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Charity number: 1127987

BIG CHURCH FESTIVAL LIMITED
(A company limited by guarantee)

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

Trustees

Leigh Brian Hills
Gary Paul Spicer (resigned 31 August 2023)
Faye De Pelet (appointed 17 November 2022)
Andreas Strajnic (appointed 7 March 2024)

Company registered number

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Charity registered number

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Big Church Festival Ltd for the 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024. The Annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the group and the Company qualify as small under section 383 of the Companies Act 2006, the Group strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Objectives and activities

● **Policies and objectives**

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and consider that the activities of the charity meet its charitable objectives and provide a benefit to the public.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

● **Principal Activity**

Our charity's purposes as set out in the objects contained in the company's memorandum of association are the advancement and celebration of the Christian faith through open air music and performance events.

This year, we were thrilled to once again fulfill our core mission of creating the largest Church unity and evangelistic event in the UK. The Big Church Festival continues to grow in both size and impact, drawing over 25,000 people from all corners of the UK (and beyond) to come together in worship, fellowship, and evangelism.

Our vision remains steadfast: to create a space for unity, worship, and evangelism that shines brightly as a beacon of hope for the Church across the UK. The festival has become a symbol of the Church's power to unite, inspire, and impact lives. As we gather each year, we are reminded of the power of community, and how much we can accomplish when we come together under one roof—united in faith, purpose, and love.

The event production team, along with our Trustees, continue to pour their energy and passion into the vision of the Big Church Festival. Our goal is to ensure that the event serves as a "light on a hill" for the Church—showcasing the vibrancy, diversity, and strength of the Christian community in the UK. Year after year, we are committed to expanding our reach, developing the site at Wiston House, and welcoming more attendees from across the UK and beyond. Our dream is to continue growing the festival, creating more space for connection, worship, and evangelism, so that we can positively impact even more lives.

A Unique Business Model

As we continue to learn and grow, we've embraced a unique business model that sets the Big Church Festival apart from smaller events. Rather than simply being a scaled-up conference that relies primarily on ticket sales, the Greenfield Festival Model incorporates a more diverse set of income streams. This includes not just ticket sales, but also concessions, sponsorships, and donor and grant funding, all of which are crucial in ensuring the sustainability and growth of the event.

This model allows us to provide a high-quality experience for all attendees, while also ensuring that we can continue our charitable activities and expand the festival's reach. By balancing healthy income streams across multiple channels, we are able to reinvest in the event, furthering its impact both spiritually and economically.

Looking ahead, we remain more committed than ever to the vision of the Big Church Festival. With each passing year, our impact grows, and we are excited to see how God will continue to use this event to bring unity, spark evangelism, and inspire positive change within the UK Church and beyond.

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Achievements and performance

● **Charitable activities**

The Big Church Festival is not just an event; it's a dynamic celebration of faith, community, and creativity that brings together thousands of people from across the UK and beyond. Originally known as Big Church Day Out, this festival showcases the unity and diversity of the Church in a way that is both inspiring and inclusive, offering a space where everyone—whether deeply involved in church life or just exploring their faith—can come together, connect, and experience something truly special.

Key Highlights of the Big Church Festival:

1. Celebrating the Christian Faith

At its heart, the Big Church Festival is all about advancing and celebrating the Christian faith through music, worship, and live performances. The festival is a powerful reminder that faith can be both personal and communal, inviting people to explore deeper connections with God and with one another.

2. A Welcoming Space for All

Whether you're part of a church or not, the Big Church Festival is for everyone. Its inclusive, friendly atmosphere creates a space where believers and seekers alike can experience the Church's diverse and vibrant community. It's an environment where differences are celebrated, and the common thread of faith brings everyone together.

3. Partners in Purpose

This festival wouldn't be possible without its amazing partners—national and international organizations, local churches, charities, and countless volunteers—who come together with one shared goal: to serve the church and the world. Their collective effort makes the Big Church Festival a truly global gathering with deep local roots, creating a rich tapestry of support and community.

