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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

Introduction from the Chair of Essential Christian

Essential Christian has continued to innovate and expand its ministry impact in 2024, building on the strong foundations of previous years. Spring Harvest was once again a remarkable success across both sites, with record attendance and a significant milestone—the introduction of livestreaming into UK prisons. For the first time, 65,000 prisoners had the opportunity to engage with the teaching and worship at Spring Harvest, free of charge. This pioneering initiative has been a powerful demonstration of our commitment to reaching people in all contexts with the hope of the gospel. The digital space has been another area of significant development.

MySpringHarvest reached 8,000 users, broadening its impact, while the team successfully developed the tiered subscription model for MySpringHarvestPlus as a minimum viable product, laying the groundwork for further digital engagement and sustainability.

In our resources, we created our first audiobook, which fed into our desire to work purposefully in the area of additional needs and serve those for whom this product opens up their ability to embrace ministry and the work of Spring Harvest.

Similarly, we were blessed by new donors who helped us juggle the ministry we deliver alongside the costs it takes to make it happen, which are over and above the ticket prices we feel we can charge. A match-funded offering in 2024 significantly elevated generosity among our guests, inspiring them to give more as a result.

Our song publishing arm, Song Solutions, also experienced growth, with an increase in signed songs aimed at equipping the church and supporting songwriters in both the worship and mainstream music sectors. Many of these artists see their music as a missionary tool, reaching beyond traditional church settings to inspire faith in new ways.

In the Essential Event Management (EEM) sector, our work in event partnerships and logistics saw continued momentum. Existing relationships were strengthened, and new clients came on board in 2024. The expertise and dedication of the EEM team have been instrumental in serving the wider Spring Harvest vision and enabling other Christian organisations to deliver their events effectively.

Throughout these advancements, we have remained committed to our mission of gathering the church, growing faith, and seeing transformation in society. The ministry impact remains at the heart of everything we do, and we continue to explore new opportunities for innovation, collaboration, and outreach.

Of course, none of this would be possible without our dedicated staff team, our extended family of partners, and the unwavering support of the Board. Their commitment and passion drive this ministry forward, and for that, I express my deepest gratitude.

Above all, we do this to glorify God, trusting Him to lead us as we step into the future with faith, vision, and a continued desire to serve the church and wider community.

Martin Young
June 2025

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (continued)

The Directors have pleasure in submitting their report together with the audited group financial statements for the year 1 October 2023 to 30 September 2024 which have been prepared in accordance with the current statutory requirements, the company's memorandum and articles of association and the Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102).

Reference and Administrative Details

<u>Charity Number</u>	1126997
<u>Company Number</u>	06667924
<u>Principal / Registered Office</u>	14 Horsted Square Uckfield East Sussex TN22 1QG
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Directors

The directors who held office during the year and up to the date of signing were as follows:

Non-executive directors

Ms Olivia Amartey
Ms Tania Bright
Mr David Dorricott
Ms Elaine Duncan
Mr Hugh Francis
Ms Debra Green OBE
Rev Christopher Rogers
Mr Martin Young

Chair

Chief Executive

Mr Phil Loose

Ethos

Essential Christian is a Christian organisation. Its reason for existence and ongoing ethos is to serve Jesus Christ and represent Jesus Christ and his teaching to the world. This service is undertaken through delivering the objectives and activities of the Charity for the public benefit.

Objectives and Activities

The object of the charity is to advance the Christian faith throughout the world and to do so principally, but not exclusively by:

- serving the Christian church worldwide.
- enabling the Christian church worldwide.
- informing, inspiring and equipping Christians to live out their Christian faith with biblical integrity, heartfelt unity, and cultural relevance.
- encouraging people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ.

The charity seeks to promote Christian faith and teaching, discipling, and evangelism, and to contribute to the quality of life of individuals and families, whether they are currently engaged with the Christian church or on a personal spiritual journey.

The strategies employed to achieve the company's objectives for the year included:

- the provision of the annual Spring Harvest teaching event, both on-resort and online, available to people of all ages, from all sections of the community.
- assisting with the delivery of holidays with Christian teaching at a resort in France.
- delivering booking and conference infrastructures for events provided by other organisations.
- producing printed material.
- recording and distributing audio and video teaching material.
- producing and publishing Christian music.
- providing a royalty administration service.
- enabling access to audio, video and written materials.
- offering discounts to make Spring Harvest accessible to those otherwise unable to come.
- making Spring Harvest available to over 70 prisons and 60,000 prison cells.
- donations to other Christian work.

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Public Benefit

The directors are aware of their responsibility to ensure that the charity provides public benefit. Essential Christian aims to equip and enable the Church and her members through providing events and resources. Accordingly, the activities provide spiritual benefit to many people, assist churches to serve their communities, and help schools with collective worship.

Essential Christian:

- promotes the study of and application of the Bible through seminars and addresses at Spring Harvest and Spring Harvest Holidays, and through audio and video recordings both from its own events and other events.
- gives opportunities to engage in corporate prayer and praise, often with many people.
- provides opportunities for families to enjoy time together in a relaxed, teaching setting.
- records and distributes Christian music.
- makes its expertise in conference management available to other organisations.
- produces materials for primary school assemblies.
- makes Spring Harvest available to over 70 prisons and 60,000 prison cells.

Spring Harvest Home (our online event) offers a low-cost way to engage with the event. Discounts and grants are available to assist people experiencing financial hardship to attend the Spring Harvest event. It also streams for free into many prisons around the UK.

Structure, Governance & Management

Governing Document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales on 8 August 2008 and registered as a charity on 28 November 2008. The company is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. There are currently 8 members and Directors of the company.

Board of Directors

The Board carries the legal and financial responsibility for the charity and establishes the vision and mission while monitoring its activities and policies. The Board met 7 times over the year. In addition, there is a Finance Committee made up of between two and four Board members, the CEO and three other staff members.

Directors have a wide knowledge of the beneficiary and potential beneficiary group served by the charity. All Directors are invited to nominate new Directors, having regard to the skills, experience or representation identified as being required at the time. Suggestions may also be sought from others who know the charity well. Full discussion takes place on each of the nominees before an appointment is made.

The Board of Directors is satisfied that both the legal and financial needs of the company are well served by its current professional advisors.

A register of interests is held on the Directors and is updated annually.

Directors' Induction and Training

New Directors often come with extensive experience on the boards of other charities or businesses and are familiar with Essential Christian having participated in one or more of its activities. Most new Directors come with a high level of awareness of the company's objectives, structures, and operational activities.

New Directors are supplied with the Memorandum and Articles of Association, current minutes and recent financial reports, and the statement of Beliefs, Purpose, and Values. They are also directed to the current Charity Commission publications for new trustees.

Before attending their first Directors' meeting the Chief Executive and/or the Chair will seek to meet the new Director to answer any questions they may have. Where appropriate, additional induction and meetings with other Directors and staff will be provided.

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Structure

The charity operates under brands to distinguish its activities.

- Spring Harvest
The Spring Harvest main event takes place within the Easter school holidays at Butlin's sites in Minehead and Skegness, as well as online called 'Spring Harvest Home'.
- Big Start Assemblies
Inspired by the Big Start programme at Spring Harvest, this online resource offers ready-to-use material for Key Stages 1 and 2 primary school assemblies, with presentations, videos, songs, and scripts designed to meet Ofsted and SIAMS requirements. Currently over 250 schools use this resource.
- EC-GO (Essential Christian – GO!)
This online subscription platform is our 'takeaway teaching' site and provides over 10,000 recordings of inspirational teaching from many events in the UK, including 2,000 from Spring Harvest, many of them with Closed Captions or British Sign Language. They are from Essential Christian, and you can listen to them 'on the go!'
- Song Solutions
Song Solutions supports songwriters and artists through song publishing and song administration of works, both owned by the charity or on behalf of clients in the UK and worldwide. Through its work in A&R, it also signs and nurtures new and established writers to support them as they develop their careers.
- Essential Christian Songs
Our song discovery platform is a website featuring songs we administrate and publish, with a search facility to allow worship leaders to find the song they need for their church service. This resource provides worship leaders and others with tools to find, learn and lead the ideal song for a particular context.
- Essential Event Management
Using the experience built up over many years running Spring Harvest and other events, Essential Event Management makes these event-delivery skills available to the wider Christian community and beyond.
- Spring Harvest Holidays
Operating as a separate company, with its own board and governance, Spring Harvest Holidays extends the vision of Spring Harvest into France offering a mix of holiday relaxation and spiritual input at its resort in the Vendée region. Many Spring Harvest speakers give Bible teaching during the season. Essential Christian provides management services to Spring Harvest Holidays.

