

TRINITY
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ANNUAL REPORT

AND FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024



Connect Church UK
Trinity@Birmingham
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Registered Charity no. 1133824
Company No. 07003576

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Year Ended 31st March 2024

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Legal and Administrative Information

Reference

Connect Church UK (CCUK) was founded by a small group of 'Brummies' during the 2nd World War in Sparkhill, Birmingham and is a part of the Assemblies of God denomination. CCUK became registered as an incorporated charitable company in 2009 within England and Wales as a limited company by guarantee with charitable status.

The other working names associated with CCUK are Trinity@Birmingham.

CCUK is a welcoming, multiethnic church that spans the generations and is passionate in its worship and care for people. Our mission is to connect people into a world-transforming relationship with Jesus Christ. While the immediate focus is to minister to the community of Small Heath and the Eastside of Birmingham, the church also has a wider reach across the city and internationally.

Registered Charity Numbers	1133824
Registered Company Number	07003576
Registered Office	150 Coventry Road Small Heath Birmingham West Midlands England B10 0SE

Website www.trinityunitedkingdom.org

Trustees	Pastor Kirk Mcatear	<i>Chair of trustees</i>
	Pastor Allen Loh	<i>Appointed 04/02/2024</i>
	Pastor Gerald Tan	<i>Appointed 25/06/2023</i>
	Joycelyn Edwards	
	Valerie Danelczyk	
	Louison Ricketts	
	Bradford Ricketts	
	Pastor Simon Lakin	
	Pastor Tracee Mcatear	<i>Company Secretary</i>
	Pastor Dominic Yeo	<i>Resigned 08/12/2023</i>
Key Management Personnel	Pastor Kirk Mcatear	<i>Senior Minister</i>
	Pastor Tracee Mcatear	<i>Executive Minister</i>

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Committee Members

Management Team

Tracee McAtear
Valerie Danelczyk
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Staff member
Congregation

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Objectives, Achievements and Performance

Connect Church UK's (CCUK) purposes as set out in the objects contained in the company's memorandum of association are:

- (a) to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the directors from time to time may think fit;
- (b) to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the directors from time to time think fit; and
- (c) to advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the directors from time to time may think fit.



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WHAT WE DO – OVERVIEW

All the activities and organisational structure of CCUK fit into the pattern:

- that we would connect with God in personal **worship**;
- that we would connect to a community of people in relationship and **love**;
- that we would connect to our purpose through **serving**;
- which is all facilitated by effective, efficient, and ethical **management**.

This pattern will be accomplished through providing the following public benefits:

Worship

- Regular public worship open to all. Each week we host a Sunday Celebration service, which is recorded and the message later posted on YouTube.

Love

- People are encouraged to build relationships and biblical community through a variety of connect groups offered in locations across the city.
- Pastoral work including supporting the sick and bereaved facilitated by clergy, staff and lay members.

Serve

- to support other charities in Birmingham in practical ways.
- to engage with our local community to encourage better relationships amongst our neighbours.
- to partner with similar churches/charities abroad to learn from and support their works.

The **five goals** that Connect Church UK set out to achieve in 2023/2024 were:

1. MORPH into a new season of WORSHIP
2. MORPH into a new season of LOVE
3. MORPH into a new season of SERVING
4. MORPH from friends into family as we become TRINITY@BIRMINGHAM
5. MORPH from mobile church into the NEW BUILDING

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2023/2024: A YEAR IN REVIEW

2023/24 was a significant year of transformation and change for Connect Church UK as it became an Overseas Centre of Trinity Christian Centre Singapore and adopted the working name of Trinity@Birmingham. The theme for the year was METAMORPHOSIS that was outworked in 5 ways:

1. **MORPH into a new season of WORSHIP**

This was the last year that the church held the weekly Celebration services in rented premises every Sunday. Each week, the setup and pack down, was made possible by a devoted team of staff and volunteers. We are incredibly grateful for their energy and dedication, week in and week out. On Sunday 24 September the church held the first service in the newly completed church building at 150 Coventry Road, Small Heath.

After the Celebration services began in the new church building, Sunday attendance rose on average 80 to 125, an increase of 56%. These statistics do not include the 362 who attended the Building Dedication Service on 15 October, or the 240 who attended the Christmas Pantomime with Saltmine Theatre Company on 17 December.

It has been a joy and step-up for the Worship, Technical, Hosting, Carpark, Catering and Facilities teams to discover how to use the building to create a warm, welcoming environment and service where both the congregation and visitors can encounter God in worship, week to week, and in special celebrations including Christmas, Mother's Day and Easter.

'We have felt very comfortable since attending in February, and very often left church discussing and reflecting on the sermon.'



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2. MORPH into a new season of LOVE

Trinity Christian Centre (TCC) has developed and refined a model and process of connecting and discipling believers through Connect Groups, that has been effective in the church in Singapore, as well as many locations around the world where TCC have providing training and consultation to. CCUK began to rebuild the Connect Groups of the church according to this model, with trainers from TCC providing training several times during the year. In February 2024 6 Connect Groups were launched across Birmingham with 9 freshly trained leaders, in homes as well as the church building. In the first two months 46 people has experienced life in a Connect Group.

3. MORPH into a new season of SERVING

CCUK continued to build upon collaborative partnerships and initiatives within the local and global community to provide for practical needs, foster positive relationship and bring spiritual encouragement. These key local partnerships included Safe Families, Wyndcliffe Primary School, Birmingham City Mission, Time4Change Birmingham, Birmingham Churches Together, Interserve, Birmingham City Football Club Chaplaincy and Saint Basils. The congregation regularly provided practical donations for foodbanks, school uniforms and Christmas gifts for vulnerable people.