4. A Showcase of Creativity and Worship

The Big Church Festival is a celebration of creativity in all its forms. From world-class worship leaders to cutting-edge musicians and artists, the event creates a platform for showcasing the incredible talent within the Church. With every performance, every art piece, and every worship session, the festival pushes the boundaries of excellence, demonstrating the Church's vibrant creative spirit.

5. Shining a Light on Social Justice

Beyond music and celebration, the festival also amplifies voices advocating for social justice and mission-driven causes. By giving space to Christian charities and organizations, the festival enables attendees to engage with key global and local issues, providing opportunities for action and support in ways that are both impactful and meaningful.

6. Building the Global Church Family

At the heart of the festival is the desire to create a sense of belonging. It's a place where Christians from all backgrounds and walks of life can see the broader picture of God's family. For those who pour themselves into local church communities year-round, the Big Church Festival offers a well-deserved moment to relax, recharge, and celebrate the journey of faith together with others.

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Achievements and performance (continued)

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7. Transforming Lives and Communities

Through times of focused worship and prayer, the Big Church Festival aims to not only affect the individuals who attend, but to ripple out, influencing the spiritual atmosphere of entire regions. Attendees leave with renewed inspiration, taking the love, hope, and vision they've experienced back to their homes, churches, and communities.

8. Reaching a Wider Audience

The Big Church Festival doesn't just stop at those who attend—it seeks to tell the powerful story of the living, breathing Church to the world. Through media partnerships and outreach, the festival helps share the transformative impact of the Church with a broader audience, making sure that its story is told far and wide.

Financial review

• **Going concern**

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

• **Reserves policy**

The trustees have examined the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation and are pleased to report that Big Church Festival remains in a sound and viable position to move forward and have managed the reserves to do so.

• **Principal funding**

We are a not for profit event, and are blessed with key supporters, who have invested heavily in the vision of the Big Church Festival. That vision sees us reaching out to as many of God's people as we can, which is why we are able to offer a subsidised ticket pricing model. Our ticket revenues cover around two thirds of the event cost, with concessions, sponsors & the generosity of numerous donors meeting the funding shortfall.

Structure, governance and management

• **Constitution**

Big Church Festival Limited is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association.

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

• **Methods of appointment or election of Trustees**

The management of the Group and the Company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Articles of Association.

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Structure, governance and management (continued)

• **Organisational structure and decision-making policies**

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 19 January 2009 and registered as a charity. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

All of the directors give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the charity. All payments made to related parties of the directors and key management are shown as a note to the accounts.

• **Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees**

All the trustees are already familiar with the practical work of the charity. Any new trustees will be invited and encouraged to attend training sessions to familiarise themselves with the charity and the context within which it operates.

Plans for future periods

As it continues to grow, the Big Church Festival aims to remain a place of excellence, inspiration, and unity. By creating a platform for people to connect, worship, and serve, the festival is not only shaping the future of UK Christianity, but also influencing the global Church. It's a place where people don't just witness the Church's vibrancy—they experience it firsthand and become part of the story.

Moving forward the event moves in 2025 to the August Bank Holiday Weekend and extends to 3 days, giving greater opportunity for impact.

Whether attending, volunteering, or supporting in another way, the Big Church Festival invites people to be part of a movement that's bigger than any one person or congregation—it's the living, breathing Church coming together to shine brightly for the world to see.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial . Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group and the Company and of their incoming resources and application of resources, including their income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) 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 Group will continue in business.

