Charity Commission during June and July this year to evidence the good practice taking place in the safeguarding and governance of the charity.

The Board of Trustees ensures that the charity and its representative's function within the legal and regulatory framework of the sector and in line with the organisation's governing document, continually striving for best practice in governance. They also uphold the fiduciary duty invested in the position, undertaking such duties in a way continually striving for best practice in governance that adds to public confidence and trust in the charity. Throughout the course of the year, the Trustees met a total of 5 times.

To develop the board of Trustees, the Trustees have engaged an experienced individual to join the board, commencing in January 2025. Andy McCulloch has experience within the faith sector and experience as a

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trustee within mission's projects. This appointment will be made with adherence to the Charity Commission guidelines CC30. It was essential that the person was committed to the teachings of the Bible and has personal knowledge of God through Jesus Christ. He agrees with the objectives and core values of Brave Church. Andy McCulloch will be a positive addition to the board of trustees.

The senior ministers, Craig and Deborah Clark both engage with independent mentors to ensure additional accountability and personal growth and development. This is considered important in the development and pastoral care of the church's senior leaders.

During the year, Senior Minister Craig Clark had spiritual and day-to-day oversight of the charity. Craig was Chair of Trustees as per the Constitution and was answerable to them for legal governance. Deborah Clark had oversight of the vast array of Community development and Emotional Health Hub during the year.

Alongside the Pre-School staff and the Senior Ministers, the church employed in May two community coordinators to support the growth of the community work (one of the appointments on a 6-month contract). The Coffee House has a competent manager supported by two additional coffee house staff members. The day to day building compliances and developments continue to be carried out by the building manager.

d. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the Charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. Trustee approval is required for all significant items of expenditure. Receipts or invoices are required in support of payments, and these are allocated against the appropriate cost centres in our accounting system to ensure that an audit trail is provided for all expenditure.

It is a requirement that all Trustees, staff, and persons working with children and/or vulnerable adults are cleared by the police under Disclosure and Barring Service Scheme. All DBS applications are made through thirty-one eight. Child protection policies are relevant and effective and safeguarding training has been carried out with all our staff and volunteers. Craig Clark is the Charities nominated safeguarding officer with the addition of a safeguarding team that meets on a regular basis. Craig continues to be a registered social worker with Social Work England (official social workers registered body) and continues to adhere to the profession's Continual Professional Development (CPD) training requirements.

Appropriate insurance cover is in place and is regularly reviewed to ensure that the charity's risks are managed properly. We are adequately covered for Building, Public and Employers' Liability Insurance. We also hold a separate Insurance Policy specifically tailored for Nurseries/Pre-Schools. Professional brokers advice is provided by Insurance Brokers, Rowlands and Hames located in Blackpool. A yearly review meeting with the brokers takes place to review the appropriate insurances for the following year.

Plans for future periods

a. FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

As Trustees, we consider that the church is healthy and continues to achieve our mandate as a charity in the advance of the Christian faith and provision of funds and service to help those in need and look forward to extending our work and partnerships in 2025. The have completed a full review of our financial liabilities and are confident in our ability to service these.

The past two years has evidenced significant development within the building and the community offering within and beyond Hyndburn. Aligned with the future development plans it is considered important to strengthen and bring a depth to the initiatives recently undertaken. The church continues to seek ways to develop the social and spiritual impact within the local community and beyond.

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Plans to transition the Charity into a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) by the end of 2025 are in place and to widen the Trustees to ensure there are specialist portfolio holders who will help us fulfil our charitable objectives. In addition, we have committed to developing our expenditure policies to allow for budgeting, forecasting and operational spending.

It is considered that the following year has potential to evidence further growth in the life of the church. The vision of the church is to make significant impact within the local community, this can be achieved by the ongoing faith, professionalism, skill and commitment from all associated with Brave Church. Significantly, the church is reliant on God transforming people's lives and situations and bringing about community change and development.

