

Company Number	7390188
Charity Number	1139071

# Connected Ministries

(A Charitable Company Limited By Guarantee)

## Trustees' Report and Financial Statements 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024

# **Connected Ministries**

## **Trustees' Report and Financial Statements 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

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The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and accounts for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 which have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, Financial Reporting Standard 102 and follow the recommendations in 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 1A) (effective 2 February 2016).

### **Public Benefit**

The trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit reporting in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. The remainder of this report illustrates the activities undertaken to support the public benefit requirement.

### **Reference and Administrative Information**

#### **Charity Name**

Connected Ministries also known as Hope Church

#### **Charity Number**

1139071

#### **Company Number**

7390188

#### **Charity Trustees**

C Paul Hinton (Chair)  
Stephen Baker  
Alistair S Park

#### **Registered Office**

4 Blackgates Fold  
Tingley  
Wakefield  
West Yorkshire  
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#### **Principal Address**

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#### **Independent Examiner**

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### **Structure and Organisation**

#### **Organisation**

The organisation is a company charity limited by guarantee, incorporated on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2010 and registered as a charity on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2010. The company was established under a Memorandum and Articles of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company which is governed in accordance with its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10. The charity is managed by the trustees who, under the charity's articles, are known as members of the Management Committee. The Management Committee meet regularly to consider the progress of the charity and to consider its future direction and activities. The day-to-day operation of the charity is delegated to the Pastor who is supported by the other members of the Management Committee and by volunteers.

#### **Trustee Appointments**

The charity aims to recruit trustees who have the requisite charity and sector specific experience to be able to direct and manage the affairs of the charity.

The Trustees are appointed by the members in the Annual General Meeting. All trustees are inducted into the policies and procedures of the charity to ensure they are well equipped to fulfil their duties.

#### **Risk Management**

The Trustees have conducted their own review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and systems have been established to mitigate those risks.

#### **Objectives and Activities**

##### **Charitable Objects**

The aims of the Charity are, for the public benefit, to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs of Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches, in West Yorkshire and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit and to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected to the charitable work of the Charity.

#### **Achievements and Performance**

##### **Review of the Year**

The charity continues to support the work of Hope Church in Leeds. The young people's and children's ministry at Hope church continues to serve the community. The church has been instrumental in establishing a summer day camp for primary school aged children which ran for its second year this summer. The regular Sunday services and mid week small study groups have continued to grow. There have also been a number of special events particularly over the Christmas Holidays including a meal, craft night, pantomime and carol services. The food bank ministry has continued to provide a service to those in need in the community. The Community Cafe draws in a number from the area providing a place of friendship for many. The church has also been able to expand its leadership team over the past year.

#### **Financial Review**

At 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 the charity had funds totalling £390,938 (2023: £377,368) of these £122,057 (2023: £108,447) were unrestricted funds. £75,738 (2023: £83,966) has been raised during the year. Outgoing resources amount to £62,168 (2023: £78,636) as detailed in the notes to the accounts.

#### **Reserves Policy**

The trustees consider that it is appropriate to hold free reserves amounting to in excess of three months of average expenditure. At 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 there were unrestricted undesignated reserves of £122,057 (2023: £108,447).

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#### **Responsibilities of the Trustees**

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period, which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and its financial activities for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are prudent and reasonable;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### **Small company provisions**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part VII of the Companies Act 2006.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Stephen Baker



Date: 3 February 2025

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### **Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of Connected Ministries**

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024, which are set out on pages 5 to 11.

#### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission 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 accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, 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, no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
  - a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
  - b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charitieshave not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 21/10/2024

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### Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account) For the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	3	75,618	-	75,618	83,882
Investment income		120		120	85
<b>Total</b>		<u>75,738</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>75,738</u>	<u>83,966</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	4	62,128	40	62,168	78,636
<b>Total</b>		<u>62,128</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>62,168</u>	<u>78,636</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		13,610	(40)	13,570	5,330
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		13,610	(40)	13,570	5,330
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		108,447	268,921	377,368	372,038
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	10	<u>122,057</u>	<u>268,881</u>	<u>390,938</u>	<u>377,368</u>

The notes on pages 7 to 11 form part of these accounts.

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Company Number: 2370795

Balance Sheet As at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024

	Notes	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Tangible assets	6		452,231		452,922
<b>Total fixed assets</b>			452,231		452,922
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	7	1,446		673	
Cash at bank and in hand		15,242		12,277	
<b>Total current assets</b>		16,688		12,950	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	8	77,980		88,505	
<b>Net current assets</b>			(61,293)		(75,555)
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			390,938		377,368
<b>The funds of the charity</b>					
Restricted funds	10		268,881		268,921
Unrestricted income funds	10				
General fund		122,057		108,447	
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>			122,057		108,447
<b>Total charity funds</b>			390,938		377,368

For the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015).

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Stephen Baker

Date: 3 February 2025

The notes on pages 7 to 11 form part of these accounts.

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### Notes to the accounts

#### 1 Accounting policies

In preparing the accounts the following accounting policies have been complied with:

- a) The accounts have been prepared on the historic cost convention and in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, Financial Reporting Standard 102 and follow the recommendations in 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 1A) (effective 2 February 2016).
- b) Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.
- c) Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.
- d) All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:
  - i) donations and legacies are received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.
  - ii) Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.
  - iii) Income from investments is included when receivable.
  - iv) Income from charitable activities, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for when the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.
- e) Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:
  - i) Costs of raising funds comprise costs associated with attracting voluntary income, including costs of trading for fundraising purposes and the use of a fundraising consultant.
  - ii) Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them. It also includes those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the costs linked to the strategic management of the charity
  - iii) All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the statement of financial activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis as set out in the notes.

