



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From

Period start date

Day 01

Month 04

Year 2023

To

Period end date

Day 31

Month 03

Year 2024

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name Gujarati Christian Fellowship United Kingdom

Other names charity is known by

GCFUK

Registered charity number (if any)

1129962

Charity's principal address

1 Beech House

2 Gatehouse Close

Ashford

Middlesex

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Postcode

TW15 1HZ

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Franklin Ashirvad Khedia	Chairman		Board of Trustees
Joshua Samuel Solanki	Secretary		Board of Trustees
Arnold Christian	Treasurer		Board of Trustees
NOTE:			

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity’s trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Memorandum of Association and Article of Association
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust, Company limited by guarantee
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by Board of Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees; ☐ the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Gujarati Christian Fellowship United Kingdom (Charity Commission Registration Number **(1129962)**) also known as GCFUK is governed by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee as defined by the Companies Act 2006. The address of the Charity is: 1 Beech House, 2 Gatehouse Close, Ashford, Middlesex TW15 1HZ and correspondence should be addressed to The Secretary to the charity at this address.

The Trustees of the charity are appointed by the board of trustees, appointed in accordance with the governing document and deed of trust, who during the year, or at the time of this report were:

- Franklin Ashirvad Khedia (Chairman)
- Joshua Samuel Solanki (Secretary)
- Arnold Christian (Treasurer)

Board of Trustees holds regular meetings for planning & development supported by Leadership team of volunteers.

- All trustees' meetings and general meetings were successfully held during the year.
- Committee meetings were successfully held for different events.
- Funds were spent as per budget and according to the financial procedures of the charity.

Financial risk is assessed by the board of trustees and leadership team. In general, it is considered that income will meet projected expenditure on the Charity's accounts, we maintain sufficient reserves to meet reasonable unexpected costs.

Administration:

- GCFUK trustees and leadership team carried out its administration through in-person meetings, website management and through email chains.
- Correspondence, records of minutes and other documents properly maintained and filed.
- Accounts are being maintained and kept up to date.
- GCFUK did not have any employed staff during the year.
- GCFUK appointed Rev'd. Davidson Solanki and Rev'd. Immanuel Christian as honorary pastor to help and nurture the congregation of the Gujarati Church.

Section C**Objectives and activities**

Summary of the objects of charity set out in its governing document

- To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of beliefs appearing in the docket in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit and to fulfill such other conceptions which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the Charity.
- To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the nourishment of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counseling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit.
- Gujarati Church Service organised on each Sunday every month at St. John Evangelist Church in Wembley.
- Sunday School was organised each Sunday of every month during the Sunday services.
- Sunday School Sunday was organised for children.
- Revival Meetings took place during the Holy Week.
- Easter Celebration was organised.
- Youth Sunday was organised.
- Family Retreat and all age picnic were organised for members.
- Mother's Sunday and Women's celebrations were organised.
- Choir Sunday was organized
- Christmas Carols Service & Christmas Celebration with Cultural programme was successfully.
- Weekly prayers meetings and Bible studies were organised.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**Spiritual Life & Leadership:**

Gujarati church services are conducted throughout the year, with gatherings scheduled each Sunday at St. John The Evangelist Church in Wembley, and on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays at Holy Trinity Church in Hounslow. During the year we decided to have Gujarati church services only at St John, Wembley to serve our congregation need. We have continued to have church services on all Sundays at St John, Wembley and also have special services and community gathering on special occasions and celebrations.

These services consistently draw an increasing number of attendees. In addition, due to growing interest, Skype prayer meetings, which were initially held on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 9:00 PM, are now conducted every Saturday at the same time, leading to a substantial rise in participation. Bible study sessions are also organized weekly on Fridays from 8:30 PM to 10:00 PM in the Hounslow and Wembley areas. During the year, these sessions have seen a marked increase in attendance, with participants in Hounslow joining via Skype and those in Wembley meeting in person at a member's residence.

Family visits:

The pastoral team conducted visits to members and their families to deliver spiritual guidance, social support, and pastoral care.

Gujarati church special services:

In addition to the regular Sunday services, the church organized special ceremonies to commemorate significant occasions such as Good Friday, Easter Sunday, and Christmas Day. Youth caroling events were hosted at the residences of members, and the congregation assembled with considerable joy and enthusiasm for the Watch Night service and New Year's Day celebrations. These events were received with a profound sense of joy and fervor by the congregation.

