

# THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

England & Wales - Charity number 1139281

## Details

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**Other names** LCF

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Charitable company

**Company number** [07422674](#)

**Registered** 2010-12-09

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** (I) TO PROMOTE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH THROUGHOUT THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND INTERNATIONALLY IN PARTICULAR BY WORKING WITH THE LEGAL PROFESSION; AND(II) TO RELIEVE POVERTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHRISTIAN FAITH.

**Activities:** The Lawyers' Christian Fellowship is an association of Christian lawyers and law student members. It took over the activities of registered charity 1017695 on 01/01/11. The LCF through its charitable objects promotes the Christian faith particularly in the legal profession and seeks to relieve poverty in accordance with the Christian faith primarily by supporting access to justice work.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN PARTICULAR THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, KENYA, RWANDA AND UGANDA
- Burundi
- Kenya
- Northern Ireland
- Rwanda
- Scotland
- Uganda
- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£297,680	£294,518	-	-
2024-08-31	£273,076	£272,309	-	-
2023-08-31	£255,527	£281,182	-	-
2022-08-31	£268,572	£276,159	-	-
2021-08-31	£266,504	£282,536	-	-
2020-08-31	£173,621	£212,400	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Benjamin Edward Fullbrook		2022-09-17
Chika Oderinde		2026-01-26
Hilary Ann Underwood		2020-06-22
Niazi Peter Fetto		2025-09-23
Qing Miao		2026-03-24
Thomas Robert George Bolster		2025-03-06
Timothy David Grainger		2021-03-08
Zara Jenny Rafferty		2026-01-26

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# Accounts

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Charity Number 1139281  
Company Number 07422674

**THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
(A Company limited by guarantee)

**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**



**THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

**COMPANY INFORMATION**

<b>Directors/Trustees</b>	Elsa Glauert Timothy Grainger Benjamin Edward Fullbrook Vivienne McKoy-Salt Janys Scott Chika Oderinde Zara Jenny Rafferty Hilary Underwood Thomas Robert George Bolster Niazzi Peter Fetto	Resigned 24 March 2025  Resigned 22 Nov2025 Resigned 10 June 2025 Appointed 26 Jan 2026 Appointed 26 Jan 2026  Appointed 6 March 2025 Appointed 23 September 2025
<b>Governing Document</b>	Memorandum and Articles of Association (dated 28 October 2010)	
<b>Company Registration Number</b>	07422674	
<b>Charity Registration Number</b>	1139281	
<b>Registered Office</b>	8 Marshalsea Road London SE1 1HL	
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Lisa Darby FCA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB	
<b>Bankers</b>	Barclays Bank Plc 43 High Street Sutton SM1 1DR  CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue, West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ	

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LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP  
TRUSTEES' REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

The trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025.

#### Objects of the charity

The Lawyers' Christian Fellowship ('LCF') is a Private Limited Company by guarantee and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association ('the Articles'). The objects of the LCF in accordance with the Articles and for the public benefit are:

- a) To promote the Christian faith throughout the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and internationally in particular by working with the legal profession; and
- b) To relieve poverty in accordance with the Christian faith.

Since 1852 the LCF has been a constant witness to the good news of Jesus Christ within the legal profession. In those 173 years Christian lawyers and law students from across the United Kingdom have been committed to sharing the gospel with those they interact with, whilst promoting a biblical view of justice and bringing biblical values to the practice of law.

The Lawyers' Christian Fellowship is about bringing together and supporting Christian lawyers who trust Jesus as Saviour and follow Him as Lord, so they make a Gospel impact in the legal world. The LCF seeks to accomplish its Gospel purpose by its members. Its **members** are Christian lawyers – including law students, legal academics, paralegals, trainee and qualified lawyers, and the judiciary – and its **aims** are to:

1. Inspire legal mission around the world
2. Mobilise legal talents to help the wider church
3. Prioritise prayer in the legal world
4. Apply Biblical truths to lawyers' realities
5. Cultivate Christ-centred relationships in the legal profession
6. Talk to lawyers about Jesus Christ

#### Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

In planning its activities, the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission. During 24/25, the application of Charity Commission guidance has been steered by the involvement of Vivienne McKoy-Salt as a trustee and Chair of the Operations Committee as a specialist in-house Charity Lawyer.

To further the above objects, mission, vision and values, the LCF's main activities and achievements were as follows:

##### *1. Inspiring legal mission around the world*

In the past year the LCF has worked with its partners in Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi through the CLEAR (Christian Legal Education Aid & Research) network to build capacity and to provide support for community legal education, access to justice, prison work, and advocacy for those most at risk. These initiatives often provide opportunities to share the Christian faith, for example in community legal education gatherings.

LCF support for its CLEAR partners during the last year has involved provision of financial grants to help our partners deliver local initiatives they have designed. This support is provided in the context of a network of support, which includes prayer, mentoring, and training.

Legal mission through the CLEAR network continues to make an impact, particularly for the most vulnerable. During the period Sept 2024 - May 2025 more than 880 people are reported to have received advice or representation by our CLEAR partners, and 43 church leaders received training to enable them to support their local communities in relation to legal issues such as land disputes.

Within a civil legal system, such as Burundi, it is harder for individuals to represent themselves in court and so the need for advocates to assist is key. Advocates Burundi, like Lawyers of Hope and other partners, are also working with local church and community leaders to provide legal education and advice, raise awareness of the laws, and to support them when dispute arise. Through these interactions, they also share the gospel, and have seen many come to faith, and be strengthened in their faith.

A growing area of support for our partners is capacity building. Unpacking topics such as roles and responsibilities of a board, management of risk, employees, and change, and financial sustainability, from a Biblical perspective are all useful in building the capacity of our partner organisations.

In August 2025 a small team of experienced LCF members visited Rwanda to deliver capacity building training to representatives from CLEAR network organisations, to deliver training to paralegals working in Rwanda in relation to safeguarding, dispute resolution and interviewing vulnerable witnesses, and to speak on related subjects to lawyers from across the continent at the Advocates Africa conference for Christian lawyers. Representatives from similar groups in DRC, Tanzania and Guinea attended the CLEAR network training event, and conversations have opened with Congolese Christian Lawyers' Association about partnership.

## *2. Mobilise legal talents to help the wider church*

The LCF heart is to serve, and LCF members serve the local church in numerous ways. As a fellowship, the LCF seeks to mobilise our different and shared gifts to help the wider church.

Our Find a Lawyer scheme has been running for 10 years, and over 151 LCF members during 2024/25 were signed up to provide support to members of the public through the scheme. In the 12-month period ending 31 August 2025, 468 people used the LCF's Find a Lawyer scheme to find a Christian lawyer to help them.

The LCF enjoys strong relationships with many para-church and Christian mission organisations, working in the UK and internationally. During 2024/25 the LCF has sought to develop its support of Welcome Churches to help refugees seeking asylum in the UK.

The FoRB (Freedom of Religion or Belief) group engaged in discussions on proposed legislation in relation to assisted dying, a matter of particular interest for the wider church, producing several member articles from a Christian legal perspective highlighting concerns with the draft bill.

'Speak Up' and 'Living for Jesus at Work' - two resources published by the LCF with the Evangelical Alliance - remain popular and in circulation. Work has begun, in collaboration with the Association of Christian Teachers, on a related resource for educators "Living for Jesus in Education".

## *3. Prioritise prayer in the legal world*

The LCF started out as a prayer union over 170 years' ago and remains fundamental to the work of the Fellowship. Today, its staff team meet most days to pray for and with LCF members, and the LCF holds regular regional, national and international prayer meetings:

**The LCF produces a daily prayer feed for the legal world for subscribers on the PrayerMate app.**  
National - Every Tuesday at 1pm for 30 minutes LCF members join the staff team for a Bible reading and short message, and to pray. This Tuesday lunchtime prayer meeting has a committed and growing number of attendees.

Regional - A number of regional groups meet either monthly or bi-monthly to pray together and to be encouraged by God's Word.

Internationally - Together, the LCF and Christ und Jurist Germany seek to develop a European network of prayer groups, their members meeting to pray regularly with other country-specific groups, including France, Spain, Poland, Italy, and the Balkans. Once a month on a Thursday morning the LCF hosts an International prayer meeting with lawyers from different countries and continents, with an opening Bible message and time of prayer.

## *4. Apply Biblical truths to lawyers' realities*

Through its resources, online meetings, courses, and conferences the LCF seeks to help lawyers in the UK and around the world to connect their faith with their roles in the legal world.

**Resources** - For more than 20 years the LCF has provided a Word for the Week (a short Bible message written by lawyers for lawyers with prayer points) by email at the start of each week. It remains one of our most popular resources, and has a high click-to-read rate. A second print run of the LCF daily devotional "*faithful & fruitful: 365 daily devotions written by lawyers for lawyers*" first published in 2023 has almost sold out, and has been purchased by lawyers as far afield as Australia and the USA (an e-version is also available) supporting countless Christians in their spiritual growth. A substantially revised and redesigned edition of Law & Justice Bible Studies continues to sell, and 68 copies of this publication have been given to students as an educational resource; the Law & Justice Bible studies are being used by different university-based groups around the UK. The LCF's online library continues to expand, offering a range of articles, videos and book reviews, and the Universities and Colleges Christian Fellowship (UCCF) Law Network website (maintained by the LCF) remains a key resource for helping law students to think, live, and speak for Jesus both at university and beyond.

In this current 5-year programme the LCF has run 5 different teaching tracks. During the Autumn term 2024 the *Leadership* lunchtime track explored Biblical perspectives on leadership in the legal world, culminating in the National Conference held in York "Leadership for Lawyers". This was followed in the Spring term with a lunchtime series called "Just Leadership".

LCF specialist groups provide a unique opportunity for Christian lawyers to convene according to their practice areas to discuss, share and pray about the particular pressures that they face. During 2024/25 there were 22 specialist group meetings in total covering 9 practice areas.

To help to ensure the LCF remains relevant to the realities lawyers face, in March 2025 we held our first annual "Initiatives" conference with 5 different workshops to develop initiatives for our membership organisation.

### *5. Cultivate Christ-centred relationships in the legal profession*

The LCF mentoring scheme plays a key role in building a strong, Christ-centred community where every member is encouraged to be the very best lawyer for Christ that they can be. In the last year (the fourth year since its pilot launch in 2021) we co-ordinated 15 new mentoring relationships.

