

MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1133488

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2010-01-08

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH IS THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE BAPTIST DENOMINATION. THE CHURCH MAY ALSO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND CARRY OUT OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND/OR OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

Activities: The Charity operates through Sunday worship including activities for children. Additionally we operate a breakfast for homeless people on a Saturday under the title Bridges. The Church offers a breadth of pastoral care especially for vulnerable people and seeks to work in partnership with the Swift Centre and Alternatives, two local charities, to serve young people and vulnerable families.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNITED KINGDOM AND/OR OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.
- Newham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£237,096	£187,012	-	-
2023-12-31	£223,750	£186,523	-	-
2022-12-31	£178,258	£177,728	-	-
2021-12-31	£128,606	£135,014	-	-
2020-12-31	£192,815	£122,828	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Andrew Allcock	Chair	2022-01-03
Brian Dexter		2020-10-05
Daniel Ronald Fitter		2024-10-06
Deborah Sewell-Rouse		2020-10-05
HILARY COLSTON		2015-07-05
Jeremy Paul Clewett		2023-10-01
Lydia Adjoa Yeboah		2023-10-01
Meghna Dwyer		2025-10-19
Oluseye Adelani Oyawoye		2024-10-06
Roseline Kikelomo Ariyo Small		2024-12-01
Shola Ajose		2022-09-10
Valerie Jean Fallows Donnelly		2024-10-06

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Accounts

Memorial Community Church
Unaudited Financial Statements
31 December 2024

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Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2024

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Deacons' Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2024

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name Memorial Community Church

Charity registration number 1133488

Principal office 395 Barking Road
Plainstow
London
E13 8AL

The trustees

Rev Andrew Allcock
Hilary Colston
Lydia Yeboah
Clive Furness (Resigned 6 October 2024)
Deborah Sewell
Brian Dexter
Shola Ajose
Jeremy Clewett
Daniel Fitter
Rose Small
Val Donnolly
Seye Oyawoye

Church secretary Seye Oyawoye

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Deacons' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2024

Structure, governance and management

The church is part of the Baptist denomination of churches in the UK. Rev Andrew Allcock has continued as the minister for Memorial Community Church. The church leadership consists of elders and deacons. The deacons serve as Church trustees. There were monthly elders and deacons' meetings as well as regular church meetings throughout the year where the mission's activities were deliberated upon. There was also the Church AGM on the 6th of October 2024 which also coincided with the Church harvest.

The deacons who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Rev Andrew Allcock
Hilary Colston
Lydia Yeboah
Clive Furness
Deborah Sewell
Brian Dexter
Shola Ajose
Jeremy Clewett
Daniel Fitter
Rose Small
Val Donnolly
Seye Oyawoye

The deacons are appointed by the members of the church in general meeting.

The day-to-day running of the church is dealt with by the minister, elders and deacons.

Objectives and activities

The church's objects are to proclaim the Christian faith and to serve the local community through its work and witness. The policies adopted in furtherance of these objects are the running of the various activities of the church.

The deacons have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the church should undertake.

Charity works continued, including Bridges, Alternatives, Our Community Cares, Survivor Together, New Way, Food Bank, etc. There were regular tithes to other charities: We gave annual tithes to two charities as nominated by Church members meeting: 1) a local UK charity, and 2) an international charity. A Flood Appeal for £250 was raised and sent to the Presbyterian Church of East Africa (PCEA).

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Year ended 31 December 2024

Achievements and performance

Memorial Community Church has continued to hold regular services and to seek to serve the local neighbourhood throughout 2024.

We are still continuing with hybrid worship services, in person and on Zoom. On the first Sunday of each month at 6.30pm there is an additional communion service, in person. Custom House Baptist Church continued to worship with us, while their building was being renovated. Services were shared with them and their contributions were appreciated.

STAFF

The church buildings manager continues to manage our buildings. Also, we retain a cleaner working with the building manager to ensure the environments are kept clean, especially in light of increasing rentals of our buildings.

The finance officer was initially working for 4 hours per week but this has since been increased to 5 hours during 2024. The church complies with all relevant national guidance in terms of wages, allowances and leave entitlements, including the London Living wage (LLW).

BUILDINGS

Work continued according to the maintenance schedule established for the two buildings. However, over the past year, with the help of grants received, we have resolved the problem of water leakages in the east side of the Sanctuary's gallery and repainted the walls. During the year, there have been improvements to the heating systems for the Church and the Swift Centre, as well as maintenance on the roofs, and gutters. Work also began on the restoration of the organ which celebrated its centenary in 2024. Our organ has now been significantly restored.

In September 2024, the Church building celebrated its centenary. 'It's a Hundred' was marked by an exhibition of the life of the church from 1867, and a service of Thanksgiving was held during which the organ was played by various organists.

The Buildings Manager, and our Church Minister have taken a hands-on approach to maintenance. Professionals are obviously contracted to undertake major and specialised repairs. With a donation of about £16,000 from a group of church members who expressed a preference that the money be spent on mini-projects, various repairs were accomplished in the Sanctuary, including repair of damaged wall plasters and then the painting of gallery walls.

RADIATOR SCHEME:

'Sponsor a radiator' scheme during the year helped to replace very old radiators in order to improve heating efficiency in the Sanctuary. We replaced failing domestic style radiators installed since the 1970s. This was accomplished with generous donations of about £3,000 from church members.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP CHANGES:

We have had several staff and church officer changes. Hilary Colston stepped down as church secretary, and thanks were given for her input. Julia Dexter also stepped down as an elder during the year. Seye Oyawoye has resigned as an elder to take on the Church Secretary role, while Clive Furness stepped down as a deacon.

Richard Hopper also retired as our Church Independent Examiner as we sought to appoint another. Emyr Jones was appointed in December 2024.

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SPECIAL EVENTS IN THE YEAR:

Requests for Baptism - Sarah Nasso and Perry Mokoro requested baptism and were baptised during the year.

Spring Market - The Church had its annual Spring Market on 11 May 2024 which went very well.

Organ Centenary Events - There were two events on 22nd June and 16th July to raise fund for church organ repairs and to generally celebrate the centenary. Daniel, the organ builder, brought information and artefacts relating to Dame Clara Butt and there were three organists available. There were donations via a JustGiving account which automatically generated additional gift aid. Tickets of £10 and £15 were available via Eventbrite ahead of the events. It was well attended and had raised nearly £600 in in ticket sales alone. More monies came from sales of merchandise. The events raised about £8000.

TOWER GALLERY:

The East tower continued to host exhibition which were really successful. The space had been provided for exhibition mostly without rental. The gallery usually helped to increase the footfall in our church, especially those who were not regular worshippers.

VOTING FOR CHURCH SECRETARY AND DEACONS:

The following were elected: Seye Oyawoye - Secretary; Hilary Colston, Deacon; Daniel Fitter, Deacon; Rose Small, Deacon; Val Donnolly, Deacon. The post of church secretary will be shared between Seye Oyawoye and Jerry Clewett, with Seye as the nominated secretary. Seye and Jerry agreed to share secretarial roles, with Seye as the named secretary. This meant that Seye had to step down as a Church elder. Shola Ajose continued as the treasurer.

DEACONS AND ELDERS AWAY DAY - 12TH OCTOBER:

Church leaders training day held on October 12th. The general feeling was that the day had been positive and one takeaway from the day was that perhaps there should be more spiritual content in church meetings.

NIGHT SHELTER:

The annual night shelter for our Church ran from mid-October for 10 weeks, coordinated by Brian Dexter. The feedback was that the programme went well with contribution from Memorial Community Church and neighbouring churches.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES/SERVICES:

The Christmas Market on Saturday, 23rd November 2024, was jointly held with our Plaistow Chistian Fellowship (PCF) neighbours. We also held the following services; - PCF Cornerstone Carol service on 14th December - MCC Carol service and Christingle 22nd December

- MCC Carol singing, mince pies etc on 24th December

- Short service on 25th December.

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Deacons' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2024

Financial review

The financial transactions of the church during the year and the financial position at the end of the year are summarised in the attached accounts.

It is the policy of the church that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The deacons considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the church's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year. Should the level of these reserves fall below the recommended level for a sustained period then the church could augment these reserves by disposal of its investment properties. Accordingly the deacons consider the financial position for 2024 and subsequently to be challenging but satisfactory recognizing that the church has underlying fixed assets which could be realized to meet cashflow requirements if necessary.

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

The deacons' annual report was approved on 21/10/2025 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Seye Oyawoye
Church Secretary

Memorial Community Church

Independent Examiner's Report to the Deacons

Year ended 31 December 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Memorial Community Church ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do 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.