In furtherance of its activities Essential Christian has two wholly owned subsidiaries: Song Solutions Ltd, which in turn owns Copycare Pacific Pty Ltd, which undertakes copyright administration; and Daybreak Music Ltd, which owns several copyrights.

Further details are given in Note 10 to the financial statements.

Management & Staffing

The Chief Executive appointed by the Board is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the charity and has delegated authority for operational matters, including day-to-day finance, communications, and business development. In addition, the Chief Executive is responsible for recruiting the staff team and ensuring that there are the skills and expertise needed to run the charity. The charity is well served by a highly motivated staff team, which includes some recent appointments alongside experienced individuals on the senior team.

The key management personnel of the charity are the chief executive and directors listed on page 3. All non-executive directors give of their time freely and no director received any remuneration in the year for being a director. Payments are sometimes made for additional services. Details of directors' payments, expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in Notes 7.3 and 21 to the financial statements. The pay of the Chief Executive and other staff is reviewed annually.

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The Spring Harvest event programme is devised by a Planning Group, which reports to the Board, and which prayerfully considers the event programme and its delivery every year. The Group includes two Board members and several others who together bring theological and leadership skills. Membership changes periodically so that the group is refreshed from time to time. Whenever possible, the group is drawn from across the denominations of the church to reflect the needs of the whole church in the UK.

Risk Management

The Directors have a risk management strategy which comprises:-

- an annual review document showing the risks to the organisation and the control measures to be taken, covering areas of governance, management, activities, premises, IT, finance, litigation and reputation.
- consideration of this document by the Board and of those areas where greater risks are identified.
- the establishment and implementation of systems and procedures where possible to mitigate those risks.

Based on this risk review, the Directors consider the highest risks, and how they may be mitigated, to be:-

- A reduction in the number of guests at Spring Harvest physical events leading both to a reduction in delivering its ministry and to a loss of income. This could be because of a commercial decision by the resort owners, the pattern of annual school holidays, future coronavirus restrictions or other circumstances outside the charity's control. The ministry impact can be mitigated by digital delivery, which also allows more people to engage and do so remotely, but it does not deliver the same level of income.
- Insufficient donor income. Donations are critical to the charity's ability to sustain the activities. Work is being done to increase the number of supportive donors.

Achievements and Performance

Essential Christian's activities fall into three broad categories: Conference and Event Ministry, Ministry Resources, and Grant-making.

(1) Conferences and Event Ministry

This includes Spring Harvest, Spring Harvest Holidays and activities undertaken by Essential Event Management on behalf of other organisations.

- Spring Harvest 2024 was called "Up and Alive" and was hosted at Butlins in Skegness and Minehead.

We explored what it means to live the life we have been made for, truly embracing the call to be '**Up and Alive.**' Ephesians 4:1 urges us to, 'live a life worthy of the calling [we] have received.' But what does it really mean? Digging into the book of Ephesians as a whole, we'll discover that we can:

- **Look Up** to get a bigger picture of who God really is...
- **Wake Up** to the new life he has given us in Christ...
- **Dress Up** with the attitudes and tools he has given us...
- **Stand Up** humbly for God and for others... and
- **Rise Up** again and again in his strength.

More than 12,000 people attended in person, including team members and day visitors. Both resorts were full. Others engaged online in their homes or watched in one of the prisons where the event was available for the first time.

The range of large venues on the resorts makes it possible to run several programmes simultaneously. Age-appropriate programmes in several age groups were held for under 18s alongside the programme for adults which included two Bible studies on each of the full days offering different approaches and three evening Celebrations, as well as theme sessions, a range of seminars and workshops, matinee performances and evening entertainment. All age groups addressed the same core theme, adapted appropriately, so when back in their family or church group they can share what has been learnt.

Mornings began with an all-age, dynamic 'Big Start', was held in the updated Studio 36 at Skegness and a 2,300 seater temporary structure at Minehead. For adults this was followed by the main Bible teaching and then sessions covering the key themes as well as Parenting, Mental Health, and a specific programme from *Count Everyone In* for those families living with disabilities. We continued our work with Alpha sessions where people could ask questions like "Why am I here?", "Where am I heading?" and "Who is Jesus?" and explore the historical evidence for who Jesus is and how the Holy Spirit fits into the picture. There was also a dedicated creative space for those children and their families who did not want to attend groups as well as those who enjoyed a more creative approach. Alongside the seminars and workshops there was a comprehensive, family focused sports programme each afternoon. In the evenings there were celebrations for corporate worship and teaching. For guests who did not want to attend a session, perhaps while they looked after small children, the main meetings could be accessed in guest accommodation online through the digital event programme and in some chalets through the internal TV system.

The event was made accessible to guests with disabilities through the provision of BSL signing, speech to text, loop systems, braille, and large print material. Multi-sensory areas were available in children's and youth venues. An experienced disability co-ordinator was available at each location to handle questions which may arise on a one-to-one basis. A stream for adults with learning disabilities was organised in conjunction with the charity *Count Everyone In*.

A highly skilled and experienced pastoral team was available at each event to meet with individuals. This team also served as the prayer ministry team after the evening celebrations for guests who requested prayer.

Spring Harvest is only able to run because many people give their time freely to assist in many ways and we are very grateful for their support. To deliver the event, over 800 team members were recruited, the majority being volunteers. Because there are children and vulnerable adults at the event, a system is in place to make appropriate checks with the Disclosure and Barring Service and to take up references on team members.

Guests gave £209,000 to the main Offering appeal. Of this, a tithe of 10% went towards a Seed Fund for new projects across the UK (see below) and 90% was to support Essential Christian's ministries, including the *Everyone In* fund which provides discounts and bursaries to help people on low incomes to attend Spring Harvest. A further £2,100 was given in the Youth and Children's Offerings for the *Everyone In* fund. Details of restricted funds are given in Notes 15 and 19 to the financial statements.

In 2024 we were honoured to be able to match fund the offering through a generous donor, who themselves wanted to inspire generosity in others. This is one of the reasons why we believe we had an increased main offering.

Spring Harvest is passionate about making spaces where all ages can encounter Jesus and be equipped for life with him. Our events and resources, in-person and online, help all people meet with God and be empowered for the spiritual adventure they've been called to live. It encourages those who attend or who watch in their homes to live as disciples of Jesus Christ. So far as we are aware, over six hundred young people across all age groups chose to become disciples this is alongside decisions made by those over 21. Many positive comments were received from guests including:-

"I was very blessed to connect with friends and get some respite and rich teaching and worship and prayer to replenish my low reserves."

"Amazing to witness someone being healed and getting up from their wheelchair!"

"Having prayed hard at Spring Harvest, no miracle cure happened. But I did come home feeling spiritually uplifted and in a better frame of mind to live with this condition while I await healing."

"The dark cloud that had been hanging over me had lifted, there was a new lightness in my heart that has remained since then. My circumstances haven't changed much (although my sleep has improved) but I can honestly say that I feel I've got God's smile back." "I am going home not angry but completely refreshed, in less pain, having slept, and more on fire for God, like I used to be!"

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"I can't describe in words how positively this has influenced my person, but I know that without what I experienced within that space, I would not to this day feel so incredibly rich in spirit and God's love."

"My highlight of the week has to be Cris Roger's Bible study and teaching, it was vibrant and alive, as well as being incredibly accessible."

Spring Harvest Home

This was online from Skegness in 2024 and reached over a thousand homes. Content came from Studio 36 to include Big Start, Bible teaching and the evening Celebrations as well as live interviews with various invited guests across the week. Live chat was available throughout the week that allowed a community to form. People were able to make prayer requests that were responded to by prayer pastors in the chat.

Prisons

In 2024 Spring Harvest continued their partnership with Prison Chaplaincy UK and WayOut TV, an in-cell broadcasting station, available in 68 prisons. The evening Celebration from Studio 36 was broadcast live, available in 65,000 prison cells across the country. Thousands of prisoners engaged, and some wrote in to WayOut TV to say thank you and ask for it to be repeated. Prison Fellowship provided a 24-hour prayer request answerphone for all prisoners and Spring Harvest worked closely with prison chaplains to build follow up discipleship resources.