Holy Week Meetings:

Throughout Passion Week, evening gatherings were meticulously organized at various locations across London, hosted within the homes of church members. Distinguished speakers led insightful Bible reflections, concentrating on the death and resurrection of Lord Jesus Christ. These gatherings now attracted an increased attendance of over 15 people each day. On Good Friday, the observance featured profound teachings on the last seven sayings of Jesus. The celebration of Easter Sunday was marked by a vibrant and ceremonious Gujarati folk dance, followed by a fellowship dinner, fostering a sense of community and shared joy.

Family Retreat:

The Gujarati Church UK organized family retreat Sunday on 20th August 2023 at St Luke's Church, Hampshire for a day. The retreat had participation of over 50 members, who appreciated the opportunity for fellowship and spiritual rejuvenation. GCFUK also organized summer picnic for its congregation, and it was enthusiastically attended by all age members of the congregation.

Women Fellowship:

Over the course of this financial year, the Women's Fellowship has orchestrated a series of significant programs, such as a 24-hour prayer chain, attendance at a Women's Conference, a Women's Retreat, and a special Women's and Mother's Sunday Service. These endeavors have provided essential social and spiritual support to women and families in need, enhancing community bonds and promoting empowerment and unity among participants.

Youth Fellowship:

During the current financial year, the Youth Fellowship successfully organized a Youth Retreat, providing essential social support to the church's young members. This year, Youth Sunday was celebrated once again at St John Wembley, with attendance growing significantly to over 60 people. During this special service, the youth continued to support each other, demonstrating remarkable solidarity and community spirit.

Sunday school:

Every Sunday, during the message time, the Sunday school is conducted, typically welcoming an increased number of children. The Gujarati church continues to celebrate Sunday School Sunday, an event where all the Sunday school children enthusiastically participate in various programs such as dance, Bible recitations, and songs. This event continues to build upon its success, aiming to attract even more participation and engagement from the young members of the community.

Worship:

In the spirit of Christmas, the church is eagerly preparing to host a series of Christmas carol events throughout December at the homes of its members. This year, there is an anticipated increase in attendance for each gathering. The choir, which has consistently led the congregation in worship throughout the year, continues to enrich the spiritual lives of its members through this cherished tradition. Furthermore, a special Christmas carol service and Christmas celebration event are scheduled for December, with expectations of welcoming over 200 attendees.

Pastoral update:

Face to face pastoral care and social activities continue. Our Pastoral Visitors (and others) maintain contact with the church community by visiting all those who welcome it and where it is not possible, by making phone calls or text messages, contributing to the WhatsApp groups, and emailing our weekly services details and special event invitations. We are blessed to have such people, serving others and

demonstrating God's love. Our pastoral team provided support to our members during the time of celebrations and challenging times. Our pastoral team visited families at the time of sickness and loss of family members, providing spiritual and pastoral support in challenging times. We give thanks to God for the people we know and have known, who have shown us his love and we put our trust in Him as we look forward to continued worship, singing and fellowship in the years ahead.

Volunteers:

The charity is supported by a dedicated team of volunteers in the UK who contribute their expertise in IT, finance, administration, secretarial duties, event management, training, outreach activities, and the charity's daily operations.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The charity had total receipts of **£34,842 (2023: £18,419)**, during the year the income increased significantly as the congregation increased during the year. Total expenditure during the year was **£23,198 (2023: £15,227)**, the expenditure also increased to serve the increasing number of congregation and activities.

Reserves:

The Charity maintains the reserve fund as per the policy of the Trust and the Board of Trustee regularly review the income and expense of the trust to maintain the reserve of the trust. The charity aims to maintain free reserve equivalent to three months of expenditure. The charity had free reserves **£75,883 (£64,239)**, which was equivalent to 24 months of expenditures.

Charitable giving.

During the year **£1,100** was donated to DEC Earthquake Appeal in May 2023, while **£ 300** was donated to St Lukes Grayshott.

Section F Other optional information

N/A

Funds have been utilised for supporting the key objectives of the charity (please refer to the above activities).