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22/10/2025

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Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 December 2024

		2024	2023		
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	4	88,936	–	88,936	125,204
Charitable activities	5	132,027	–	132,027	84,794
Investment income	6	16,133	–	16,133	13,752
Total income		<u>237,096</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>237,096</u>	<u>223,750</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	7,8	187,012	–	187,012	187,954
Total expenditure		<u>187,012</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>187,012</u>	<u>187,954</u>
Net income and net movement in funds		<u>50,084</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>50,084</u>	<u>35,796</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		3,318,449	8,750	3,327,199	3,291,403
Total funds carried forward		<u>3,368,533</u>	<u>8,750</u>	<u>3,377,283</u>	<u>3,327,199</u>

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

The notes on pages 9 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	14	2,475,511	2,482,939
Investments	15	850,000	850,000
		<u>3,325,511</u>	<u>3,332,939</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	16	65,036	52,007
Cash at bank and in hand		90,781	70,111
		<u>155,817</u>	<u>122,118</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	<u>21,895</u>	<u>32,458</u>
Net current assets		<u>133,922</u>	<u>89,660</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>3,459,433</u>	<u>3,422,599</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	18	<u>82,150</u>	<u>95,400</u>
Net assets		<u>3,377,283</u>	<u>3,327,199</u>
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		8,750	8,750
Unrestricted funds:			
Revaluation reserve		633,125	633,125
Other unrestricted income funds		2,735,408	2,685,324
Total unrestricted funds		<u>3,368,533</u>	<u>3,318,449</u>
Total charity funds	20	<u>3,377,283</u>	<u>3,327,199</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 21/10/2025....., and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Shola Ajose
Trustee



Seye Oyawoye
Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2024

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is 395 Barking Road, Plaistow, London, E13 8AL.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2024

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Tangible assets *(continued)*

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Leasehold improvements	-	0% p.a.
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	5% - 25% p.a. on cost

Investments

Unlisted equity investments are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently measured at fair value. If fair value cannot be reliably measured, assets are measured at cost less impairment.

Listed investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in income or expenditure.

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Financial instruments

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

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

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

Defined contribution plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations			
Donations and gifts	88,114	–	88,114
Legacies			
Legacies received	822	–	822
	<u>88,936</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>88,936</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations			
Donations and gifts	77,424	1,599	79,023
Legacies			
Legacies received	46,181	–	46,181
	<u>123,605</u>	<u>1,599</u>	<u>125,204</u>

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5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Charitable rental income	127,941	127,941	84,794	84,794
Activity income	435	435	–	–
Other income	3,651	3,651	–	–
	<u>132,027</u>	<u>132,027</u>	<u>84,794</u>	<u>84,794</u>

6. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Interest receivable	863	863	636	636
Commercial rental income	15,270	15,270	13,116	13,116
	<u>16,133</u>	<u>16,133</u>	<u>13,752</u>	<u>13,752</u>

7. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Church activities	46,468	–	46,468
Support costs	140,544	–	140,544
	<u>187,012</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>187,012</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Church activities	42,660	165	42,825
Support costs	143,863	1,266	145,129
	<u>186,523</u>	<u>1,431</u>	<u>187,954</u>

8. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Grant funding of activities £	Support costs £	Total funds 2024 £	Total fund 2023 £
Church activities	41,522	4,946	138,795	185,263	186,757
Governance costs	–	–	1,749	1,749	1,197
	<u>41,522</u>	<u>4,946</u>	<u>140,544</u>	<u>187,012</u>	<u>187,954</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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9. Analysis of support costs

	Church activities £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Staff costs	32,089	32,089	30,286
Premises	93,553	93,553	101,432
General office	5,441	5,441	4,388
Governance costs	1,750	1,750	1,200
Depreciation	7,712	7,712	7,825
	<u>140,545</u>	<u>140,545</u>	<u>145,131</u>

10. Net income

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024 £	2023 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>7,712</u>	<u>7,824</u>

11. Independent examination fees

	2024 £	2023 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>1,750</u>	<u>1,200</u>

12. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	64,832	59,665
Employer contributions to pension plans	4,684	4,277
	<u>69,516</u>	<u>63,942</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was Nil (2023: Nil). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2024 No.	2023 No.
Church activities	2	2
Premises	1	1
	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2023: Nil).

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13. Trustee remuneration and expenses

During the year, one of the trustees, Daniel Fitter, was employed in a full-time capacity by the Church as its Buildings Manager. Total remuneration and benefits (including employer's National Insurance and pension contributions) amounted to £29,832.45. This arrangement was permitted by the Church's meeting and included in its constitution.

In addition, the Church engaged Josh R. Fitter, a relation of the same named trustee above, to carry out repair works to the Church building. Payments for all works in the year totalled £520.00 and were made on normal commercial terms.

Apart from these, no other trustee received any remuneration or other benefits from the Church, nor did any other connected person have any other disclosable transactions with the Church during the year.

14. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Long leasehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 Jan 2024	2,413,000	71,679	60,139	2,544,818
Additions	–	–	284	284
At 31 Dec 2024	<u>2,413,000</u>	<u>71,679</u>	<u>60,423</u>	<u>2,545,102</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 Jan 2024	–	37,210	24,669	61,879
Charge for the year	–	6,510	1,202	7,712
At 31 Dec 2024	<u>–</u>	<u>43,720</u>	<u>25,871</u>	<u>69,591</u>
Carrying amount				
At 31 Dec 2024	<u>2,413,000</u>	<u>27,959</u>	<u>34,552</u>	<u>2,475,511</u>
At 31 Dec 2023	<u>2,413,000</u>	<u>34,469</u>	<u>35,470</u>	<u>2,482,939</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2024

15. Investments

	Investment property £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 Jan 2024	850,000
Additions	—
At 31 Dec 2024	<u>850,000</u>
Impairment	
At 1 Jan 2024 and 31 Dec 2024	—
Carrying amount	
At 31 Dec 2024	<u>850,000</u>
At 31 Dec 2023	<u>850,000</u>

All investments shown above are held at valuation.

Investment properties comprise two private dwelling houses located not far from the church. The valuations were made by the trustees on an open market value basis by reference to market evidence of transaction prices for similar properties in the same street, indexed according to the government house prices indices for London, and with reference to a local estate agent.

16. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	20,841	15,255
Prepayments and accrued income	1,207	1,887
Other debtors	42,988	34,865
	<u>65,036</u>	<u>52,007</u>

17. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Bank loans and overdrafts	10,600	10,600
Trade creditors	6,938	1,513
Accruals and deferred income	1,750	19,874
Social security and other taxes	—	360
Other creditors	2,607	111
	<u>21,895</u>	<u>32,458</u>

18. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Bank loans and overdrafts	<u>82,150</u>	<u>95,400</u>

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Year ended 31 December 2024

19. Pensions and other post retirement benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £4,684 (2023: £4,277).

20. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 Jan 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 Dec 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	2,586,657	237,096	(184,379)	–	2,639,374
Building repairs fund	96,034	–	–	–	96,034
Tithe donations fund	2,633	–	(2,633)	–	–
Revaluation reserve	633,125	–	–	–	633,125
	<u>3,318,449</u>	<u>237,096</u>	<u>(187,012)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>3,368,533</u>

	At 1 Jan 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 Dec 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	2,551,346	217,533	(182,222)	–	2,586,657
Building repairs fund	96,034	–	–	–	96,034
Tithe donations fund	2,316	4,618	(4,301)	–	2,633
Revaluation reserve	633,125	–	–	–	633,125
	<u>3,282,821</u>	<u>222,151</u>	<u>(186,523)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>3,318,449</u>

Restricted funds

	At 1 Jan 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 Dec 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
East Tower fund	191	–	–	–	191
Hardship relief	1,138	–	–	–	1,138
Other restricted funds	7,421	–	–	–	7,421
	<u>8,750</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>8,750</u>

	At 1 Jan 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 Dec 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
East Tower fund	367	–	(66)	(110)	191
Hardship relief	1,178	–	(40)	–	1,138
Other restricted funds	7,037	1,599	(1,325)	110	7,421
	<u>8,582</u>	<u>1,599</u>	<u>(1,431)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>8,750</u>

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21. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	2,474,302	1,209	2,475,511
Investments	850,000	–	850,000
Current assets	126,381	7,541	133,922
Creditors greater than 1 year	(82,150)	–	(82,150)
Net assets	3,368,533	8,750	3,377,283

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	2,481,730	1,209	2,482,939
Investments	850,000	–	850,000
Current assets	82,119	7,541	89,660
Creditors greater than 1 year	(95,400)	–	(95,400)
Net assets	3,318,449	8,750	3,327,199

22. Financial instruments

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

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

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












Memorial Community Church 2024


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

MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Deacons

Rev Andrew Allcock

Hilary Colston

Lydia Yeboah

(Appointed 1 October 2023)

Clive Furness

Deborah Sewell

Brian Dexter

Shola Ajose

Jeremy Clewett

(Appointed 1 October 2023)

Charity number

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MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH

DEACONS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the church's constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

The church's objects are to proclaim the Christian faith and to serve the local community through its work and witness. The policies adopted in furtherance of these objects are the running of the various activities of the church.

The deacons have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the church should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Memorial Community Church has continued to hold regular services and to seek to serve the local neighbourhood throughout 2023.

