

Charity registration number 1125080

Company registration number 06271275 (England and Wales)

VALLEY CHURCH
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

VALLEY CHURCH

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Mr J P Street
Mr R Sellars
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Secretary Mr J P Street

Charity number 1125080

Company number 06271275

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTOR'S REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "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)".

Objectives and activities

To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs appearing in the Schedule hereto 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 Charity.

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 Lancashire and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit.

Charity Aims

- To advance the Christian Faith
- To educate people in the Christian Faith
- To bring support and relief to persons in situations of need, hardship, distress, who are aged or sick.

Who Benefits?

- The church congregation
- Preston, South Ribble, Blackpool, Blackburn, Leyland, Lancaster and Chorley communities
- The wider Christian community
- Compassion Children in Brazil
- Vision Rescue, India

How are their needs met and how do they influence the charity's developments?

- Regular church meetings, training events and small groups support the individual in their Christian faith.
- Outreach projects and ministries run in Preston and the surrounding towns, including a youth program and continual development of the People Matters Team. These endeavours offer help and support to individual's physical, emotional and spiritual wellbeing.
- Sermons and messages are distributed and broadcast online for free access. Valley Interns, a one year Internship program which includes Leadership training.
- Individuals in the Church sponsor many children in and around Fortaleza, Brazil through several Compassion projects. We are heavily linked with the projects and a team from the church visited the projects, taking gifts and meeting the staff and children and we continue to support the projects financially through individual child sponsorship and wider support.
- We continue to partner with the work of a local charity in Mumbai, India, Vision Rescue, who work with children who live in the slums.

Achievements and performance

Achieved through church services, events, community activities, and internet distribution of sermons.
Achieved through designated giving and various community outreaches and initiatives.
Joining with Compassion and Vision Rescue have helped us achieve this objective internationally.

Financial review

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTOR'S REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Structure, governance and management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustee's, 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:

Reverend E J Carter

Mr J P Street

Mr D A Scholes

(Resigned 16 October 2023)

Mr R Sellars

Ms C Greaves

Mr A Moore

Organisational structure

The board of Trustees of 6 members, who meet at least every 10 weeks, administers the charity.

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

Mr J P Street

Trustee

Mr R Sellars

Trustee

24 September 2024

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEE'S OF VALLEY CHURCH

I report to the Trustee's on my examination of the financial statements of Valley Church (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustee's of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements 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 financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable 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 ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements 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 financial statements 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).

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Dated: 24 September 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

		Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
	Notes						
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	2	364,936	80,379	445,315	390,023	153,761	543,784
Investments	3	2,786	-	2,786	200	-	200
Total income		<u>367,722</u>	<u>80,379</u>	<u>448,101</u>	<u>390,223</u>	<u>153,761</u>	<u>543,984</u>
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	4	3,884	52,282	56,166	4,152	74,755	78,907
Charitable activities	5	400,315	-	400,315	348,496	-	348,496
Total expenditure		<u>404,199</u>	<u>52,282</u>	<u>456,481</u>	<u>352,648</u>	<u>74,755</u>	<u>427,403</u>
Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds		(36,477)	28,097	(8,380)	37,575	79,006	116,581
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 January 2023		<u>257,591</u>	<u>143,360</u>	<u>400,951</u>	<u>220,016</u>	<u>64,354</u>	<u>284,370</u>
Fund balances at 31 December 2023		<u>221,114</u>	<u>171,457</u>	<u>392,571</u>	<u>257,591</u>	<u>143,360</u>	<u>400,951</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Investments	10		105,001		125,001
Current assets					
Debtors	11	72,764		84,819	
Cash at bank and in hand		224,886		196,969	
		<u>297,650</u>		<u>281,788</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(10,080)</u>		<u>(5,838)</u>	
Net current assets			287,570		275,950
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>392,571</u>		<u>400,951</u>
Net assets excluding pension liability			392,571		400,951
			<u><u> </u></u>		<u><u> </u></u>
The funds of the charity					
Restricted income funds	14	171,457		143,360	
Unrestricted funds		221,114		257,591	
		<u>392,571</u>		<u>400,951</u>	
			<u><u> </u></u>		<u><u> </u></u>

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The director acknowledges her responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

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 by the Trustee's on 24 September 2024

Mr J P Street
Trustee

Mr R Sellars
Trustee

Company registration number 06271275 (England and Wales)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Valley Church is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Tenterhill Farm, Ashley Lane, Goosnargh, Preston, Lancashire, PR3 2EE, England.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

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 £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustee's in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.3 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accrual basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category.

