

**THE OXFORD CENTRE FOR RELIGION & PUBLIC LIFE**

**COMPANY NO. 5662830 (ENGLAND AND WALES)**

**A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE**  
**AND NOT HAVING A SHARE CAPITAL**

**REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1139185**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2021**

**KING LOOSE & CO**

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**ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

**Directors and Trustees**

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 Reverend Canon Dr. C. M. N. Sugden  
 H. W. Storm  
 C. J. C. Kerslake  
 R. A. Sookhdeo  
 The Very Reverend Prof P. Sookhdeo

**Company and Executive Secretaries**

Reverend Canon Dr. C. M. N. Sugden  
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**Company Number**

5662830 (England and Wales)

**Charity Number**

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**THE OXFORD CENTRE FOR RELIGION & PUBLIC LIFE**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2021**

The Directors and Trustees present their annual report and financial statements, for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's memorandum and articles of association, the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland – Charities SORP (FRS 102); and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

**Objects of the Charity, Principal Activities and Public Benefit Statement**

The Charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee and is, therefore, governed by a memorandum and articles of association.

The Charity's object and its principal activity is that of the advancement of education in the subject of religion and in particular its contribution to public life by:

- a) the establishment and operation of an institute.
- b) promoting and conducting research and disseminating the useful results thereof.
- c) the promotion of religious harmony for the benefit of the public by;
  - (i) educating the public in different religious beliefs including an awareness of their distinctive features and their common ground to promote good relations between persons of different faiths;
  - (ii) promoting knowledge and mutual understanding and respect of the beliefs and practices of different religious faiths.

In carrying out these objects and activities, the Trustees have read and considered the Charity Commission guidelines for Public Benefit and consider that the Charity continues to operate fully in accordance therewith.

**Organisation of Our Work**

The Charity is organised so that the Trustees meet and converse regularly to manage its affairs. The post of Executive Secretary is a non salaried position, and day to day responsibility of the Charity's affairs are delegated to the two individuals who hold this position. The Executive Secretaries are also Trustees.

**Developments and Achievements**

The Trustees consider that the performance of the Charity over the past seven months has been satisfactory in terms of project outcomes. The Charity has continued to expand its core academic courses and has seen an increase in the number of post-graduate students enrolled. It has also established The Shepherd's Academy to work with existing institutions, networks and churches across the Global South to deliver training programmes that address the gaps in the theological training for grassroots Christian Leaders. Our goal and vision is to see grassroots church leaders equipped with the necessary tools they need to faithfully and effectively lead in their churches and communities.

**Future Developments**

The Trustees hope to continue to build upon the foundations which have been laid.

**Transactions and Financial Position**

The statement of financial activities shows net outgoing general resources of £9,325 for the period (period to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021: outgoing £9,013), and the general unrestricted fund deficit carried forward stood at £5,456 (31<sup>st</sup> May 2021: surplus £24,228).

**Funds Available**

The present funding structure is by a combination of student fees and grant income. This is expected to continue to provide an adequate level to support the continuation of the projects and programs being developed, but the Trustees are aware of the need to ensure that core funding keeps pace with the increase in expenditure and are taking steps to source this.

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**Co-operative Relationships with Other Organisations**

The Oxford Centre For Religion & Public Life has informal links with other churches, charities and organisations, worldwide, who generally share its charitable objectives and from time to time works with them on particular projects. Some of these other charities and organisations offer support for the Charity's work by way of grant funding, or donations. The Charity also works in partnership with a number of universities for the delivery of its academic courses.

**Reserves Policy**

The Trustees are aware that the current level of unrestricted funds has not increased in line with the increase in expenditures and have the intention to increase the level of unrestricted funds to provide sufficient funds to a level which is adequate to cover the ongoing promotion of the Charity's objects, together with the associated support and administration costs.

**Directors and Trustees**

All Directors of the Company are also Trustees of the Charity, and there are no other Trustees. All of the Trustees named on page 1 served during the period. The Board has the power to appoint additional Trustees as it considers fit to do so, and, as the need arises, appropriate training will be given to any new Trustees taking up office.

**Risk Management**

The Trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the Charity faces or may face, and confirm that systems are in place to enable regular reports to be produced, so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen any such risks.

**Auditors**

King Loose & Co have agreed to offer themselves for re-appointment as Auditors to the Charity.