MySpringHarvest

MySpringHarvest is where Spring Harvest is resourcing the church all year round, equipping and resourcing Christians across the UK and beyond. With MySpringHarvest you have access to articles, podcasts, videos, songs and much more. All guests must do is sign up for free and then they receive articles straight to their inbox. At our event each year, MySpringHarvest changes to become the online programme and place to access all that is going on within the resort. It acts like an 'app' but is a website, which makes it more cost effective for us to develop and manage. In 2024 this grew to over 8,500 users, showing an annual net growth rate of 40%.

- Spring Harvest Holidays

The 2024 summer season saw 4,864 individuals come to LPO. Many of these people stayed for more than one week.

The offices of Spring Harvest Holidays are situated within Essential Christian's premises and during the year the charity provided administrative and management assistance, the costs of which were reimbursed under a management agreement between the charity and Spring Harvest Holidays Ltd.

- Event Services

Through *Essential Event Management* the charity assisted many other agencies to run their events both online and in-person. Online provision included event platforms, technical support, working with the client to create the user interface and experience, and providing ticketing and registration facilities. For physical events, our services included full event management, venue research and procurement, technical provision, logistics, health and safety, and CAD drawings to facilitate event planning.

Organisations assisted included Open Doors, Care for The Family, Trussell Trust, Commission Festival, SPCK, Divine Renovation UK (a new client for 2024) as well as significant work for Spring Harvest and the new SH Carol Service at Westminster Chapel

In 2024 we continued to see an increase in physical event enquiries. This was encouraging for us as we look for this area of work to develop a surplus to provide support for our other ministry growth areas.

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(2) Ministry Resources

This includes activities undertaken through the Essential Christian and Song Solutions brands in creating audio, video and print media, making these available to purchasers, and in copyright administration and royalty collection.

- Music

Spring Harvest 2024 worship was recorded and made available across all digital platforms. The songs were released over a period of months and saw very good engagement. Digital streaming of back catalogue songs grew and, in part, replaced lost revenue from physical product sales. We now see the release of music as part of our marketing strategy too – and in 2024 began utilising Spotify advertising to encourage people who love our recordings to come to Spring Harvest.

Alongside this, a new label imprint was started called Seachange. This has already started to sign some new writers to it under a charitable intent and a new innovative model.

- Books

Our partnership with SPCK enabled resources for Spring Harvest which were once again our main theme book, our workbook for small groups and the second kids annual called 'Big Start Annual 2'. We saw significant sales of these at our event, and we have some options now for the future as new markets are there for us to reach out to, including Amazon, where we have potential to grow as well as find new publishers who can innovate in this space.

- Spoken Word

Our work in recording other people's spoken word has declined, although we still offer it as a service. However, the innovation of our EC-GO talks platform was developed in 2024 ready for launch at the 2025 event and updated to be called MySpringHarvestPLUS through selling recurring subscriptions at Spring Harvest.

Recordings were also made available in 2024 in USB format for those who want something physical, and we saw strong sales of these once again. Our work on YouTube and growth there helped us to promote more 'Legendary Talks' as well as showcase some of our Podcasts.

- Sales

The essentialchristianstore.com website was strategically renamed to springharveststore.com, which operates in partnership with St Andrew's Bookshop and carries a range of music, DVDs, Bibles, books, church resources and Christian gifts. Sales also took place through Christian bookshops and other online retailers. This online store gives Essential Christian a small commission on all sales whether they are published by us or not.

- USB Duplication

We still see some demand for USB talks at Spring Harvest and the team delivered these through the year.

- Copyrights administration

Under Song Solutions (Copycare) Essential Christian administers over 150,000 songs globally from its own office and through franchise partners around the world. This has potential to increase through securing new administration catalogues of Christian music.

Song Solutions (Daybreak) saw growth again in its catalogue of songs where the charity owns the copyright, and this includes a large selection of children's songs which are used in school assemblies. Our new Seachange model continued to be adopted by invited writers, and we saw many new songs released in the course of the year.

During the course of the year we signed directly with USA PRO's to enable us to collect directly following Music Services decision to pull out of our agreement as they were purchased by SESAC. We can now sign directly in the US and this should enable us to grow.

- Big Start Assemblies

Inspired by the 'Big Start' at the beginning of each day at Spring Harvest, the charity provides an all-in-one package for collective worship in primary schools. It uses stories from the Bible with videos, music and scripts and was trialled at schools in Sussex and Kent before being launched more widely in March 2018. Schools across the country renew their subscriptions of this valuable resource year-on-year. Discussions with dioceses

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and trusts continue. There are 124 assemblies available, and work continues to promote and market Big Start Assemblies to teachers, head teachers and schools.

(3) Grants and Grant making

Funds for grant making came from the generosity of guests at the Spring Harvest events who support the annual appeals, from guests at Spring Harvest Holidays and from donations received from new Grant Making Trusts as a result of our request. Details of restricted funds and grants are given in Notes 15 and 19 to the financial statements. Organisations receiving grants are asked to submit written or video reports on the use of the funds within a year.

- Spring Harvest

The charity's policy is to channel funds available from the tithe of the Spring Harvest Offering to projects relevant to the teaching theme for the year. Guests were invited to submit proposals for seed funding to start projects which would prioritise the next generation or to demonstrate practical love and service, which were then considered against criteria. In 2024, we reported back on 8 community projects that were successful in applying for funding during the previous year. Grants ranged from £1,000 to £2,500.

Gifts given through the Partnership Scheme and from the not-tithed portion of the offering supported Essential Christian and Spring Harvest, including the 'Everyone In' fund. This helped over 700 people with discounts and bursaries so that individuals and families on low incomes could come to Spring Harvest.

- Spring Harvest Holidays

Money given by guests at Spring Harvest Holidays was distributed via Spring Harvest Holidays Ltd to organisations in France, to sponsor those volunteering at Le Pas Opton and to provide bursary support to some families and individuals.

Financial Review

Overall, there was a small overall deficit of £37,000, although the addition of a new Restricted Fund for Inclusivity resulted in an increase of Restricted Funds of £22,000

The charity's main sources of income are from its charitable activities and from donations. Donations are very important, particularly to support the Spring Harvest event and to provide the 'Everyone In' fund for people on low incomes to attend. The Board and staff are grateful to Spring Harvest guests who gave to the Offering and to supporters who gave regularly through the year. Together they donated over £385,000 in the year and they make a significant contribution to maintaining Spring Harvest into the future. The Board is also grateful for other donations from individuals and trusts of £320,000.

Income for Conference and Events ministry was £2,882,000 and expenditure £3,645,000, 5% and 3% more than the previous year. Spring Harvest saw both its income and costs affected by inflation. Essential Events Management continues to run small to medium sized events for other charities.

Ministry Resources income was £1,571,000 and expenditure £1,642,000, 0.6% and 1.6% more than the previous year. The increase in costs was because of a donation to enable Song Solutions to extend its work in developing and publishing new songs for the church and in particular supporting emerging artists. In time this is expected to lead to higher income flows in perhaps two or three years as these songs are used in churches and royalties flow through to the charity.

The Board regularly considers the charity's activities and its future, exploring new ways of working and increasing sources of income to maintain its ministry. Cash flow is uneven during the year, and there is a need for loans which builds through the year until March, when Spring Harvest revenues are usually received. With the financial support of a corporate backer who has provided substantial cash flow assistance, the trustees have been satisfied that the Charity can operate on a sound financial footing.

Reserves Policy

The Board considered the charity's requirement for reserves. It is mindful of the risks facing the organisation and the need for reserves.

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There were no freely available reserves (which excludes fixed assets, restricted funds, and minority interests) at the year end. The charity was able to meet its obligations because of a loan facility made available to the charity, and a facility is in place which is sufficient to cover anticipated financial needs for at least the next 12 months.

Fundraising Policy

In line with the reporting requirements included in the Charities Act 2016, the Trustees confirm that all fundraising is carried out in compliance with best fundraising practice. The main request for funds is made during the Spring Harvest event. The purposes are clearly described.

The charity is registered with the Fundraising Regulator and follows the Code of Fundraising Practice. During the year we began to work with some professional fundraisers to begin to access grant making trusts. Few appeals were made by email or letter and none by telephone so vulnerable people were protected from intrusive requests. A complaints procedure is set out as part of the Privacy Policy on the website and states that every effort will be made to resolve complaints within 10 days. No complaints or criticisms were raised concerning the fundraising activities. The charity is also registered with the Fundraising Preference Service. No requests for action were received from this service.

