



River Church (St Neots) Ltd
Report and Accounts
Year Ended 31st December 2024

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INFORMATION

Directors/Trustees:	Trevor Single Rob McFarlane Mark Crawford Colin Makin Gregg Donaldson
Governing Documents:	Memorandum & Articles of Incorporation dated 7th November 2008
Company Registration Number	06744133
Charity Registration Number	1127383
Registered Office	33 Staploe, St Neots, PE19 5JA
Independent Examiner	K. Webb 20 Staploe St Neots PE19 5JA
Bankers	NatWest plc

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS / TRUSTEES

The trustees are pleased to present their annual directors' report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 December 2024, which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, 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).

Objects of the Charity

The primary aims of the Trust are to fulfil the role of a Christian church, to promote the Christian faith and to demonstrate God's love to the local community and throughout the world through education and the relief of suffering and poverty.

Structure, Governance and Management

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 7th November 2008. The Charity was established under a memorandum of association which established the objects and powers of the charity and it is governed under its articles of association. The policy and operating decisions of the charity rest with the Directors who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the company.

Review of Activities

During the year ended 31st December 2024 the main ways the Charity sought to achieve its objects were as follows:

- By conducting weekly public services for Christian worship, teaching and pastoral care open to the whole community.
- By providing and hosting activities for children and young people through our groups on Friday evenings and Sunday mornings.
- By producing and making available for free Christian teaching resources. This included video and audio recordings and the distribution of the Bible and Christian books.
- By supporting people suffering from bereavement or loss through the provision of counselling or support as part of our pastoral care for the community.
- By involvement in local community projects with advice, human resources and financial support.
- By supporting Christian missionary work with advice, human resources and financial support.
- By making Rob McFarlane available to strengthen local churches in the United Kingdom.
- By hosting a radio show on Sundays on our local community radio station, Black Cat Radio.
- By promoting positive community relationships and good citizenship through partnership with other local organisations, including partnership with other local churches, local government and community organisations.

Financial Review

The company has now completed its 15th year of trading and income for the 12 months of trading amounted to £102,983, (2023 - £96,509), of which £17,080, (2023 - £17,134) relates to tax recoverable from HM Revenue & Customs in respect of donations received under Gift Aid.

Total expenses amounted to £113,876, (2023 - £120,610).

Reserves Policy

The Board of Directors have established a policy whereby free reserves held by the charity should be maintained at 3 month's expenditure, subject to any need for abnormal urgent expenditure.

Risk Statement

The Directors have reviewed the risks to which a small charity operating with few employees is exposed. Appropriate procedures are in place to identify, monitor and review these risks on a regular basis.

Public Benefit Statement

In planning the activities of the charity the Directors have regard to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission in September 2013.

Director's Responsibilities

Charity law requires us as Directors to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which give a true and fair view of the state of the charity and of its income and expenditure for the year.


- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts.
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, and comply with regulations made under the Charities act.


We also have the responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities. The trustees are also responsible for the contents of the trustees report, and the responsibility of the independent examiner in relation to the trustees report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that, on the face of the report, there are no inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

Approval

This report was approved by the Directors and signed on their behalf by:


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Rob McFarlane
Trustee

12/05/2025
.....
Date


.....
Mark Crawford
Trustee

12/5/2025
.....
Date



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

RIVER CHURCH (ST NEOTS) LTD

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31ST DECEMBER 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1127383

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**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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

Signed:

K Webb

Date:

7 May 2025

Name:

KIM WEBB

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Address:

20 STAPLOE, ST NEOTS, CAMBS, PE19 5JA

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Prior Year
Income				
Donations and Legacies	£ 99,565	£ 0	£ 99,565	£ 93,945
Other Trading Activities	£ 1,525	£ 1,200	£ 2,725	£ 2,564
Incoming resources from charitable activities	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0	£ 982
Other incoming resources	£ 693	£ 0	£ 693	£ 650
Total income	£ 101,783	£ 1,200	£ 102,983	£ 98,141
Expenditure				
Cost of generating funds	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0	£ 1,780
Charitable activities	£ 113,576	£ 300	£ 113,876	£ 118,830
Total expenditure	£ 113,576	£ 300	£ 113,876	£ 120,610
Net income / (expenditure) before transfer	£ (11,793)	£ 900	£ (10,893)	£ (22,469)
Transfers				
Gross transfers between funds - in				£ 0
Gross transfers between funds - out				£ 0
Other recognised gains / losses				
Gains / losses on investment assets				
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use				
Net movement in funds	£ (11,793)	£ 900	£ (10,893)	£ (22,469)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	£ 63,680	£ 8,382	£ 72,062	£ 94,530
Total Funds carried forward	£ 51,888	£ 9,282	£ 61,170	£ 72,062

BALANCE SHEET

	As at 31st December 2024	As at 31st December 2023
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	£ 4,103	£ 5,180
	£ 4,103	£ 5,180
Current assets		
Debtors	£ 2,930	£ 2,775
Cash at bank and in hand	£ 58,211	£ 67,554
	£ 61,141	£ 70,329
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	£ 4,073	£ 3,447
Net current assets less current liabilities	£ 57,067	£ 66,882
Total assets less current liabilities	£ 61,170	£ 72,062
Total net assets less liabilities	£ 61,170	£ 72,062
Represented by		
Unrestricted - General Fund	£ 51,888	£ 63,680
Restricted - Building Fund	£ 8,044	£ 6,844
Restricted - Relaunch Fund	£ 0	£ 0
Restricted - People Needs	£ 1,238	£ 1,538
Funds of the church	£ 61,170	£ 72,062

BALANCE SHEET CONTINUED

For the year ended 31 December 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 Companies Act 2006. No member of the company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 and 387 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a fair and true view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial period and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions relating small companies within part 15 of the Companies Act, and in accordance with FRS 102 SORP.

Approved by the Directors and signed on their behalf by:


Rob McFarlane
Trustee

12/05/2025
Date


Mark Crawford
Trustee

12/5/2025
Date

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	2024	2023
Cash flow from operating activities		
Net income/(expenditure)	£ (11,586)	£ (23,118)
Depreciation and loss on sale of assets	£ 1,349	£ 1,313
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	£ (154)	£ 361
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	£ 627	£ 2,525
Interest from investments	£ 0	£ 0
	£ (9,764)	£ (18,919)
Cash flow from other sources		
Sale proceeds from fixed assets	£ 0	£ 270
Interest from investments	£ 694	£ 650
Cash flow from investing activities		
Purchase of fixed assets	£ (272)	£ (5,660)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash	£ (9,343)	£ (23,659)
Cash at bank and in hand at beginning of the year	£ 67,554	£ 91,213
Cash at bank and in hand at end of the year	£ 58,211	£ 67,554

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

(1) Accounting Policies

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 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006, and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts present a true and fair view and no changes have been made to accounting policies adopted in note 1.

Donated and grant income: Donated income and grants receivable are taken into account when received by the charity. Income received in circumstances where a claim for repayment of tax has been or will be made to HM Revenue & Customs is grossed up for the tax recoverable. Any amount of tax reclaimed from HM Revenue & Customs but not yet received is shown within the charity's debtors.

Expenditure: Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT is taken into account when incurred by the Charity, regardless of when payment is made.

Funds: Unrestricted funds are donations and other income received or generated for the objects of the charity without specified purpose and are available for purposes as directed by the trustees. Restricted funds are amounts received where the donor has specified the purpose for which it should be used.

Fixed assets and depreciation: Fixed assets acquired for use by the charity are capitalised and depreciated over their estimated useful life unless they cost less than £100 when they are written off on purchase. Depreciation periods on Equipment is between 3 and 5 years.

Taxation: The company is a registered charity and is exempt from taxation under the Income & Corporation Taxes Acts.