Rev Andrew Allcock has continued as the minister for Memorial Community Church

The church continued with services in person, and also Zoomed, and has continued to improve its audio-visual equipment. On the first Sunday each month at 6.30 pm there is an additional communion service. This is not Zoomed.

The church held its annual Spring Market in May. The church hosted a night-shelter on Sunday nights with NewWay during January/February, and again in November/December, for up to 15 people.

From August Custom House Baptist Church have jointed us while their own building is being renovated, and services are shared with them.

STAFF

The church employs a buildings manager for 25 hours per week and a cleaner for 12 hours per week. A finance officer started on 1 November 2022 and is employed for 4 hours per week. All staff are employed at the London Living Wage rate or above.

BUILDINGS

Work continued according to the maintenance schedule established for the two buildings. During the year there have been improvements to the heating systems for the church building and the Swift Centre, as well as maintenance on the roofs and gutters. Work began on the restoration of the organ which celebrates its centenary in 2024.

Financial review

The financial transactions of the church during the year and the financial position at the end of the year are summarised in the attached accounts.

During 2019 the church's heating systems failed in both the main building and the Swift Centre. After lengthy investigations it was agreed that the only way forward was to replace these systems at a significant cost of £149,000 and this work was carried out during 2019 and into 2020. The funding was mainly through a loan of £84,000 from the London Baptist Property Board (LBPB) in November 2019 augmented by donations from members. In October 2023 the church negotiated a rescheduling of all its outstanding loans with LBPB into one total sum of £106,000. This is repayable over the next ten years to 2033. The LBPB also agreed to accelerated and early repayments where possible at no additional charge.

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DEACONS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

It is the policy of the church that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The deacons considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the church's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year. Should the level of these reserves fall below the recommended level for a sustained period then the church could augment these reserves by disposal of its investment properties. Accordingly the deacons consider the financial position for 2023 and subsequently to be challenging but satisfactory recognizing that the church has underlying fixed assets which could be realized to meet cashflow requirements if necessary.

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

Structure, governance and management

The church is part of the Baptist denomination of churches in the UK.

The deacons who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Rev Andrew Allcock

Hilary Colston

Lydia Yeboah

(Appointed 1 October 2023)

Ruth Clewett

(Retired 1 October 2023)

Clive Furness

Anne Kasibante

(Retired 1 October 2023)

Deborah Sewell

Brian Dexter

Shola Ajose

Jeremy Clewett

(Appointed 1 October 2023)

The deacons are appointed by the members of the church in general meeting.

The day-to-day running of the church is dealt with by the minister, elders and deacons.

The deacons' report was approved by the Board of Deacons.

Hilary Colston

Church Secretary

Dated: 27 May 2024

MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE DEACONS OF MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH

I report to the deacons on my examination of the financial statements of Memorial Community Church (the church) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the deacons of the church you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

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

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the church as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do 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 financial statements to be reached.

Richard F Hopper

Chartered Accountant

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Dated: 3 June 2024

MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	123,605	1,599	125,204	97,344	1,960	99,304
Charitable activities	4	84,794	-	84,794	62,116	-	62,116
Investments	5	13,752	-	13,752	15,477	1,361	16,838
Total income		<u>222,151</u>	<u>1,599</u>	<u>223,750</u>	<u>174,937</u>	<u>3,321</u>	<u>178,258</u>
Charitable activities	6	186,523	1,431	187,954	164,678	13,050	177,728
Net income		<u>35,628</u>	<u>168</u>	<u>35,796</u>	<u>10,259</u>	<u>(9,729)</u>	<u>530</u>
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	10,751	(10,751)	-
Net movement in funds		<u>35,628</u>	<u>168</u>	<u>35,796</u>	<u>21,010</u>	<u>(20,480)</u>	<u>530</u>
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 January 2023		<u>3,282,821</u>	<u>8,582</u>	<u>3,291,403</u>	<u>3,261,811</u>	<u>29,062</u>	<u>3,290,873</u>
Fund balances at 31 December 2023		<u><u>3,318,449</u></u>	<u><u>8,750</u></u>	<u><u>3,327,199</u></u>	<u><u>3,282,821</u></u>	<u><u>8,582</u></u>	<u><u>3,291,403</u></u>

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

MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

		2023		2022	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		2,482,939		2,486,600
Investment property	13		850,000		850,000
			<u>3,332,939</u>		<u>3,336,600</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	14	52,007		38,308	
Cash at bank and in hand		70,111		44,838	
		<u>122,118</u>		<u>83,146</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	32,458		44,456	
		<u>32,458</u>		<u>44,456</u>	
Net current assets			89,660		38,690
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>3,422,599</u>		<u>3,375,290</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	17		(95,400)		(83,887)
			<u>(95,400)</u>		<u>(83,887)</u>
Net assets			<u>3,327,199</u>		<u>3,291,403</u>
The funds of the church					
Restricted income funds	18		8,750		8,582
Unrestricted funds			3,318,449		3,282,821
			<u>3,327,199</u>		<u>3,291,403</u>

The financial statements were approved by the deacons on 27 May 2024

Hilary Colston
Trustee

Shola Ajose
Trustee

MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Memorial Community Church is an independent unincorporated church affiliated to the Baptist denomination of churches.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the church's constitution, the Charities Act 2011 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)". The church is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

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

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the deacons have a reasonable expectation that the church has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the deacons continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

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

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

1.4 Incoming resources

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

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

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the church has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised in the accounts at the time when an obligation to make payment is incurred. Until the obligation is paid the balance is carried in current liabilities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Land and buildings	0% p.a.
Leasehold improvements	0% p.a.
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	5% - 25% p.a. on cost

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

No depreciation is provided on the freehold property or the organ because, in the opinion of the deacons, their residual value is no less than their original cost.

1.7 Investment properties

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is initially recognised at cost, which includes the purchase cost and any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequently it is measured at fair value at the reporting end date. The surplus or deficit on revaluation is recognised in profit or loss.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the church reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

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

1.10 Financial instruments

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

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

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

Basic financial assets

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

MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

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

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

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

Derecognition of financial liabilities

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

1.11 Retirement benefits

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

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the church's accounting policies, the deacons are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	77,424	1,599	79,023	74,375
Legacies receivable	46,181	-	46,181	23,156
Grant income	-	-	-	1,773
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For the year ended 31 December 2023	123,605	1,599	125,204	99,304
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For the year ended 31 December 2022	97,344	1,960		99,304
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MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

4 Charitable activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Charitable rental income	84,794	61,875
Other income	-	241
	<u>84,794</u>	<u>62,116</u>

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Rental income	13,116	-	13,116	15,379	-	15,379
Interest receivable	636	-	636	98	1,361	1,459
	<u>13,752</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,752</u>	<u>15,477</u>	<u>1,361</u>	<u>16,838</u>

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Church activities 2023 £	Church activities 2022 £
Direct costs		
Staff costs	33,656	38,703
Church activities	2,869	4,616
	<u>36,525</u>	<u>43,319</u>
Grant funding of activities (see note 7)	6,298	7,358
Share of support and governance costs (see note 8)		
Support	143,931	125,851
Governance	1,200	1,200
	<u>187,954</u>	<u>177,728</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	186,523	164,678
Restricted funds	1,431	13,050
	<u>187,954</u>	<u>177,728</u>

MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

7 Grants payable

	Church activities 2023 £	Church activities 2022 £
Grants to institutions:		
Other	6,258	3,146
Grants to individuals	40	4,212
	<u>6,298</u>	<u>7,358</u>

8 Support costs allocated to activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Staff costs	30,286	21,071
Depreciation	7,825	7,409
Premises expenses	101,432	91,216
Administration expenses	4,388	6,155
Governance costs	1,200	1,200
	<u>145,131</u>	<u>127,051</u>
Analysed between:		
Church activities	<u>145,131</u>	<u>127,051</u>

9 Deacons

None of the deacons (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year. Small reimbursements of normal church expenses were made to some of them.

10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Church activities	2	2
Premises	1	1
	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

10 Employees (Continued)

Employment costs	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	59,665	53,691
Other pension costs	4,277	6,083
	<u>63,942</u>	<u>59,774</u>

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

11 Taxation

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

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Leasehold improvements £	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 January 2023	2,413,000	71,679	55,976	2,540,655
Additions	-	-	4,164	4,164
	<u>2,413,000</u>	<u>71,679</u>	<u>60,140</u>	<u>2,544,819</u>
At 31 December 2023	2,413,000	71,679	60,140	2,544,819
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 January 2023	-	30,700	23,355	54,055
Depreciation charged in the year	-	6,510	1,315	7,825
	<u>-</u>	<u>37,210</u>	<u>24,670</u>	<u>61,880</u>
At 31 December 2023	-	37,210	24,670	61,880
Carrying amount				
At 31 December 2023	<u>2,413,000</u>	<u>34,469</u>	<u>35,470</u>	<u>2,482,939</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>2,413,000</u>	<u>40,979</u>	<u>32,621</u>	<u>2,486,600</u>

13 Investment property

	2023 £
Fair value	
At 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023	<u>850,000</u>

Investment properties comprise two private dwelling houses located not far from the church. The valuations were made by the trustees on an open market value basis by reference to market evidence of transaction prices for similar properties in the same street, indexed according to the government house prices indices for London, and with reference to a local estate agent.