Key global partnerships for this year included Samaritan's Purse, Open Doors, Compassion, and Assemblies of God Impact 25:40. The congregation made donations to provide emergency relief in response to the Morocco Earthquake and the crisis in the Middle East.

Since moving into the building CCUK have hosted the National Missions Conference for Assemblies of God CG, the Standing Strong Regional Event for Open Doors, the Solid Rock Holiday club for Birmingham City Mission as well as a Networking Event for Birmingham Church, Charity and Community Leaders. There have also been Community events in October, Christmas and Easter for our neighbours of all ages to engage with.

4. MORPH from friends into family as we become TRINITY@BIRMINGHAM

As outlined in the 22/23 Annual report, the Trustees of CCUK had began a conversation with the leadership of Trinity Christian Centre Singapore, a long-standing ally and supporter of CCUK, to explore the possibilities of a closer relationship between the two churches, to move from friends to family. As of May 14, 2023, Connect Church UK became Trinity@Birmingham, one of Trinity Christian Centre's overseas regional centres.

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5. MORPH from mobile church into the NEW BUILDING

In May the staff team moved into the building to deliver non-public facing activities and also to store church equipment and assets. Meanwhile construction work was continued by Mayway, until the building was deemed ready for public use on 24 September 23. Work on outstanding planning conditions continues and are due for completion by July 24.

The building was registered by the General Register Office as a Place of Worship on 3 October 23, and subsequently registered for the Solemnization of Marriages on 4 January 24.

"I feel very close to many of the people who attend Trinity Church. I always feel loved and made to feel welcome. I do better when I am around people that I feel comfortable with and I can attribute that to my relationships at church. I am usually much more settled and calm when I am around my Church Family and feel less alone regarding the world in general. I have struggled with MH issues in the past but this has been greatly improved firstly because of my relationship with my LORD Jesus and secondly because of the good souls that He has connected me with. Church is great and the things that I hear and learn there have helped me to navigate situations on the world in more productive and thoughtful ways. Thank you."

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

2024/25 will be the first full year for the church operating out of the new building, as Trinity@Birmingham an Overseas Centre of Trinity Christian Centre Singapore. In Trinity, we love God passionately, love church zealously, and love souls relentlessly. As a church we will be a biblical community where people can encounter God, experience life and impact our world.

Our ongoing plans for the future of Trinity@Birmingham are for each person to:

- **Love God Passionately** – in their continual pursuit of God. Actively developing their relationship with God, seeking to know Him more intimately, growing in their love for Him day by day.
- **Love Church Zealously** – committed to sacrificial service unto one another, using their gifts to build Trinity up, and to grow spiritually alongside their biological and spiritual families.
- **Love Souls Relentlessly** – dedicated to sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ, warmly welcoming people into community, discipling new believers and doing life together.
- **Encounter God** – in every platform of church, alone or when they come together with others.
- **Experience Life** – the abundant life in relationship with Jesus Christ both now and in eternity, and also in biblical community with other believers in Trinity@Birmingham.
- **Impact Our World** – as strategic leaders, not just in their position and vocation, but also in their daily interactions with every individual.

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The goals for the 2024/25 year are:

- Love God Passionately – I Pursue Him
- Love Church Zealously – Love One Another
- Love Souls Relentlessly – Every Soul Matters
- Establish Biblical Community – Train Leaders and Relaunch Connect Groups
- Launch a new restricted Building Fund

REVIEWING FINANCES

CCUK reported a net unrestricted deficit of £97,614 on general funds, a larger loss when compared to the previous year (2023: -£28,538). Income from general donations £184,889 (2023: £212,695) did increase but not enough to counteract the rising costs. Restricted funds decreased to £13,515 (2023: £20,191) following the ongoing development of the building project.

Income derived from voluntary donations decreased by 41% to £297,084 in 2024 compared to £504,939 in 2023. Two large donations were included within the prior year. CCUK received £934,018 in grants this year, the majority (£929,018) from Trinity Christian Centre Singapore towards the completion and fit out of the building. There was an decrease in income from Charitable Activities £3,369 (2023: £4,846) as the church became more active in the new building.

Expenditure increased by 23%, totaling £429,653 in 2024, compared with £342,867 in 2023. The ongoing construction, and the commencement of day-to-day running costs of the building contribute significantly to the rise in expenditure.

Restricted funds

Restricted funds comprise donations given for a specific ministry purpose. As at 31 March 2024 the unspent portion of these funds amounted to £13,515 (2023: £20,191).

Fundraising policy

CCUK receives most of its donation income from its congregation. However, occasionally other organisations and grant-makers are approached to assist with special projects. The trustees are committed to maintaining the highest legal and ethical standards in the way the charity undertakes its fundraising activities. CCUK is committed to abiding by the Code of Fundraising Practice and to the Fundraising Promise.