2025 and Beyond

The Board continues to believe that the charity's activities are a valuable resource for the Church yet is also aware that it needs to find further sources of donor funding and develop the ways its resources can be accessed. The Board aims to:

- Develop and grow Spring Harvest as an annual event and with more weeks to equip the Church for action all year round, and especially to resource small and medium-sized churches.
- To build in the area of digital and develop the SpringHarvest365 concept, serving Christians across Europe entitled 'MySpringHarvest'.
- ECGO, rebranded MySpringHarvestPLUS will become a paid for tier on the MySH site.
- Repurpose the Essential Christian Songs website to become 'Songs for The Church', having had two successful years of giving out a new free songbook resource to over 2,000 churches in the UK.
- Sign more songwriters to create new songs for the Church including writers considered to be amongst the top in their field, alongside Jake Isaac and Anna Hamilton.
- Continue work to grow revenue in song publishing and online events, to become best in class, embracing new technologies.
- Having rebranded our Partnership scheme to provide increasing gift income, seek new donors to support the ministry, and find new sources of revenue through sponsorships or advertising as well as new resource development.
- Expand our work assisting other organisations in running their events, both physical and online, recognising that event management is a strong skill we want to offer out to others.
- Develop new partnerships in 2025 specifically in SHHome and online areas.

Other information

Disabled employees

The company has procedures in place regarding the employment of disabled staff to ensure that no current or potential member of staff is disadvantaged due to disability and that all staff have equal access to training, career development and promotion.

Employee consultation

The company acknowledges the importance of staff communications and involving staff in decisions that directly affect them and their work. Several procedures and activities are in place to support decision-making and communications, including meetings held corporately, departmentally, team based and individually; and staff participation in decision making as it affects terms of employment.

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Statement of Directors' responsibilities

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the situation of the company and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the net income or expenditure, of the company for the period.

In preparing those financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable United Kingdom 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 company's operations will continue.

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

Disclosure of information to auditors

To the knowledge and belief of the Directors, there is no relevant information that the company's auditors are not aware of, and the Directors have taken all the steps necessary to ensure the Directors are aware of any relevant information, and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of the information.

Registered office

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Uckfield
East Sussex
TN22 1QG

ON BEHALF OF THE
DIRECTORS



M Young
Chair

Date:

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Essential Christian (the 'parent company') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 30 September 2024 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, the Consolidated and parent company Balance Sheets, the Consolidated 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 group's and of the charitable company's affairs as at 30 September 2024 and the group's incoming resources and application of resources, including the group income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group and 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.

Material uncertainty related to going concern

The charity recorded a deficit of £58,470 on unrestricted funds for the current year, the consolidated general funds are still negative by £417,965 and net current liabilities stand at £463,096. We also draw attention to the disclosure made in note 1.2 to the financial statements concerning the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. The financial position of the charity represents a material uncertainty which may cast doubt about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. Despite this our opinion detailed above is not modified in respect of this matter.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors 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 directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial period for which the group financial statements are prepared is consistent with the group financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the group and parent charity and their environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included with the directors' 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 accounting records have not been kept by the parent charity, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent charity financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the directors 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 directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement set out on page 14, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the group 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 group financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the group and parent 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 directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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

Based on our understanding of the company, 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 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF

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We assessed the susceptibility of the company'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 management bias in accounting estimates, presentation of separately disclosed items and management override of controls.

In response to the risks identified we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to reviewing trustees minutes, challenging significant accounting estimates, evaluating the internal controls, agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation and testing journal entries.

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.



Paul Newton FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Xeinaidin Audit Limited, Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants
5 Robin Hood Lane
Sutton
Surrey
SM1 2SW

Date:

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

		2024 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £
Income from							
<i>Donations and legacies</i>		560,226	153,016	713,242	656,487	334,941	991,428
<i>Investments</i>	2	6,893	-	6,893	1,388	-	1,388
<i>Charitable activities</i>							
Conferences and Event Ministry		2,881,706	-	2,881,706	2,740,897	-	2,740,897
Ministry Resources: Creation, Sales and Royalties	3	1,575,869	-	1,575,869	1,561,450	-	1,561,450
<i>Other sources</i>	4	160,617	-	160,617	137,357	-	137,357
Total income		<u>5,185,311</u>	<u>153,016</u>	<u>5,338,327</u>	<u>5,097,579</u>	<u>334,941</u>	<u>5,432,520</u>
Expenditure on	5						
<i>Raising funds</i>		35,468	-	35,468	35,832	-	35,832
<i>Charitable activities</i>							
Grants and Grantmaking		7,183	45,652	52,835	6,982	507,594	514,576
Conferences and Event Ministry		3,559,540	85,540	3,645,080	3,353,791	187,420	3,541,211
Ministry Resources: Creation, Sales and Royalties		1,641,590	-	1,641,590	1,619,698	-	1,619,698
Total expenditure		<u>5,243,781</u>	<u>131,192</u>	<u>5,374,973</u>	<u>5,016,303</u>	<u>695,014</u>	<u>5,711,317</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		(58,470)	21,824	(36,646)	81,276	(360,073)	(278,797)
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>(58,470)</u>	<u>21,824</u>	<u>(36,646)</u>	<u>81,276</u>	<u>(360,073)</u>	<u>(278,797)</u>
Reconciliation of funds							
Fund balances brought forward		(360,659)	28,499	(332,160)	(443,263)	388,572	(54,691)
Minority interests		1,164	-	1,164	1,328	-	1,328
Fund balances carried forward		<u>(417,965)</u>	<u>50,323</u>	<u>(367,642)</u>	<u>(360,659)</u>	<u>28,499</u>	<u>(332,160)</u>

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

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing operations.

The notes on pages 20 to 31 form part of these financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

		2024		2023	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8a		66,012		62,352
Intangible assets	9		32,266		36,447
			<u>98,278</u>		<u>98,799</u>
Current assets					
Stocks	11	5,950		8,507	
Debtors and prepayments	12	256,356		232,328	
Cash at bank		368,670		356,234	
		<u>630,976</u>		<u>597,069</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>(1,094,072)</u>		<u>(1,024,040)</u>	
Net current (liabilities)			<u>(463,096)</u>		<u>(426,971)</u>
Net (liabilities)	16a		<u>(364,818)</u>		<u>(328,172)</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted funds	14a		(417,965)		(360,659)
Restricted funds	15		50,323		28,499
			<u>(367,642)</u>		<u>(332,160)</u>
Minority interests			<u>2,824</u>		<u>3,988</u>
Total funds			<u>(364,818)</u>		<u>(328,172)</u>

The notes on pages 20 to 31 form part of these financial statements.

These financial statements were approved by the Directors on
their behalf by:

and signed on



M Young
Director

Company number: 06667924

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COMPANY BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

		2024		2023	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8b		66,012		62,352
Intangible assets	9		32,266		36,447
Investments	10		1,128		1,128
			<u>99,406</u>		<u>99,927</u>
Current assets					
Stocks	11	5,950		8,507	
Debtors and prepayments	12	255,256		231,228	
Cash at bank		310,917		233,339	
		<u>572,123</u>		<u>473,074</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>(1,045,675)</u>		<u>(914,381)</u>	
Net current (liabilities)			<u>(473,552)</u>		<u>(441,307)</u>
Net (liabilities)	16b		<u>(374,146)</u>		<u>(341,380)</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted funds	14b		(424,469)		(369,879)
Restricted funds	15		50,323		28,499
Total funds			<u>(374,146)</u>		<u>(341,380)</u>

The notes on pages 20 to 31 form part of these financial statements.

The company's net expenditure for the year ended 30 September 2024 was £32,766 (2023: £274,371).

These financial statements were approved by the Directors on
their behalf by:

and signed on



M Young
Director

Company number: 06667924

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024	2023	
		£	£	
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	(i)	51,853	(271,425)	
Cash flows used in investing activities				
Interest received		6,893	1,388	
Payments for tangible fixed asset additions		(36,960)	(35,769)	
Payments for intangible fixed asset additions		(9,350)	(26,313)	
Net cash (used in) investing activities		(39,417)	(60,694)	
Net cash inflow/(outflow)		12,436	(332,119)	
Cash and cash equivalents at start of year		356,234	688,353	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		368,670	356,234	
(i) Cash flows from operating activities				
		2024	2023	
		£	£	
Net (expenditure)/income for the year		(36,646)	(278,797)	
Interest receivable included in investing activities		(6,893)	(1,388)	
Depreciation		33,300	38,330	
Amortisation		13,531	9,028	
Decrease in stocks		2,557	16,123	
(Increase)/decrease in debtors		(24,028)	72,908	
Increase/(decrease) in creditors		70,032	(127,629)	
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		51,853	(271,425)	
(ii) Analysis of change in net debt				
	At	Cash	Non-cash	At
	1.10.23	flows	changes	30.9.24
	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	356,234	12,436	-	368,670
Other loans within one year	(575,000)	-	-	(575,000)
	(218,766)	12,436	-	(206,330)

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Essential Christian is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 14 Horsted Square, Uckfield, East Sussex TN22 1QG.