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14 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	50,120	37,587
Prepayments and accrued income	1,887	721
	<u>52,007</u>	<u>38,308</u>

15 Loans and overdrafts

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank loans	<u>106,000</u>	<u>102,287</u>
Payable within one year	10,600	18,400
Payable after one year	<u>95,400</u>	<u>83,887</u>

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2023	2022
		£	£
Bank loans	15	10,600	18,400
Other taxation and social security		360	2,600
Other creditors		1,623	17,682
Accruals and deferred income		19,875	5,774
		<u>32,458</u>	<u>44,456</u>

17 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Notes	2023	2022
		£	£
Bank loans	15	<u>95,400</u>	<u>83,887</u>

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18 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
East Tower fund	367	-	(66)	(110)	191
Other restricted funds	7,037	1,599	(1,325)	110	7,421
Hardship relief	1,178	-	(40)	-	1,138
	<u>8,582</u>	<u>1,599</u>	<u>(1,431)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,750</u>
Previous year:	At 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Building development fund	6,054	-	(6,054)	-	-
East Tower fund	433	-	(66)	-	367
Other restricted funds	21,450	3,268	(6,930)	(10,751)	7,037
Hardship relief	1,125	53	-	-	1,178
	<u>29,062</u>	<u>3,321</u>	<u>(13,050)</u>	<u>(10,751)</u>	<u>8,582</u>

The Building development fund contains funds raised by the church through fundraising events, donations and grants towards the development of the building. In 2013 it included funding from English Heritage, Historic Churches Preservation Trust, Garfield Weston Foundation and Big Lottery.

The East Tower fund contains funds raised in 2011 for the restoration of the East Tower and the historic bells.

The Hardship relief fund comprises donations given for Covid-19 relief which were not specifically spent on that and are now available for general relief of hardship.

Other restricted funds include the following, together with sums collected through special offerings for overseas aid and support to individuals:

12th West Ham Scouts Fund - originally connected with a scout group, but as this no longer exists the deacons intend to use this fund for similar youth work such as camping..

Equipment funds represent assets bought with specific donations or gifts.

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19 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2023 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	2,481,730	1,209	2,482,939
Investment properties	850,000	-	850,000
Current assets/(liabilities)	82,119	7,541	89,660
Long term liabilities	(95,400)	-	(95,400)
	<u>3,318,449</u>	<u>8,750</u>	<u>3,327,199</u>
	<u><u>3,318,449</u></u>	<u><u>8,750</u></u>	<u><u>3,327,199</u></u>
	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	2,486,090	510	2,486,600
Investment properties	850,000	-	850,000
Current assets/(liabilities)	30,618	8,072	38,690
Long term liabilities	(83,887)	-	(83,887)
	<u>3,282,821</u>	<u>8,582</u>	<u>3,291,403</u>
	<u><u>3,282,821</u></u>	<u><u>8,582</u></u>	<u><u>3,291,403</u></u>

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20 Designated funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	Movement in funds				Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Building repairs fund	96,034	-	-	-	96,034	-	-	96,034
Tithe donations fund	-	2,316	-	-	2,316	4,618	(4,301)	2,633
Revaluation reserve	633,125	-	-	-	633,125	-	-	633,125
General unrestricted funds	2,532,652	172,621	(164,678)	10,751	2,551,346	217,533	(182,222)	2,586,657
	<u>3,261,811</u>	<u>174,937</u>	<u>(164,678)</u>	<u>10,751</u>	<u>3,282,821</u>	<u>222,151</u>	<u>(186,523)</u>	<u>3,318,449</u>

In 2021 the deacons took a decision to set aside a 10% tithe from legacy bequests received by the church.

The building fund represents funds set aside by the deacons towards the costs of future major repairs to the church's buildings.

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21 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2022 - none).

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Deacons	Rev Andrew Allcock Hilary Colston Ruth Clewett Clive Furness Anne Kasibante Deborah Sewell Brian Dexter Shola Ajose	(Appointed 3 January 2022) (Appointed 10 September 2022)
Charity number	1133488	
Principal address	395 Barking Road Plaistow London E13 8AL	
Independent examiner	Richard F Hopper 4 Rhodfa Clawdd Offa Denbigh Denbighshire LL16 4RJ	

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DEACONS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The deacons present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the church's constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

The church's objects are to proclaim the Christian faith and to serve the local community through its work and witness. The policies adopted in furtherance of these objects are the running of the various activities of the church.

The deacons have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the church should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Memorial Community Church has continued to hold regular services and to seek to serve the local neighbourhood throughout 2021.

Following a pastoral vacancy since August 2019, in October 2021 Rev Andrew Allcock accepted the call from the congregation to come to Memorial Community Church as minister. Andrew and his wife Katherine moved into the manse in December 2021; Andrew took up his role on 2 January 2022 and there was a formal induction service on Saturday 8 January 2022.

The church continued with services in person as well as on Zoom, and has continued to improve its audio-visual equipment. On the first Sunday each month there is an additional communion service at 6.30 pm. This is not on Zoom. The Covid 19 working group which was formed in March 2020 met regularly until December 2021 when it was decided to disband it. There was a small sum in the Covid 19 hardship fund and this has been transferred to a general hardship relief fund.

The church held its annual Spring Market in May and conducted two adult baptisms in June. In September the church building celebrated its centenary. 'It's a Hundred' was marked by an exhibition of the life of the church from 1867 and a service of Thanksgiving during which the organ was played.

STAFF

The church cleaner retired in March 2022 and a successor was appointed.

The caretaker who had been appointed interim buildings manager since September 2021 was interviewed and appointed buildings manager in April 2022.

The pastoral worker retired in June 2022.

A part-time finance officer started in autumn 2022.

BUILDINGS

The church building had its quinquennial inspection in December 2022. No emergency work was required and a schedule of other needed work has been set up.

Financial review

The financial transactions of the church during the year and the financial position at the end of the year are summarised in the attached accounts.

During 2019 the church's heating systems failed in both the main building and the Swift Centre. After lengthy investigations it was agreed that the only way forward was to replace these systems at a significant cost of £149,000 and this work was carried out during 2019 and into 2020. The funding was mainly through a loan of £84,000 from the London Baptist Property Board (LBPB) in November 2019 augmented by donations from members. The loan from LBPB is repayable over the period to 2030.

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DEACONS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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It is the policy of the church that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The deacons considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the church's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year. Should the level of these reserves fall below the recommended level for a sustained period then the church could augment these reserves by disposal of its investment properties. Accordingly the deacons consider the financial position for 2022 and subsequently to be challenging but satisfactory recognizing that the church has underlying fixed assets which could be realized to meet cashflow requirements if necessary.

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

Structure, governance and management

The church is part of the Baptist denomination of churches in the UK.

The deacons who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Rev Andrew Allcock	(Appointed 3 January 2022)
Hilary Colston	
Kemi Ajose	(Resigned 10 September 2022)
Lotanna Aranotu	(Resigned 3 March 2022)
Ruth Clewett	
Clive Furness	
Val Donnelly	(Resigned 27 October 2022)
Jeremy Middleton	(Resigned 27 October 2022)
Sylvia Owen	(Resigned 27 October 2022)
Pat Wiggins	(Resigned 27 October 2022)
Anne Kasibante	
Deborah Sewell	
Brian Dexter	
Shola Ajose	(Appointed 10 September 2022)

The deacons are appointed by the members of the church in general meeting.

The day-to-day running of the church is dealt with by the minister, elders and deacons.

The deacons' report was approved by the Board of Deacons.

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Hilary Colston
Church Secretary
Dated:

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE DEACONS OF MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH

I report to the deacons on my examination of the financial statements of Memorial Community Church (the church) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the deacons of the church you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

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

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the church as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do 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 financial statements to be reached.