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Reserves Policy

Trustees of CCUK manage a tension between faith in God as the source of provision for the financial resources required to fund the work of the church, as well as the need to wisely steward resources to ensure that the church has sufficient working capital to meet its obligations to its employees and creditors. The Trustees aim to hold sufficient "free" reserves (equivalent to cash and liquid assets) to cover at least three months' expenditure. Free reserves at 31 March 2024 £160,393 (2023: £146,921 against a target based on 2024-25 budgeted costs of £108,648. For 2024 the free reserves have been calculated as net current assets less restricted funds. The Trustees will remain mindful of this target in making financial decisions and allocating resources during the current year.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The church is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 28 August 2009 and registered as a charity on 27 January 2010. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association and amended by special resolution(s) dated 05/02/2013 which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Although Connect Church UK is an autonomous charity, since the church's commencement in 1940 it has had fellowship status with the Assemblies of God Great Britain (AoG GB), and abides by the Constitution of AoG GB, has accepted the AoG GB Statement of Faith, contributes financially to AoG GB and ensures that the Senior Minister has AoG GB Ministerial Status.

RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

Training and Induction of Trustees

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the trustees are identified by the Senior Minister and, after an application process, are appointed by the Trustees at the Annual General Meeting. The directors are not required to retire by rotation. It is considered that all the Trustees and any others who could be understood to be 'managers' in the activities of the charity are deemed to be 'fit and proper' persons under the terms of the Finance Act 2010. Training is available for any new trustee or those continuing to serve as on the board and as part of the regular meetings as well.

On 14 May 23, Connect Church UK announced about moving from being friends to become family with Trinity Christian Centre Singapore (TCC) by becoming an Overseas Centre of TCC. The trustees agreed that Lead Pastor of TCC, Rev Gerald Tan, will become the spiritual leader of CCUK. As part of being

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family, CCUK invited Rev Gerald Tan and Rev Dominic Yeo to join the CCUK Trustee Board on 25 June 2023. On 8 December 2023, Rev Dominic Yeo resigned as a trustee when he was elected as Chairman of World Assemblies of God Fellowship. CCUK then invited Pastor Allen Loh to be a trustee of CCUK on 4 February 2024.

Organisational Structure and Decision Making

The Board of Trustees met online, in-person or a hybrid of both, 11 times in the 2023/2024 financial year of the company. While the majority of these meetings were regular meetings of the board, some were extraordinary meetings to discuss or confirm the proposal of CCUK becoming a part of the Trinity Christian Centre Singapore global family.

The Trustees are responsible for the various ministries and operations of the church and make regular reports at the meetings so that issues may be highlighted and discussed. A sub-committee, called the Management Team, of staff and skilled lay members of various professional backgrounds from the church is led by the Executive Minister and their research and recommendations inform the Board of Trustees.

Trustee's Responsibilities

All Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in their publication 'The Advancement of Religion for Public Benefit' and have regard to it in their administration and activities of Connect Church UK.

Risk Management

Connect Church UK recognises that in relation to 'Risk Assessment', risk is defined as 'the threat of any action or event which will adversely affect an organization's ability to achieve its objectives and execute its strategies'. It also accepts that the term 'risk' can include any circumstances that may, or do, have an adverse effect, and is wider than financial matters. 'Risks' relate not only to the negative consequences of a threat, but also to the impact of not taking advantage of opportunities.

Connect Church UK recognises it requires a practical Health and Safety Policy for any building and surrounding grounds it owns or rents in pursuit of its activities. This is reviewed on a regular basis. An Accident log is maintained.

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The contents and obligations of the Equality Act 2010 and the Data Protection Act 2018 are known and complied with to the best of the church's ability. The Trustees are aware of their responsibilities in respect of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 and its requirement to carry out a fire assessment to identify any possible dangers and risks, to take action to minimize the risks and to create a plan to deal with any emergencies, and also to write up and keep a record of its findings and to review its assessment annually. The Trustees appointed firstly Matthew Hopley until December 23, and then Charlotte Francis in January 24 to be the responsible people to put these matters into operation.

There is a Protection Policy in place in respect of children and vulnerable adults. Checks have been and are made with the Disclosure and Barring Service (formerly the CRB) in respect of persons dealing regularly with young people and vulnerable adults. The Trustees' appointed officer for this is Louison Ricketts. Whilst it is impossible to eliminate all risks and their consequences, efforts are constantly made to minimize such occurrences. The safeguarding policy is reviewed and revised annually and was approved on 4 February 24 by the Trustees and implemented where applicable in the various ministries of the church. One serious incident report was made to the Charity Commission in June 23. The Charity Commission recorded the report and were assured that the trustees were dealing with the matter appropriately and responsibly. Trustees are kept informed on matters affecting the church, such as health and safety, disability discrimination legislation and child protection.



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Principal Risks and Uncertainties