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Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees’ report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

Signature(s)	<div>F.Khedia</div>	
Full name(s)	<div>Mr. Frenklin A. Khedia</div>	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	<div>Chairman</div>	
Date	<div>05/12/2024</div>	

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CHARITY REGISTERED NUMBER:1129962

GUJARATI CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP UNITED KINGDOM

DIRECTORS' AND TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2024

JACRING ASSOCIATES
11 KING ARTHUR CLOSE
LONDON
SE15 2LP

GUJARATI CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP UNITED KINGDOM

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Company Number:	06898036
Registered Charity Number:	1129962
Chairman:	Frenklin Arshirvad Khedia
Treasurer:	Arnold Christian
Director:	Frenklin Arshirvad Khedia Arnold Christian Joshua Samuel Solanki
Trustees:	Frenklin Arshirvad Khedia Arnold Christian Joshua Samuel Solanki
Secretary:	Joshua Samuel Solanki
Registered Office:	1 Beech House 2 Gatehouse Close Ashford Middlesex TW15 1HZ
Accountants:	Jacring Associates 11 King Arthur Close London SE15 2LP
Bankers:	HSBC Bank PLC 127 High Street Hounslow Middlesex TW3 1QP

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GUJARATI CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP UNITED KINGDOM

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2024

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31/03/2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

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

Financial review

This report was approved by the board of directors and trustees on 14th December 2024.

F. Khedia

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Frenklin Arshirvad Khedia
Trustee.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF GUJARATI CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP UNITED KINGDOM

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2024

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31/03/2024 which are set out on pages 3 to 8.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the company (and also its director for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe: (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or (2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or (3) the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or (4) the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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



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Jacring Associates
11 King Arthur Close
London
SE15 2LP

Dated: 14th December 2024

GUJARATI CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP UNITED KINGDOM

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
ACCOUNT)**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2024

	Unrest'd Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and Legacies	33,715	33,715	18,192
Investments	1,127	1,127	227
Total income and endowments	<u>34,842</u>	<u>34,842</u>	<u>18,419</u>
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	21,478	21,478	14,130
Other	1,720	1,720	1,097
Total resources expended	<u>23,198</u>	<u>23,198</u>	<u>15,227</u>
Net movement in funds	11,644	11,644	3,192
Total funds brought forward	<u>£ 64,239</u>	<u>£ 64,239</u>	<u>61,047</u>
Total funds carried forward	<u><u>£ 75,883</u></u>	<u><u>£ 75,883</u></u>	<u><u>£ 64,239</u></u>

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

GUJARATI CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP UNITED KINGDOM

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

DETAILED ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
General Fund				
Balance B/fwd	64,239		61,047	
Surplus for the year	11,644		3,192	
	<hr/>	75,883	<hr/>	64,239
Total funds at 31/03/2024		<hr/> <hr/> £ 75,883		<hr/> <hr/> £ 64,239

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BALANCE SHEET

AT 31/03/2024

	Note	2024	2023
		£	£
Current assets			
Bank Accounts		76,839	65,195
		<u>76,839</u>	<u>65,195</u>
Creditors			
Amounts falling due within one year	6	956	956
		<u>956</u>	<u>956</u>
Net current assets		75,883	64,239
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>75,883</u>	<u>64,239</u>
Net assets		<u>£ 75,883</u>	<u>£ 64,239</u>
Capital funds			
Unrestricted funds		75,883	64,239
Total funds		<u>£ 75,883</u>	<u>£ 64,239</u>

For the year ending 31/03/2024, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

Director's responsibilities:

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

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities to comply with the Act's accounting records and account preparation requirements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to the small companies' regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006).

Approved by the trustees on

F. Khedia

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Frenklin Arshirvad Khedia

The annexed notes form part of these financial statements.

GUJARATI CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP UNITED KINGDOM

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2024

1. Accounting policies

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, 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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The Financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

2. Income

	Unrest'd Funds 2024 £	Rest'd Income Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations and legacies				
Donations and legacies	4,409	0	4,409	5,328
Service offerings	28,707	0	28,707	12,864
Other donations	599	0	599	0
	<hr/> 33,715	<hr/> 0	<hr/> 33,715	<hr/> 18,192
Investment income				
Interest	1,127	0	1,127	227
	<hr/> 1,127	<hr/> 0	<hr/> 1,127	<hr/> 227

3. Investment income

	2024 £	2023 £
Income from bank deposits	1,127	227
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2024

4. **Expenditure on raising funds**

	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£
Charitable expenses	13,846		8,539
Other operating leases	7,428		5,137
Insurance	0		307
Membership fees	10		10
Bank charges	194		137
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		21,478	14,130
		<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>

5. **Other costs**

	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£
Software and website	990		417
Accountancy and legal fees	730		680
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		1,720	1,097
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6. **Creditors**

Amounts falling due within one year:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accrued Expenses	956	956
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	£ 956	£ 956
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