Richard F Hopper

Chartered Accountant

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Denbigh
Denbighshire
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Dated:

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	97,344	1,960	99,304	65,321	4,900	70,221
Charitable activities	4	62,116	-	62,116	38,228	-	38,228
Investments	5	15,477	1,361	16,838	25,057	-	25,057
Total income		174,937	3,321	178,258	128,606	4,900	133,506
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	6	164,678	13,050	177,728	135,014	1,910	136,924
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		10,259	(9,729)	530	(6,408)	2,990	(3,418)
Gross transfers between funds		10,751	(10,751)	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		21,010	(20,480)	530	(6,408)	2,990	(3,418)
Fund balances at 1 January 2022		3,261,811	29,062	3,290,873	3,268,219	26,072	3,294,291
Fund balances at 31 December 2022		3,282,821	8,582	3,291,403	3,261,811	29,062	3,290,873

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		2,486,600		2,493,262
Investment property	13		850,000		850,000
			<u>3,336,600</u>		<u>3,343,262</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	14	38,308		20,333	
Cash at bank and in hand		44,838		71,018	
		<u>83,146</u>		<u>91,351</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(44,456)		(42,035)	
Net current assets			<u>38,690</u>		<u>49,316</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>3,375,290</u>		<u>3,392,578</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	17		(83,887)		(101,705)
Net assets			<u><u>3,291,403</u></u>		<u><u>3,290,873</u></u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	18		8,582		29,062
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	19	98,350		96,034	
General unrestricted funds		2,551,346		2,584,552	
Revaluation reserve		633,125		581,225	
		<u>3,282,821</u>		<u>3,261,811</u>	
			<u><u>3,291,403</u></u>		<u><u>3,290,873</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Deacons on

.....
Hilary Colston
Trustee

.....
Clive Furness
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Memorial Community Church is an independent unincorporated church affiliated to the Baptist denomination of churches.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the church's constitution, the Charities Act 2011 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)". The church is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

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

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the deacons have a reasonable expectation that the church has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the deacons continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

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

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

1.4 Incoming resources

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

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

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the church has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised in the accounts at the time when an obligation to make payment is incurred. Until the obligation is paid the balance is carried in current liabilities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Land and buildings	0% p.a.
Leasehold improvements	0% p.a.
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	5% - 25% p.a. on cost

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

No depreciation is provided on the freehold property or the organ because, in the opinion of the deacons, their residual value is no less than their original cost.

1.7 Investment properties

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is initially recognised at cost, which includes the purchase cost and any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequently it is measured at fair value at the reporting end date. The surplus or deficit on revaluation is recognised in profit or loss.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the church reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

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

1.10 Financial instruments

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

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

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

Basic financial assets

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

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

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

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

Derecognition of financial liabilities

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

1.11 Retirement benefits

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

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the church's accounting policies, the deacons are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	72,415	1,960	74,375	58,315
Legacies receivable	23,156	-	23,156	9,906
Grant income	1,773	-	1,773	2,000
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
For the year ended 31 December 2022	97,344	1,960	99,304	70,221
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
For the year ended 31 December 2021	<u>65,321</u>	<u>4,900</u>		<u>70,221</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

4 Charitable activities

	2022 £	2021 £
Charitable rental income	61,875	38,228
Other income	241	-
	<u>62,116</u>	<u>38,228</u>

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Unrestricted funds	
	2022 £	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £
Rental income	15,379	-	15,379	25,050
Interest receivable	98	1,361	1,459	7
	<u>15,477</u>	<u>1,361</u>	<u>16,838</u>	<u>25,057</u>

6 Charitable activities

	Church activities 2022 £	Church activities 2021 £
Staff costs	38,703	21,744
Church activities	4,616	5,876
	<u>43,319</u>	<u>27,620</u>
Grant funding of activities (see note 7)	7,358	2,656
Share of support costs (see note 8)	125,851	105,448
Share of governance costs (see note 8)	1,200	1,200
	<u>177,728</u>	<u>136,924</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	164,678	135,014
Restricted funds	13,050	1,910
	<u>177,728</u>	<u>136,924</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

7 Grants payable

	Church activities 2022 £	Church activities 2021 £
Grants to institutions:		
Other	3,146	2,156
Grants to individuals	4,212	500
	<u>7,358</u>	<u>2,656</u>

8 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2022 £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2021 £
Staff costs	21,071	-	21,071	16,383	-	16,383
Depreciation	7,409	-	7,409	10,241	-	10,241
Premises expenses	91,216	-	91,216	75,535	-	75,535
Administration expenses	6,155	-	6,155	3,289	-	3,289
Accountancy	-	1,200	1,200	-	1,200	1,200
	<u>125,851</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>127,051</u>	<u>105,448</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>106,648</u>
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	<u>125,851</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>127,051</u>	<u>105,448</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>106,648</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the independent examiner of £1,200 (2021- £1,200) for independent examination and accountancy fees.

9 Deacons

None of the deacons (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year. Small reimbursements of normal church expenses were made to some of them.

10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Church activities	2	2
Premises	1	2
Total	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>

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10 Employees (Continued)

Employment costs	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	53,691	34,096
Other pension costs	6,083	4,031
	<u>59,774</u>	<u>38,127</u>

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

11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Leasehold improvements £	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 January 2022	2,413,000	71,679	55,228	2,539,907
Additions	-	-	747	747
At 31 December 2022	<u>2,413,000</u>	<u>71,679</u>	<u>55,975</u>	<u>2,540,654</u>
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 January 2022	-	24,190	22,455	46,645
Depreciation charged in the year	-	6,510	899	7,409
At 31 December 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>30,700</u>	<u>23,354</u>	<u>54,054</u>
Carrying amount				
At 31 December 2022	<u>2,413,000</u>	<u>40,979</u>	<u>32,621</u>	<u>2,486,600</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>2,413,000</u>	<u>47,489</u>	<u>32,773</u>	<u>2,493,262</u>

13 Investment property

	2022 £
Fair value	
At 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022	<u>850,000</u>

Investment properties comprise two private dwelling houses located not far from the church. The valuations were made by the trustees on an open market value basis by reference to market evidence of transaction prices for similar properties in the same street, indexed according to the government house prices indices for London, and with reference to a local estate agent.

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14 Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	37,587	19,427
Prepayments and accrued income	721	906
	<u>38,308</u>	<u>20,333</u>

15 Loans and overdrafts

	2022	2021
	£	£
Bank loans	102,287	120,105
Payable within one year	18,400	18,400
Payable after one year	83,887	101,705

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2022	2021
		£	£
Bank loans	15	18,400	18,400
Other taxation and social security		2,600	-
Other creditors		17,682	19,707
Accruals and deferred income		5,774	3,928
		<u>44,456</u>	<u>42,035</u>

17 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Notes	2022	2021
		£	£
Bank loans	15	83,887	101,705

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18 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds				Balance at 31 December 2022
	Balance at 1 January 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Building development fund	6,772	-	(718)	6,054	-	(6,054)	-	-
East Tower fund	499	-	(66)	433	-	(66)	-	367
Other restricted funds	17,676	4,900	(1,126)	21,450	3,268	(6,930)	(10,751)	7,037
Hardship relief	1,125	-	-	1,125	53	-	-	1,178
	<u>26,072</u>	<u>4,900</u>	<u>(1,910)</u>	<u>29,062</u>	<u>3,321</u>	<u>(13,050)</u>	<u>(10,751)</u>	<u>8,582</u>

The Building development fund contains funds raised by the church through fundraising events, donations and grants towards the development of the building. In 2013 it included funding from English Heritage, Historic Churches Preservation Trust, Garfield Weston Foundation and Big Lottery.

The East Tower fund contains funds raised in 2011 for the restoration of the East Tower and the historic bells.

The Hardship relief fund comprises donations given for Covid-19 relief which were not specifically spent on that and are now available for general relief of hardship.

Other restricted funds include the following, together with sums collected through special offerings for overseas aid and support to individuals:

12th West Ham Scouts Fund - originally connected with a scout group, but as this no longer exists the deacons intend to use this fund for similar youth work such as camping..

Equipment funds represent assets bought with specific donations or gifts.

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19 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

Building repairs fund	96,034	-	96,034	-	96,034
Tithe donations fund	-	-	-	2,316	2,316
	<u>96,034</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>96,034</u>	<u>2,316</u>	<u>98,350</u>

In 2021 the deacons took a decision to set aside a 10% tithe from legacy bequests received by the church. The building fund represents funds set aside by the deacons towards the costs of future major repairs to the church's buildings.

20 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2022	2022	2022	2021	2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by:					
Tangible assets	2,486,090	510	2,486,600	2,492,559	2,493,262
Investment properties	850,000	-	850,000	850,000	850,000
Current assets/(liabilities)	30,618	8,072	38,690	20,957	49,316
Long term liabilities	(83,887)	-	(83,887)	(101,705)	(101,705)
	<u>3,282,821</u>	<u>8,582</u>	<u>3,291,403</u>	<u>3,261,811</u>	<u>3,290,873</u>

21 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2021 - none).

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England & Wales - Charity number 1133488

Accounts

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Kemi Ajose
Lotanna Aranotu
Ruth Clewett
Clive Furness
Val Donnelly
Jeremy Middleton
Sylvia Owen
Pat Wiggins
Anne Kasibante
Deborah Sewell
Brian Dexter
Shola Ajose

(Appointed 3 February
2022)

Charity number

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DEACONS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The deacons present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the church's constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

The church's objects are to proclaim the Christian faith and to serve the local community through its work and witness. The policies adopted in furtherance of these objects are the running of the various activities of the church.

The deacons have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the church should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Memorial Community Church has continued to hold regular services and to seek to serve the local neighbourhood throughout 2021.

The church has continued with a pastoral vacancy throughout 2021. The day-to-day governance of the church has been managed by the deacons and elders.