Potential Risk	Mitigation
<p>Financial Liquidity Risks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The economic challenges due to VUCA factors such as the Ukrainian War, Cost of Living crisis, and high inflation is causing significant operating challenges and could impact CCUK's income and/or cashflow. The church and the ministry is growing. As such the increase in expenses is outpacing the growth in tithes and offering. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCUK relies on God's provision and the generosity of the congregation to meet its financial needs. CCUK now operates as an Overseas Centre of the TCC global family. Aim to hold at least 3 months' working capital To continue to disciple the church in the principle of giving - Malachi 3:10, Proverbs 3:9, 2 Sam 24:24 Strong budgetary and financial controls are in place. Additional funding streams are being sought
<p>Reputational/Leadership Risks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loss of confidence by stakeholders due to the behaviour of senior leadership or staff members, which also includes Singapore TCC senior leadership. Future of the organisation could be jeopardised due to lack of adequate succession planning for key senior roles. Growth in the church services and operations unable to be serviced by current staffing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Values are clearly defined and regularly communicated Prayer and worship are central to CCUK Oversight structures are in place for senior leaders and staff. Succession planning for key senior roles in CCUK is considered within the wider context of TCC Global family. TCC have been working with CCUK to build both the employed pastoral team as well as the lay pastoral and ministry teams. There are regular opportunities for training and onboarding of new leaders and volunteers.
<p>Legal Risks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harm comes to those in our care due to lack of appropriate and compliant child and vulnerable adult safeguarding procedures. Harm comes to visitors or staff due to lack of appropriate and compliant Health & Safety procedures Poor decision-making and breach of regulatory requirements due to weak or non-compliant governance structures. Legal risks arising from use of building for services, events and operations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safeguarding at CCUK is overseen by a Safeguarding trustee and Management committee representative. CCUK works closely with Connect2families and thirtyone:eight to ensure that it models best practice in the area of safeguarding. Regular H&S reporting from Facility Coordinator at Management and staff meetings. Internal and external H&S Advisors monitor and report on risk areas identified in church building. Trustee meetings and structures are compliant with Charity Commission, Companies House and governing document requirements. Recruit and provide training to keep strengthening the Trustee Board. Conflicts of interest are managed appropriately at trustee level. Insurance policies are updated to reflect changes in operation.
<p>Operational Risks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inability to operate in the event of a disaster due to lack of adequate business continuity planning. Business continuity compromised or critical data lost through cyber-attack. Also potential compromise of the physical building due to terrorist attack or rioting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IT systems are backed up remotely and can be accessed remotely. Continue to invest in digital and technology systems including technology. Data audits are regularly conducted. Build closer relationship with police.

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Statement of responsibilities of the Trustees

CCUK Board of Trustees is responsible for preparing the Annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom generally accepted accounting practice.

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare a statement of financial activities and statement of assets and liabilities for each financial year, which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the church and of its financial activities for that year and adequately distinguishes any material special trust or other restricted fund of the church.

In preparing those financial statements the CCUK Board of Trustees is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the appropriate SORP on Accounting by Charities and the Accounting Regulations and with applicable accounting standards, subject to the material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the church will continue to operate.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the church and to take reasonable steps to detect fraud or other irregularities and to provide reasonable assurances that:

- the church is operating efficiently and effectively;
- its assets are safeguarded against unauthorized use or disposition;
- proper records are kept and financial information used within the church or for publication is reliable;
- the church complies with relevant laws and regulations.

Approval

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees of Connect Church UK and signed on its behalf, by Pastor Kirk McAtear, Senior Minister.

Signed:



Date: 22/6/2024

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Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Connect Church (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2022

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and the provisions available for small entities. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate. Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue. Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees/Directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

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

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themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the trustees report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the trustees report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the trustees report. We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees/Directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the trustees report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of Trustees/Directors

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees responsibilities, the Trustees/Directors, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees/Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees/Directors are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees/Directors either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below. A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Date: 23/6/2025

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Statement of Financial Activities (Income and Expenditure Account Included)

		Unrestricted Funds	2024 Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2023 Total Funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income					
Donations and legacies		208,222	1,022,880	1,231,102	504,939
Charitable activities		3,369	-	3,369	4,846
Other income		7,923	699	8,622	565
Total Income	2	<u>219,514</u>	<u>1,023,579</u>	<u>1,243,093</u>	<u>510,350</u>
Expenditure					
Raising funds	8	1,172	-	1,172	1,855
Charitable activities	3 - 7	315,955	112,526	428,481	341,012
Total Expenditure		<u>317,127</u>	<u>112,526</u>	<u>429,653</u>	<u>342,867</u>
Net Income / (Expenditure) Before Gain / (Loss) on Building Revaluation		<u>(97,613)</u>	<u>911,053</u>	<u>813,440</u>	<u>167,483</u>
Gain / (Loss) on Building Revaluation		(788,503)	-	(788,503)	-
Net Income / (Expenditure) After Gain / (Loss) on Building Revaluation		<u>(886,116)</u>	<u>911,053</u>	<u>24,937</u>	<u>167,483</u>
Net Income and Net Movement In Funds					
Total funds brought forward	16	1,505,314	20,191	1,525,505	1,358,022
Transfers	16	917,729	(917,729)	-	-
Total Funds Carried Forward	16	<u>1,536,927</u>	<u>13,515</u>	<u>1,550,442</u>	<u>1,525,505</u>

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement is a combined Statement of Financial Activities and Income and Expenditure Account for the purposes of meeting both the Companies Act and Charity SORP reporting requirements.

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Statement of Financial Position

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	12	2,675,516	2,650,535
		<u>2,675,516</u>	<u>2,650,535</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors	13	11,681	27,363
Cash at bank and in hand		143,664	119,855
Investments		31,947	31,083
		<u>187,292</u>	<u>178,301</u>
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	14	33,567	11,189
Net Current Assets		<u>153,725</u>	<u>167,112</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		<u>2,829,241</u>	<u>2,817,647</u>
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due After One Year	15	1,278,799	1,292,142
Net Assets	17	<u>1,550,442</u>	<u>1,525,505</u>
Funds of The Charity			
Restricted funds	16	13,515	20,191
Unrestricted funds	16		
Unrestricted general		160,393	146,921
Designated funds		1,376,534	1,358,393
		<u>1,536,927</u>	<u>1,505,314</u>
Total Charity Funds		<u>1,550,442</u>	<u>1,525,505</u>

These financial statements for Connect Church UK (Company number: 07003576) have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small entities regime of the Companies Act 2006.