**Audit Information**

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- (a) there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware; and
- (b) the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

**Small Companies Regime**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime of the Companies Act 2006

**Approval**

This report was approved by the Board of Directors and Trustees on.....2022, and signed on its behalf by:

.....  
**H. W. Storm (Trustee)**

**THE OXFORD CENTRE FOR RELIGION & PUBLIC LIFE**  
**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**  
**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2021**

The Trustees are required by law to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity, and of its results for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- \* Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- \* Observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- \* Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- \* State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- \* Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

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 Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and the applicable Charities SORP. 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

**By Order of the Board of Directors  
and Trustees**

.....  
**H. W. Storm**

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF**  
**THE OXFORD CENTRE FOR RELIGION & PUBLIC LIFE**

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of The Oxford Centre for Religion & Public Life (the “Charity”), for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021, which comprise the statement of financial activities and summary income and expenditure account, the balance sheet, the cash flow statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of 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 Charity’s affairs as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 and of its income and expenditure for the period then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

**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 we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. 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**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees’ use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the Charity’s ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

**Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor’s report thereon. 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.

**Other information**

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF**  
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**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 Trustees' Annual Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- sufficient accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us;
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of the audit.
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies exemption in preparing the directors report and take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

**Responsibilities of the trustees**

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 3, the trustees 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 they 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 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 either intend to liquidate the Charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

The trustees have elected for the financial statements to be audited in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 rather than the Companies Act 2006. Accordingly, we have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

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 aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [[www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities)]. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

This report is made solely to the Charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and the regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so we might state to the Charity's trustees 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 Charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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**King Loose & Co  
Statutory Auditors**

**King Loose & Co is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.**



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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2021**

**SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

	<u>Note</u>	<u>Unrest</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Desig</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Restrict</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Total Funds</u> <u>Period to</u> <u>31/12/21</u> £	<u>Unrest</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Desig</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Restrict</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Total Funds</u> <u>Year to</u> <u>31/05/21</u> £
<b><u>Income and endowments from:</u></b>	2								
General Donations and Grants		8,750	-	355,113	363,863	17,274	-	401,486	418,760
Speaking and Authorship fees		240	-	-	240	360	-	-	360
Book sales		49	-	-	49	22	-	-	22
CJRS (furlough) receipts		-	-	-	-	-	-	71,004	71,004
<b>Total Income and Endowments</b>		<u>9,039</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>355,113</u>	<u>364,152</u>	<u>17,656</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>472,490</u>	<u>490,146</u>
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>									
<b><u>Charitable Activities</u></b>									
Costs incurred in Furtherance of the Charity's Objects	3	14,127	-	366,670	380,797	22,450	-	487,342	509,792
General Support Costs	4	4,237	-	8,802	13,039	4,219	-	4,971	9,190
Grants expended		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		<u>18,364</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>375,472</u>	<u>393,836</u>	<u>26,669</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>492,313</u>	<u>518,982</u>
Net (Expenditure) for the period before transfers		(9,325)	-	(20,359)	(29,684)	(9,013)	-	(19,823)	(28,836)
Transfers between Funds	6(a)	(20,359)	-	20,359	-	(19,697)	-	19,697	-
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		<u>(29,684)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(29,684)</u>	<u>(28,710)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(126)</u>	<u>(28,836)</u>
Fund Balances B/fwd		24,228	8,056	-	32,284	52,938	8,056	126	61,120
<b>Fund Balances C/fwd</b>		<u>(5,456)</u>	<u>8,056</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,600</u>	<u>24,228</u>	<u>8,056</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,284</u>

There were no other recognised gains or losses in respect of the period to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 and the year to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021, other than those reflected in the statement of financial activities.

There were no movements on reserves other than those reflected in the statement of financial activities. The notes on pages 8 to 15 form part of these accounts.