The church profile was completed by the end of November 2020 and sent to the Baptist Union, National Settlement. The deacons appointed a settlement team to review the profiles of ministers submitted by the National Settlement Team, and to initially meet with ministers by Zoom. From this the church invited Rev Andrew Allcock and his wife Katherine Allcock to meet informally with church members at the end of May 2021, and for Andrew to preach on a Sunday.

From this the deacons invited Andrew to 'preach with a view' on 26 September and to meet with the church that afternoon. There was then a church meeting on 3 October and a secret ballot. From this the church invited Rev Andrew Allcock to come to Memorial Community Church as our minister. Rev Allcock accepted this call, and he and his wife moved into the manse in early December.

The church has carried out significant repairs to the manse, including installing an upstairs bathroom. Other work on our buildings included a repair to the outside of the front wall of the church. Water ingress had caused the plaster on the exterior wall of the South Hall to crumble. The work was completed with the help of a small grant from the Bernard Sunley Trust.

With the ongoing pandemic the church partially reopened in June 2021, running hybrid services, i.e. in person and by Zoom. The church invested in improved audio visual equipment. Church hybrid attendance has been similar to face-to-face attendance.

The Covid-19 working group, responsible to the deacons, was able to respond quickly to rapidly changing situations and met throughout 2021. The church was aware of families with inadequate access and was able to make some additional equipment available for some families. A Covid fund was established which has made some hardship payments and given craft materials to families.

A pastoral team was established particularly to stay in touch with vulnerable people known to the church.

All lettings ceased during the lockdown; the building manager worked with tenants to identify what reduced rents they should pay, for instance for the security of the buildings and the safe storage of tenants' equipment.

The Buildings Manager retired at the end of August 2021 and the post was filled by the caretaker as an interim measure.

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DEACONS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Financial review

The financial transactions of the church during the year and the financial position at the end of the year are summarised in the attached accounts.

During 2019 the church's heating systems failed in both the main building and the Swift Centre. After lengthy investigations it was agreed that the only way forward was to replace these systems at a significant cost of £149,000 and this work was carried out during 2019 and into 2020. The funding was mainly through a loan of £84,000 from the London Baptist Property Board (LBPB) in November 2019 augmented by donations from members. The loan from LBPB is repayable over the period to 2030.

It is the policy of the church that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The deacons considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the church's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year. Should the level of these reserves fall below the recommended level for a sustained period then the church could augment these reserves by disposal of its investment properties. Accordingly the deacons consider the financial position for 2021 and subsequently to be challenging but satisfactory recognizing that the church has underlying fixed assets which could be realized to meet cashflow requirements if necessary.

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

Structure, governance and management

The church is part of the Baptist denomination of churches in the UK.

The deacons who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Hilary Colston

Kemi Ajose

Lotanna Aranotu

Peter Bailey

(Resigned 31 August 2021)

Ruth Clewett

Clive Furness

Val Donnelly

Jeremy Middleton

Sylvia Owen

Pat Wiggins

Anne Kasibante

Deborah Sewell

Brian Dexter

Shola Ajose

(Appointed 3 February 2022)

The deacons are appointed by the members of the church in general meeting.

The day-to-day running of the church is dealt with by the minister, elders and deacons.

The deacons' report was approved by the Board of Deacons.

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Hilary Colston

Church Secretary

Dated:

MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE DEACONS OF MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH

I report to the deacons on my examination of the financial statements of Memorial Community Church (the church) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the deacons of the church you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

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

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the church as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do 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 financial statements to be reached.

Richard F Hopper

Chartered Accountant

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Dated:

MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	65,321	4,900	70,221	66,003	4,977	70,980
Charitable activities	4	38,228	-	38,228	50,198	-	50,198
Investments	5	25,057	-	25,057	27,503	-	27,503
Total income		<u>128,606</u>	<u>4,900</u>	<u>133,506</u>	<u>143,704</u>	<u>4,977</u>	<u>148,681</u>
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	6	135,014	1,910	136,924	117,619	5,209	122,828
Net gains/(losses) on investments	11	-	-	-	51,900	-	51,900
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds		<u>(6,408)</u>	<u>2,990</u>	<u>(3,418)</u>	<u>77,985</u>	<u>(232)</u>	<u>77,753</u>
Fund balances at 1 January 2021		<u>3,268,219</u>	<u>26,072</u>	<u>3,294,291</u>	<u>3,190,234</u>	<u>26,304</u>	<u>3,216,538</u>
Fund balances at 31 December 2021		<u><u>3,261,811</u></u>	<u><u>29,062</u></u>	<u><u>3,290,873</u></u>	<u><u>3,268,219</u></u>	<u><u>26,072</u></u>	<u><u>3,294,291</u></u>

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		2,493,262		2,499,979
Investment properties	13		850,000		850,000
			<u>3,343,262</u>		<u>3,349,979</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	14	20,333		10,720	
Cash at bank and in hand		71,018		68,898	
		<u>91,351</u>		<u>79,618</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(42,035)		(31,306)	
Net current assets			<u>49,316</u>		<u>48,312</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>3,392,578</u>		<u>3,398,291</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	17		(101,705)		(104,000)
Net assets			<u><u>3,290,873</u></u>		<u><u>3,294,291</u></u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	18		29,062		26,072
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
General unrestricted funds		2,680,586		2,686,994	
Revaluation reserve		581,225		581,225	
		<u>3,261,811</u>		<u>3,268,219</u>	
			<u><u>3,290,873</u></u>		<u><u>3,294,291</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Deacons on

.....
Hilary Colston
Trustee

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Clive Furness
Trustee

MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Memorial Community Church is an independent unincorporated church affiliated to the Baptist denomination of churches.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the church's constitution, the Charities Act 2011 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)". The church is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

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

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the deacons have a reasonable expectation that the church has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the deacons continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

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

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

1.4 Incoming resources

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

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

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the church has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised in the accounts at the time when an obligation to make payment is incurred. Until the obligation is paid the balance is carried in current liabilities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Land and buildings	0% p.a.
Leasehold improvements	0% p.a.
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	5% - 25% p.a. on cost

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

No depreciation is provided on the freehold property or the organ because, in the opinion of the deacons, their residual value is no less than their original cost.

1.7 Investment properties

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is initially recognised at cost, which includes the purchase cost and any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequently it is measured at fair value at the reporting end date. The surplus or deficit on revaluation is recognised in profit or loss.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the church reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

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

1.10 Financial instruments

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

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

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

Basic financial assets

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

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

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

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

Derecognition of financial liabilities

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

1.11 Retirement benefits

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

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the church's accounting policies, the deacons are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	53,415	4,900	58,315	67,736
Legacies receivable	9,906	-	9,906	-
Grant income	2,000	-	2,000	3,244
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
For the year ended 31 December 2021	65,321	4,900	70,221	70,980
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
For the year ended 31 December 2020	<u>66,003</u>	<u>4,977</u>		<u>70,980</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

4 Charitable activities

	2021 £	2020 £
Charitable rental income	38,228	49,028
Other income	-	1,170
	<u>38,228</u>	<u>50,198</u>

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £
Rental income	25,050	27,470
Interest receivable	7	33
	<u>25,057</u>	<u>27,503</u>

6 Charitable activities

	Church activities 2021 £	Church activities 2020 £
Staff costs	21,744	32,931
Church activities	5,876	2,747
	<u>27,620</u>	<u>35,678</u>
Grant funding of activities (see note 7)	2,656	2,976
Share of support costs (see note 8)	105,448	82,812
Share of governance costs (see note 8)	1,200	1,362
	<u>136,924</u>	<u>122,828</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	135,014	117,619
Restricted funds	1,910	5,209
	<u>136,924</u>	<u>122,828</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

7 Grants payable

	Church activities 2021 £	Church activities 2020 £
Grants to institutions:		
Other	2,156	1,656
Grants to individuals	500	1,320
	<u>2,656</u>	<u>2,976</u>

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8 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2021 £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2020 £
Staff costs	16,383	-	16,383	13,706	-	13,706
Depreciation	10,241	-	10,241	9,828	-	9,828
Premises expenses	75,535	-	75,535	54,752	-	54,752
Administration expenses	3,289	-	3,289	4,526	-	4,526
Accountancy	-	1,200	1,200	-	1,362	1,362
	<u>105,448</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>106,648</u>	<u>82,812</u>	<u>1,362</u>	<u>84,174</u>
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	<u>105,448</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>106,648</u>	<u>82,812</u>	<u>1,362</u>	<u>84,174</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the independent examiner of £1,200 (2020- £1,362) for independent examination and accountancy fees.

9 Deacons

None of the deacons (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year. Small reimbursements of normal church expenses were made to some of them.