Directors Responsibilities

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue :

Name of Trustee:

KIRK ANTHONY McATEER

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees:



Date of Approval:

22/6/2025

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Statement of Cash Flows

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	846,114	157,150
	<u>846,114</u>	<u>157,150</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Dividends and interest	2,122	565
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(830,403)	(471,413)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	<u>(828,281)</u>	<u>(470,848)</u>
Cash flows from Financing Activities:		
Repayments on borrowing	(217,788)	-
Cash inflows from new borrowing	224,628	138,671
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	<u>6,840</u>	<u>138,671</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period	24,673	(175,027)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	150,938	325,965
Cash and Cash Equivalents At The End of The Reporting Period	<u>175,611</u>	<u>150,938</u>

Reconciliation of Net Movement in Funds to Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Net movement in funds for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	24,937	167,483
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	16,919	1,835
Dividends and interest from investments	(2,122)	(565)
(Increase) / decrease in debtors	15,682	(17,879)
Increase / (decrease) in creditors	2,195	6,276
Loss on Building Revaluation	788,503	-
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>846,114</u>	<u>157,150</u>

Analysis of Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash at bank	143,664	119,855
Short term investments	31,947	31,083
Total cash at bank and short term investments	<u>175,611</u>	<u>150,938</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements

1 Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of Preparation

The financial statements of the charitable company have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with 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), the Companies Act 2006 and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to smaller entities.

The financial accounts are prepared in Sterling (£) which is the functional currency of the charitable company.

Connect Church UK meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

1.2 Assessment of Going Concern

During the 2023/24 financial year, the trustees considered the challenges to keep the charity operating on the basis of going concern. After considering the options, interventions were implemented which have enabled the practical completion and occupation of the church building (previously referred to as the Home and Hub). The trustees now consider the charity to be a going concern for the next twelve months.

1.3 Fund Accounting

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objectives. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have set aside resources for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or the term of specific appeal.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in Note 16 of the financial statements.

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1.4 Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is probable that the resources will be received, and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

- All voluntary income is recognised as donations and are included in full, with associated gift aid receivable in the Statement of Financial Activities.
- Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of specific performance by the charity are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.
- Income from charitable activities are accounted for when invoices are drawn up and the service has been provided (as the point of entitlement).
- Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified.
- Gifts in Kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised.
- Time is expended on the charity's activities and governance which is donated free of charge. It is impractical to quantify the value of the time given, and accordingly it is neither recorded as donated income nor as an expense in the financial statements.
- Investment Income is included in the accounts when receivable.

1.5 Resources Expended

The costs of charitable activities represent the cost of undertaking the charity's objectives and include direct costs incurred in delivering those services together with support costs. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Value added tax is not recoverable by the charitable company and as such it is included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Costs of raising funds include expenditure on promotion and advertising plus any fundraising trading costs.

1.6 Governance Costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees' meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

1.7 Liabilities Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

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1.8 Tangible Fixed Assets

All assets costing more than £500 are capitalised and at historic cost. Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is charged on fixed assets which is written off on a straight-line basis over time and estimated useful life of the asset.

Fixtures, fittings and furniture	20% Straight line
Motor vehicles	20% Straight line
Computer equipment	20% Straight line

Fixtures, fittings and vehicles are reviewed for impairment if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of such assets may not be recoverable. If there is an indication of possible impairment, the recoverable amount of any affected asset is estimated and compared against its carrying amount. Where the estimated recoverable amount is lower, an impairment loss is recognised immediately in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Fixed assets are for use by the church in fulfilling its objects and are capitalised and depreciated. Freehold land and buildings are held under the revaluation model and are initially recognised at cost and subsequently measured at fair value, based on periodic valuations, less any subsequent impairment losses.

No depreciation is charged on either land or buildings. This is because the useful economic life of the building is not reliably measurable and is expected to exceed 50 years. The building is considered to have long-term continuing use in furtherance of the charity's objectives.

The charity obtains a market valuation of the land and buildings every few years to ensure the carrying amount reflects fair value. The most recent independent valuation was carried out in November 2024.

The charity also reviews the carrying amounts of land and buildings at each reporting date to assess whether there is any indication of impairment. Where such indicators exist, an impairment review is undertaken. If the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.9 Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

1.10 Operating Leases

Rental charges payable under operating leases are charged on a straight line basis over the terms of the lease.

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1.11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively for charitable purposes. The charity is not exempt from Value Added Tax.

1.12 Volunteer Assistance

Time is expended on the charity's activities and governance which is donated free of charge. It is impractical to quantify the value of the time given, and accordingly it is neither recorded as donated income nor as an expense in the financial statements.

1.13 Financial Instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' of FRS 102 to all its financial instruments. Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity 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. With the exceptions of prepayments and deferred income all other debtor and creditor balances are considered to be basic financial instruments under FRS 102.