**THE OXFORD CENTRE FOR RELIGION & PUBLIC LIFE**

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2021 (COMPANY NO: 5662830)**

	<u>Note</u>	<u>As at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021</u>	<u>As at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021</u>
		£	£
<b><u>Fixed Assets</u></b>	7	501	656
<b><u>Current Assets</u></b>			
Stock of publications		100	100
Debtors	8	153,547	232,624
Cash at Bank		175,461	43,592
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		329,108	276,316
<b><u>Creditors:</u></b> Amounts			
Falling Due in One Year	9	327,009	244,688
		<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		2,099	31,628
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities, being Net Assets</b>		<hr/>	<hr/>
		2,600	32,284
		=====	=====
<b><u>Capital</u></b>			
Unrestricted Funds		(5,456)	24,228
Designated Funds	10	8,056	8,056
Restricted Funds	11	-	-
		<hr/>	<hr/>
	14	2,600	32,284
		=====	=====

The directors are satisfied that the company was entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and that members have not required an audit in accordance with Section 476. However, an audit is required in accordance with Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:-

1. ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386; and
2. preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of the financial period and of its profit or loss for the financial period in accordance with the requirements of Section 396 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

**Approved by the Board of Directors and Trustees on ..... 2022 and signed on its behalf by:**

..... **H. W. Storm**

The notes on pages 8 to 15 form part of these accounts.

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2021**

	<b><u>Period to</u></b>		<b><u>Year to</u></b>	
	<b><u>December</u></b>		<b><u>May</u></b>	
	<b><u>2021</u></b>		<b><u>2021</u></b>	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Reconciliation of changes in resources to net cash inflow from operating activities</b>				
<b>Net (outgoing) resources for the period/ year</b>		(29,684)		(28,836)
Depreciation charged	155		490	
Decrease/ (Increase) in debtors	79,077		(107,716)	
Increase in creditors	82,321		98,881	
	<hr/>	161,553	<hr/>	(8,345)
<b>Net cash inflow/ (outflow) from operating activities</b>		<hr/> 131,869		<hr/> (37,181)
<b>Investing activities</b>				
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	-		-	
	<hr/>	-	<hr/>	-
<b>Increase/ (Decrease) in cash in the period</b>		<hr/> 131,869		<hr/> (37,181)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period		<hr/> 43,592		<hr/> 80,773
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period		<hr/> 175,461		<hr/> 43,592
		=====		=====
Cash and cash equivalents comprise:				
Cash at bank		<hr/> 175,461		<hr/> 43,592
		=====		=====

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2021**

**1. Accounting Policies**

**(a) General Information**

These financial statements have been presented in Pounds Sterling as this is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Company operates.

**(b) Basis of preparation**

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) – Charities SORP (FRS 102); and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102); the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

**(c) Activities**

The financial statements include the results of the charity's operations as described in the directors' and trustees' annual report.

**(d) Income recognition**

Income of all kinds is accounted for when receivable, i.e. in the period in which the charity is entitled to receipt, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

No permanent endowments have been received in the period.

**(e) Expenditure recognition**

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 settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be reliably measured.

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

All core cost categories are regarded as being of a support nature to the Charity's principal activity, as described in the Annual Report. It is anticipated that any future specific projects will be covered by restricted funds – i.e. funds raised specifically for that project.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2021**

**1. Accounting Policies (cont'd)**

**(f) Grants payable**

Grants payable are payments made to third parties, either individuals or other charitable organisations, in the furtherance of the charity's objects. In the case of unconditional grant offers, these are accrued once the recipient has been notified of the award. Conditional grants are only accrued when the conditions have been fulfilled and the recipient notified.

No multi-year grants are made, other than where additional funding has been received through a restricted fund.

**(g) Value added tax**

Value added tax is not recoverable by the Charity, and as such is included in the relevant costs in the statement of financial activities.

**(h) Pension costs**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme in respect of employees. The Scheme's assets are held by independent managers. The pension charge represents the amounts payable by the charity to the scheme in respect of the year.

**(i) Stocks**

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

**(j) Tangible Assets and Depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets held for the company's own use are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is provided on assets to write off their cost over their estimated useful lives on a reducing balance basis. The rates currently in use are as follows:

Office Equipment	-	25%
Computer Equipment	-	50%

**(k) Financial assets – classified as basic financial instruments**

i) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held with banks, and other short term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

ii) Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables that are receivable within one year are measured at the undiscounted amount of the cash expected to be received, net of any impairment.

iii) Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables that are payable within one year are measured at the undiscounted amount of the cash expected to be paid.

**(l) Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use in accordance with the objects of the charity, as defined in the constitution.

Designated Funds are those set aside by the Trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted Funds are those given for particular purposes and projects.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2021**

**1. Accounting Policies (cont'd)**

**(m) Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The current economic conditions present increased risks for all businesses. In response to such conditions, the directors/trustees have carefully considered these risks, including an assessment of uncertainty on future trading projection for a period of at least 12 months from the date of signing the financial statements, and the extent to which they might affect the preparation of the financial statements.