Complementing the mentoring initiative are the Law Network hubs, which provide a space for law students to deepen their understanding of how the gospel shapes both their studies and their future legal work. The number of hubs continues to grow, as they foster meaningful connections, discipleship and growth, offering another layer of support within the LCF.

Across Europe intentional Christ-centred relationships are key in encouraging Christians in the law to serve faithfully both in the UK and internationally. This year LCF staff and members have been involved (co-ordinating, attending and supporting) a deepening of relationships and engagement across Europe, including times of prayer in country and regional groups, and national conferences hosted in France, Spain, Austria and Germany.

The LCF staff team provide pastoral support, prayer, and encouragement to members, partners and those working or studying the legal profession.

### *6. Talk to lawyers about Jesus Christ*

The LCF is committed to sharing the good news about Jesus Christ within the legal community. Our recent and upcoming events reflect this passion for engaging with law students and professionals, providing them with opportunities to hear the Gospel and explore the Christian faith.

During 2024/25 the LCF attended university Freshers' Fairs in Liverpool and London connecting with many students, offering resources and information about the LCF.

In September 2024, the LCF coordinated the Law Network track at the Forum Conference, equipping law students for mission as they prepared to return to university for the new academic year.

The LCF carol services are a highlight of the LCF calendar and at the heart of our Fellowship's desire to reach fellow lawyers with the life-changing news about Jesus' life, death and resurrection. In Liverpool last year lawyers, court staff and members of the CPS filled Liverpool Parish Church for carols accompanied by the Liverpool Brass Band and a message from HHJA Bever on the theme "Hope is for Now". In London, the LCF Carol Service was hosted at Gray's Inn Chapel, when HH David Turner spoke about "The Dawning of Indestructible Hope". Copies of the LCF's Bible Verses for Lawyers were given away at both carol services.

At the beginning of 2025, the LCF held a panel event in Liverpool "Where on Earth is Hope?", and a "Hope Explored" series in London as follow on opportunities to the LCF carol services for those wanting to think more deeply about the Christian faith, and particularly the topic of Christian hope.

### **Plans for the future**

In the future, the LCF will continue to carry out its current objectives and activities. Plans for the 2025/26 academic year include the following:

1. Maintaining regular national, regional, and international prayer meetings, and the European prayer network. Continuing to provide prayer resources through the LCF's PrayerMate feed, and prayer points with our Word for the Week.
2. Working on several alternative language translations of our "Law and Justice Bible Studies".
3. Sending an international justice team to Rwanda in September 2026.
4. Hosting a conference in Bath all about time, "Whose time is it anyway?" applying Biblical truth to various "time" issues that lawyers face, including time management, the ethics of selling time, and the gospel imperative.
5. Developing a European network of Christian lawyers, including by involvement in events run by other national groups, and preparation of a European gathering in September 2026.
6. Working on several evangelistic resources for lawyers, teachers, and the wider church - "Living for Jesus in Law", "Living for Jesus in Education" and "Fair Hearing: John's Testimony" respectively - ready for publication in the Autumn 2026.
7. Implementation of a new website, finance and membership systems making it easier to discover and access LCF events, resources, and benefits, as well as to facilitate member communications and connections.
8. A public history project to show God's work among and through our fellowship over the years.
9. Developing a new CLEAR network partnership with Christian lawyers in the DRC.
10. Strategic planning for 2027 (our 175th year) and beyond.

## Membership

Our members remain integral to our ministry. They serve in a variety of ways, including volunteering for international mission trips, co-ordinating regional groups, speaking at seminars and drafting 'Word for the Week' contributions. They also give a great deal of time to the various committees, particularly: Student & Young Lawyer; International; Operations.

## Staff

The LCF staff team consists of 6 persons: Mark Bainbridge (Executive Director); Mhairi Hamilton (Deputy Director, Director of International Ministries); Felipe Carvalho (Director of Student and Young Lawyers' Ministries); Jonathan Storey (Director of Regional Ministries); Steven Ashman (Operations Manager); and Moni Olatunji (Membership Manager).

## Structure, Governance and Management

Responsibility for providing charitable governance in 2024/25, rested with the trustees who met termly to monitor the activities of the charity. The staff team, who are members of the LCF in their own right, are responsible for implementing the strategic priorities and for the day-to-day running of the Charity.

Trustees are appointed by resolution of the Trustees for a term of three years. A Trustee's appointment (and any subsequent reappointment) is subject to ratification by the members at the annual general meeting following his or her appointment. During 2024/25: Elsa Glauert stepped down as a trustee at the end of her second term; Janys Scott KC was reappointed for an additional 1 year term, and remained as the LCF's Chair of Trustees; and Thomas Bolster was appointed as a trustee.

## Financial review

The results for the 12 month period to 31st August 2025 are as set out in the Statement of Financial Activities at page 8.

Income for the year was £297,680 (2024:£273,076) and expenditure for the year was £294,518 (2024:£272,309) resulting in net income for the period of £3,162 (2024:net income £766). Total reserves at the end of the year were £65,683 (£62,522 at 31st August 2024) of which £14,035 were restricted.

## Reserves

The reserves policy requires the charity to have sufficient free cash reserves to cover closure costs, namely those financial liabilities which the charity is required to meet in the event of its dissolution. At their meeting on the 24th February 2024 the trustees reviewed their reserves policy and decided to reduce this marginally to £47,500 reflecting the likelihood of the Charity being a going concern and having continuing income.

At the end of the year, the charity had free cash reserves of £50,896 (31st August 2024: £35,769)

The trustees continue to monitor closely the financial position and receive detailed reports on all financial activities on the LCF throughout the year at their quarterly meetings. They are assisted by an Operations Committee which meets 3 or 4 times a year. Monthly management accounts are prepared for the Executive Director and disseminated to Trustees, the Operations Committee, and staff team.

## Key risks and uncertainties

The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks. In relation to financial risk, the trustees consider that there are sufficient reserves, any risks having been considered and taken into account for future budgets.

#### Responsibilities of trustees under charity law

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the financial year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
2. Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
3. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
4. State whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
5. Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. 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.

#### Approval

This report, which has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

*Ben Fullbrook*

Ben Fullbrook (Apr 2, 2026 05:56:04 GMT+1)

Ben Fullbrook

Apr 2, 2026

Date

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 August 2025 on pages 8 to 15 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on page 11 and 12.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*Lisa Darby*  
Lisa Darby (Apr 15, 2026 16:23:58 GMT+1)

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Date: Apr 15, 2026

**THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

**SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
General Donations & Legacies	3	264,538	27,743	292,281	254,903
Charitable Activities	3	4,915	-	4,915	17,500
Investment income		443	40	485	673
<b>Total income</b>		<b>269,896</b>	<b>27,784</b>	<b>297,680</b>	<b>273,076</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Charitable activities	4	254,940	39,578	294,518	272,309
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>254,940</b>	<b>39,578</b>	<b>294,518</b>	<b>272,309</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>14,957</b>	<b>(11,795)</b>	<b>3,162</b>	<b>766</b>
Transfers between funds		50	(50)	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>15,007</b>	<b>(11,845)</b>	<b>3,162</b>	<b>766</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		36,641	25,880	62,521	61,755
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>51,648</b>	<b>14,035</b>	<b>65,683</b>	<b>62,521</b>

The numbers may not add up precisely due to rounding.

Movements on reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above.

The notes on page 11-15 form part of these accounts.

**THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31st AUGUST 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	6	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Stock	7	753	-	753	872
Debtors	8	6,402	514	6,916	3,121
Cash at bank	9	49,440	13,521	62,961	66,198
		56,595	14,035	70,630	70,191
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
Liabilities falling due within one year	10	4,946	-	4,946	7,670
Net Current Assets		51,648	14,035	65,683	62,521
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
		51,648	14,035	65,683	62,521
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>					
Unrestricted funds	11				
General Funds		51,648	-	51,648	36,641
Restricted Funds	11	-	14,035	14,035	25,880
		51,648	14,035	65,683	62,521

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the financial period ended 31st August 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the financial period ended 31 August 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 however, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner and their report has been included in these financial statements.

The directors (who are the charitable company's trustees for the purposes of charity law) acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at end of each financial year and of its net income or expenditure for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.
- The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and were signed on its behalf by:

*Ben Fullbrook*  
Ben Fullbrook (Apr 2, 2026 05:56:04 GMT+1)

Apr 2, 2026

Ben Fullbrook

Date

Company number: 07422674

Charity number:

1139281

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**THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES WITH COMPARATIVES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

		Unrestricted Funds - General	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds - General	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
		2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2024
Note		£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME FROM</b>							
General donations	3	264,538	27,743	292,281	222,538	32,365	254,903
Charitable activities	3	4,915	-	4,915	17,500	-	17,500
Investment income		443	40	485	641	31	673
<b>Total income</b>		<b>269,896</b>	<b>27,784</b>	<b>297,680</b>	<b>240,679</b>	<b>32,396</b>	<b>273,076</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>							
Charitable activities	4	254,940	39,578	294,518	259,511	12,798	272,309
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>254,940</b>	<b>39,578</b>	<b>294,518</b>	<b>259,511</b>	<b>12,798</b>	<b>272,309</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>14,957</b>	<b>(11,795)</b>	<b>3,162</b>	<b>(18,832)</b>	<b>19,598</b>	<b>766</b>
Transfers between funds		50	(50)	-	-	-	-
		15,007	(11,845)	3,162	(18,832)	19,598	766
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>15,007</b>	<b>(11,845)</b>	<b>3,162</b>	<b>(18,832)</b>	<b>19,598</b>	<b>766</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>							
Total funds brought forward		36,641	25,880	62,521	55,473	6,282	61,755
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>51,648</b>	<b>14,035</b>	<b>65,683</b>	<b>36,641</b>	<b>25,880</b>	<b>62,521</b>

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Movements on reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above.

THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Notes to the Accounts

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

**1 Statutory Information**

The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee and is incorporated in the United Kingdom. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

**2 Accounting Policies**

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

These 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) ("the Charities SORP"), with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102"), with the Companies Act 2006 and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

a) Going concern

The trustees (who are the charitable company's directors for the purposes of company law) have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

b) Income

Income including investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Income from donations and legacies includes:

- i) Recoverable gift aid. This is recognised when the related donation is received. Gift aid that has not been recovered by the balance sheet date is included as a debtor.
- ii) Legacies. Income from legacies is recognised when a distribution is received from the estate or, if earlier, when the charity has been notified that a distribution will be made and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

Income from charitable activities represents income receivable from goods, services and facilities supplied in furtherance of the charity's charitable objects. It includes income from conferences.

Investment income represents income generated by the charity's assets and includes income from bank interest.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The charity makes grants to other institutions and individuals to further its charitable objectives. Grants payable are recognised as constructive obligations arise, which is generally when the charity expresses a commitment to the recipient that can be measured reliably and then only to the extent that any conditions associated with the grant are outside of the control of the charity.

Expenditure on raising funds comprises a portion of salary costs and expenditure on promotional materials.

Governance costs, which are included in expenditure on charitable activities but are identified separately in the notes to the accounts, includes costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on the strategic management of the charity.

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d) Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects. Endowment funds are donations that are retained as capital in accordance with the donor's wishes. The nature of the restriction determines whether the endowments represent permanent endowments or expendable endowments.

e) Tangible fixed assets

Items purchased or donated for the charity's own use are capitalised when the cost of purchased items, or the fair value of donated items, is more than £1000 and the item is expected to benefit the charity over more than one accounting period. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis so as to write down the value of each asset to its estimated residual value (if any) over its expected useful economic life. To achieve this objective the following rates of depreciation are charged:

Office Equipment	4 years
Computer Equipment	4 years

The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment in periods when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

f) Stocks:

Goods purchased for re-sale are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

g) Pension scheme arrangements

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes for its employees. Obligations for contributions to these schemes are recognised as an expense when the liability arises. The assets of these schemes are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds.

h) Taxation

The company is a registered charity; it has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's income.

i) Exemption from preparing a cashflow statement

The charity has taken advantage of an exemption conferred by the Charities SORP and has not prepared a cash flow statement.

j) Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

The trustees do not consider that there any material sources of estimation or uncertainty at the balance sheet date that could result in a material adjustment to the carrying values of assets and liabilities in the next reporting period.

3 **Voluntary income**

	Total Year to 31 August 2025 £	Total Year to 31 August 2024 £
General donations	218,910	194,407
Donations to support SYL Coordinator	50	-
Gifts for John's Gospel	1,000	-
Gifts for other groups	-	424
Income for CLEAR	23,548	29,297
Tax recoverable	48,773	30,776
	<u>292,282</u>	<u>254,904</u>
<b>Income from Charitable Activities</b>		
Conferences	3,605	13,537
Publications, books DVDs	1,310	3,963
	<u>4,915</u>	<u>17,500</u>

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4 Charitable activity

	Total Year to 31 August 2025 £	Total Year to 31 August 2024 £
<b>a Direct Charitable Costs</b>		
Costs of generating voluntary income (including staff costs)	13,553	12,762
Staff costs	178,727	166,604
Staff expenses	8,687	4,942
Other staff costs	844	4,737
Printing and magazine	1,325	1,609
Cost of publications & books, DVDs sold	2,550	5,001
Regional Conferences	2,191	15,914
Expeditions & CLEAR expenses	10,882	5,938
London & Local Group Expenditure	2,732	3,263
Student Groups	911	2,261
Public Policy	-	95
Office costs	21,300	24,062
Bank charges	2,308	2,322
Grants payable	33,300	10,417
	279,311	259,927
<b>b Support &amp; Administration</b>	£	£
Governance costs	2,400	2,200
Printing, postage and stationery	773	850
Professional fees	8,674	7,245
Insurance	3,360	2,087
	15,207	12,381
<b>Combined charitable activity cost</b>	294,518	272,309

The amount paid to Stewardship to undertake the independent examination of the accounts for the period ending 31st August 2025 was £2,400 (2024: £2,190).

c Grants	Year to 31 August 2025		Year to 31 August 2024	
	Institutions £	Individuals £	£	£
CLEAR Burundi	8,300	-	8,300	-
CLEAR Uganda	10,000	-	10,000	6,667
CLEAR Rwanda	15,000	-	15,000	3,750
	33,300	-	33,300	10,417

5 Staff & Trustees	Year to 31 August 2025 £	Year to 31 August 2024 £
Gross wages, salaries & benefits in kind	172,803	158,024
Employer's National Insurance costs	9,646	9,805
Pension costs	6,568	6,010
Total staff costs	189,018	173,840

The charity had 6 employed staff (2024:6) on average. Many of its activities are carried out by volunteers. No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

Remuneration payable to key management for the financial year to 31 August 2025 was £75,054 (2024: £71,822). Employer's pension payments of £4,350 were paid during the year (2024: £4,184). Key management is considered to cover the senior management directly employed by the charity.

No remuneration was paid to any trustee during the year nor to any person connected to them.

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6 Tangible Fixed Assets	Office	Website &	Total	Total
	Equipment	database	31-Aug-25	31-Aug-24
Cost	£	£	£	£
At 1 September 2024	5,927	10,885	16,812	32,472
Additions/(Disposals)	-	-	-	(15,660)
At 31 August 2025	5,927	10,885	16,812	16,812
Accumulated Depreciation				
At 1 September 2024	5,927	10,885	16,812	32,472
Charge for the year	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	(15,660)
At 31 August 2025	5,927	10,885	16,812	16,812
Net book value				
At 31 August 2025	-	-	-	-
At 1 September 2024	-	-	-	-
7 Stock			31-Aug-25	31-Aug-24
At Cost			£	£
			753	872
			753	872
8 Debtors and Prepayments				
Tax recoverable			4,623	1,469
Prepayments			2,293	1,652
			6,916	3,121
9 Cash at Bank and in Hand				
Bank operating accounts			38,715	47,336
Bank deposits			24,246	18,862
			62,961	66,198
10 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year				
Accruals			4,066	7,670
Sundry Creditors			880	-
			4,946	7,670
11 Funds				

The restricted funds represent amounts received for specific purposes and the movements in the year ended 31 August 2025 are as follows:

a) Year ended 31 August 2025

	Opening balance	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers in the year	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
SYL Coordinator	-	50	-	(50)	-
John's Gospel for Lawyers	-	1,250	-	-	1,250
Groups/Regions - Merseyside	1,078	-	890	-	188
CLEAR - General	24,802	26,484	38,688	-	12,597
	25,880	27,784	39,578	(50)	14,035
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	36,641	269,896	254,940	50	51,648
	62,521	297,680	294,518	-	65,683

b) Year ended 31 August 2024

	Opening balance	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers in the year	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Groups/Regions - Merseyside	1,794	-	716	-	1,078
CLEAR - General	4,488	32,396	12,082	-	24,802
	6,282	32,396	12,798	-	25,880
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	55,473	240,679	259,511	-	36,641
	61,756	273,075	272,309	-	62,521

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**Analysis of net assets by fund**

The assets and liabilities represented by the various funds as at 31 August 2025 are as follows:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	-
Stock	753	-	753
Debtors	6,402	514	6,916
Cash at bank and in hand	49,440	13,521	62,961
Creditors falling due within one year	(4,946)	-	(4,946)
	<u>51,648</u>	<u>14,035</u>	<u>65,683</u>

The assets and liabilities represented by the various funds as at 31 August 2024 are as follows:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	-
Stock	872	-	872
Debtors	2,999	122	3,121
Cash at bank and in hand	40,440	25,758	66,198
Creditors falling due within one year	(7,670)	-	(7,670)
	<u>36,641</u>	<u>25,880</u>	<u>62,521</u>

**Purpose of restricted funds**

At an initiatives working conference in March 2025, a working group tested and developed the concept of an evangelistic resource based in John's Gospel, reflecting its trial and legal language. The concept has since been developed. Plans for a publication, website and drama which help the reader to understand the case for Christ by reference to the Gospel's trial and legal reference, supported by articles and testimonies from contemporary legal sources, is being prepared with practical and financial support from LCF Members.

During the financial year a specific gift was received towards our Student and Young Lawyers ("SYL") ministry, but this was not in response to a specific appeal.

Regional donations are given to support activities of members of the Lawyer's Christian Fellowship in specific regions

The International Department is in partnership with and provides grants to overseas projects and includes CLEAR (Christian Legal, Education and Research) which operate in East Africa. These are currently based in Kenya, Burundi, Uganda and Rwanda where close links are made with Christian Legal Fellowships in each country. Interns normally work in a country for 6-12 months and are funded entirely by donations.

**12 Lease commitments**

A new lease was signed on the 3rd September 2024 for a three year term commencing on 10 September 2024. The annual rent was set at £13,500 per annum with a CPI uplift from March 2026. The lease contains a break clause allowing either party to serve six month's notice to the other party.

**13 Events since the year end**

This year (September 2026 - August 2027) is the fourth year of the current 5-year programme called 'faithful and fruitful' seeking to increase membership overall, and to increase the engagement and participation of existing members. Operationally, we are seeking to strengthen charitable governance by moving to a new accountancy software and CRM tool while, at the same time, improving membership experience by the new CRM tool and website. An appeal to fund the production of the John's Gospel resource has enabled us to progress this resource, and a separate appeal in November 2025 for general funds raised sufficient funds for us to move to a new CRM and develop new website.

**14 Transactions with related parties**

During the year the charity:

- a) received donations for the year ended 31 August 2025 of £14,330 (2024: £10,316) from related parties (which includes trustees, any other members of key management and anyone closely related to them.
- b) no travel expenses were paid for the year to 31 August 2025 (2024: £0) to a trustee whilst carrying out duties associated with being a trustee; reimbursements for expenses incurred when acting as agent for the charity are not included in this disclosure.

**15 Members**

Each member of the company commits to contribute if the charity is wound up an amount of £1.

**THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

England & Wales - Charity number 1139281

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# Accounts

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**THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
(A Company limited by guarantee)

**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**



## THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

### COMPANY INFORMATION

<b>Directors/Trustees</b>	Elsa Glauert Timothy Grainger Benjamin Edward Fullbrook Vivienne McKoy-Salt Janys Scott Hilary Underwood Thomas Robert George Bolster	Resigned 24 March 2025      Appointed 6 March 2025
<b>Governing Document</b>	Memorandum and Articles of Association (dated 28 October 2010)	
<b>Company Registration Number</b>	07422674	
<b>Charity Registration Number</b>	1139281	
<b>Registered Office</b>	8 Marshalsea Road London SE1 1HL	
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Lisa Darby FCA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB	
<b>Bankers</b>	Barclays Bank Plc 43 High Street Sutton SM1 1DR  CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue, West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ	

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LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP  
TRUSTEES' REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

The trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024.

### Objects of the charity

The Lawyers' Christian Fellowship ('LCF') is a Private Limited Company by guarantee and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association ('the Articles'). The objects of the LCF in accordance with the Articles and for the public benefit are:

- a) To promote the Christian faith throughout the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and internationally in particular by working with the legal profession; and
- b) To relieve poverty in accordance with the Christian faith.

Since 1852 the LCF has been a constant witness to the good news of Jesus Christ within the legal profession. In those 172 years Christian lawyers and law students from across the United Kingdom have been committed to sharing the gospel with those they interact with, whilst promoting a biblical view of justice and bringing biblical values to the practice of law.

The Lawyers' Christian Fellowship is about bringing together and supporting Christian lawyers who trust Jesus as Saviour and follow Him as Lord, so they make a Gospel impact in the legal world. The LCF seeks to accomplish its Gospel purpose by its members. Its **members** are Christian lawyers – including law students, legal academics, paralegals, trainee and qualified lawyers, and the judiciary – and its **aims** are to:

1. Inspire legal mission around the world
2. Mobilise legal talents to help the wider church
3. Prioritise prayer in the legal world
4. Apply Biblical truths to lawyers' realities
5. Cultivate Christ-centred relationships in the legal profession
6. Talk to lawyers about Jesus Christ

### Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

In planning its activities, the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission. During 23/24, the application of Charity Commission guidance has been steered by decisions taken by the Board.

To further the above objects, mission, vision and values, the LCF's main activities and achievements were as follows:

## *1. Inspiring legal mission around the world*

In the past year the LCF has worked with its partners in Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi through the CLEAR (Christian Legal Education Aid & Research) network to build capacity and to provide support for community legal education, access to justice, prison work, and advocacy for those most at risk. These initiatives often provide opportunities to share the Christian faith, for example in community legal education gatherings.

LCF support for its CLEAR partners during the last year has involved provision of financial grants to help our partners deliver local initiatives they have designed. This support is provided in the context of a network of support, which includes prayer, mentoring, and training.

Legal mission through the CLEAR network continues to make an impact, particularly for the most vulnerable.

Within a civil legal system, such as Burundi, it is harder for individuals to represent themselves in court and so the need for advocates to assist is key. Advocates Burundi, like Lawyers of Hope and other partners, are also working with local church and community leaders to provide legal education and advice, raise awareness of the laws, and to support them when disputes arise. Through these interactions, they also share the gospel, and have seen many come to faith, and be strengthened in their faith.

A growing area of support for our partners is capacity building. Unpacking topics such as roles and responsibilities of a board, management of risk, employees, and change, and financial sustainability, from a biblical perspective are all useful in building the capacity of our partner organisations.

In March 2024, a successful monitoring trip to Uganda, Burundi and Kenya was undertaken, to review activities and provide training and support. The National Coordinator of Lawyers of Hope Rwanda joined part of the trip, visiting Burundi and Kenya.

## *2. Mobilise legal talents to help the wider church*

The LCF's heart is to serve, and LCF members serve the local church in numerous ways. As a fellowship, the LCF seeks to mobilise our different and shared gifts to help the wider church.

Our Find a Lawyer scheme has been running for 9 years, and over 200 LCF members during 2023/24 were signed up to provide support to members of the public through the scheme. In the 12-month period ending 31 August 2024, 44 people on average typically used the LCF's Find a Lawyer scheme each month to find a Christian lawyer to help them.

The LCF enjoys strong relationships with many para-church and Christian mission organisations, working in the UK and internationally. During 2023/24 two of the LCF's specialist groups, working in the UK and internationally (the Access to Justice, and Immigration Law groups) worked with Welcome Churches to help refugees seeking asylum in the UK.

The FoRB (Freedom of Religion or Belief) group engaged in discussions on recent legislative developments and their implications for both FoRB and the wider church. Key topics included the appointment of a UK Special Envoy for FoRB and the ongoing considerations surrounding the Assisted Dying Bill.

'Speak Up' and 'Living for Jesus at Work' - two resources published by the LCF with the Evangelical Alliance - have been widely distributed.

In a fast changing world, the LCF seeks to encourage Christians in the UK to speak about and live for Jesus every day. In April 2024 the LCF's Scottish group held a day conference "A Time to Speak", to think about why Christians should speak up, and how the right to do so should be defended.

### 3. Prioritise prayer in the legal world

The LCF started out as a prayer union over 170 years' ago and prayer remains fundamental to the work of the Fellowship. Today, its staff team meet most days to pray for and with LCF members, and the LCF holds regular regional, national and international prayer meetings:

National - Every Tuesday at 1pm for 30 minutes LCF members join the staff team for a Bible reading and short message, and to pray. There have been many encouragements from God's Word and answers to prayer.

Regional - A number of regional groups meet either monthly or bi-monthly to pray together and to be encouraged by God's Word.

Internationally - Together, the LCF and Christ und Jurist Germany seek to develop a European network of prayer groups, their members meeting to pray regularly with other country-specific groups, including France, Spain, Poland, Italy, and the Balkans. Once a month on a Thursday morning the LCF hosts an International prayer meeting with lawyers from different countries and continents, with an opening Bible message and time of prayer.

### 4. Apply Biblical truths to lawyers' realities

Through its resources, lunchtime teaching tracks, and conferences the LCF seeks to help lawyers in the UK and around the world to connect their faith with their roles in the legal world.

Resources - For more than 10 years the LCF has provided a Word for the Week (a short Bible message written by lawyers for lawyers with prayer points) by email at the start of each week. It remains one of our most popular resources, and has a high click-to-read rate. In the last year this was published as a daily devotional *faithful & fruitful*. Its initial print run has sold out, and the paper version has been purchased by lawyers as far afield as Australia and the USA (an e-version is also available) supporting countless Christians in their spiritual growth. A second new book, a substantially revised and redesigned edition of Law & Justice Bible Studies was also completed. The LCF's online library continues to expand, offering a range of articles, videos and book reviews, and the UCCF Law Network website (maintained by the LCF) remains a key resource for helping law students to think, live, and speak for Jesus both at university and beyond.

The LCF runs 5 different teaching tracks. During the Autumn term 2023 the *Resourced* lunchtime track explored biblical perspectives on how lawyers should do their legal work, culminating in the National Conference held in York 'Fighting Giants'. In the Summer 2024 term the lunchtime track was *Rooted* on the theology of law and justice, with 7 lunchtime sessions delving into the new edition of the LCF's Law & Justice Bible Studies. Each week attendees received a chapter of the book along with discussion questions, allowing for deep reflection and preparation. By the end of the series participants had access to the complete book.

The highlight of the summer term was a wonderful National Conference in the Lake District, where delegates explored the theme "Beauty and the Law", featuring insightful talks, Growth groups for discussion, and opportunities to explore God's creation through a lakeside walk, boat trip and other activities.

## *5. Cultivate Christ-centred relationships in the legal profession*

The LCF mentoring scheme plays a key role in building a strong, Christ-centred community where every member is encouraged to be the very best lawyer for Christ that they can be. Since its pilot launch in 2021 approximately 70 members have participated in the scheme.

Complementing the mentoring initiative are the Law Network hubs, which provide a space for law students to deepen their understanding of how the gospel shapes both their studies and their future legal work. The number of hubs continues to grow, as they foster meaningful connections, discipleship and growth, offering another layer of support within the LCF.

Across Europe intentional Christ-centred relationships are key in encouraging Christians in the law to serve faithfully both in the UK and internationally. This year the LCF has seen a deepening of relationships and engagement across Europe, including times of prayer in country and regional groups, a regional conference hosted in Switzerland, and Christ und Jurist Austria hosted their first overnight conference with around 30 delegates.

LCF members working in different areas of law can face unique challenges. Specialist LCF groups provide the opportunity to meet with others who understand the particular issues specialists face. During 2023/24 four new LCF specialist groups started, in Charity, Criminal, Commercial and for retired lawyers, in addition to 6 existing groups.

The LCF staff team provide pastoral support, prayer, and encouragement to members, partners and those working or studying the legal profession.

## *6. Talk to lawyers about Jesus Christ*

The LCF is committed to sharing the good news about Jesus Christ within the legal community. Our recent and upcoming events reflect this passion for engaging with law students and professionals, providing them with opportunities to hear the Gospel and explore the Christian faith.

During 2023/24 the LCF attended the University of Law Moorgate connecting with many students, offering resources and information about the LCF.

In February 2024 Felipe Carvalho our Director of Student and Young Lawyers' Ministries participated in a mission week in Manchester, promoted by the local student Christian unions. This week long event was a valuable opportunity to explore justice through a Biblical lens and to share the powerful message of Jesus' work in satisfying God's justice on our behalf.

In the summer of 2023/24, the LCF coordinated the Law Network track at the Forum Conference, equipping law students for mission as they prepared to return to university for the new academic year.

The LCF carol services are a highlight of the LCF calendar and at the heart of our Fellowship's desire to reach fellow lawyers with the life-changing news about Jesus' life, death and resurrection. In Liverpool last year lawyers, court staff and members of the CPS filled Liverpool Parish Church for carols accompanied by the Liverpool Brass Band and a message from HHJ A Mennary about the Wonder of Christmas. In London, the LCF Carol Service was hosted at Gray's Inn Chapel, with musical accompaniment by the Odyssey Ensemble, when Stephen Shaw KC unpacked the Christian claim that God has visited planet earth. Copies of the LCF's *Bible Verses for Lawyers* were given away at both carol services.