1.14 Employee Benefits

The cost of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense. The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received. Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.15 Critical Accounting Estimates and Areas of Judgement

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees 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 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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2 Analysis of Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations and Legacies			
Donations	184,889	70,683	255,572
Gift aid	22,713	18,179	40,892
Grants	-	934,018	934,018
Legacies	-	-	-
Gifts in kind	620	-	620
	<u>208,222</u>	<u>1,022,880</u>	<u>1,231,102</u>
Charitable Activities			
Church activities	1,389	-	1,389
Other activities	1,980	-	1,980
	<u>3,369</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,369</u>
Other Income			
Bank interest	1,423	699	2,122
Building rent	6,500	-	6,500
	<u>7,923</u>	<u>699</u>	<u>8,622</u>
Total Income	<u>219,514</u>	<u>1,023,579</u>	<u>1,243,093</u>

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2 Analysis of Income (Continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations and Legacies			
Donations	212,695	152,825	365,520
Gift aid	30,495	14,524	45,019
Grants	-	-	-
Legacies	-	-	-
Gifts in kind	94,400	-	94,400
	<u>337,590</u>	<u>167,349</u>	<u>504,939</u>
 Charitable Activities			
Church activities	1,639	-	1,639
Other activities	3,207	-	3,207
	<u>4,846</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,846</u>
 Other Income			
Bank interest	477	88	565
Building rent	-	-	-
	<u>477</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>565</u>
 Total Income	<u>342,913</u>	<u>167,437</u>	<u>510,350</u>

During the year the charity received two material gifts in kind totalling £94,400 worth of goods and services. The nature of the goods and services received during the year was the donation of 180 chairs for the main sanctuary along with the supply and fitting of the flooring of the new building valued.

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3 Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Salaries	Other direct costs	Support costs	2024
	£	£	£	£
Ordinary ministry of the church	142,848	63,780	109,133	315,761
Development of Home & Hub	-	106,949	-	106,949
Grants and mission giving	-	5,771	-	5,771
	<u>142,848</u>	<u>176,500</u>	<u>109,133</u>	<u>428,481</u>

	Salaries	Other direct costs	Support costs	2023
	£	£	£	£
Ordinary ministry of the church	126,590	39,621	84,647	250,858
Development of Home & Hub	-	73,537	-	73,537
Grants and mission giving	-	16,617	-	16,617
	<u>126,590</u>	<u>129,775</u>	<u>84,647</u>	<u>341,012</u>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	2024
Ordinary ministry of the church	313,956	1,805	315,761
Development of Home & Hub	-	106,949	106,949
Grants and mission giving	1,999	3,772	5,771
	<u>315,955</u>	<u>112,526</u>	<u>428,481</u>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	2023
Ordinary ministry of the church	250,858	-	250,858
Development of Home & Hub	-	73,537	73,537
Grants and mission giving	4,338	12,279	16,617
	<u>255,196</u>	<u>85,816</u>	<u>341,012</u>

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4 Ordinary Ministry of the Church

	Salaries	Other direct costs	Support costs	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Contribution to AoG GB	-	-	-	-
Salaries and pension contributions	142,848	-	-	142,848
Staff related costs	-	14,169	24,244	38,413
Cost of services	-	18,881	32,307	51,188
Pastoral care & training	-	1,922	3,289	5,211
Worship	-	-	-	-
Church courses & events	-	21,608	36,973	58,581
Youth and children's work	-	5,348	9,151	14,499
Engage (local social action)	-	1,852	3,169	5,021
	<u>142,848</u>	<u>63,780</u>	<u>109,133</u>	<u>315,761</u>

	Salaries	Other direct costs	Support costs	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Contribution to AoG GB	-	5,400	-	5,400
Salaries and pension contributions	126,590	-	-	126,590
Staff related costs	-	11,142	27,561	38,703
Cost of services	-	13,702	33,892	47,594
Pastoral care & training	-	1,005	2,486	3,491
Worship	-	-	-	-
Church courses & events	-	3,253	8,046	11,299
Youth and children's work	-	4,705	11,638	16,343
Engage (local social action)	-	414	1,024	1,438
	<u>126,590</u>	<u>39,621</u>	<u>84,647</u>	<u>250,858</u>

5 Development of Home & Hub

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£
Fitout	-	2,657	2,657
Mortgage interest	-	103,482	103,482
Building legal & advisory	-	810	810
	<u>-</u>	<u>106,949</u>	<u>106,949</u>

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Development of Home & Hub cont.

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £
Fitout	-	1,878	1,878
Mortgage interest	-	67,508	67,508
Building legal & advisory	-	4,151	4,151
	<u>-</u>	<u>73,537</u>	<u>73,537</u>

6 Grants and Mission Giving

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £
Gifts for Overseas Mission			
AoG Impact 25:40 Afghanistan	-	-	-
AoG Impact 25:40 Middle East Appeal	-	2,291	2,291
AoG Impact 25:40 Earthquake appeal	-	800	800
AOG Vision Offering 2023	489	-	489
AoG Wycliffe Bible Translation	-	-	-
Open Doors with Br Andrew	600	-	600
Slovenia Building Project	-	-	-
Light of the Gospel Ministries	-	-	-
	<u>1,089</u>	<u>3,091</u>	<u>4,180</u>
Gifts to UK Beneficiaries			
Individuals	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Missions Costs			
Flights abroad	376	-	376
Missions trip costs	536	-	536
Local mission	-	561	561
Pastoral care - missionaries	-	120	120
	<u>912</u>	<u>681</u>	<u>1,593</u>
Total	<u>2,001</u>	<u>3,772</u>	<u>5,773</u>

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Grants and Mission Giving cont.

