
Friends of Johannesburg Bible College

Charity Number 1136631

**ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2024

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Charity Information

Trustees	David Mulligan (Chairman) Richard Lawrence Stephen Rigby
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Bankers	National Westminster Bank plc
Independent examiner	Heath Drewett, ACA

Trustees' Annual Report
For the year ended 31 December 2024

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the charity for year ended 31 December 2024.

Legal Status, Aims and Purposes

The Friends of JBC is an independent charity registered in the UK to advance education in South Africa in accordance with Christian principles and, in particular, to support the work of Johannesburg Bible College (JBC). JBC runs courses in handling God's word and connecting it to South African society. It delivers courses in a number of locations in and around Johannesburg: Auckland Park, Soweto and recently in Alexandra Township. The course is now recognised as a professional qualification, accredited by the South African government.

JBC is an interdenominational college offering a year-long combination course of study and practical service to equip men and women for Bible teaching ministry. JBC also hosts the Train the Trainers conference welcoming delegates from across Africa

Review of Objectives, Activities and Achievements

The objectives for the year were to grow the base of donors to the charity, to continue regular funding of the work of JBC and to raise funding for an extension to the site at Auckland Park. These objectives were achieved.

During 2024, a number of grants were made to JBC to fund student bursaries to support their tuition fees and, in some cases, the costs of transport to college as well as grants being made to help fund college staffing. In addition, the charity received funds to support the building of a new college for the Institute of Bible Teaching in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

It is expected that further donations will be received during 2025, in particular to fund the work of JBC in the Alexandra Township. The charity continues to make financial payments to support JBC and its work.

Public benefit

The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion, when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives for the year. The trustees have, in their view, met the public benefit requirement through the charity's grant making and fund-raising activities during the year. In particular, the funding of bursaries for students at JBC, equipping students to be leaders in their Christian settings and funding the new extension to the Auckland Park site has helped to improve access to educational courses where previously opportunities may not have existed. Currently, around 400 students a year receive bursaries for fees or for travel expenses to allow them to study

at JBC The college sites at Auckland Park, Soweto and Alexandra Township also provide a community facility for other local organisations.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity legislation requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit for that period. In preparing the financial statements, suitable accounting policies have been adopted and consistently applied to the best of the trustees' knowledge and belief by reference to reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates. Applicable accounting standards have been followed

The trustees are responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records, for safeguarding the assets of the charity and for preventing and detecting fraud and other irregularities. The trustees are also required to indicate where the financial statements are prepared other than on the basis that the charity is a going concern.

Financial Review

The results for the year and the charity's financial position at 31 December 2024 are shown in the attached financial statements. Total income for the year was £452,268 (2023: £526,679), the fall was a result of a decline in significant gifts from Christian charities and private individuals received during the year. Total resources expended were £406,007 (2023: £407,064), to fund JBC's operating costs and student bursaries, and building costs of a new college at Bulawayo in Zimbabwe.

Reserves

Reserves as at 31 December 2024 totalled £431,309 (2023: £385,048) and represent funds held on a temporary basis before being expended on the charity's objectives. £23,490 of these reserves were restricted at the year-end (2023: £5,875).

Structure, Governance and Trustees

The charity is governed by a trust deed dated 3 February 2010 and is constituted as trustees incorporated as a body.

Trustees are recruited on the basis of their skills to help further the purposes of the charity. They are appointed by resolution of a majority of the trustees and after declaring their belief and allegiance to the charity's Statement of Beliefs.

The trustees who served the charity during the year were as follows.

David Mulligan
Richard Lawrence
Stephen Rigby
Stephen Lilley (resigned 31 October 2024)
Ken Pearson (resigned 18 January 2024)

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees Friends of Johannesburg Bible College

I report on the financial statements, together with the accompanying notes, of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 5 to 9

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached

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19 August 2025



Statement of financial activities
Year ended 31 December 2024

		2024		2023
	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Incoming resources				
Donations		265,175	95,880	433,863
Gift Aid donations		40,565	50,000	92,364
Interest income		648	-	452
Total incoming resources		306,388	145,880	526,679
Resources expended				
Administration costs		85	-	80
Expenditure on charitable activities – grants to JBC		277,657	128,265	406,984
Total resources expended		277,742	14,250	407,064
Net incoming resources		28,646	17,615	119,615
Balances brought forward		379,173	5,875	265,433
Balances carried forward	2	407,819	23,490	385,048

Balance Sheet
As at 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Debtors		578	10,254
Cash at bank and in hand		430,731	374,794
Current liabilities			
Creditors amounts falling due within one year		-	-
Net assets		<u>431,309</u>	<u>385,048</u>
Funds			
Restricted income		23,490	5,875
Unrestricted	2	<u>407,819</u>	<u>379,173</u>
		<u>431,309</u>	<u>385,048</u>

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on the 7 August 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



David Mulligan
Chairman



Richard Lawrence
Trustee

Statement of cash flow
Year ended 31 December 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Net cash inflow/(outflow)		
Incoming resources	45,608	119,291
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	9,676	(10,080)
	<u>55,284</u>	<u>109,211</u>
Investing activities		
Interest income	653	324
Increase in cash in the year	<u>55,937</u>	<u>109,535</u>
 Cash at bank and in hand at the start of the year	 374,794	 265,259
Increase in cash in the year	<u>55,937</u>	<u>109,535</u>
Cash at bank and in hand at the end of the year	<u>430,731</u>	<u>374,794</u>

Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31 December 2024

1. Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and 'Amendments to Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) Update Bulletin 1' effective 1 January 2016; the Charities Act 1993; the historic cost basis of accounting; and the accruals concept. Given the level of reserves, the financial statements have also been prepared on a going concern basis.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds held by the charity represent general funds that are not subject to any restriction regarding their use and are available for application on the general purpose of the charity. Restricted income funds are funds which can only be used for particular purposes as specified by the donor or funds raised for particular restricted purposes.

Incoming resources and resources expended

Incoming funds are accounted for when received with the exception of Gift Aid on donations received, which is recognised when receivable. Interest is accounted for when receivable. Resources expended are accounted for when paid.

Current assets

Debtors include amounts due to the charity for Gift Aid and interest receivable.

2. Movement in funds

	Bal B/fwd £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Bal C/fwd £
Restricted income funds	5,875	145,880	(128,265)	-	23,490
Unrestricted funds	379,173	306,388	(277,742)	-	407,819
Total	385,048	452,268	(406,007)	-	431,309

The restricted income funds held were donations received for certain staff costs and to fund building costs at the Institute of Bible Teaching in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.

3. Transactions with trustees

No expenses were claimed during the year (2023: nil) by any trustee to cover fundraising expenses.

Trustees contribute to the trust's income and amounts given by individuals are regarded as confidential. The total of gifts made by the trustees during the year totalled £12,225 (2023: £212,500).