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

Disclosure of information to auditors

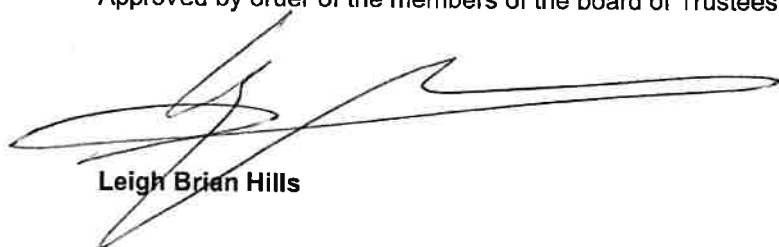
Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable group's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable group's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

The auditors, Baldwin Scofield Ltd, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditors at a meeting of the Trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 6 March 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Leigh Brian Hills

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BIG CHURCH FESTIVAL LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Big Church Festival Limited (the 'parent charitable company') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 30 June 2024 which comprise the Consolidated statement of financial activities, the Consolidated balance sheet, the Company balance sheet, the Consolidated statement of cash flows and the related notes, 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 parent charitable company's affairs as at 30 June 2024 and of the Group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its 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 Charities Act 2011.

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 Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Group's or the parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BIG CHURCH FESTIVAL LIMITED
(CONTINUED)

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustees' report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- the parent charitable company has not kept sufficient accounting records; or
- the parent charitable company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the Group's and the parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the Group or the parent charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BIG CHURCH FESTIVAL LIMITED
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Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 151 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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 Auditors' 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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the charitable company and determined that the most significant are those that relate to the reporting framework in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011 and the relevant direct and indirect tax compliance regulations in the United Kingdom.

We understood how the charitable company is complying with those frameworks by making enquiries of management to understand how the charitable company maintains and communicates its policies and procedures in these areas and corroborated this by reviewing supporting documentation and minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur by considering the risk of management override to be a fraud risk. In addition, we considered the risk of management override by sampling from the entire population of journals, identifying specific transactions which did not meet our expectations based on specific criteria and investigated these to gain an understanding and then agree back to source documentation.

Based on this understanding we designed our audit procedures to identify noncompliance with such laws and regulations. Our procedures involved verifying that material transactions were recorded in compliance with Financial Reporting Standards in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' report.

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Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees 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.



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6 March 2025

Baldwin Scofield Ltd are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND
EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

	Note	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	-	274,451	274,451	981,370
Charitable activities	4	-	3,657,777	3,657,777	3,113,866
Other trading activities	5	-	179,174	179,174	45,092
Investments	6	-	(28)	(28)	87
Other income	7	-	-	-	26,833
Total income		-	4,111,374	4,111,374	4,167,248
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		-	28,448	28,448	20,201
Charitable activities	8	-	3,668,298	3,668,298	4,277,996
Total expenditure		-	3,696,746	3,696,746	4,298,197
Net movement in funds before other recognised gains/(losses)		-	414,628	414,628	(130,949)
Other recognised gains/(losses):					
Other (losses)/gains		-	(2,347)	(2,347)	3,313
Net movement in funds		-	412,281	412,281	(127,636)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		2,900	(404,957)	(402,057)	(274,421)
Net movement in funds		-	412,281	412,281	(127,636)
Total funds carried forward		2,900	7,324	10,224	(402,057)

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

The notes on pages 18 to 34 form part of these financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	23,766	4,728
		<u>23,766</u>	<u>4,728</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	15	410,353	363,114
Cash at bank and in hand		85,803	587,632
		<u>496,156</u>	<u>950,746</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(509,698)	(1,357,531)
Net current liabilities		<u>(13,542)</u>	<u>(406,785)</u>
Total net assets		<u>10,224</u>	<u>(402,057)</u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	18	2,900	2,900
Unrestricted funds	18	7,324	(404,957)
Total funds		<u>10,224</u>	<u>(402,057)</u>

The Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the entity to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

However, an audit is required in accordance with section 151 of the Charities Act 2011.