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £
Gifts for Overseas Mission			
AoG Impact 25:40 Afghanistan	-	7,600	7,600
AoG Impact 25:40 Middle East Appeal	-	-	-
AoG Impact 25:40 Earthquake appeal	-	-	-
AOG Vision Offering 2023	-	-	-
AoG Wycliffe Bible Translation	-	1,600	1,600
Open Doors with Br Andrew	600	-	600
Slovenia Building Project	2,000	-	2,000
Light of the Gospel Ministries	300	-	300
	<u>2,900</u>	<u>9,200</u>	<u>12,100</u>
Gifts to UK Beneficiaries			
Individuals	3,103	-	3,103
	<u>3,103</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,103</u>
Missions Costs			
Flights abroad	402	-	402
Missions trip costs	536	-	536
Local mission	-	-	-
Pastoral care	-	-	-
	<u>938</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>938</u>
Total	<u>6,941</u>	<u>9,200</u>	<u>16,141</u>

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7 Support Costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Building maintenance & running costs	36,588	45,377
Rates and insurance	6,186	14,202
Telephone and printing	4,193	1,541
Total property related support costs	46,967	61,120
IT	4,228	4,430
Finance	107	115
Creative services	-	-
Executive and legal	40,912	17,147
Depreciation	16,919	1,835
	62,166	23,527
Total	109,133	84,647

Support costs (all are spent from unrestricted funds) have been apportioned based on identified contribution to direct or support function for both staff and expenses.

8 Raising Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£
Fundraising costs	1,172	-	1,172
	1,172	-	1,172
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Fundraising costs	1,855	-	1,855
	1,855	-	1,855

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9 Statutory Audit and Independent Examiner's Fees

Fees payable to the independent examination for:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Statutory audit	7,200	-
Accounts preparation and independent examination	-	1,920

10 Staff Costs

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	132,641	117,861
Social security costs	5,773	4,800
Employer contributions to pension plans	4,434	3,929
	<u>142,848</u>	<u>126,590</u>

The average headcount of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Average headcount	6	5

The number of employees who received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
More than £60,000	-	-

Key Management Personnel

The key management personnel of CCUK comprises of the Senior Pastor and Executive Pastor. The total employee benefits (including pension and Employer NIC) of the key management personnel of the charity were £75,305 (2023: £63,052).

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11 Trustee Remuneration, Expenses and Donations

During the year four trustees incurred out of pocket expenses for the day to day running of the church amounting to £1,282 (2023: £314).

During the year the total aggregated donations made to the charity by the trustees was £44,713 (2023: £52,507). The donors did not attach any conditions to their gifts which required the charity to significantly alter the nature of its existing activities.

During the year three trustees were employed by the charity for roles outside of their trustee duties (2023: 2). The total remuneration received including employers national insurance and employers pension contribution were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Pastor Kirk McAtear	41,955	38,419
Pastor Tracee McAtear	33,351	24,633
Pastor Simon Lakin	18,288	-

12 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Land and Building	Church Equipment	Computer Equipment £	Total £
Cost as at 1st April 2023	2,632,449	19,589	4,691	2,656,729
Additions	756,054	68,502	5,847	830,403
Revaluation	(788,503)	-	-	(788,503)
Cost as at 31st March 2024	2,600,000	88,091	10,538	2,698,629
Depreciation as at 1st April 2023	-	3,754	2,440	6,194
Depreciation Charge	-	14,905	2,014	16,919
Depreciation as at 31st March 2024	-	18,659	4,454	23,113
Net Book Value as at 31st March 2024	2,600,000	69,432	6,084	2,675,516
Net Book Value as at 31st March 2023	2,632,449	15,835	2,251	2,650,535

During 2023/24 the building project was completed.

In November 2023 the Trinity Church building on 150 Coventry Road was revalued upon the completion of the building work based on the market value of the building and was completed by Carter Jonas LLP.

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13 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gift aid	5,181	7,363
Prepayments and accrued income	6,500	20,000
	<u>11,681</u>	<u>27,363</u>

14 Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	13,228	3,474
Accruals and deferred income	156	7,715
Loans and mortgages	20,183	-
	<u>33,567</u>	<u>11,189</u>

15 Creditors: Amounts Falling Due After One Year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Charity bank mortgage	1,278,799	1,074,354
Big Issue - Development loan	-	123,009
Big Issue - Working capital loan	-	94,779
	<u>1,278,799</u>	<u>1,292,142</u>

Capital repayment holiday was granted by both Charity Bank and Big Issue due to the Covid Pandemic and was extended until 31 December 2023.

In January 2024, the charity entered into a consolidated term loan agreement with The Charity Bank Limited to refinance its previous borrowings. The loan of £1,300,000 is repayable over 25 years on an amortising basis, with a final repayment due in January 2034. It is secured by a legal charge over the charity's property at Kingston Road, Small Heath and a charge over a designated deposit account.

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16 Analysis of Charitable Funds

	1 Apr 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gain / (Loss) £	Transfers £	31 Mar 2024 £
Unrestricted Funds						
Unrestricted						
General funds	146,921	219,514	(317,127)	-	111,085	160,393
	146,921	219,514	(317,127)	-	111,085	160,393
Designated						
Asset and building fund	1,358,393	-	-	(788,503)	806,644	1,376,534
	1,358,393	-	-	(788,503)	806,644	1,376,534
Total Unrestricted	1,505,314	219,514	(317,127)	(788,503)	917,729	1,536,927
Restricted Funds						
Access impact grant	164	-	-	-	-	164
Growing lives grant	-	-	(1,805)	-	1,805	-
Missions	1,084	8,142	(3,652)	-	-	5,574
Synergy legacy	2,897	-	(120)	-	-	2,777
Trinity Christian Centre grant	-	929,018	-	-	(929,018)	-
Vision fund	16,046	81,419	(106,949)	-	9,484	-
Youth camp grant	-	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Total Restricted	20,191	1,023,579	(112,526)	-	(917,729)	13,515
Total Funds	1,525,505	1,243,093	(429,653)	(788,503)	-	1,550,442

Fund Transfers

Expenses in the Trinity Christian Centre grant and the Vision fund were spent on the renovation of the Church building. A transfer of £929,018 assets purchased by the Trinity Christian Centre fund and £8,834 asset purchased by the vision fund are held in the general fund.