1.1 Basis of accounting

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 2020) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Essential Christian meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

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

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

1.2 Going concern

The support we have received from a corporate backer, in both gifts and cashflow assistance gives confidence to the trustees that the charity can continue to operate on a sound financial footing for the next 12 months. This has been augmented with other corporate sponsorship which is likely to continue as larger Christian charities are increasingly keen to partner with Essential Christian. The trustees are actively seeking more high net worth donors - the large three year grant which started two years ago is an encouraging sign that Essential Christian can indeed attract such backing. Trustees are also examining ways to cut costs such as reduce office space. For these reasons the accounts are prepared on a going concern basis.

1.3 Consolidation

The group financial statements combine the results of the company and its subsidiary undertakings, Daybreak Music Limited (dormant), Song Solutions Limited (a holding company for the administration of royalties from Copycare Pacific Pty Ltd) and Copycare Pacific Pty Ltd under the acquisition method. Further details of these subsidiaries is given in note 10.

Essential Christian, Song Solutions Ltd and Daybreak Music Ltd have reporting dates of 30 September. Copycare Pacific Pty Ltd has a reporting date of 30 June but produces figures to 30 September that are incorporated into the consolidated financial statements. A separate Statement of Financial Activities for the charity itself is not presented.

1.4 Income

Voluntary income and donations (including legacies) 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. The income from fundraising is shown gross, with the associated costs included in fundraising costs. Where material assets are donated to the company for its use, these are capitalised at the estimated market value at the date of the gift and included under income. Assets given for distribution by the charity are received as income when distributed and stated in the accounts at the directors' estimated market value at the time of receipt. Income is shown net of VAT and other sales taxes.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1 Accounting policies (continued)**1.5 Expenditure**

Expenditure is accrued as soon as a liability is considered probable, discounted to present value for longer term liabilities. The majority of costs are directly attributable to specific activities. Staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent by staff on each activity. Office costs, including rent of premises, are charged directly to the activity when incurred.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised and included at cost including any incidental expenses of acquisition. Donated assets are included at fair value. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost on a straight line basis over their expected useful economic lives as follows:

Motor vehicles	– over 4 years
Equipment	– over 4 to 10 years
Computer equipment	– over 3 to 4 years

1.7 Intangible fixed assets and amortisation

Intangible assets acquired separately are recognised at cost and are subsequently measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses. Such assets are defined as having finite useful lives and the costs are amortised on a straight line basis over their estimated useful economic lives on the following bases:

Website development	– over 4 years
Intellectual property	– over 3 years

Intangible assets are reviewed for impairment whenever there is an indication that the carrying value may be impaired.

1.8 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments in subsidiary undertakings are shown at cost less impairment because the fair value cannot be measured reliably.

1.9 Stocks

Stock is stated at the lower of cost and realisable value. Work in progress is recognised on 50% of the total cost of masters of recordings produced in the year.

1.10 Debtors and prepayments

Trade debtors and other receivables are included at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

1.11 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 opening of the deposit.

1.12 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.

Creditors includes deferred income, which consist of income relating to events to be undertaken in the next year which have been invoiced and/or received before the year end.

1.13 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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.14 Pension scheme arrangements

The pension costs charged represent the amount of the contributions payable in respect of the accounting period.

1.15 Cost of generating funds

This comprises expenditure incurred in the manufacture of goods and provision of services for non-charitable trading purposes and costs attributable to receiving donations.

1.16 Charitable activities expenditure

This comprises expenditure directly related to the objects of the group, including project management and support functions. Support costs are allocated principally on a basis of the proportion of time spent by employees.

1.17 Governance costs

This comprises expenditure to comply with statutory and legal requirements.

1.18 Foreign exchange transactions

Transactions and balances arising from non-UK subsidiaries are recognised at the exchange rate prevailing at the year end.

1.19 Operating lease commitments

Charges under operating leases are incurred in the period to which they relate.

1.20 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the objects of the group.

2 Investment income

	2024	2024	2024	2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest: United Kingdom	6,523	-	6,523	983
Bank interest: Rest of the World	370	-	370	405
	<u>6,893</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,893</u>	<u>1,388</u>

3 Ministry Resources: Creation, Sales and Royalties

	2024	2024	2024	2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Creation, Manufacture and Duplication of Media	-	-	-	1,418
Product Sales	162,675	-	162,675	165,119
Royalties	1,413,194	-	1,413,194	1,394,913
	<u>1,575,869</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,575,869</u>	<u>1,561,450</u>

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4 Income from other sources

	2024	2024	2024	2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Management charges from SHH	159,917	-	159,917	130,620
Management charges from Hope Lebedyn	700	-	700	6,737
	<u>160,617</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>160,617</u>	<u>137,357</u>

This residual management charge signals the end to handling of gifts to Hope Lebedyn, which is now an independent charity.

5 Expenditure

	2024	2024	2024	2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Note	£	£	£	£
Raising funds	35,468	-	35,468	35,832
Grants and grantmaking	7,183	45,652	52,835	514,576
Conferences and Events	3,559,540	85,540	3,645,080	3,541,211
Ministry Resources	1,641,590	-	1,641,590	1,619,698
	<u>5,243,781</u>	<u>131,192</u>	<u>5,374,973</u>	<u>5,711,317</u>

6 Net income/(expenditure) for the year

		2024	2023
		Total	Total
	Note	£	£
This is stated after charging:			
Staff costs	7.1	1,159,878	1,189,465
UK auditors' remuneration:			
– for audit services		15,200	14,500
– for non-audit		7,681	6,621
Depreciation		33,300	38,330
Amortisation		13,531	9,028
Operating lease rentals – land and buildings		<u>60,040</u>	<u>72,051</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024 (continued)

7 Employee information

7.1 Staff costs

	Group 2024	Group 2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	992,922	1,020,670
Social security costs	92,658	94,915
Pension costs	74,298	73,880
	<u>1,159,878</u>	<u>1,189,465</u>
Benefits in kind	19,657	20,238
	<u>1,179,535</u>	<u>1,209,703</u>

7.2 Staff numbers

The average monthly number of employees (excluding non-Executive Directors) during the year was made up as follows:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
On a total head count basis	<u>31.25</u>	<u>32.9</u>
On a full time equivalent basis	<u>26.58</u>	<u>28.3</u>

One employee received emoluments (excluding employer pension costs) between an annual equivalent of £80,000 and £90,000 in the year (2023: one between £80,000 and £90,000); plus employer pension costs of £7,358 (2023: £7,069).

7.3 Directors' emoluments

No remuneration was paid to executive directors during the year. Key management personnel remuneration (including gross salary, employer's National Insurance, benefits in kind and employer's pensions contributions) totalled £102,509 (2023: £99,457).