## Plans for the future

In the future, the LCF will continue to carry out its current objectives and activities. Plans for the 2024/25 academic year include the following:

1. Sending a small team to Rwanda to run a capacity-building conference for CLEAR partners, and to assist with the Advocates Africa conference in Kigali. Reviewing our International ministries to ensure relevance, and to realise opportunities for service in response to need.
2. Running legal training events for Church leaders in conjunction with Christian law firms. Evaluating the LCF Find a Lawyer Scheme with a view to improving the service. Supporting Open Doors with its Arise Africa project. Developing a new resource *Living for Jesus in Education*.
3. Maintaining regular national, regional, and international prayer meetings, and the European prayer network. Continuing to provide prayer resources through the LCF's PrayerMate feed, and prayer points with our Word for the Week.
4. Leadership lunchtime track. A national conference *Leadership for Lawyers*. Expanding the number of student hubs studying the LCF Law & Justice Bible Studies. Forming a working group to assess current and to decide upon future investment in LCF resources. Work toward translations into major languages of current resources. Launch an LCF Podcast series featuring interviews with lawyers.
5. Running a new cohort of mentoring relationships, providing training and support. Developing leadership and programme content for specialist groups, and seeking to restart or form additional regional groups. Organising a residential conference for students and young lawyers.
6. Starting work on a *John's Gospel for Lawyers*. Running carol services and follow-up evangelistic events in existing locations, and to identify outreach opportunities in other locations.

## Membership

Our members remain integral to our ministry. They serve in a variety of ways, including volunteering for international mission trips, co-ordinating regional groups, speaking at seminars and drafting 'Word for the Week' contributions. They also give a great deal of time to the various committees, particularly: Student & Young Lawyer; International; Operations.

## Staff

The LCF staff team consists of 6 persons: Mark Bainbridge (Executive Director); Mhairi Hamilton (Deputy Director, Director of International Ministries); Felipe Carvalho (Director of Student and Young Lawyers' Ministries); Jonathan Storey (Director of Regional Ministries); Steven Ashman (Operations Manager); and, Moni Olatunji (Membership Manager). During 2023/24 Felipe Carvalho's Visa was renewed for a 3-year period.

## Structure, Governance and Management

Responsibility for providing charitable governance in 2023/24, rested with the trustees who met termly to monitor the activities of the charity. The staff team, who are members of the LCF in their own right, are responsible for implementing the strategic priorities and for the day-to-day running of the Charity.

Trustees are appointed by resolution of the Trustees for a term of three years. A Trustee's appointment (and any subsequent reappointment) is subject to ratification by the members at the annual general meeting following his or her appointment. Following the sad death of Jonathan Hyde, Janys Scott KC was appointed Chair of Trustees, and Benjamin Fullbrook was appointed Vice-Chair of Trustees.

## Financial review

The results for the 12 month period to 31st August 2024 are as set out in the Statement of Financial Activities at page 10.

Income for the year was £273,076 (2023:£255,527) and expenditure for the year was £272,309 (2023:£281,182) resulting in net income for the period of £766 (2023:net deficit £25,655). Total reserves at the end of the year were £62,521 (£61,755 at 31st August 2023) of which £25,880 were restricted.

## Reserves

The reserves policy requires the charity to have sufficient free cash reserves to cover closure costs, namely those financial liabilities which the charity is required to meet in the event of its dissolution. At their meeting on the 24th February 2024 the trustees reviewed their reserves policy and decided to reduce this marginally to £47,500 reflecting the likelihood of the Charity being a going concern and having continuing income.

At the end of the year, the charity had free cash reserves of £36,641 (31st August 2023: £55,473) While this was below the Charity's reserves threshold a notified legacy gift was due imminently and received in December 2024.

The trustees continue to monitor closely the financial position and receive detailed reports on all financial activities on the LCF throughout the year at their quarterly meetings. They are assisted by an Operations Committee which meets 3 or 4 times a year. Monthly management accounts are prepared for the Executive Director and disseminated to Trustees, the Operations Committee, and staff team.

## Key risks and uncertainties

The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks. In relation to financial risk, the trustees consider that there are sufficient reserves, any risks having been considered and taken into account for future budgets.

### Responsibilities of trustees under charity law

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the financial year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
2. Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
3. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
4. State whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
5. Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. 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.

### Approval

This report, which has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

*Janys M Scott*

Janys M Scott (May 19, 2025 16:13 GMT+1)

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Janys Scott KC

May 19, 2025

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Date

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 August 2024 on pages 10 to 18 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on page 13 and 14.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*Lisa Darby*  
Lisa Darby (May 20, 2025 09:28 GMT+1)

Lisa Darby FCA  
Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales  
Stewardship  
1 Lamb's Passage  
London, EC1Y 8AB

Date: May 20, 2025

**THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

**Summary Income and Expenditure Account**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	2024 £	2023 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
General Donations & Legacies	3	222,538	32,365	254,903	234,963
Charitable Activities	3	17,500	-	17,500	20,301
Investment income		641	31	673	263
<b>Total income</b>		<b>240,679</b>	<b>32,396</b>	<b>273,076</b>	<b>255,527</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Charitable activities	4	259,511	12,798	272,309	281,182
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>259,511</b>	<b>12,798</b>	<b>272,309</b>	<b>281,182</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>(18,832)</b>	<b>19,598</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>(25,655)</b>
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
		(18,832)	19,598	766	(25,655)
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(18,832)</b>	<b>19,598</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>(25,655)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		55,473	6,282	61,755	87,410
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>36,641</b>	<b>25,880</b>	<b>62,521</b>	<b>61,755</b>

Movements on reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above.

The notes on page 13-18 form part of these accounts.

**THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31st AUGUST 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	6	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Stock	7	872	-	872	857
Debtors	8	2,999	122	3,121	5,908
Cash at bank	9	40,440	25,758	66,198	76,215
		44,311	25,880	70,191	82,980
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
Liabilities falling due within one year	10	7,670	-	7,670	21,225
Net Current Assets		36,641	25,880	62,521	61,755
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		36,641	25,880	62,521	61,755
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>					
Unrestricted funds	11				
General Funds		36,641	-	36,641	55,473
Restricted Funds	11	-	25,880	25,880	6,282
		36,641	25,880	62,521	61,755

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the financial period ended 31st August 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the financial period ended 31 August 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 however, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner and their report has been included in these financial statements.

The directors (who are the charitable company's trustees for the purposes of charity law) acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at end of each financial year and of its net income or expenditure for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.
- (c) The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and were signed on its behalf by:

*Janys M Scott*  
Janys M Scott (May 19, 2025 16:13 GMT+1)

Janys Scott KC

Company number: 07422674

May 19, 2025

Date

Charity number: 1139281

The notes on page 13-18 form part of these accounts.

**THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities with Comparatives**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted			Unrestricted		
		Funds - General	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Funds - General	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
		2024 £	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £	2023 £
<b>INCOME FROM</b>							
General donations	3	222,538	32,365	254,903	203,709	31,255	234,963
Charitable activities	3	17,500	-	17,500	20,301	-	20,301
Investment income		641	31	673	261	2	263
<b>Total income</b>		<b>240,679</b>	<b>32,396</b>	<b>273,076</b>	<b>224,270</b>	<b>31,257</b>	<b>255,527</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>							
Charitable activities	4	259,511	12,798	272,309	239,759	41,423	281,182
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>259,511</b>	<b>12,798</b>	<b>272,309</b>	<b>239,759</b>	<b>41,423</b>	<b>281,182</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>(18,832)</b>	<b>19,598</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>(15,488)</b>	<b>(10,166)</b>	<b>(25,655)</b>
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	(3)	3	-
		(18,832)	19,598	766	(15,491)	(10,163)	(25,655)
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(18,832)</b>	<b>19,598</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>(15,491)</b>	<b>(10,163)</b>	<b>(25,655)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>							
Total funds brought forward		55,473	6,282	61,755	70,964	16,445	87,410
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>36,641</b>	<b>25,880</b>	<b>62,521</b>	<b>55,473</b>	<b>6,282</b>	<b>61,755</b>

The numbers may not add up precisely due to rounding.

Movements on reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above.

**THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**Notes to the Accounts**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

**1 Statutory Information**

The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee and is incorporated in England and Wales. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

**2 Accounting Policies**

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

These 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) ("the Charities SORP)", with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102"), with the Companies Act 2006 and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

a) Going concern

The trustees (who are the charitable company's directors for the purposes of company law) have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

b) Income

Income including investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Income from donations and legacies includes:

- i) Recoverable gift aid. This is recognised when the related donation is received. Gift aid that has not been recovered by the balance sheet date is included as a debtor.
- ii) Legacies. Income from legacies is recognised when a distribution is received from the estate or, if earlier, when the charity has been notified that a distribution will be made and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

Income from charitable activities represents income receivable from goods, services and facilities supplied in furtherance of the charity's charitable objects. It includes income from conferences.

Investment income represents income generated by the charity's assets and includes income from bank interest.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The charity makes grants to other institutions and individuals to further its charitable objectives. Grants payable are recognised as constructive obligations arise, which is generally when the charity expresses a commitment to the recipient that can be measured reliably and then only to the extent that any conditions associated with the grant are outside of the control of the charity.

Expenditure on raising funds comprises a portion of salary costs and expenditure on promotional materials.

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Governance costs, which are included in expenditure on charitable activities but are identified separately in the notes to the accounts, includes costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on the strategic management of the charity.

d) Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects. Endowment funds are donations that are retained as capital in accordance with the donor's wishes. The nature of the restriction determines whether the endowments represent permanent endowments or expendable endowments.

e) Tangible fixed assets

Items purchased or donated for the charity's own use are capitalised when the cost of purchased items, or the fair value of donated items, is more than £1000 and the item is expected to benefit the charity over more than one accounting period. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis so as to write down the value of each asset to its estimated residual value (if any) over its expected useful economic life. To achieve this objective the following rates of depreciation are charged:

Office Equipment	4 years
Computer Equipment	4 years

The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment in periods when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

f) Stocks:

Goods purchased for re-sale are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

g) Pension scheme arrangements

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes for its employees. Obligations for contributions to these schemes are recognised as an expense when the liability arises. The assets of these schemes are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds.

h) Taxation

The company is a registered charity; it has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's income.

i) Exemption from preparing a cashflow statement

The charity has taken advantage of an exemption conferred by the Charities SORP and has not prepared a cash flow statement.

j) Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

The trustees do not consider that there any material sources of estimation or uncertainty at the balance sheet date that could result in a material adjustment to the carrying values of assets and liabilities in the next reporting period.