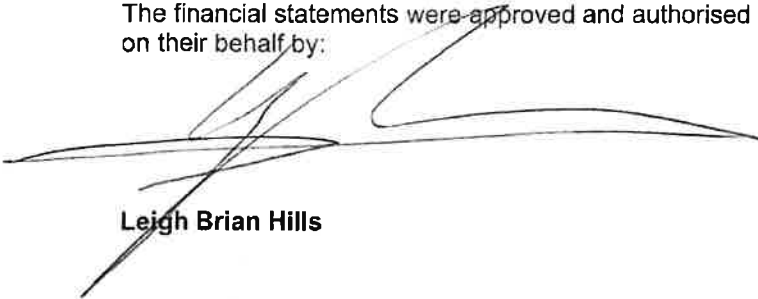
The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
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The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 06 March 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leigh Brian Hills', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping 'L' and 'H'.

The notes on pages 18 to 34 form part of these financial statements.

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COMPANY BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	23,766	4,728
Investments	14	100	100
		<u>23,866</u>	<u>4,828</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	15	412,629	423,429
Cash at bank and in hand		75,720	334,867
		<u>488,349</u>	<u>758,296</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(507,962)	(1,161,893)
Net current liabilities		<u>(19,613)</u>	<u>(403,597)</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>4,253</u></u>	<u><u>(398,769)</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	18	-	2,900
Unrestricted funds	18	4,253	(401,669)
Total funds		<u><u>4,253</u></u>	<u><u>(398,769)</u></u>

The Company's net movement in funds for the year was £426,895 (2023 - £(150,167)).

The Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the entity to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

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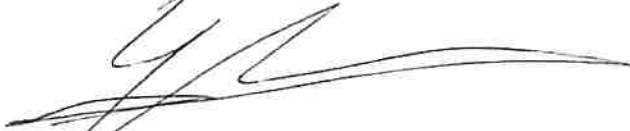
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COMPANY BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
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The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 06 March 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Leigh Brian Hills

The notes on pages 18 to 34 form part of these financial statements.

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

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash used in operating activities	(474,374)	254,940
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(25,080)	-
Foreign currency gains	(2,347)	3,313
Interest income	(28)	87
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities	(27,455)	3,400
Cash flows from financing activities		
Repayments of borrowing	-	(90,000)
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities	-	(90,000)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	(501,829)	168,340
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	587,632	419,292
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	85,803	587,632

The notes on pages 18 to 34 form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

1. General information

Big Church Festival Limited is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

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

Big Church Festival Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The Consolidated statement of financial activities (SOFA) and Consolidated balance sheet consolidate the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiary undertaking. The results of the subsidiary are consolidated on a line by line basis.

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption allowed under section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and has not presented its own Statement of financial activities in these financial statements.

2.2 Income

All income is recognised once the Company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the Consolidated statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

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

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

2.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.3 Expenditure (continued)

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Group's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.4 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Group; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

2.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £NIL or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Computer equipment	-	33% on cost
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2.6 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Consolidated statement of financial activities.

Investments in subsidiaries are valued at cost less provision for impairment.

2.7 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.8 Cash at bank and in hand

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

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.9 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Consolidated statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2.10 Financial instruments

The Group only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.11 Pensions

The Group operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Group to the fund in respect of the year.

2.12 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Group and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Group for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Donations	274,451	274,451

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Donations	981,370	981,370

4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income from charitable activities	3,657,777	3,657,777

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Income from charitable activities	3,113,866	3,113,866

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5. Income from other trading activities

Income from non charitable trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Online ticket sales	179,174	179,174
	<u>179,174</u>	<u>179,174</u>
	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Online ticket sales	42,975	42,975
Other income	2,117	2,117
	<u>45,092</u>	<u>45,092</u>

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6. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Investment income - local cash	(28)	(28)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Investment income - local cash	87	87
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

7. Other incoming resources

		Total funds 2024 £
	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Other income	26,833	26,833
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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8. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Direct costs of charitable activities	3,668,298	3,668,298
	<u>3,668,298</u>	<u>3,668,298</u>
	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total 2023 £</i>
Direct costs of charitable activities	4,277,996	4,277,996
	<u>4,277,996</u>	<u>4,277,996</u>

9. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2024 £	Support costs 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Direct costs of charitable activities	3,016,205	652,093	3,668,298
	<u>3,016,205</u>	<u>652,093</u>	<u>3,668,298</u>
	<i>Activities undertaken directly 2023 £</i>	<i>Support costs 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Direct costs of charitable activities	3,565,858	712,138	4,277,996
	<u>3,565,858</u>	<u>712,138</u>	<u>4,277,996</u>

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9. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Charitable activities 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Staff costs	129,160	129,160
Production costs	1,418,147	1,418,147
Event costs	1,468,898	1,468,898
	<u>3,016,205</u>	<u>3,016,205</u>
	<i>Charitable activities 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Staff costs	100,211	100,211
Production costs	2,040,197	2,040,197
Event costs	1,425,450	1,425,450
	<u>3,565,858</u>	<u>3,565,858</u>

10. Auditors' remuneration

	2024 £	2023 £
Fees payable to the Company's auditor/independent examiner for the audit/examination of the Company's annual accounts	<u>10,500</u>	<u>9,750</u>

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11. Staff costs

	Group 2024 £	Group 2023 £	Company 2024 £	Company 2023 £
Wages and salaries	119,049	94,294	119,049	94,294
Social security costs	7,183	3,622	7,183	3,622
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	2,929	2,295	2,929	2,295
	129,161	100,211	129,161	100,211

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

	Group 2024 No.	Group 2023 No.	Company 2024 No.	Company 2023 No.
Administration	3	1	3	1

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

The trustees consider that the key management personnel are the Promoter and the Event Manager.

During the year the key management invoiced the charity (net of VAT) for services rendered as follows:

Management fees charged by Arkyard Ltd in which the promoter has an interest, £78,654 (2023 - £84,054).

Marketing costs charged by Arkyard Ltd in which the promoter has an interest, £104,027 (2023 - £95,596).

During the year the trustees and key management received a number of free tickets. These were for the further advancement of the charitable objects.

12. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2023 - £NIL).

During the year ended 30 June 2024, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2023 - £NIL).

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13. Tangible fixed assets

Group

	Computer equipment £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 July 2023	35,166
Additions	25,080
At 30 June 2024	<u>60,246</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 July 2023	30,438
Charge for the year	6,042
At 30 June 2024	<u>36,480</u>
Net book value	
At 30 June 2024	<u><u>23,766</u></u>
At 30 June 2023	<u><u>4,728</u></u>

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13. Tangible fixed assets (continued)

Company

	Computer equipment £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 July 2023	35,166
Additions	25,080
At 30 June 2024	60,246
Depreciation	
At 1 July 2023	30,438
Charge for the year	6,042
At 30 June 2024	36,480
Net book value	
At 30 June 2024	23,766
At 30 June 2023	4,728

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14. Fixed asset investments

Company	Investments in subsidiary companies £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 July 2023	100
At 30 June 2024	100
Net book value	
At 30 June 2024	100
At 30 June 2023	100

Principal subsidiaries

The following was a subsidiary undertaking of the Company:

Name	Company number	Registered office or principal place of business	Principal activity
Big Church Live Limited	08705651	62 The Street, Rustington, West Sussex, BN16 3NR	Ticket sales

Class of shares	Holding	Included in consolidation
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Ordinary	100%	Yes
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The financial results of the subsidiary for the year were:

Name	Income £	Expenditure £	Profit/(Loss)/ Surplus/ (Deficit) for the year £	Net assets £
Big Church Live Limited	179,174	169,915	9,259	6,071

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15. Debtors

	Group 2024 £	Group 2023 £	Company 2024 £	Company 2023 £
Due within one year				
Trade debtors	72,854	93,248	72,854	93,528
Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	-	2,902	60,035
Other debtors	627	180	-	180
Prepayments and accrued income	265,826	200,377	265,827	200,377
Tax recoverable	71,046	69,309	71,046	69,309
	<u>410,353</u>	<u>363,114</u>	<u>412,629</u>	<u>423,429</u>

16. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Group 2024 £	Group 2023 £	Company 2024 £	Company 2023 £
Bank overdrafts	320	-	320	-
Trade creditors	348,014	937,899	347,478	930,988
Other taxation and social security	2,226	2,852	2,226	2,203
Other creditors	606	-	606	-
Accruals and deferred income	158,532	416,780	157,332	228,702
	<u>509,698</u>	<u>1,357,531</u>	<u>507,962</u>	<u>1,161,893</u>

Deferred income amounting to £91,708 relates to advance ticket sales in relation to the event that will be held in August 2025.