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TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The Trustees (who are also directors of Brave Church 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 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 then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

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

This report was approved by the Trustees, on _____ and signed on their behalf by:

Craig Clark
Trustee

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BRAVE CHURCH (the 'Charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the Trustees of the Charity (and its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I can confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Dated:

Courtney Wright BA FCCA

The Boulevard Centre, 45 Railway Road, Blackburn, BB1 1EZ

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
INCOME FROM:					
Donations and legacies	2	196,101	69,833	265,934	268,434
Other trading activities		265,272	-	265,272	137,888
Investments	3	213	-	213	53
TOTAL INCOME		461,586	69,833	531,419	406,375
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities		475,966	96,524	572,490	355,216
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		475,966	96,524	572,490	355,216
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		(14,380)	(26,691)	(41,071)	51,159
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(14,380)	(26,691)	(41,071)	51,159
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		414,611	60,943	475,554	424,395
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		400,231	34,252	434,483	475,554

The notes on pages 13 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

**BRAVE CHURCH
REGISTERED NUMBER:**

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Note	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8		387,586		397,229
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	20,001		3,382	
Cash at bank and in hand		65,366		121,302	
			85,367	124,684	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	10	(27,032)		(29,739)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			58,335		94,945
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			445,921		492,174
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year	11		(11,438)		(16,620)
NET ASSETS			434,483		475,554
CHARITY FUNDS					
Restricted funds	12		34,252		60,943
Unrestricted funds	12		400,231		414,611
TOTAL FUNDS			434,483		475,554

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

The Trustees consider that the Charity is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") and members have not required the Charity to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

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

Craig Clark, Trustee

The notes on pages 13 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	14	<u>(49,918)</u>	<u>30,812</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		<u>(6,018)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(6,018)</u>	<u>-</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(55,936)	30,812
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		<u>121,302</u>	<u>90,490</u>
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	15	<u><u>65,366</u></u>	<u><u>121,302</u></u>

The notes on pages 13 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Brave Church 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.

1.2 Company status

The members of the charity are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the Charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the Charity.

1.3 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.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the Charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the Charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the Charity, or the Charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Donated services or facilities are recognised when the Charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use of the Charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time of the Friends is not recognised and refer to the Trustees' report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the Charity which is the amount the Charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

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

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**1.4 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.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the Charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the Charity's operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the Charity apportioned to charitable activities.

1.5 Turnover

Turnover comprises revenue recognised by the Charity in respect of goods and services supplied during the year, exclusive of Value Added Tax and trade discounts.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised.

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments. Impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account.

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold property	-	Not depreciated
Fixtures and fittings	-	15% on cost
Computer equipment	-	15% on cost

1.7 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

1.8 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.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.9 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.

1.10 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 within interest payable and similar charges.

1.11 Financial instruments

The Charity 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.

1.12 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 Charity 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 Charity 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.

2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Donations	153,114	-	153,114	140,057
Grants	42,987	69,833	112,820	128,377
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Total donations and legacies	196,101	69,833	265,934	268,434
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Total 2023	135,567	132,867	268,434	
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3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Bank Interest	213	-	213	53
	<u>213</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>213</u>	<u>53</u>
<i>Total 2023</i>	53	-	53	

4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

This is stated after charging:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:		
- owned by the charity	15,661	14,759

5. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

The Independent Examiner's remuneration amounts to an Independent Examination fee of £ 450 (2023 - £ 500).

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6. DIRECT COSTS

	2024 £	2023 £
Salaries	372,390	219,908
Coffee house expenditure	30,204	23,737
Depreciation	15,661	14,759
General office expenses	28,976	26,588
Utilities	28,998	24,228
Legal and Professional fees	643	892
Travel costs	1,239	834
Repairs and maintenance	19,496	6,191
Licenses/ IT / Subscriptions	16,442	8,667
Staff resources	6,256	1,528
Project costs	49,801	25,442
Insurance	2,384	2,442
	-	-
	<u>572,490</u>	<u>355,216</u>

7. STAFF COSTS

Staff costs were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	<u>372,390</u>	<u>219,908</u>

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

2024 No.	2023 No.
17	13

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

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8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 January 2024	350,000	94,815	60,003	504,818
Additions	-	6,018	-	6,018
At 31 December 2024	350,000	100,833	60,003	510,836
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2024	-	63,916	43,673	107,589
Charge for the year	-	7,523	8,138	15,661
At 31 December 2024	-	71,439	51,811	123,250
Net book value				
At 31 December 2024	350,000	29,394	8,192	387,586
At 31 December 2023	350,000	30,899	16,330	397,229

9. DEBTORS

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	-	3,382
Prepayments and accrued income	20,001	-
	20,001	3,382

10. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other loans	4,500	4,500
Other taxation and social security (see below)	4,241	3,884
Other creditors	1,162	1,793
Accruals and deferred income	17,129	19,562
	27,032	29,739
Other taxation and social security		
	2024 £	2023 £
PAYE/NI control	4,241	3,884

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11. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other loans	11,438	16,620

12. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Designated funds				
Strategical Development	14,816	-	(12,897)	1,919
Fixed Asset - Freehold Property Reserve	350,000	-	-	350,000
	<u>364,816</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(12,897)</u>	<u>351,919</u>
General funds				
Reserves	49,795	461,586	(463,069)	48,312
Total Unrestricted funds	<u>414,611</u>	<u>461,586</u>	<u>(475,966)</u>	<u>400,231</u>
Restricted funds				
Migrant helpline	5,000	-	(5,000)	-
Benefact Trust	19,746	-	(19,746)	-
Rank Foundation	22,998	31,000	(29,442)	24,556
Lancaster Foundation	-	14,500	(9,668)	4,832
Hyndburn Leisure	-	13,000	(10,802)	2,198
Awards for All	-	3,333	(3,333)	-
C and GT Grant	-	8,000	(5,334)	2,666
Donations - Baby room and offerings	13,199	-	(13,199)	-
	<u>60,943</u>	<u>69,833</u>	<u>(96,524)</u>	<u>34,252</u>
Total of funds	<u>475,554</u>	<u>531,419</u>	<u>(572,490)</u>	<u>434,483</u>

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12. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	<i>Balance at 1 January 2023 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 December 2023 £</i>
Unrestricted funds				
Strategical Development	24,231	-	(9,415)	14,816
Fixed Asset - Freehold Property Reserve	350,000	-	-	350,000
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General funds				
Reserves	49,639	258,218	(258,062)	49,795
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Total Unrestricted funds	423,870	258,218	(267,477)	414,611
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Restricted funds				
Migrant helpline	-	5,000	-	5,000
Benefact Trust	-	26,000	(6,254)	19,746
John Laing Foundation	525	-	(525)	-
Hynburn Leisure	-	15,100	(15,100)	-
Rank Foundation	-	68,112	(45,114)	22,998
Community Foundation	-	3,000	(3,000)	-
Community Rail Lancaster	-	3,000	(3,000)	-
Duchy of Lancaster	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
Archbishops Council	-	1,525	(1,525)	-
Donations - Baby room and offerings	-	21,420	(8,221)	13,199
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	525	148,157	(87,739)	60,943
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Total of funds	424,395	406,375	(355,216)	475,554
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SUMMARY OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Designated funds	364,816	-	(12,897)	351,919
General funds	49,795	461,586	(463,069)	48,312
	<u>414,611</u>	<u>461,586</u>	<u>(475,966)</u>	<u>400,231</u>
Restricted funds	60,943	69,833	(96,524)	34,252
	<u>475,554</u>	<u>531,419</u>	<u>(572,490)</u>	<u>434,483</u>

SUMMARY OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Designated funds	374,231	-	(9,415)	364,816
General funds	49,639	258,218	(258,062)	49,795
	<u>423,870</u>	<u>258,218</u>	<u>(267,477)</u>	<u>414,611</u>
Restricted funds	525	148,157	(87,739)	60,943
	<u>424,395</u>	<u>406,375</u>	<u>(355,216)</u>	<u>475,554</u>

13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	387,586	-	387,586
Current assets	34,448	50,919	85,367
Creditors due within one year	(10,365)	(16,667)	(27,032)
Creditors due in more than one year	(11,438)	-	(11,438)
	<u>400,231</u>	<u>34,252</u>	<u>434,483</u>

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13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS (continued)

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	397,229	-	397,229
Current assets	63,741	60,943	124,684
Creditors due within one year	(29,739)	-	(29,739)
Creditors due in more than one year	(16,620)	-	(16,620)
	<u>414,611</u>	<u>60,943</u>	<u>475,554</u>

14. RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2024 £	2023 £
Net (expenditure)/income for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	(41,071)	51,159
Adjustment for:		
Depreciation charges	15,661	14,759
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(16,619)	851
Decrease in creditors	(7,889)	(35,957)
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	<u>(49,918)</u>	<u>30,812</u>

15. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash in hand	65,366	121,302
Total	<u>65,366</u>	<u>121,302</u>

16. TRUSTEE REMUNERATION

A trustee has been paid to complete the role of Senior Minister for the Church. This amounts to the sum of £44,300 in salary before tax and national insurance, £1,329 in employers pension contributions and £4,803 in employers national insurance.

Trustees have also made regular donations to the Church during the course of the financial year.

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17. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Senior Minister, who is a trustee of the Charity, is related to the Head of Communities. This role has been paid through the payroll throughout the financial year. This amounts to the sum of £44,300 in salary before tax and national insurance, £1,329 in employers pension contributions and £4,803 in employers' national insurance. All of this amount is covered by external means through; grant funding, contracts and services that are delivered with outcomes to achieve and fulfil.

18. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have been no significant events affecting the company since the year end.