The following amounts were paid to or for the services of the non-executive Directors, as permitted by the Memorandum of Association under contracts for services:

	2024 £	2023 £
O Amartey	300	250
D Green	900	450
C Rogers	<u>691</u>	<u>428</u>

Also during the year, total travel expenses of £2,297 (2023: £1,043) were reimbursed to 4 (2023: 5) directors. Directors' indemnity insurance of £2,696 (2023: £2,838) was paid during the year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024 (continued)

8a Tangible fixed assets – GROUP

	Freehold Property	Computer Equipment	Fixtures and Fittings	Motor Vehicles	Plant and Machinery	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost or valuation						
At 1 October 2023	2,170	178,469	458	25,200	154,180	360,477
Additions in the year	-	-	-	-	36,960	36,960
Disposals in the year	-	-	-	-	(2,272)	(2,272)
At 30 September 2024	2,170	178,469	458	25,200	188,868	395,165
Depreciation						
At 1 October 2023	2,170	150,025	458	25,200	120,272	298,125
Charge for year	-	17,077	-	-	16,223	33,300
Released on disposal	-	-	-	-	(2,272)	(2,272)
At 30 September 2024	2,170	167,102	458	25,200	134,223	329,153
Net book value						
At 30 September 2024	-	11,367	-	-	54,645	66,012
At 30 September 2023	-	28,444	-	-	33,908	62,352

8b Tangible fixed assets – COMPANY

	Freehold Property	Computer Equipment	Fixtures and Fittings	Motor Vehicles	Plant and Machinery	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost or valuation						
At 1 October 2023	-	175,366	-	25,200	155,260	355,826
Additions in the year	-	-	-	-	36,960	36,960
Disposals in the year	-	-	-	-	(2,272)	(2,272)
At 30 September 2024	-	175,366	-	25,200	189,948	390,514
Depreciation						
At 1 October 2023	-	146,924	-	25,200	121,350	293,474
Charge for year	-	17,077	-	-	16,223	33,300
Released on disposal	-	-	-	-	(2,272)	(2,272)
At 30 September 2024	-	164,001	-	25,200	135,301	324,502
Net book value						
At 30 September 2024	-	11,365	-	-	54,647	66,012
At 30 September 2023	-	28,442	-	-	33,910	62,352

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024 (continued)

9 Intangible fixed assets – GROUP AND COMPANY

	Intellectual Property	Website Costs	Total
	£	£	£
Cost or valuation			
At 1 October 2023	12,500	35,897	48,397
Additions in the year	-	9,350	9,350
Disposals in the year	-	-	-
At 30 September 2024	12,500	45,247	57,747
Amortisation			
At 1 October 2023	1,736	10,214	11,950
Charge for year	4,167	9,364	13,531
Released on disposal	-	-	-
At 30 September 2024	5,903	19,578	25,481
Net book value			
At 30 September 2024	6,597	25,669	32,266
At 30 September 2023	10,764	25,683	36,447

10 Fixed asset investments – COMPANY

	2024 £	2023 £
Shares in subsidiaries – cost less impairment		
At 1 October 2023	1,128	1,128
Disposals	-	-
At 30 September 2024	1,128	1,128
Historical cost	1,128	1,128

Essential Christian owns 100% of the issued share capital of Daybreak Music Ltd (company number 01438805) and Song Solutions Ltd (company number 02714955), which are both companies registered in England and Wales at the same address as Essential Christian. Daybreak Music Ltd had net assets at 30 September 2024 of £1,000 and profit for the year then ended of £nil. Song Solutions Ltd had net assets at 30 September 2024 of £100 and profit for the year then ended of £nil.

Essential Christian also holds a 70% stake in Copycare Pacific Pty Limited, a company registered in Australia, by virtue of its 100% shareholding in its immediate parent company, Song Solutions Ltd. Copycare Pacific Pty Limited had net assets at 30 September 2024 of AUS\$18,192 and profit for the year then ended of AUS\$18,005.

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11 Stocks – GROUP AND COMPANY

	2024 £	2023 £
Goods for resale	5,950	8,507
	<u>5,950</u>	<u>8,507</u>

12 Debtors

	Group		Company	
	2024 £	2023 £	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	110,586	81,306	110,586	81,306
Other debtors including other taxation	30,747	41,887	29,647	40,787
Prepayments and accrued income	115,023	109,135	115,023	109,135
	<u>256,356</u>	<u>232,328</u>	<u>255,256</u>	<u>231,228</u>

13 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Group		Company	
	2024 £	2023 £	2024 £	2023 £
Other loans	575,000	575,000	575,000	575,000
Trade creditors	36,274	46,064	36,274	46,064
Other creditors including taxation	208,283	211,366	159,886	101,707
Accruals and deferred income	274,515	191,610	274,515	191,610
	<u>1,094,072</u>	<u>1,024,040</u>	<u>1,045,675</u>	<u>914,381</u>

The other loans are interest free and repayable on 30 days notice. Such notice is not to be given before 31 May 2026. They are secured via a fixed and floating charge on the assets of the company.

14a Unrestricted funds – GROUP

	Balance B/F £	Minority interests £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance C/F £
2024						
General funds	(460,659)	1,164	5,185,311	(5,243,781)	-	(517,965)
Designated funds	100,000	-	-	-	-	100,000
	<u>(360,659)</u>	<u>1,164</u>	<u>5,185,311</u>	<u>(5,243,781)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(417,965)</u>
2023						
General funds	(443,263)	1,328	4,997,579	(5,016,303)	-	(460,659)
Designated funds	-	-	100,000	-	-	100,000
	<u>(443,263)</u>	<u>1,328</u>	<u>5,097,579</u>	<u>(5,016,303)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(360,659)</u>

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14b Unrestricted funds – COMPANY

	Balance B/F £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance C/F £
2024					
General funds	(469,879)	4,957,439	(5,012,029)	-	(524,469)
Designated funds	100,000	-	-	-	100,000
	<u>(369,879)</u>	<u>4,957,439</u>	<u>(5,012,029)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(424,469)</u>
2023					
General funds	(455,581)	4,809,162	(4,823,460)	-	(469,879)
Designated funds	-	100,000	-	-	100,000
	<u>(455,581)</u>	<u>4,909,162</u>	<u>(4,823,460)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(369,879)</u>

The designated fund relates to a donation received designated for the development and growth of Song Solutions.

15 Restricted funds – GROUP AND COMPANY

	Balance B/F £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance C/F £
2024					
SH Partnership Fund	-	81,866	(81,866)	-	-
Seed Fund	24,381	20,906	(29,000)	-	16,287
Everyone In Fund	1,910	5,800	(3,674)	-	4,036
SH inclusivity 2025	-	30,000	-	-	30,000
SHH offerings fund	-	14,444	(14,444)	-	-
SHH offerings fund: Accessibility Fund	2,208	-	(2,208)	-	-
	<u>28,499</u>	<u>153,016</u>	<u>(131,192)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,323</u>
2023					
SH Partnership Fund	-	96,183	(96,183)	-	-
SH North	91,237	-	(91,237)	-	-
Seed Fund	3,440	37,941	(17,000)	-	24,381
Everyone In Fund	-	1,910	-	-	1,910
SHH offerings fund	-	6,784	(6,784)	-	-
SHH offerings fund: Accessibility Fund	2,601	-	(393)	-	2,208
Hope Lebedyn	291,294	192,123	(483,417)	-	-
	<u>388,572</u>	<u>334,941</u>	<u>(695,014)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,499</u>

SH Partnership Fund

The Spring Harvest Partnership Fund comprises gifts made specifically in support of and for running the Spring Harvest event.

SH North

This comprised a donation in 2019 to support Spring Harvest in the North.

SH inclusivity 2025

This comprised a donation in 2024 to support an inclusivity project for the 2025 event.

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15 Restricted funds – GROUP AND COMPANY (continued)

Everyone In Fund

This fund provides discounts and bursaries to help people on low incomes to attend Spring Harvest. The funds include collections from the SH Youth and Children's offerings.

SHH Offerings fund

These funds were given by Spring Harvest Holidays guests to be used to support projects in France, a bursary scheme to assist people who would not otherwise be able to attend, and seasonal children's workers who were moving into ministry or training roles.

SHH Offerings fund: Accessibility Fund

The allows for improved facilities for Spring Harvest Holidays guests with disabilities.

Seed Fund

This was a 10% tithe of gifts to the Spring Harvest offering plus a specific donation to provide seed funding to individuals with a Christian vision to start local projects to restore, renew and serve their communities. In 2024 there was continuing focus on supporting children and young people.

Hope Lebedyn

This comprises funds given in support of a mission centre and church in Lebedyn, Ukraine.

16a Analysis of net assets by fund – GROUP

	2024			2023		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	66,012	-	66,012	62,352	-	62,352
Intangible fixed assets	32,266	-	32,266	36,447	-	36,447
Net current (liabilities)/assets	(513,419)	50,323	(463,096)	(455,470)	28,499	(426,971)
Minority interests	(2,824)	-	(2,824)	(3,988)	-	(3,988)
	<u>(417,965)</u>	<u>50,323</u>	<u>(367,642)</u>	<u>(360,659)</u>	<u>28,499</u>	<u>(332,160)</u>

16b Analysis of net assets by fund – COMPANY

	2024			2023		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	66,012	-	66,012	62,352	-	62,352
Intangible fixed assets	32,266	-	32,266	36,447	-	36,447
Investments	1,128	-	1,128	1,128	-	1,128
Net current (liabilities)/assets	(523,875)	50,323	(473,552)	(469,806)	28,499	(441,307)
	<u>(424,469)</u>	<u>50,323</u>	<u>(374,146)</u>	<u>(369,879)</u>	<u>28,499</u>	<u>(341,380)</u>

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17 Constitution of the company and status

The governing instrument of the company is its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The company is limited by guarantee, the liability of each member being limited to £1. At 30 September 2024 there were 8 members (2023: 7 members).