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10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2021	2020
	Number	Number
Church activities	2	2
Premises	2	2
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Total	4	4
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Employment costs

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	34,096	43,488
Other pension costs	4,031	3,149
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	38,127	46,637
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There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

11 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Total	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2020
	£	£
Revaluation of investment properties	-	51,900
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12 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings	Leasehold improvements	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 January 2021	2,413,000	71,679	51,704	2,536,383
Additions	-	-	3,524	3,524
At 31 December 2021	<u>2,413,000</u>	<u>71,679</u>	<u>55,228</u>	<u>2,539,907</u>
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 January 2021	-	17,680	18,724	36,404
Depreciation charged in the year	-	6,510	3,731	10,241
At 31 December 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>24,190</u>	<u>22,455</u>	<u>46,645</u>
Carrying amount				
At 31 December 2021	<u>2,413,000</u>	<u>47,489</u>	<u>32,773</u>	<u>2,493,262</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>2,413,000</u>	<u>53,999</u>	<u>32,980</u>	<u>2,499,979</u>

13 Investment property

	2021 £
Fair value	
At 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021	<u>850,000</u>

Investment properties comprise two private dwelling houses located not far from the church. The valuations were made by the trustees on an open market value basis by reference to market evidence of transaction prices for similar properties in the same street, indexed according to the government house prices indices for London, and with reference to a local estate agent.

14 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	19,427	10,217
Prepayments and accrued income	906	503
	<u>20,333</u>	<u>10,720</u>

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15 Loans and overdrafts

	2021 £	2020 £
Bank loans	120,105	128,443
Payable within one year	18,400	24,443
Payable after one year	101,705	104,000

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Bank loans	15	18,400	24,443
Other creditors		19,707	3,289
Accruals and deferred income		3,928	3,574
		42,035	31,306

17 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Bank loans	15	101,705	104,000

18 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 January 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 1 January 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 December 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Building development fund	7,855	3,114	(4,197)	6,772	-	(718)	6,054
East Tower fund	565	-	(66)	499	-	(66)	433
Other restricted funds	17,884	638	(846)	17,676	4,900	(1,126)	21,450
Covid relief	-	1,225	(100)	1,125	-	-	1,125
	26,304	4,977	(5,209)	26,072	4,900	(1,910)	29,062

The East Tower fund contains funds raised in 2011 for the restoration of the East Tower and the historic bells.

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18 Restricted funds

(Continued)

The Building development fund contains funds raised by the church through fundraising events, donations and grants towards the development of the building. In 2013 it included funding from English Heritage, Historic Churches Preservation Trust, Garfield Weston Foundation and Big Lottery.

Equipment funds represent assets bought with specific donations or gifts.

Other restricted funds include the following, together with sums collected through special offerings for overseas aid and support to individuals:

Victoria Dock Mission Fund - entrusted to the church for development of christian mission in the area of the River Thames east of Tower Bridge. It was not the intention that the church would carry out this mission itself; it is intended to gift this over a period of time by way of grants to organisations and individuals to support new and existing ministries in the Thames Gateway area.

12th West Ham Scouts Fund - originally connected with a scout group, but as this no longer exists the deacons intend to use this fund for similar youth work such as camping.

19 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2021 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	2,492,559	703	2,493,262	2,499,261	718	2,499,979
Investment properties	850,000	-	850,000	850,000	-	850,000
Current assets/(liabilities)	20,957	28,359	49,316	22,958	25,354	48,312
Long term liabilities	(101,705)	-	(101,705)	(104,000)	-	(104,000)
	<u>3,261,811</u>	<u>29,062</u>	<u>3,290,873</u>	<u>3,268,219</u>	<u>26,072</u>	<u>3,294,291</u>

20 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2020 - none).

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Deacons

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Kemi Ajose
Lotanna Aranotu
Ruth Clewett
Clive Furness
Val Donnelly
Jeremy Middleton
Sylvia Owen
Pat Wiggins
Anne Kasibante (Appointed 27 October 2020)
Deborah Sewell (Appointed 27 October 2020)
Brian Dexter (Appointed 27 October 2020)

Charity number

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DEACONS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The deacons present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the church's constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

The church's objects are to proclaim the Christian faith and to serve the local community through its work and witness. The policies adopted in furtherance of these objects are the running of the various activities of the church. During 2020 the deacons approved an update to the data protection policy, and additional social media guidelines.

The deacons have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the church should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Memorial Community Church has continued to hold regular services and to seek to serve the local neighbourhood throughout 2020.

The church has continued with a pastoral vacancy throughout 2020.. The day-to-day governance of the church has been managed by the deacons and elders.

The church profile was completed by the end of November and sent to the Baptist Union, national settlement. So far the church has invited three candidates to 'preach with a peep', by Zoom; one withdrew as her circumstances changed, and the church is currently in touch with two other candidates, who are either visiting or have visited the area in person.

The church began 2020 with heating failures in the main church building and also in the Swift Centre. These had occurred in 2019, but there were problems with identifying the causes and funding the necessary repairs. The causes were the corrosion of the century-old pipework embedded in the church foundations, and similar corrosion of the original pipework in the Swift Centre. The work was funded by a 70% loan from the LBA, together with generous gifts from within the church body and a legacy.

However 2020 began with services being held in the South Hall to facilitate heating.

Shortly after the first lockdown in March 2020 a homeless woman was murdered on the church forecourt. The woman was well known to Bridges and the church has sought to be a support to those who knew her. The police were able to trace the perpetrator, through CCTV; he too, sadly, was also known to the church.

With Covid-19 and lockdown in March 2020 services in the church ceased and did not restart during 2020. The church swiftly moved to running services by Zoom, and also facilitated those without internet being able to join services by phone. Church members have been generous in their expertise to enable the range of services and the media used.

The church partially reopened in June 2021, running hybrid services, i.e. in person and by Zoom. Church attendance by Zoom has been similar to face-to-face attendance.

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DEACONS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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In April 2020 the church also established a Covid-19 working group; responsible to the deacons, the working group could respond quickly to rapidly changing situations and met throughout 2020. The church was aware of families with inadequate access and was able to make some additional equipment available for some families. A Covid fund was established which has made some hardship payments and given craft materials to families.

The church established a new pastoral team, in particular to stay in touch with vulnerable people known to the church, and subsequently established a WhatsApp confidential prayer network to pray for specific requests for members and others known to us.

The church has also run a mid-week prayer and bible study by Zoom.

All lettings ceased during the lockdown; the building manager worked with tenants to identify what reduced rents they should pay, for instance for the security of the buildings and the safe storage of tenants' equipment.

In June one pastoral worker left, to become the director of Newham Youth for Christ. The other pastoral worker and the buildings manager have remained in post, both part-time, neither were furloughed. The church also employs a caretaker and a cleaner; the cleaner was furloughed between April and December 2020.

Financial review

The financial transactions of the church during the year and the financial position at the end of the year are summarised in the attached accounts.

During 2019 the church's heating systems failed in both the main building and the Swift Centre. After lengthy investigations it was agreed that the only way forward was to replace these systems at a significant cost of £149,000 and this work was carried out during 2019 and into 2020. The funding was mainly through a loan of £84,000 from the London Baptist Property Board (LBPB) in November 2019 augmented by donations from members. The loan from LBPB is repayable over the period to 2030.

It is the policy of the church that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The deacons considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the church's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year. Should the level of these reserves fall below the recommended level for a sustained period then the church could augment these reserves by disposal of its investment properties. Accordingly the deacons consider the financial position for 2020 and subsequently to be challenging but satisfactory recognizing that the church has underlying fixed assets which could be realized to meet cashflow requirements if necessary.

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

Structure, governance and management

The church is part of the Baptist denomination of churches in the UK.

The deacons who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Hilary Colston

Kemi Ajose

Lotanna Aranotu

Peter Bailey

(Resigned 31 August 2021)

Gloria Barrett

(Resigned 27 October 2020)

Ruth Clewett

Clive Furness

Val Donnelly

Edwin Kwakye

(Resigned 27 October 2020)

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Jeremy Middleton

Sylvia Owen

Pat Wiggins

Lydia Yeboah

(Resigned 8 August 2020)

Anne Kasibante

(Appointed 27 October 2020)

Deborah Sewell

(Appointed 27 October 2020)

Brian Dexter

(Appointed 27 October 2020)

The deacons are appointed by the members of the church in general meeting.

The day-to-day running of the church is dealt with by the minister, elders and deacons.

The deacons' report was approved by the Board of Deacons.

Hilary Colston

Church Secretary

Dated: 19 September 2021

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE DEACONS OF MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH

I report to the deacons on my examination of the financial statements of Memorial Community Church (the church) for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the deacons of the church you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

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

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the church as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do 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 financial statements to be reached.