#### 2 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its income and gains where they are applied for charitable purposes. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of the goods or services on which it was charged.



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### Notes to the accounts (Continued)

#### 3 Income and endowments from: Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Donations under Gift Aid	34,979	-	34,979	29,765
Donations not under Gift Aid	40,639	-	40,639	54,117
<b>Total</b>	<b>75,618</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>75,618</b>	<b>83,882</b>

#### 4 Charitable activities

##### a) Unrestricted funds

###### Unrestricted funds

	Staff costs	Support costs	Other direct costs	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Donations		1,794		1,794	2,675
Services and music			1,286	1,286	1,707
Utilities and rates	-	7,051	-	7,051	1,133
Property maintenance	-	3,665	-	3,665	4,912
Office expenses	-	-	-	-	413
Equipment	-	641	-	641	844
Advertisement & Event	-	3,146	-	3,146	2,010
Independent Examiners Fees	-	812	-	812	580
Payroll services	-	149	-	149	130
Legal and professional	-	315	-	315	193
Insurance & Subscriptions		1,236		1,236	1,312
Depreciation	-	-	1,028	1,028	1,350
Bank charges	-	55	-	55	81
Outreach and activities	-	-	-	-	99
Fire Services		977		977	
Visiting speakers	-	347	-	347	762
Books	-	-	-	-	30
Website	-	25	-	25	-
Sundries	-	3,190	-	3,190	1,266
Wages and salaries	36,413		-	36,413	38,155
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>36,413</b>	<b>23,402</b>	<b>2,314</b>	<b>62,128</b>	<b>57,651</b>

##### b) Restricted funds

###### Restricted funds

	Staff costs	Support costs	Other direct costs	Total funds 2023	Total funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Property maintenance	-	-	20,925	20,925	-
Legal and professional	-	-	-	-	13,146
Bank charges	-	60	-	60	90
Wages and salaries	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>20,925</b>	<b>20,985</b>	<b>13,236</b>

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### Notes to the accounts (Continued)

#### 5 Trustee and employee information

##### a) Trustee information

Mr Paul Hinton, a trustee, is employed as a pastor. He was paid £31,714 (2023: £30,750) during the year under the authority to pay a trustee which is contained in the articles of association.

##### b) Employee Information

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000 during the period (2022: nil). Employee costs during the period were as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Salaries	36,413	38,155

There were two employees throughout the current period (2023-2), the average number of full-time equivalent people employed during the period was as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Pastors	2.0	2.0

#### 6 Fixed Assets

	Building	PA, AV & computer equipment	Other equipment	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£
At 01 October 2023	448,875	11,506	7,181	467,562
Additions	-	-	337	337
At 30 September 2024	448,875	11,506	7,517	467,898
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 01 October 2023	-	7,695	6,944	14,639
Charge for the period	-	953	75	1,028
At 30 September 2024	-	8,648	7,019	15,667
<b>Net book value</b>				
At 30 September 2024	448,875	2,858	498	452,231
At 30 September 2023	448,875	3,811	237	452,922

PA, AV & computer equipment is depreciated at 25% per annum on a straight-line basis and other equipment is depreciated at 25% per annum on a straight-line basis. Items below £300 are not capitalised.

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### Notes to the accounts (Continued)

#### 7 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Accrued income	-	-
Other debtors and prepayments	1,446	673
	<u>1,446</u>	<u>673</u>

#### 8 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Loans	72,650	85,300
Other creditors and accruals	5,330	3,205
	<u>77,980</u>	<u>88,505</u>

#### 9 Analysis of net assets between funds

		2024 £	2023 £
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Fixed assets	341,531		
Current assets	(72,650)	268,881	268,921
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
Fixed assets	110,700		
Current assets	11,358	122,057	108,447
		<u>390,938</u>	<u>377,368</u>

#### 10 Reserves

	At 1 October £ 2023	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	At 30 September £ 2024
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Building Fund	268,921	-	(40)	-	268,881
Salaries Fund	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>268,921</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>268,881</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General fund	108,447	75,738	(62,128)	-	122,057
	<u>108,447</u>	<u>75,738</u>	<u>(62,128)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>122,057</u>
	<u>377,368</u>	<u>75,738</u>	<u>(62,168)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>390,938</u>

Building Fund – This is funding for the acquisition of a suitable building for the charity.

Salaries Fund – This is funding for the salaries of the employees.

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### Notes to the accounts (Continued)

#### 11 Comparative Statement of Financial Activities by fund type

Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	2023 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>			
Donations and legacies	83,882	-	83,882
Investment income	70	14	85
<b>Total</b>	<u>83,952</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>83,966</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Charitable activities	57,651	20,985	78,636
<b>Total</b>	<u>57,651</u>	<u>20,985</u>	<u>78,636</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<u>26,301</u>	<u>(20,971)</u>	<u>5,330</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<u>26,301</u>	<u>(20,971)</u>	<u>5,330</u>
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>			
Total funds brought forward	82,146	289,892	372,038
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<u>108,447</u>	<u>268,921</u>	<u>377,368</u>

#### 12 Related Party Transactions

Mr Paul Hinton, a trustee, is employed as a pastor. He was paid £31,714 (2023: £30,750) during the year under the authority to pay a trustee which is contained in the articles of association. The charity does not have any other related party transactions.

#### 13 Ultimate Controlling Party

The charity is controlled by the trustees.

#### 14 Other Information

The charity, which is a public benefit entity, is a company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales and has its registered office at 4 Blackgates Fold, Tingley, Wakefield, West Yorkshire, WF3 1TF.