The company is registered as a company with number 06667924, registered with the Inland Revenue and is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

18 Pension scheme arrangements

The group makes contributions to personal pension plans held by employees. The pension cost charge represents the contributions paid by the group to the funds and amounted to £74,298 (2023: £73,880) for the year.

19 Grants and grantmaking

The following institutional and individual grants were made by the charitable company during the year:

		2024 £
Institutional grants		
Breath Of Dance	(Spring Harvest Seed Fund)	2,500
Family Holiday Trust	(Spring Harvest Seed Fund)	1,500
First Stop & Reading Street Pastors	(Spring Harvest Seed Fund)	2,500
Gram Seed	(Spring Harvest Seed Fund)	5,000
Healing Eve - Biblical Wellbeing Program	(Spring Harvest Seed Fund)	2,500
Matryoshka Haus UK	(Spring Harvest Seed Fund)	2,500
Rainbow Promise North East and Yorkshire	(Spring Harvest Seed Fund)	2,500
St Martins Family Club	(Spring Harvest Seed Fund)	2,500
The Friendship Lab Course	(Spring Harvest Seed Fund)	2,500
Youth for Christ Gloucestershire	(Spring Harvest Seed Fund)	5,000
SAS Le Pas Opton	(Spring Harvest Holidays)	16,652
Total institutional grants		45,652
Grantmaking costs		7,183
Total grants and grantmaking		52,835

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20 Financial commitments

The charitable company's total future minimum lease payments under operating leases at 30 September 2024 were payable as set out below:

	2024 £	2023 £
Within one year	3,711	56,440
Between two and five years	-	-
More than five years	-	-
	<u>3,711</u>	<u>56,440</u>

The operating lease charges for the year were:

	2024 £	2023 £
Land and buildings	56,440	68,451
Hire of plant, machinery and fittings	3,600	3,600
	<u>60,040</u>	<u>72,051</u>

21 Related party relationships and transactions

ZipAddress Ltd and AFD Software Ltd are companies controlled by D Dorricott, a director of Essential Christian. During the year interest free loan advances of £nil (2023: 350,000) were received by Essential Christian from ZipAddress Limited. £nil (2023: £350,000) was repaid during the year, leaving a balance of £575,000 (2023: 575,000) at the year end.

During the year £159,917 (2023: £130,620) of income relating to management services was received from Spring Harvest Holidays Ltd, a company registered in England and Wales and owned by ZipAddress Ltd and of which D Dorricott and H Francis are mutual directors.

During the year £5,400 (2023: £3,600) of purchases were made from PCC of All Hallows Bromley by Bow, a charity registered in England and Wales of which Christopher Rogers, a director of Essential Christian, is a trustee.

During the year royalties of £2,533 (2023: £3,883) were paid to Elim Sound, which is a ministry of the Elim Foursquare Gospel Alliance, where Rev Olivia Amartey is Executive Director.

The total amount of unrestricted donations received from directors and related parties during the year was £180,300 (2023: £200,300).

Donations of £nil (2023: £5,000) were received from The Stuart Hine Trust which is a charity of which Phil Loose, CEO of Essential Christian, is a trustee.

During the year £93,196 (2023: £21,280) of advertising and sales were made to Home for Good, of which Olivia Amartey is a director and Tania Bright is the CEO. Furthermore £nil (2023: £31) of royalties were paid to Home for Good.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR INDIVIDUAL COMPANY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £
Income from						
<i>Donations and legacies</i>	565,060	153,016	718,076	665,228	334,941	1,000,169
<i>Investments</i>	6,523	-	6,523	983	-	983
<i>Charitable activities</i>						
Conferences and Event Ministry	2,881,706	-	2,881,706	2,740,897	-	2,740,897
Ministry Resources: Creation, Sales and Royalties	1,343,533	-	1,343,533	1,364,697	-	1,364,697
<i>Other sources</i>	160,617	-	160,617	137,357	-	137,357
Total income	<u>4,957,439</u>	<u>153,016</u>	<u>5,110,455</u>	<u>4,909,162</u>	<u>334,941</u>	<u>5,244,103</u>
Expenditure on						
<i>Raising funds</i>	35,468	-	35,468	35,832	-	35,832
<i>Charitable activities</i>						
Grants and Grantmaking	7,183	45,652	52,835	6,982	507,594	514,576
Conferences and Event Ministry	3,559,540	85,540	3,645,080	3,353,791	187,420	3,541,211
Ministry Resources: Creation, Sales and Royalties	1,409,838	-	1,409,838	1,426,855	-	1,426,855
Total expenditure	<u>5,012,029</u>	<u>131,192</u>	<u>5,143,221</u>	<u>4,823,460</u>	<u>695,014</u>	<u>5,518,474</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	(54,590)	21,824	(32,766)	85,702	(360,073)	(274,371)
Transfer between funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	<u>(54,590)</u>	<u>21,824</u>	<u>(32,766)</u>	<u>85,702</u>	<u>(360,073)</u>	<u>(274,371)</u>
Reconciliation of funds						
Fund balances brought forward	<u>(369,879)</u>	<u>28,499</u>	<u>(341,380)</u>	<u>(455,581)</u>	<u>388,572</u>	<u>(67,009)</u>
Fund balances carried forward	<u>(424,469)</u>	<u>50,323</u>	<u>(374,146)</u>	<u>(369,879)</u>	<u>28,499</u>	<u>(341,380)</u>



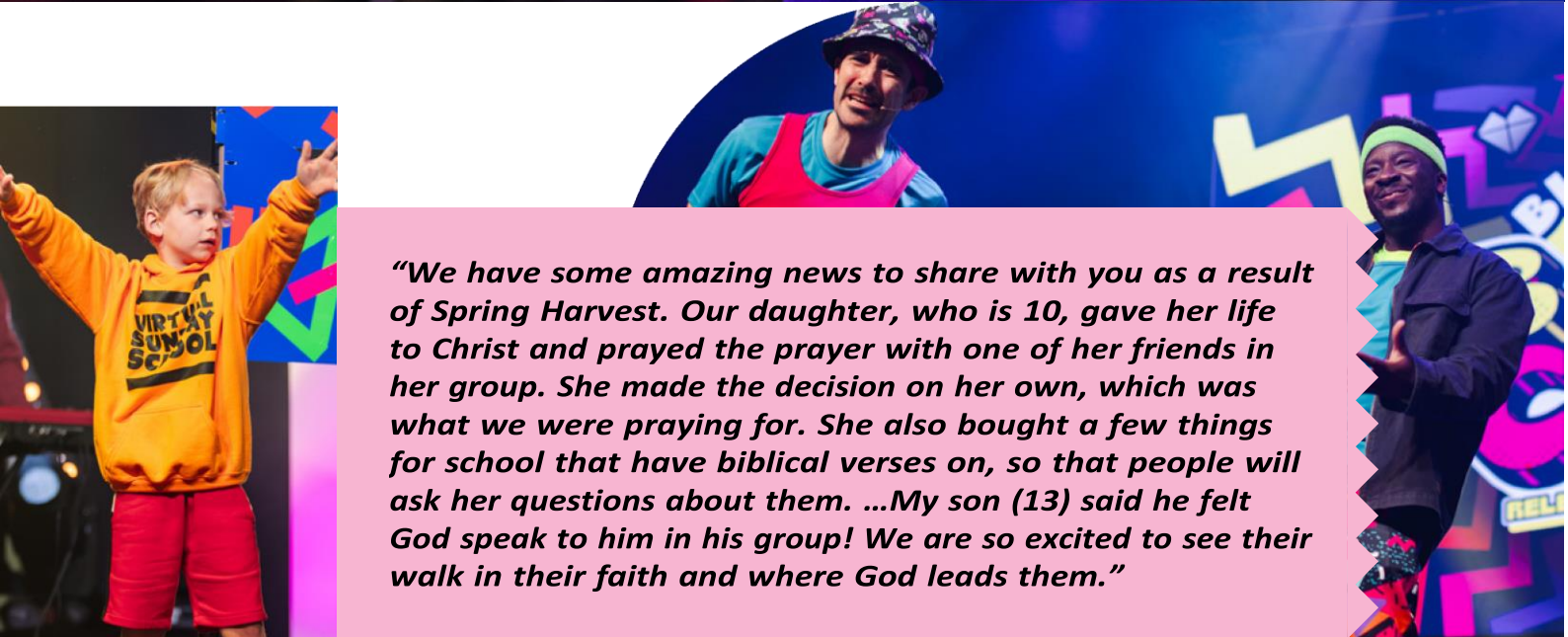
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Good news!