1.5 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

A subsidiary is an entity controlled by the charity. Control is the power to govern the financial and operating policies of the entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.7 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.8 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.9 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2023 £	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £	2022 £
Donations and gifts	364,936	7,055	371,991	368,008	18,640	386,648
Heart for the House	-	68,352	68,352	22,015	134,496	156,511
People matter	-	4,972	4,972	-	625	625
	<u>364,936</u>	<u>80,379</u>	<u>445,315</u>	<u>390,023</u>	<u>153,761</u>	<u>543,784</u>

3 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Interest receivable	<u>2,786</u>	<u>200</u>

4 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2023 £	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £	2022 £
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>						
Special events expenses	3,884	-	3,884	4,152	-	4,152
People matter expenses	-	1,008	1,008	-	14	14
Staff costs	-	3,109	3,109	-	27,772	27,772
	<u>-</u>	<u>52,282</u>	<u>52,282</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,755</u>	<u>74,755</u>
Trading costs	-	52,282	52,282	-	74,755	74,755
	<u>3,884</u>	<u>52,282</u>	<u>56,166</u>	<u>4,152</u>	<u>74,755</u>	<u>78,907</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Heading #ac982 2023 £	Heading #ac982 2022 £
Direct costs		
Staff costs	185,322	148,177
Depreciation and impairment	20,000	15,000
Ministerial Costs	69,608	65,463
Technical equipment	8,419	18,450
Tithe giving	31,446	18,310
People Matters expenses	3,060	600
Gifts for visiting speakers	14,424	10,805
	<u>332,279</u>	<u>276,805</u>
Share of support and governance costs (see note 6)		
Support	60,000	60,000
Governance	8,036	11,691
	<u>400,315</u>	<u>348,496</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	<u>400,315</u>	<u>348,496</u>

6 Support costs allocated to activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Management Charge	60,000	60,000
Governance costs	8,036	11,691
	<u>68,036</u>	<u>71,691</u>

7 Trustee's

2 of the Trustee's received remuneration during the year totalling £69,495 (2022: £89,440), 2 of them were reimbursed a total of £12,872 travelling expenses (2022 - 2 were reimbursed £4,724).

8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

2023 Number	2022 Number
<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

8 Employees (Continued)

Employment costs	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	181,104	169,987
Other pension costs	7,327	5,962
	<u>188,431</u>	<u>175,949</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

10 Fixed asset investments

	Other investments
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2023 & 31 December 2023	<u>125,001</u>
Impairment	
At 1 January 2023	-
Impairment losses	<u>20,000</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>20,000</u>
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2023	<u>105,001</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>125,001</u>

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Other investments comprise:			
Investments in subsidiaries	18	<u>105,001</u>	<u>125,001</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

11 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Amounts owed by fellow group undertakings	69,000	77,000
Other debtors	3,764	7,819
	<u>72,764</u>	<u>84,819</u>

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	4,128	-
Other creditors	4,102	3,988
Accruals and deferred income	1,850	1,850
	<u>10,080</u>	<u>5,838</u>

13 Retirement benefit schemes

	2023 £	2022 £
Defined contribution schemes		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	<u>7,327</u>	<u>5,962</u>

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

14 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 £	At 31 December 2023 £
Heart of the house	145,369	68,352	(48,165)	165,556
People matter	1,611	4,972	(1,008)	5,575
Through money	(3,620)	7,055	(3,109)	326
	<u>143,360</u>	<u>80,379</u>	<u>(52,282)</u>	<u>171,457</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

14 Restricted funds

(Continued)

Previous year:	At 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£
Heart of the house	57,842	134,496	(46,969)	145,369
People matter	1,000	625	(14)	1,611
Through money	5,512	18,640	(27,772)	(3,620)
	<u>64,354</u>	<u>153,761</u>	<u>(74,755)</u>	<u>143,360</u>

15 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	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>257,591</u>	<u>367,722</u>	<u>(404,199)</u>	<u>221,114</u>

Previous year:	At 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>220,016</u>	<u>390,223</u>	<u>(352,648)</u>	<u>257,591</u>

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
At 31 December 2023:			
Investments	105,001	-	105,001
Current assets/(liabilities)	<u>116,113</u>	<u>171,457</u>	<u>287,570</u>
	<u>221,114</u>	<u>171,457</u>	<u>392,571</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

(Continued)

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
At 31 December 2022:			
Investments	125,001	-	125,001
Current assets/(liabilities)	132,590	143,360	275,950
	<u>257,591</u>	<u>143,360</u>	<u>400,951</u>

17 Related party transactions

Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity entered into the following transactions with related parties:

	Rent 2023 £	2022 £
Valley Centre Developments Limited	60,000	60,000
	<u>60,000</u>	<u>60,000</u>

There was 1 related party transaction during the year.

M Carter received remuneration for her services. She is the spouse of E Carter, a trustee.

18 Subsidiaries

Details of the charity's subsidiaries at 31 December 2023 are as follows:

Name of undertaking	Registered office	Nature of business	Class of shares held	% Held Direct Indirect
Valley Centre Developments	Fourfields, Bamber Bridge, Preston	Property Rental & Coffee Shop	Ordinary	100.00