CONNECT CHURCH UK

Year Ended 31st March 2024

Notes to the Financial Statements

	1 Apr 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gain / (Loss) £	Transfers £	31 Mar 2023 £
Unrestricted Funds						
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General funds	1,130,346	342,913	(257,027)	-	(1,069,311)	146,921
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Designated						
Asset and building fun	-	-	-	-	1,358,393	1,358,393
	-	-	-	-	1,358,393	1,358,393
Total Unrestricted	1,130,346	342,913	(257,027)	-	289,082	1,505,314
Restricted Funds						
Access impact grant	164	-	-	-	-	164
All churches Trust Ltd grant	56,500	-	-	-	(56,500)	-
Growing lives grant	19,000	-	-	-	(19,000)	-
Missions	520	9,764	(9,200)	-	-	1,084
Synergy legacy	6,000	-	(3,103)	-	-	2,897
Vision fund	145,492	157,673	(73,537)	-	(213,582)	16,046
Total Restricted	227,676	167,437	(85,840)	-	(289,082)	20,191
Total Funds	1,358,022	510,350	(342,867)	-	-	1,525,505

Fund Transfers

During the year ending 31st March 2023 the building development project, other fixed assets and the loan mortgage balances were transferred out of the general fund and building development related restricted funds to a designated fund that holds the netbook value of CCUK's assets less the outstanding mortgage and loan balances.

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Fund Descriptions

Designated Funds

Asset and building fund

A fund to hold the net book value of the buildings and other assets held by CCUK less the outstanding loan and mortgage balances.

Restricted Funds

Access Impact Grant

Funding to engage a fundraiser to write grant bids for the Home & Hub project.

Allchurches Trust Ltd grant
Missions

Funding towards the construction of the Home & Hub.

The Missions Fund is a Restricted Fund that was established for the following purposes:

- a. To fulfil the Church's vision for missions through the provision of financial support to organised individuals, for ministry, church and community development.
- b. To finance and support charitable purposes, humanitarian and disaster relief works.
- c. To provide financial aid to needy people.
- d. To finance and support the education, training and development of church ministers and leaders.

Trinity Christian Centre grant

This fund represents amounts received from Trinity Christian Centre, Singapore, specifically to support the capital costs and fit-out of the new church building at 150 Coventry Road, Birmingham.

Expenditure from this fund is restricted to construction, furnishing, and equipping the building in line with the terms of the grant and the charity's objectives.

Synergy legacy

Donation for activities for the elderly e.g.: holidays.

Vision fund

Gifts and funding towards the construction of the Home & Hub

Youth camp grant

This fund relates to designated donations and grants received for the purpose of supporting youth ministry activities, including subsidising costs for attendance at youth camps and related events. Expenditure is restricted to direct costs associated with youth participation, including venue hire, transport, accommodation, and materials.

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17 Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Fixed assets	2,675,516	-	2,675,516
Current assets	173,777	13,515	187,292
Creditors less than 1 year	(33,567)	-	(33,567)
Creditors more than 1 year	(1,278,799)	-	(1,278,799)
	<u>1,536,927</u>	<u>13,515</u>	<u>1,550,442</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Fixed assets	2,650,535	-	2,650,535
Current assets	158,110	20,191	178,301
Creditors less than 1 year	(11,189)	-	(11,189)
Creditors more than 1 year	(1,292,142)	-	(1,292,142)
	<u>1,505,314</u>	<u>20,191</u>	<u>1,525,505</u>

18 Related Party Transactions

Connect Church is affiliated to the Assemblies of God, Great Britain. CCUK made an annual contribution and additional gift of £6,344 to the Assemblies of God in 2024 (2023: £5,400). Kirk McAtear was employed by AoG GB. He finished employment from AoG GB in February 2024.

Rev Gerald Tan and Pastor Allen Loh, directors and trustees of CCUK, are senior leaders of Trinity Christian Centre Church in Singapore. In the year ending 31st March 2024 Trinity Christian Centre donated £929,018 to support of the CCUK building project.

Valerie Danelczyk, director and trustee of CCUK, is a trusts of Gilgal Brimingham (Registered charity number 1102803). During the year CCUK gave a £100 donation to Gilgal Birmingham.

Stefanie Lakin is related party to trustee and director Simon Lakin through being a close family relative. Stefanie Lakin is an employee of CCUK and received a total remuneration of £9,081 (2023: £9,353) including employers national insurance and employers pension contribution.

19 Events After The Reporting Period

The building works on the church property were completed after the year end, with the final certificate of completion issued in October 2024

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20 Prior Year Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Income			
Donations and legacies	337,590	167,349	504,939
Charitable activities	4,846	-	4,846
Other income	477	88	565
Total Income	342,913	167,437	510,350
Expenditure			
Raising funds	1,855	-	1,855
Charitable activities	255,196	85,816	341,012
Total Expenditure	257,051	85,816	342,867
Net Income / (Expenditure)	85,862	81,621	167,483