More than **600** young people chose to start following Jesus at Spring Harvest in 2024.



"We have some amazing news to share with you as a result of Spring Harvest. Our daughter, who is 10, gave her life to Christ and prayed the prayer with one of her friends in her group. She made the decision on her own, which was what we were praying for. She also bought a few things for school that have biblical verses on, so that people will ask her questions about them. ...My son (13) said he felt God speak to him in his group! We are so excited to see their walk in their faith and where God leads them."



Gather. Grow. Go.

Spring Harvest makes spaces where **all ages can encounter Jesus** be equipped for life with him.

With worship, teaching, prayer and fun, we create and curate shared experiences and new opportunities for all people to be empowered for the spiritual adventure we've been called to live.

We care deeply about the local church and her next generation
We facilitate mountain-top moments with God. We provide sustenance for everyday faith. We work hard to make it accessible **for everyone**

Through physical and digital events and resources, we are excited to play a part in God's mission and ministry.



"The worship was simply incredible and deeply connected us to God. The diverse venues provided a wide range of unique and enjoyable experiences."
Brian Heasley 24-7 Prayer



Spring Harvest 2024

in numbers

More than **12,000** people experienced Spring Harvest.

More than **600** young people became Christians.

Over **200** people accessed a pastoral appointment for prayer and counselling.

More than **1,100** volunteers made it happen.

We live-streamed into **75** prisons, that's **65,000** cells.

Over **400** people were trained in prayer ministry to take back to their churches.

More than **700** guests benefitted from the Everyone In Fund.

There were over **300** attendances at Alpha sessions.

8 new community projects began thanks to the Seed Fund.





**We are reaching further
through digital connection
and innovation**

More than **1,000 devices** watched Spring Harvest Home. **2,300 views** of the digital online seminar stream during the event. **334,000 connections** across all social media channels. **65,000 prison cells** connected by TV.

"I really enjoyed being part of the gathering from home."



"I am a prisoner... I am a Christian man who has made big mistakes in my life... I just want to thank you so much for live streaming [SH HOME] on WayOut TV. I pray so hard for more worship services – and you came. Oh my, God is good! I want to get the message out there about God – whilst I am here in prison I do what I can to bring brothers and sisters to Christ. I even share the gospel with the staff. But what you [at Spring Harvest] do is so big. I thank you, and God."





Lives were changed by God in all kinds of different ways

"I was very blessed to connect with friends and get some **respite and rich teaching and worship and prayer** to replenish my low reserves."

"The fire of the Holy Spirit came to me - it was amazing!"

"**Amazing to witness someone being healed** and getting up from their wheelchair!"



"Having prayed hard at Spring Harvest, no miracle cure happened. But **I did come home feeling spiritually uplifted** and in a better frame of mind to live with this condition while I await healing."

"**The dark cloud that had been hanging over me had lifted**, there was a new lightness in my heart that has remained since then. My circumstances haven't changed much (although my sleep has improved) but I can honestly say that I feel I've got God's smile back."



"I am going home not angry but **completely refreshed** in less pain, having slept, and more on fire for God, like I used to be!"



"We had a group of 11 and one of the adults is not a Christian. He came last year and refused to go into any sessions, but went walking along the beach instead. This year, after telling everyone he met about how great Spring Harvest was, he was choosing the sessions he wanted to go to! He's not made a commitment (yet!) but **Spring Harvest helped in giving him lots of opportunities, in different ways, to ask questions, hear Bible teaching and meet people who love the Lord**. We keep praying for him. The rest of us have left refreshed and ready to serve in our local church again - the 6/7 hour journey is totally worth it!! Hope to be back next year!"

"I can't describe in words how positively this has influenced my person, but I know that **without what I experienced within that space, I would not to this day feel so incredibly rich in spirit and God's love**."

"My highlight of the week has to be Cris Roger's Bible study and teaching **it was vibrant and alive, as well as being incredibly accessible**. He brought the passages to life."





We champion the next generation to reach their potential


31% of guests were under 18.

More than **3,500** attended kids and youth sessions.

411 volunteer team members blessed our children and young people.


141 hours of kids and youth content at the event.

More than **600** young people chose to follow Jesus.



"My daughter has decided that she wants to be a missionary and a youth pastor and she wants to go to Bible college. Spring Harvest has played a huge part in her making these decisions."

"We want to thank you for an exciting and stretching experience. We are an adoption family with 3 siblings who struggle to navigate loud, crowded and new places... We got more support than we could have ever imagined or asked for... All three children went from observing to engaging and want to come back! This is incredible!"





"It has been so good to originally bring our 3 children and watch them grow in their faith. Our daughter and her husband felt the call to go to China at Spring Harvest (they were there for 13 years). Now we have the privilege of coming with six of our grandchildren... As one 14-year-old said, 'It's been the best week ever!'"



An event for everyone

Many Spring Harvest guests identify as having additional needs or disabilities. We aim to remove barriers to connecting with God at the event. We try to help everyone access the programme alongside their peers, unless they choose to engage another way.

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- BSL and Makaton translation
 - Wheelchair access and hearing loops
 - Speech-to-text facility in the largest venue
 - Dyslexia friendly song projection and screens
 - Sensory profiles and quiet areas
 - Braille and large print on request
 - Tailored content with Count Everyone In for adults with learning disabilities
 - A professional Disability Consultant on each resort
 - A dedicated Additional Needs team with specific spaces and specialised resources in each kids and youth venue.
 - Team training, particularly in the use of inclusive language
 - Providing resources in e-book and audio book formats



"I have no doubt that Spring Harvest's commitment to ensuring disability inclusion across the event touches many lives, in fact I know it does because in my role I have the pleasure of witnessing that first hand. But I also realise that the obvious commitment of Spring Harvest to making the whole event accessible in so many different ways, raises awareness amongst guests and I am sure will have ongoing impact on churches as people go home from the event and think about how they can put some of these things into practice in their own church situations."

Janet Eardley, Through the Roof



We work together with other Christian faith-based organisations to build a better world



1
main event
partner



2
secondary
event partners



1,200
new relationships
for our three main
partners

12
key collaborations with
other organisations

39
exhibiting ministries





The Spring Harvest Seed Fund

10% of all gifts received into the offering by Spring Harvest (from April until June) forms a seed fund to help launch church-based initiatives that serve and transform local communities.

In 2024, we reported back on **8** community projects that were successful in applying for funding during the previous year. Grants ranged from £1000 to £2500.

Since the 2024 event, 10 new projects have been approved to receive a grant.



- Supported the launch of a forest school aimed at helping children with selective mutism.
- Provided equipment to support a community-focused church in Bristol with multicultural and evangelistic events.
- Supported the launch of outward-looking family ministries in three different communities: a family club, a family choir and an all-age worship initiative.
- Provided resources for a new Safe Space in Reading, which has developed from their thriving Street Pastors ministry.
- Supported a new mixed ecology church tool called 'Ecosystem'.
- Supported a new mission initiative called 'NxtMove Europe'.





Everything we do is made possible by generosity

We are grateful to God for every donation. Almost 20% of our income comes from charitable giving.

Over **700** people partner with us by giving regularly.

£190,000 was given in the 2024 event offering.

10% of the offering was tithed into the seed fund.

1 'Match Funder' doubled the offering.

3 grants were received from Trust Funds.

We distributed over **£60,000** to help those on low incomes attend the event.



"The stuff you did for our teenagers was great and Spring Harvest is investing into their spiritual lives in a great way. It's their favourite week of the year!"

"Thank you so much for what you do. Spring Harvest has been the catalyst for much of the work I'm doing for the Kingdom and for my daughter's salvation."

"A big highlight for us all is the kids work. The volunteers make such an effort and really manage to relate to all three of my children. They have so much fun and get really confident in their faith being around such great people who shine Jesus."

Out of the darkness into Your glorious day



It's church,
but not as you know it.