(2) Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
General Donations	£ 82,485	£ 0	£ 82,485	£ 76,811
Tax Recovered	£ 17,080	£ 0	£ 17,080	£ 17,134
TOTAL	£ 99,565	£ 0	£ 99,565	£ 93,945

(3) Cost of Raising Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Advertising and Marketing	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0	£ 1,780

(4) Expenditure on Charitable Activities

Direct Charitable Costs

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Employment Costs (Note 5)	£ 56,592	£ -	£ 56,592	£ 57,508
Property Costs	£ 20,247	£ -	£ 20,247	£ 19,581
Meeting Costs	£ 13,481	£ -	£ 13,481	£ 18,477
Conference and Training	£ 119	£ -	£ 119	£ 525
Event Costs	£ 3,268	£ -	£ 3,268	£ 3,879
Teaching Materials	£ 403	£ -	£ 403	£ 833
Travel and Subsistence Costs	£ 2,401	£ -	£ 2,401	£ 2,766
Legal and Professional	£ 618	£ -	£ 618	£ 919
Grants and Donations	£ 10,730	£ 300	£ 11,030	£ 8,947
Finance Costs	£ 411	£ -	£ 411	£ 386
Depreciation	£ 1,349	£ -	£ 1,349	£ 1,313
TOTAL	£ 109,620	£ 300	£ 109,920	£ 115,134

Legal and Professional Fees include Governance Costs of £300 (2023: £300), being the independent examiner's fees.

Support and Administration

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Office Costs	£ 3,956	£ 0	£ 3,956	£ 3,696
TOTAL	£ 3,956	£ 0	£ 3,956	£ 3,696

Combined Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
TOTAL	£ 113,576	£ 300	£ 113,876	£ 118,830

(5) Staff and Trustees

The charity has 1 full time and 3 part time employed staff. No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum. Rob McFarlane, a trustee received remuneration of £29,824.56. No remuneration was paid to any other trustee during the period. Trustees were reimbursed a total of £1,971.83 in conference, training, travel, subsistence and miscellaneous expenses all of which was directly relevant to their role as leaders or trustees of the church. Pension contributions of £5,349.96 (2023: £5,265) were made on behalf of the trustee, Mr R McFarlane.

(6) Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost	Equipment	Total
At 1st January 2024	£ 24,348	£ 24,348
Additions	£ 272	£ 272
Disposals	£ 0	£ 0
At 31st December 2024	£ 24,620	£ 24,620

Accumulated Depreciation	Equipment	Total
At 1st January 2024	£ 19,168	£ 19,168
Charge for the Year	£ 1,349	£ 1,349
Adjustment on Disposals	£ 0	£ 0
At 31st December 2024	£ 20,517	£ 20,517

Net Book Value	Equipment	Total
At 31st December 2024	£ 4,103	£ 4,103
At 31st December 2023	£ 5,180	£ 5,180

(7) Debtors and Prepayments

	2024	2023
Tax Recoverable	£ 1,373	£ 1,154
Bond	£ 1,557	£ 1,557
Other Debtors	£ 0	£ 64
Total	£ 2,930	£ 2,775

(8) Cash at Bank and in Hand

	2024		2023	
Bank Current Account	£	58,211	£	67,554
TOTAL	£	58,211	£	67,554

(9) Creditors - Liabilities Falling Due within One Year

	2024		2023	
Income Tax and National Insurance	£	439	£	439
Accruals	£	3,634	£	3,008
Total	£	4,073	£	3,447

(10) Funds as at 31st December 2024

General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Balance at 31st December 2024
£51,888	£0	£9,282	£61,170

(11) Members

Each member commits to contribute, if the charity is wound up, an amount of £1.

(12) Related Party Transactions

Remuneration of £9,983.56 was paid during the year to Mrs G McFarlane, Mr R McFarlane's wife. Pension contributions of £4,498.50 were also paid on behalf of Mrs McFarlane.

Remuneration of £2,754.00 was paid during the year to Mrs L Crawford, Mr M Crawford's wife.

There have been no other related party transactions in the reporting period.