17. Financial instruments

	Group 2024 £	Group 2023 £	Company 2024 £	Company 2023 £
Financial assets				
Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure	85,803	587,632	75,720	334,867

Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure comprise balances held by banks.

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18. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 July 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 30 June 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	(401,669)	3,932,200	(3,526,831)	(2,347)	1,353
Reserves	(3,288)	179,174	(169,915)	-	5,971
	<u>(404,957)</u>	<u>4,111,374</u>	<u>(3,696,746)</u>	<u>(2,347)</u>	<u>7,324</u>
Restricted funds					
Big Church Youth	<u>2,900</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,900</u>
Total of funds	<u>(402,057)</u>	<u>4,111,374</u>	<u>(3,696,746)</u>	<u>(2,347)</u>	<u>10,224</u>

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 July 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 30 June 2022 £
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	(247,769)	4,122,156	(4,279,368)	3,313	(401,668)
Reserves	(29,552)	45,092	(18,829)	-	(3,289)
	<u>(277,321)</u>	<u>4,167,248</u>	<u>(4,298,197)</u>	<u>3,313</u>	<u>(404,957)</u>
Restricted funds					
Big Church Youth	<u>2,900</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,900</u>
Total of funds	<u>(274,421)</u>	<u>4,167,248</u>	<u>(4,298,197)</u>	<u>3,313</u>	<u>(402,057)</u>

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19. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 July 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 30 June 2024 £
General funds	(404,957)	4,111,374	(3,696,746)	(2,347)	7,324
Restricted funds	2,900	-	-	-	2,900
	<u>(402,057)</u>	<u>4,111,374</u>	<u>(3,696,746)</u>	<u>(2,347)</u>	<u>10,224</u>

Summary of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 July 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 30 June 2023 £
General funds	(277,321)	4,167,248	(4,298,197)	3,313	(404,957)
Restricted funds	2,900	-	-	-	2,900
	<u>(274,421)</u>	<u>4,167,248</u>	<u>(4,298,197)</u>	<u>3,313</u>	<u>(402,057)</u>

20. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	23,766	23,766
Intangible fixed assets	2,900	(2,900)	-
Current assets	-	496,156	496,156
Creditors due within one year	-	(509,698)	(509,698)
Total	<u>2,900</u>	<u>7,324</u>	<u>10,224</u>

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20. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period

	<i>Restricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	-	4,728	4,728
Current assets	2,900	947,847	950,747
Creditors due within one year	-	(1,357,531)	(1,357,531)
Total	2,900	(404,956)	(402,056)

21. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	Group 2024 £	Group 2023 £
Net income/expenditure for the period (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	414,628	(130,949)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	6,042	7,374
Interest income	28	(87)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(47,240)	50,533
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(847,832)	328,069
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	(474,374)	254,940

22. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	Group 2024 £	Group 2023 £
Notice deposits (less than 3 months)	85,803	587,632
Total cash and cash equivalents	85,803	587,632

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23. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 July 2023	Cash flows	At 30 June 2024
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	587,632	(501,829)	85,803
Bank overdrafts repayable on demand	-	(320)	(320)
Debt due after 1 year	-	-	-
	<u>587,632</u>	<u>(502,149)</u>	<u>85,483</u>

24. Pension commitments

The group operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the group to the fund and amounted to £2,929 (2023 - £2,295). Contributions amounting to £606 (2023 - £nil) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in creditors.