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<b>3 Voluntary income</b>	Total Year to 31 August 2024 £	Total Year to 31 August 2023 £
General donations	194,407	175,023
Gifts for other groups	424	3,182
Income for CLEAR	29,297	27,262
Tax recoverable	30,776	29,496
	<u>254,904</u>	<u>234,963</u>
<b>Income from Charitable Activities</b>		
Conferences	13,537	20,136
Publications, books DVDs	3,963	165
	<u>17,500</u>	<u>20,301</u>
<b>4 Charitable activity</b>	Total Year to 31 August 2024 £	Total Year to 31 August 2023 £
<b>a Direct Charitable Costs</b>		
Costs of generating voluntary income (including staff costs)	12,762	19,380
Staff costs	166,604	157,252
Staff expenses	4,942	5,623
Other staff costs	4,737	339
Printing and magazine	1,609	-
Cost of publications & books, DVDs sold	5,001	469
Regional Conferences	15,914	9,467
Expeditions & CLEAR expenses	5,938	5,312
London & Local Group Expenditure	3,263	5,653
Student Groups	2,261	5,988
Public Policy	95	2,008
Office costs	24,062	21,618
Bank charges	2,322	1,879
Depreciation	-	-
Grants payable Note 3c	10,417	35,004
	<u>259,927</u>	<u>269,993</u>
<b>b Support &amp; Administration</b>	£	£
Governance costs	2,200	2,630
Printing, postage and stationery	850	604
Professional fees	7,245	6,420
Insurance	2,087	1,534
	<u>12,381</u>	<u>11,189</u>
<b>Combined charitable activity cost</b>	<u>272,309</u>	<u>281,182</u>

The amount paid to Stewardship to undertake the independent examination of the accounts for the period ending 31st August 2024 was £2,190 (2023: £2,070).

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c Grants	Institutions	Individuals	Year to 31 August 2024	Year to 31 August 2023
	£	£	£	£
CLEAR Burundi	-	-	-	10,000
CLEAR Kenya	-	-	-	-
CLEAR Uganda	6,667	-	6,667	10,004
CLEAR Rwanda	3,750	-	3,750	15,000
	<u>10,417</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,417</u>	<u>35,004</u>

5 Staff & Trustees	Year to 31 August 2024	Year to 31 August 2023
	£	£
Gross wages, salaries & benefits in kind	158,024	154,644
Employer's National Insurance costs	9,805	9,045
Pension costs	6,010	5,778
Total staff costs	<u>173,840</u>	<u>169,467</u>

The charity had 6 employed staff(2023:7) on average. Many of its activities are carried out by volunteers. No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

Remuneration payable to key management for the financial year to 31 August 2024 was £71,822 (2023: £67,953). Employer's pension payments of £4,184 were paid during the year (2023: £3,776). Key management is considered to cover the senior management directly

No remuneration was paid to any trustee during the year nor to any person connected to them.

6 Tangible Fixed Assets	Computers	Office Equipment	Website & database	Total 31 August 2024	Total 31 August 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost					
At 1 September 2023	15,660	5,927	10,885	32,472	32,472
Additions/(Disposals)	(15,660)	-	-	(15,660)	-
At 31 August 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>5,927</u>	<u>10,885</u>	<u>16,812</u>	<u>32,472</u>
Accumulated Depreciation					
At 1 September 2023	15,660	5,927	10,885	32,472	32,472
Charge for the year	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	(15,660)	-	-	(15,660)	-
At 31 August 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>5,927</u>	<u>10,885</u>	<u>16,812</u>	<u>32,472</u>
Net book value					
At 31 August 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 1 September 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

7 Stock	31-Aug-24	31-Aug-23
	£	£
At Cost	872	857
	<u>872</u>	<u>857</u>

8 Debtors and Prepayments	31-Aug-24	31-Aug-23
	£	£
Tax recoverable	1,469	1,674
Other Debtors	-	1,600
Prepayments	1,652	2,634
	<u>3,121</u>	<u>5,908</u>

9 Cash at Bank and in Hand	31-Aug-24	31-Aug-23
	£	£
Bank operating accounts	47,336	34,727
Bank deposits	18,862	41,488
	<u>66,198</u>	<u>76,215</u>

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10 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year

Accruals	7,670	5,224
Grants payable	-	15,001
Sundry Creditors	-	1,000
	<u>7,670</u>	<u>21,225</u>

11 Funds

The restricted funds represent amounts received for specific purposes and the movements in the year ended 31 August 2024 are as follows:

a) Year ended 31 August 2024

	Opening balance £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers in the year £	Closing balance £
Public Policy	-	-	-	-	-
Groups/Regions - Merseyside	1,794	-	716	-	1,078
CLEAR - General	4,488	32,396	12,082	-	24,802
	<u>6,282</u>	<u>32,396</u>	<u>12,798</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,880</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	55,473	240,679	259,511	-	36,641
	<u>61,755</u>	<u>273,076</u>	<u>272,309</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>62,521</u>

b) Year ended 31 August 2023

	Opening balance £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers in the year £	Closing balance £
Public Policy	2,005	-	2,008	3	-
Groups/Regions - Merseyside	2,535	240	981	-	1,794
CLEAR - General	10,533	31,017	37,061	-	4,488
SYL Dig Deeper	517	-	517	-	-
Germany Conference 2018	856	-	856	-	-
	<u>16,445</u>	<u>31,257</u>	<u>41,423</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6,282</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	70,964	224,270	239,759	(3)	55,473
	<u>87,410</u>	<u>255,527</u>	<u>281,182</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>61,755</u>

Analysis of net assets by fund

The assets and liabilities represented by the various funds as at 31 August 2024 are as follows:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	-
Stock	872	-	872
Debtors	2,999	122	3,121
Cash at bank and in hand	40,440	25,758	66,198
Creditors falling due within one year	(7,670)	-	(7,670)
	<u>36,641</u>	<u>25,880</u>	<u>62,521</u>

**THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**Notes to the Accounts**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

The assets and liabilities represented by the various funds as at 31 August 2023 are as follows:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	-
Stock	857	-	857
Debtors	5,729	179	5,908
Cash at bank and in hand	55,110	21,104	76,215
Creditors falling due within one year	(6,224)	(15,001)	(21,225)
	<u>55,473</u>	<u>6,282</u>	<u>61,755</u>

**Purpose of restricted funds**

Public Policy donations are given towards projects relating to legal policy.

Regional donations are given to support activities of members of the Lawyer's Christian Fellowship in specific regions

The International Department is in partnership with and provides grants to overseas projects and includes CLEAR (Christian Legal, Education and Research) which operate in East Africa. These are currently based in Kenya, Brundi, Uganda and Rwanda where close links are made with Christian Legal Fellowships in each country. Interns normally work in a country for 6-12 months and are funded entirely by donations.

**12 Lease commitments**

A new lease was signed on the 3rd September 2024 for a three year term commencing on 10 September 2024. The annual rent was set at £13,500 per annum with a CPI uplift from March 2026. The lease contains a break clause allowing either party to serve six month's notice to the other party.

**13 Events since the year end**

Following COVID-19, the format and content of activities have significantly changed. We have begun a new 5-year programme called 'faithful and fruitful' seeking to increase membership overall, and to increase the engagement and participation of existing members. The cost of living increase appears to have had some impact upon giving to the Charity, which the trustees are monitoring, and they will take additional measures as appropriate to mitigate the effect of this on the Charity's cash reserves.

We were notified of an intended legacy which was received in December 2024. The amount of the legacy was unspecified as it was pending the sale of a property. Hence no debtor amount was recorded in the 23 to 24 accounts.

**14 Transactions with related parties**

During the year the charity:

a) received donations for the year ended 31 August 2024 of £10,316 (2023: £13,912) from related parties (which includes trustees, any other members of key management and anyone closely related to them.

b)

no travel expenses were paid for the year to 31 August 2024 (2023: £0) to a trustee whilst carrying out duties associated with being a trustee; reimbursements for expenses incurred when acting as agent for the charity are not included in this disclosure.

**15 Members**

Each member of the company commits to contribute if the charity is wound up an amount of £1.

**THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

England & Wales - Charity number 1139281

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# Accounts

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Charity Number 1139281  
Company Number 7422674

**THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
(A Company limited by guarantee)

**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**



**THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

**COMPANY INFORMATION**

<b>Directors/Trustees</b>	Elsa Glauert Timothy Grainger Jonathan Hyde (Dec. 14/11/2022) Rebekah Muinde (Resigned 17/10/2022) Janys Scott Hilary Underwood Vivienne McKoy-Salt (App. 17/09/2022) Benjamin Edward Fullbrook (App. 17/09/2022)
<b>Governing Document</b>	Memorandum and Articles of Association (dated 28 October 2010)
<b>Company Registration Number</b>	7422674
<b>Charity Registration Number</b>	1139281
<b>Registered Office</b>	8 Marshalsea Road London SE1 1HL
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Lisa Darby FCA  Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB
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LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP  
TRUSTEES' REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

The trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023.

### Objects of the charity

The Lawyers' Christian Fellowship ('LCF') is a Private Limited Company by guarantee and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association ('the Articles'). The objects of the LCF in accordance with the Articles and for the public benefit are:

- a) To promote the Christian faith throughout the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and internationally in particular by working with the legal profession; and
- b) To relieve poverty in accordance with the Christian faith.

Since 1852 the LCF has been a constant witness to the good news of Jesus Christ within the legal profession. In those 170 years Christian lawyers and law students from across the United Kingdom have been committed to sharing the gospel with those they interact with, whilst promoting a biblical view of justice and bringing biblical values to the practice of law.

The Lawyers' ChrisCan Fellowship is about bringing together and supporting ChrisCan lawyers so they make a Gospel impact in the legal world. This is the unifying vision of the LCF. The LCF seeks to fulfil its vision by its members and its six strategic aims. Its members are ChrisCan lawyers – including law students, legal academics, paralegals, trainee and qualified lawyers, and the judiciary – and its six strategic aims are:

1. Inspiring legal mission around the world
2. Mobilising legal talents to help the wider church
3. Prioritising prayer in the legal world
4. Applying Biblical truth to lawyers' realities
5. Cultivating Christ-centred relationships in the legal profession
6. Talking to lawyers about Jesus Christ

### Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

In planning its activities, the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission. During 22/23, the application of Charity Commission guidance has been steered by the involvement of Vivienne McKoy-Salt, solicitor and Head of Legal Services at a Healthcare Charity.