Richard F Hopper

Chartered Accountant
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PL15 8HN

Dated: 27 September 2021

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

		Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Restricted funds 2019 £	Total 2019 £
	Notes						
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	66,003	4,977	70,980	61,022	47,327	108,349
Charitable activities	4	50,198	-	50,198	69,342	-	69,342
Investments	5	27,503	-	27,503	15,124	-	15,124
Total income		<u>143,704</u>	<u>4,977</u>	<u>148,681</u>	<u>145,488</u>	<u>47,327</u>	<u>192,815</u>
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	6	117,619	5,209	122,828	206,459	48,750	255,209
Net gains/(losses) on investments	11	51,900	-	51,900	366,425	-	366,425
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		<u>77,985</u>	<u>(232)</u>	<u>77,753</u>	<u>305,454</u>	<u>(1,423)</u>	<u>304,031</u>
Fund balances at 1 January 2020		<u>3,190,234</u>	<u>26,304</u>	<u>3,216,538</u>	<u>2,884,780</u>	<u>27,727</u>	<u>2,912,507</u>
Fund balances at 31 December 2020		<u><u>3,268,219</u></u>	<u><u>26,072</u></u>	<u><u>3,294,291</u></u>	<u><u>3,190,234</u></u>	<u><u>26,304</u></u>	<u><u>3,216,538</u></u>

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020		2019	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		2,499,979		2,465,338
Investment properties	13		850,000		798,100
			<u>3,349,979</u>		<u>3,263,438</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	14	10,720		9,365	
Cash at bank and in hand		68,898		74,135	
		<u>79,618</u>		<u>83,500</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(31,306)		(24,218)	
Net current assets			<u>48,312</u>		<u>59,282</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>3,398,291</u>		<u>3,322,720</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	17		(104,000)		(106,182)
Net assets			<u><u>3,294,291</u></u>		<u><u>3,216,538</u></u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	18		26,072		26,304
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
General unrestricted funds		2,686,994		2,975,434	
Revaluation reserve		581,225		214,800	
		<u>3,268,219</u>		<u>3,190,234</u>	
			<u><u>3,294,291</u></u>		<u><u>3,216,538</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Deacons on 19 September 2021

Hilary Colston
Trustee

Clive Furness
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Memorial Community Church is an independent unincorporated church affiliated to the Baptist denomination of churches.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the church's constitution, the Charities Act 2011 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)". The church is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

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

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the deacons have a reasonable expectation that the church has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the deacons continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

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

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

1.4 Incoming resources

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

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

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the church has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised in the accounts at the time when an obligation to make payment is incurred. Until the obligation is paid the balance is carried in current liabilities.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Land and buildings	0% p.a.
Leasehold improvements	0% p.a.
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	5% - 25% p.a. on cost

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

No depreciation is provided on the freehold property or the organ because, in the opinion of the deacons, their residual value is no less than their original cost.

1.7 Investment properties

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is initially recognised at cost, which includes the purchase cost and any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequently it is measured at fair value at the reporting end date. The surplus or deficit on revaluation is recognised in profit or loss.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the church reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

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

1.10 Financial instruments

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

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

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial assets

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

Basic financial liabilities

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

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

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

Derecognition of financial liabilities

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

1.11 Retirement benefits

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

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the church's accounting policies, the deacons are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	62,759	4,977	67,736	108,349
Grant income	3,244	-	3,244	-
	<u>66,003</u>	<u>4,977</u>	<u>70,980</u>	<u>108,349</u>
For the year ended 31 December 2020	<u>66,003</u>	<u>4,977</u>	<u>70,980</u>	<u>108,349</u>
For the year ended 31 December 2019	<u>61,022</u>	<u>47,327</u>		<u>108,349</u>

4 Charitable activities

	2020	2019
	£	£
Charitable rental income	49,028	68,872
Other income	1,170	470
	<u>50,198</u>	<u>69,342</u>

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2020	2019
	£	£
Rental income	27,470	15,000
Interest receivable	33	124
	<u>27,503</u>	<u>15,124</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

6 Charitable activities

	Church activities 2020 £	Church activities 2019 £
Staff costs	32,931	40,688
Church activities	2,747	3,807
	<u>35,678</u>	<u>44,495</u>
Grant funding of activities (see note 7)	2,976	2,131
Share of support costs (see note 8)	82,812	207,383
Share of governance costs (see note 8)	1,362	1,200
	<u>122,828</u>	<u>255,209</u>
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Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	117,619	206,459
Restricted funds	5,209	48,750
	<u>122,828</u>	<u>255,209</u>
	<u><u>122,828</u></u>	<u><u>255,209</u></u>

7 Grants payable

	Church activities 2020 £	Church activities 2019 £
Grants to institutions:		
Other	1,656	1,656
Grants to individuals	1,320	475
	<u>2,976</u>	<u>2,131</u>
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8 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2020 £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2019 £
Staff costs	13,706	-	13,706	32,041	-	32,041
Depreciation	9,828	-	9,828	5,647	-	5,647
Premises expenses	54,752	-	54,752	161,622	-	161,622
Administration expenses	4,526	-	4,526	8,073	-	8,073
Accountancy	-	1,362	1,362	-	1,200	1,200
	<u>82,812</u>	<u>1,362</u>	<u>84,174</u>	<u>207,383</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>208,583</u>
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	<u>82,812</u>	<u>1,362</u>	<u>84,174</u>	<u>207,383</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>208,583</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the independent examiner of £1,200 (2019- £1,362) for independent examination and accountancy fees.

9 Deacons

None of the deacons (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year. Small reimbursements of normal church expenses were made to some of them.

10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2020 Number	2019 Number
Church activities	2	3
Premises	2	2
Total	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
Employment costs	2020 £	2019 £
Wages and salaries	43,488	66,199
Other pension costs	3,149	6,530
	<u>46,637</u>	<u>72,729</u>

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

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11 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2020	2019
	£	£
Revaluation of investment properties	51,900	366,425

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings	Leasehold improvements	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 January 2020	2,413,000	27,945	50,969	2,491,914
Additions	-	43,734	735	44,469
At 31 December 2020	2,413,000	71,679	51,704	2,536,383
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 January 2020	-	11,170	15,406	26,576
Depreciation charged in the year	-	6,510	3,318	9,828
At 31 December 2020	-	17,680	18,724	36,404
Carrying amount				
At 31 December 2020	2,413,000	53,999	32,980	2,499,979
At 31 December 2019	2,413,000	16,775	35,563	2,465,338

13 Investment property

	2020 £
Fair value	
At 1 January 2020	798,100
Net gains or losses through fair value adjustments	51,900
At 31 December 2020	850,000

Investment properties comprise two private dwelling houses located not far from the church. The valuations were made by the trustees on an open market value basis by reference to market evidence of transaction prices for similar properties in the same street, indexed according to the government house prices indices for London, and with reference to a local estate agent.

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14 Debtors

	2020	2019
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	10,217	8,302
Prepayments and accrued income	503	1,063
	<u>10,720</u>	<u>9,365</u>

15 Loans and overdrafts

	2020	2019
	£	£
Bank loans	128,443	124,682
Payable within one year	24,443	18,500
Payable after one year	104,000	106,182

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2020	2019
		£	£
Bank loans	15	24,443	18,500
Other creditors		3,289	2,733
Accruals and deferred income		3,574	2,985
		<u>31,306</u>	<u>24,218</u>

17 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Notes	2020	2019
		£	£
Bank loans	15	104,000	106,182

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18 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 January 2019	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 1 January 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 December 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Building development fund	8,938	47,129	(48,212)	7,855	3,114	(4,197)	6,772
East Tower fund	631	-	(66)	565	-	(66)	499
Other restricted funds	18,158	198	(472)	17,884	638	(846)	17,676
Covid relief	-	-	-	-	1,225	(100)	1,125
	<u>27,727</u>	<u>47,327</u>	<u>(48,750)</u>	<u>26,304</u>	<u>4,977</u>	<u>(5,209)</u>	<u>26,072</u>

The Bridges Fund represents funds given for the church's work among homeless people in Newham. During the previous year the majority of these funds were transferred into a separate new charity now carrying on this work.

The East Tower fund contains funds raised in 2011 for the restoration of the East Tower and the historic bells.

The Building development fund contains funds raised by the church through fundraising events, donations and grants towards the development of the building. In 2013 it included funding from English Heritage, Historic Churches Preservation Trust, Garfield Weston Foundation and Big Lottery.

The new Big Lottery Fund grant went towards the community survey which took place during 2015.

Equipment funds represent assets bought with specific donations or gifts.

Other restricted funds include the following, together with sums collected through special offerings for overseas aid and support to individuals:

Victoria Dock Mission Fund - entrusted to the church for development of christian mission in the area of the River Thames east of Tower Bridge. It was not the intention that the church would carry out this mission itself; it is intended to gift this over a period of time by way of grants to organisations and individuals to support new and existing ministries in the Thames Gateway area.

12th West Ham Scouts Fund - originally connected with a scout group, but as this no longer exists the deacons intend to use this fund for similar youth work such as camping.

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19 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Restricted funds 2019 £	Total 2019 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2020 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	2,499,261	718	2,499,979	2,463,537	1,801	2,465,338
Investment properties	850,000	-	850,000	798,100	-	798,100
Current assets/ (liabilities)	22,958	25,354	48,312	34,779	24,503	59,282
Long term liabilities	(104,000)	-	(104,000)	(106,182)	-	(106,182)
	<u>3,268,219</u>	<u>26,072</u>	<u>3,294,291</u>	<u>3,190,234</u>	<u>26,304</u>	<u>3,216,538</u>

20 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2019 - none).