The directors/trustees have concluded that the going concern basis remains appropriate.

**(n) Covid 19 issues**

The year ended 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 and period ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 have been significantly affected by the international pandemic. Staff have been furloughed where possible, and expenditure minimised to the lowest practical level without prejudicing the services able to be provided for students. Moving the PhD courses to an online platform is not always practical for all students and therefore certain students have had to delay their studies as a result.

It is anticipated that the full program of activities will resume immediately international Covid 19 protocols permit. In the meantime, the Trustees believe that sufficient funding is in place to support the Charity in its mission for the foreseeable future.

**(o) Translation of Foreign Currencies**

Monies received and expended in foreign currencies are accounted for at the rate of exchange prevailing at the date of the transaction.

**(p) Operating Leases**

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor, are reflected in the statement of financial activities as incurred.

**(q) Donated services**

Where services are provided to the charity as a donation that reflects costs that normally would be purchased from suppliers, this contribution is included in the financial statements at an estimate based upon the value deemed attributable to it by the charity.

**2. Income and endowments**

The Trustees wish to express their sincere gratitude to all donors who have enabled the Charity's work to continue.

Significant funding was received as follows:

<b><u>Received From</u></b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Nexus International	361,590	Academic programs
Nexus International	8,750	Rent and Services (donated in kind)
	=====	

Nexus International was previously known as Christian Relief International.

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**3. Costs incurred in Furtherance of the Charity's Objects**

	<u>Unres- tricted Funds</u>	<u>Res- tricted Funds</u>	<u>Total 7 months to Dec 2021</u>	<u>Unres- tricted Funds</u>	<u>Res- tricted Funds</u>	<u>Total Year to May 2021</u>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b><u>Program Support Costs</u></b>						
Staff costs	-	215,208	215,208	-	281,595	281,595
Printing/postage/stationery/advertising	-	1,311	1,311	-	2,121	2,121
Travel/accommodation/subsistence	-	29,492	29,492	-	630	630
Office Rent and Services	8,750	-	8,750	15,000	-	15,000
Telephone and internet	2,463	583	3,046	3,696	1,000	4,696
PhD Expenses	-	87,317	87,317	-	179,020	179,020
Website maintenance/ Marketing	-	5,974	5,974	-	15,893	15,893
Bad debts	-	26,785	26,785	-	5,595	5,595
Insurance	2,914	-	2,914	3,254	-	3,254
Legal and professional	-	-	-	500	1,488	1,988
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	14,127	366,670	380,797	22,450	487,342	509,792
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No costs were borne by the Designated Fund in either the 7 months to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 or year ended 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021.

**4. General Support Costs**

	<u>Unres- tricted Funds</u>	<u>Res- tricted Funds</u>	<u>Total 7 months to Dec 2021</u>	<u>Unres- tricted Funds</u>	<u>Res- tricted Funds</u>	<u>Total Year to May 2021</u>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Auditor's fees - Audit	1,978	467	2,445	1,800	800	2,600
- Other services	2,162	233	2,395	1,967	400	2,367
Bank charges	-	2,175	2,175	-	2,472	2,472
Sundry expenses	20	5,849	5,869	208	1,055	1,263
Depreciation	77	78	155	244	244	488
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	4,237	8,802	13,039	4,219	4,971	9,190
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No costs were borne by the Designated Fund in either the 7 months to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 or year ended 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021.

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**5. Staff Numbers and Costs**

	<b><u>7 months</u></b> <b><u>to Dec</u></b> <b><u>2021</u></b> <b><u>No.</u></b>	<b><u>Year to</u></b> <b><u>May</u></b> <b><u>2021</u></b> <b><u>No.</u></b>
The average number of personnel employed by the charity, excluding the Director/ Trustees, was as follows:-		
Academic and associated personnel	6.5	6.5
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The costs attaching to these personnel during the year were:-		
	<b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>£</u></b>
Salaries	153,277	249,045
National Insurance Costs	15,331	23,566
Pension Costs	5,678	8,984
Staff training	553	-
Staff recruitment	32,275	-
Staff relocation costs	8,094	-
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	215,208	281,595
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- (i) No employee earned more than £60,000 pa.
- (ii) No expenses are paid to any Trustees; reimbursements are made where overhead items have been incurred by the Trustees on the charity's behalf.
- (iii) None of the Trustees, or any persons connected with them, are remunerated.
- (iv) All of the staff costs were attributable to Restricted Funds.

**6. Result for the Period**

	<b><u>Year</u></b> <b><u>to 31/12/21</u></b> <b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>Year</u></b> <b><u>to 31/05/21</u></b> <b><u>£</u></b>
<b>The result for the period is stated after charging:</b>		
Depreciation	155	488
Auditor's Fees - Audit	2,445	2,600
- Other services	2,395	2,367
Bank Interest and charges	2,176	2,472
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**6(a). Transfers between Funds**

The transfers for both the May 2021 year and December 2021 period were from unrestricted funds to restricted funds to cover the shortfalls in funding for the Academic Program.



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<b>7.     <u>Tangible Fixed Assets</u></b>	<b><u>Office</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
	<b><u>Equipment</u></b>	<b><u>£</u></b>
<b>Cost</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Brought forward 01.06.21	8,076	8,076
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
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Carried forward 31.12.21	8,076	8,076
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<b>Depreciation</b>		
Brought forward 01.06.21	7,420	7,420
Charge for the period	155	155
Depreciation on disposals	-	-
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Carried forward 31.12.21	7,575	7,575
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<b>Net Book Value</b>		
<b>at 31.12.21</b>	501	501
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<b>at 31.05.21</b>	656	656
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All tangible fixed assets are used directly for charitable purposes.

<b>8.     <u>Debtors</u></b>	<b><u>As at</u></b>	<b><u>As at</u></b>
	<b><u>31/12/21</u></b>	<b><u>31/05/21</u></b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Scholar debtors	28,734	91,297
Prepayments and accrued income	124,020	140,534
Sundry debtors	793	793
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	153,547	232,624
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In view of the coronavirus pandemic, it is considered that the majority of the scholar debtors should be considered as receivable after more than one year from the balance sheet date.

<b>9.     <u>Creditors: Amounts Falling Due in One Year</u></b>	<b><u>As at</u></b>	<b><u>As at</u></b>
	<b><u>31/12/21</u></b>	<b><u>31/05/21</u></b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Operation costs creditors	289,315	222,995
Trustee reimbursements outstanding (note 15)	853	853
Accruals and deferred income	31,684	15,229
Other taxes and social security	5,157	5,611
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	327,009	244,688
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**10. Designated Funds**

These funds, originally restricted to publishing a specific book, have now been transferred to a more general publishing activities fund, with the full permission of the original donor.

**11. Restricted Funds**

	<b><u>Movement in Resources</u></b>		
	<b><u>Balance</u></b>	<b><u>Incoming</u></b>	<b><u>Outgoings</u></b>
	<b><u>01/06/21</u></b>	<b><u>&amp; Transfers</u></b>	<b><u>&amp; Transfers</u></b>
	<b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>£</u></b>
<b><u>Funds-</u></b>			
Academic Programmes	-	375,472	375,472
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	-	375,472	375,472
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**12. Reconciliation of Movement in Shareholders' Funds**

The Oxford Centre For Religion & Public Life, being a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity, has no shareholders; it is, therefore, inappropriate to include a reconciliation of the movements in shareholders' funds.

**13. Share Capital**

The Oxford Centre For Religion & Public Life is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital.

**14. Analysis of Net Assets between Funds**

	<b><u>Fixed</u></b>	<b><u>Net Current</u></b>	
	<b><u>Assets</u></b>	<b><u>Assets</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
	<b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>£</u></b>
Restricted Funds	-	-	-
Unrestricted Funds	501	(5,957)	(5,456)
Designated Funds	-	8,056	8,056
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	501	2,099	2,600
	=====	=====	=====

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Two of the Trustees, Reverend Canon Dr V K Samuel and Reverend Canon Dr C M N Sugden, travel extensively overseas in fulfilling the Charity's work and, as a result, incur substantial travel, subsistence and accommodation costs on the Charity's behalf. These expenses are generally expended personally, and reimbursed on return to the UK. At the period end date £853 had yet to be reimbursed to them; this amount is reflected under creditors falling due in one year.

**16. Operating Lease Commitments**

The Charity has no ongoing commitment in respect of premises rent for office space and services. Such costs are covered by a donation in kind from Nexcus International (formerly known as Christian Relief International).

**17. Contingent Liabilities**

The Trustees consider there are no contingent liabilities at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.