To further the above objects, mission, vision and values, the LCF's main activities and achievements were as follows:

### ***1. Inspiring legal mission around the world***

The LCF is regarded with affection and confidence by Christian lawyers around the world. This provides the LCF with a unique opportunity to encourage and support legal mission around the world:

- Research by the LCF's Access to Justice Specialist Group to implement the recommendations of an LCF report, led by Sir Mark Hedley.
- Supporting our partners in East Africa, including by financial grants, training and mentoring, and continuing to seek creative solutions to continue to serve the needs of their communities.
- A summer justice mission team comprised of LCF members working with partner organisations in Rwanda and Uganda

### ***2. Mobilising legal talents to help the wider church***

The LCF is a fellowship because it is centred on a purpose (Gospel-shaped legal service) and a person (Jesus Christ) far greater than any of its members. As a fellowship its concern is for its members to steward the treasures and talents that God has entrusted to them, which includes using those talents to help the wider church:

- Providing a Find a Lawyer service to members of the public.
- Producing and distributing a new resource 'Living for Jesus at Work' to help Christians to understand their legal freedom to live out their faith in their workplaces. Providing teaching and training on this resource at major Christian conferences (Word Alive 2023, and the Keswick Convention 2023), as well as to Christian workplace groups, professional networks, and local churches.
- The work of the Freedom of Religion and Belief group to monitor changes in legal freedoms in the UK and internationally, and to help members in their response.

### ***3. Prioritising prayer in the legal world***

The LCF was established in 1852 as a prayer union, and continues to bring Christian lawyers together, in person or by a shared resource, to prayer. Highlights of the last year include:

- Staff meeting to pray for LCF members and the legal world each working day.
- A monthly prayer call on Tuesday lunchtimes, for all members.
- Convening regular London Prayer meetings online and in person.
- Regular prayer meetings in Scotland and Kent, with the monthly meetings being well-attended online by a core group of members.
- Continuing our daily prayer resource for Christians in law and for members of the public via the PrayerMate app.
- Meeting with European network representatives to pray with them and for their countries.
- Supporting our international partners with monthly prayer calls, including a multi-lingual prayer call. The format has been amended and the invitaCon extended more widely to LCF members and CLEAR partners.
- Staff praying with and for members.

#### *4. Applying Biblical truth to lawyers' realities*

As a Christian lawyer, the pressure of legal work presents unique challenges to whole-life discipleship. The LCF seeks to address the real questions which studying and practising law presents to Christians through teaching events and resources. In 22/23 these included:

- Providing a weekly "Word for the Week" message based on a Bible passage and with application and prayer points for lawyers.
- A series of three lunchtime teaching tracks: 'Rooted' - helping lawyers and law students to connect with God's passionate concern for law and justice, to learn how to dig deeper in the Bible as a lawyer, and to communicate the message of the Bible to lawyers today; 'Ready' - exploring God's mission to the legal world, understanding gospel freedoms, learning how to talk about Jesus with lawyers, and being prepared for cross-cultural justice mission; 'Resourced' - inspiring lawyers to examine what the Bible says about work and vocation, acquiring a Christian vision for professional legal skills, and understanding better how to live for Jesus at work.
- One day in-person conferences for the three lunchtime teaching tracks.
- Hosting a three day residential conference for students and young lawyers.
- Partnering with two like-minded organisations to host a global conference in Cambridge in September 2022 attended by over 200 Christian lawyers to help them to respond to the Gospel call, to grow in their faith, and to go out with the Gospel message into all the world.
- Running specialist groups for family lawyers, employment lawyers, access to justice, Freedom of Religion and Belief, legal academics, and those who run law firms to help them to apply Biblical principles to these areas.

#### *5. Cultivating Christ-centred relationships in the legal profession*

- The 'Walk, Work, Witness mentoring scheme' to bring the benefit of godly mentoring relationships to Christian lawyers, and enable our members to encourage one another and build each other up. Formally launched in summer 2021, the programme continued with a further 'round' starting in autumn 2022.
- Supporting members by meeting, in person, online and via telephone.
- Running specialist groups for family lawyers, employment lawyers, access to justice, Freedom of Religion and Belief, legal academics, and those who run law firms to help them to build supportive relationships in these work areas.

#### *6. Talking to lawyers about Jesus Christ*

To promote the Christian faith, the LCF organises events throughout the UK which provide an opportunity for lawyers and members of the public to hear about and explore the Christian faith. Highlights of the year include:

- The 'Ready' lunchtime track which included evangelism training for our members.
- In person Carol services for the legal community, in London and Liverpool.
- An Easter Fatal Accident Inquiry in Court 1 Edinburgh examining the death of Jesus Davidson.
- An Easter evangelistic event at a major London firm with a former High Court judge speaking about the evidence for the resurrection.
- Producing a leaflet, "Bible verses for lawyers".

## Plans for the future

In the future, the LCF will continue to carry out its current objectives and activities. Plans for Autumn 2023/24 academic year include the following:

1. Inspiring legal mission around the world  
A monitoring trip to East Africa.
2. Mobilising legal talents to help the wider church  
Developing a new resource Living for Jesus in Education; Providing teaching on Gospel freedoms; Running pop up legal clinics to support local church outreach.
3. Prioritising prayer in the legal world  
Re-establishing a pattern of prayer meetings in London.
4. Applying Biblical truth to lawyers' realities  
A daily devotional written by lawyers for lawyers; a Scottish day conference "Time to speak up"; a summer National Conference on Beauty and the Law, with growth groups; two new teaching tracks - Wellbeing, and Leadership; new specialist groups; a revised and updated Law and Justice Bible Studies book.
5. Cultivating Christ-centred relationships in the legal profession  
New mentoring relationships; New specialist groups.
6. Talking to lawyers about Jesus Christ  
Christmas events in London and Liverpool

## Staff

Autumn 2022 saw staff changes, with Janet Cole, Director of Operations & Resources, leaving her role, but staying to cover financial matters on a temporary basis, and Jane Allen leaving her role as International Ministry Associate to take up a role in law. Moni Olatunji increased her hours, and stepped into the Membership Manager post. Mark Bainbridge, Executive Director, also reduced his hours to enable him to work part time in law. In February 2023 Steven Ashman joined the team as Operations Manager.

## Structure, Governance and Management

Responsibility for providing charitable governance in 22/23, including reviewing and agreeing strategic priorities, rested with the trustees who met termly to monitor the activities of the charity. The staff team, who are members of the LCF in their own right, are responsible for implementing the strategic priorities and for the day to day running of the Charity.

Trustees are appointed by resolution of the Trustees for a term of three years. A Trustee's appointment (and any subsequent reappointment) is subject to ratification by the members at the annual general meeting following his or her appointment. Jonathan Hyde sadly died on the 8 December 2022 while in his position as Chair of Trustees; Rebekah Muinde, Vice-Chair, acted as Chair for much of the year. Following Jonathan Hyde's death Janys Scott KC was appointed Chair of Trustees.

## Financial review

The results for the 12 month period to 31st August 2023 are as set out in the Statement of Financial Activities at page 10.

Income for the year was £255,527 (2022:£268,572) and expenditure for the year was £281,182 (2022:£276,159) resulting in net expenditure for the period of £25,656 (2022:£7,587). Total reserves at the end of the year were £61,755 (£87,410 at 31st August 2022) of which £6,282 were restricted.

## Reserves

The reserves policy requires the charity to have sufficient free cash reserves to cover closure costs, namely those financial liabilities which the charity is required to meet in the event of its dissolution. Closure costs have reduced as a result of staff and lower lease costs, and this is estimated at around £51,000.

At the end of the year, the charity had free cash reserves of £55,473 (31st August 2022: £70964) in accordance with this policy.

The trustees continue to monitor closely the financial position and receive detailed reports on all financial activities on the LCF throughout the year at their quarterly meetings. They are assisted by an Operations Committee which meets 3 or 4 times a year. Monthly management accounts are prepared for the Executive Director and disseminated to Trustees and the relevant committees as needed.

## Key risks and uncertainties

The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks. In relation to financial risk, the trustees consider that there are sufficient reserves, any risks having been considered and taken into account for future budgets.

## Responsibilities of trustees under charity law

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the financial year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
2. Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
3. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
4. State whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
5. Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. 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.

### Approval

This report, which has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, was approved by the trustees on 24 April 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Janys Scott KC

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Janys Scott KC

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 August 2023 on pages 10 to 18 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on page 13 and 14.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Lisa Darby

Lisa Darby FCA  
Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales  
Stewardship1 Lamb's Passage London, EC1Y 8AB

Dated: 30-Apr-24

**THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**Statement of Financial Activities**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

**Summary Income and Expenditure Account**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	2023 £	2022 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
General Donations & Legacies	3	203,709	31,255	234,963	259,504
Charitable Activities	3	20,301	-	20,301	9,055
Investment income		261	2	263	13
<b>Total income</b>		<b>224,270</b>	<b>31,256</b>	<b>255,527</b>	<b>268,572</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Charitable activities	4	239,759	41,423	281,182	276,159
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>239,759</b>	<b>41,423</b>	<b>281,182</b>	<b>276,159</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>(15,488)</b>	<b>(10,167)</b>	<b>(25,655)</b>	<b>(7,587)</b>
Transfers between funds		(3)	3	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(15,491)</b>	<b>(10,164)</b>	<b>(25,655)</b>	<b>(7,587)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>- 15,491 -</b>	<b>10,163 -</b>	<b>25,655 -</b>	<b>7,587</b>

The numbers may not add up precisely due to rounding.

Movements on reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above.

The notes on page 12-16 form part of these accounts.

**THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31st AUGUST 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	6	-	-	-	-
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<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Stock	7	857	-	857	1,128
Debtors	8	5,729	179	5,908	6,960
Cash at bank	9	55,110	21,104	76,215	98,016
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		61,696	21,283	82,980	106,104
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<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
Liabilities falling due within one year	10	6,224	15,001	21,225	18,695
Net Current Assets		55,473	6,282	61,755	87,410
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<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
		55,473	6,282	61,755	87,410
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<b>FUND BALANCES</b>					
Unrestricted funds	11				
General Funds		55,473	-	55,473	70,964
Restricted Funds	11	-	6,282	6,282	16,445
		55,473	6,282	61,755	87,410
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The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the financial period ended 31st August 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the financial period ended 31 August 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 however, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner and their report has been included in these financial statements.

The directors (who are the charitable company's trustees for the purposes of charity law) acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at end of each financial year and of its net income or expenditure for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.
- (c) The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 24 April 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

Janys Scott KC

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Janys Scott KC

Company number: 7422674

Charity number:

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The notes on page 12-16 form part of these accounts.

**THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities with Comparatives**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

		Unrestricted Funds - General	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds - General	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	Note	2023 £	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £	2022 £
<b>INCOME FROM</b>							
General donations	3	203,709	31,255	234,963	224,746	34,758	259,504
Charitable activities	3	20,301	-	20,301	9,055	-	9,055
Investment income		261	2	263	13	-	13
<b>Total income</b>		<b>224,270</b>	<b>31,257</b>	<b>255,527</b>	<b>233,814</b>	<b>34,758</b>	<b>268,572</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>							
Charitable activities	4	239,759	41,423	281,182	248,540	27,619	276,159
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>239,759</b>	<b>41,423</b>	<b>281,182</b>	<b>248,540</b>	<b>27,619</b>	<b>276,159</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>(15,488)</b>	<b>(10,166)</b>	<b>(25,655)</b>	<b>(14,726)</b>	<b>7,139</b>	<b>(7,587)</b>
Transfers between funds		(3)	3	-	-	-	-
		(15,491)	(10,163)	(25,655)	(14,726)	7,139	(7,587)
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(15,491)</b>	<b>(10,163)</b>	<b>(25,655)</b>	<b>(14,726)</b>	<b>7,139</b>	<b>(7,587)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>							
Total funds brought forward		70,964	16,445	87,410	85,690	9,307	94,997
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>55,473</b>	<b>6,282</b>	<b>61,755</b>	<b>70,964</b>	<b>16,445</b>	<b>87,410</b>

The numbers may not add up precisely due to rounding.

Movements on reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above.

THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Notes to the Accounts

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

**1 Statutory Information**

The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee and is incorporated in the United Kingdom. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

**2 Accounting Policies**

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

These 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) ("the Charities SORP"), with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102"), with the Companies Act 2006 and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

a) Going concern

The trustees (who are the charitable company's directors for the purposes of company law) have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

In making this assessment the trustees have considered the impact of Covid-19 and have concluded that its impact can be effectively managed.

b) Income

Income including investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Income from donations and legacies includes:

- i) Recoverable gift aid. This is recognised when the related donation is received. Gift aid that has not been recovered by the balance sheet date is included as a debtor.
- ii) Legacies. Income from legacies is recognised when a distribution is received from the estate or, if earlier, when the charity has been notified that a distribution will be made and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

Income from charitable activities represents income receivable from goods, services and facilities supplied in furtherance of the charity's charitable objects. It includes income from conferences.

Investment income represents income generated by the charity's assets and includes income from bank interest.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The charity makes grants to other institutions and individuals to further its charitable objectives. Grants payable are recognised as constructive obligations arise, which is generally when the charity expresses a commitment to the recipient that can be measured reliably and then only to the extent that any conditions associated with the grant are outside of the control of the charity.

Expenditure on raising funds comprises a portion of salary costs and expenditure on promotional materials.

Governance costs, which are included in expenditure on charitable activities but are identified separately in the notes to the accounts, includes costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on the strategic management of the charity.

**THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**Notes to the Accounts**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects. Endowment funds are donations that are retained as capital in accordance with the donor's wishes. The nature of the restriction determines whether the endowments represent permanent endowments or expendable endowments.

e) Tangible fixed assets

Items purchased or donated for the charity's own use are capitalised when the cost of purchased items, or the fair value of donated items, is more than £500 and the item is expected to benefit the charity over more than one accounting period. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis so as to write down the value of each asset to its estimated residual value (if any) over its expected useful economic life. To achieve this objective the following rates of depreciation are charged:

Office Equipment	4 years
Computer Equipment	4 years

The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment in periods when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

f) Stocks:

Goods purchased for re-sale are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

g) Pension scheme arrangements

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes for its employees. Obligations for contributions to these schemes are recognised as an expense when the liability arises. The assets of these schemes are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds.

h) Taxation

The company is a registered charity; it has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's income.

i) Exemption from preparing a cashflow statement

The charity has taken advantage of an exemption conferred by the Charities SORP and has not prepared a cash flow statement.

j) Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

The trustees do not consider that there any material sources of estimation or uncertainty at the balance sheet date that could result in a material adjustment to the carrying values of assets and liabilities in the next reporting period.

**3 Voluntary income**

	Total Year to 31 August 2023 £	Total Year to 31 August 2022 £
General donations	175,023	194,131
Gifts for other groups	3,182	709
Income for CLEAR	27,262	29,516
Grants - Job retention scheme	-	514
Tax recoverable	29,496	34,633
	234,963	259,504
<b>Income from Charitable Activities</b>		
Conferences	20,136	8,488
Publications, books DVDs	165	567
	20,301	9,055

**4 Charitable activity**

	Total Year to 31 August 2023 £	Total Year to 31 August 2022 £
<b>a Direct Charitable Costs</b>		
Costs of generating voluntary income (including staff costs)	19,380	18,466

THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Notes to the Accounts

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Staff costs		157,252	180,100
Staff expenses		5,623	4,329
Other staff costs		339	1,145
Printing and magazine		-	34
Cost of publications & books, DVDs sold		469	468
Regional Conferences		9,467	5,134
Expeditions & CLEAR expenses		5,312	1,620
London & Local Group Expenditure		5,653	2,366
Student Groups		5,988	5,670
Public Policy		2,008	-
Office costs		21,618	18,273
Bank charges		1,879	1,702
Depreciation		-	-
Grants payable	Note 3c	35,004	25,449
		<u>269,993</u>	<u>264,757</u>
<b>b Support &amp; Administration</b>		£	£
Governance costs		2,630	2,560
Printing, postage and stationery		604	506
Professional fees		6,420	6,983
Insurance		1,534	1,353
		<u>11,189</u>	<u>11,402</u>
<b>Combined charitable activity cost</b>		<u>281,182</u>	<u>276,159</u>

The amount paid to Stewardship to undertake the independent examination of the accounts for the period ending 31st August 2023 was £2,070 (2022: £1,980).

c Grants	Institutions	Individuals	Year to 31 August	Year to 31 August
			2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
CLEAR Burundi	10,000	-	10,000	6,232
CLEAR Kenya	-	-	-	5,000
CLEAR Uganda	10,004	-	10,004	10,004
CLEAR Rwanda	15,000	-	15,000	4,213
	<u>35,004</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,004</u>	<u>25,449</u>

5 Staff & Trustees	Year to 31 August	Year to 31 August
	2023	2022
	£	£
Gross wages, salaries & benefits in kind	154,644	179,428
Employer's National Insurance costs	9,045	9,284
Pension costs	5,778	6,213
Total staff costs	<u>169,467</u>	<u>194,926</u>

The charity had 7 employed staff(2022:7) on average. Many of its activities are carried out by volunteers.

No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

Remuneration payable to key management for the financial year to 31 August 2023 was £67,953 (2022: £77,211). Key management is considered to cover the senior management directly employed by the charity.

No remuneration was paid to any trustee during the year nor to any person connected to them.

6 Tangible Fixed Assets	Computers	Office Equipment	Website & database	Total	Total
				31 August 2023	31 August 2022
Cost	£	£	£	£	£
At 1 September 2022	15,660	5,927	10,885	32,472	32,472
Additions/(Disposals)	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 August 2023	<u>15,660</u>	<u>5,927</u>	<u>10,885</u>	<u>32,472</u>	<u>32,472</u>
Accumulated Depreciation					
At 1 September 2022	15,660	5,927	10,885	32,472	32,472
Charge for the year	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals					
At 31 August 2023	<u>15,660</u>	<u>5,927</u>	<u>10,885</u>	<u>32,472</u>	<u>32,472</u>
Net book value					
At 31 August 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 1 September 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

7 Stock	31-Aug-23	31-Aug-22
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THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Notes to the Accounts

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

At Cost	£	£
	857	1,128
	<u>857</u>	<u>1,128</u>
<b>8 Debtors and Prepayments</b>		
Tax recoverable	1,674	1,727
Other Debtors	1,600	-
Prepayments	2,634	5,233
	<u>5,908</u>	<u>6,960</u>
<b>9 Cash at Bank and in Hand</b>		
Bank operating accounts	34,727	20,093
Bank deposits	41,488	77,922
	<u>76,215</u>	<u>98,016</u>
<b>10 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year</b>		
Accruals	5,224	3,444
Grants payable	15,001	15,251
Sundry Creditors	1,000	-
	<u>21,225</u>	<u>18,695</u>

**11 Funds**

The restricted funds represent amounts received for specific purposes and the movements in the year ended 31 August 2023 are as follows:

a) **Year ended 31 August 2023**

	Opening balance	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers in the year	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Public Policy	2,005	-	2,008	3	-
Groups/Regions - Merseyside	2,535	240	981	-	1,794
CLEAR - General	10,533	31,017	37,061	-	4,488
SYL Dig Deeper	517	-	517	-	-
Germany Conference 2018	856	-	856	-	-
	<u>16,445</u>	<u>31,257</u>	<u>41,423</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6,282</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	70,964	224,270	239,759	(3)	55,473
	<u>87,410</u>	<u>255,527</u>	<u>281,182</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>61,755</u>

b) **Year ended 31 August 2022**

	Opening balance	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers in the year	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Public Policy	2,005	-	-	-	2,005
Groups/Regions - Merseyside	2,401	684	550	-	2,535
CLEAR - General	3,528	34,074	27,069	-	10,533
SYL Dig Deeper	517	-	-	-	517
Germany Conference 2018	856	-	-	-	856
	<u>9,307</u>	<u>34,758</u>	<u>27,619</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,445</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	85,690	233,814	248,540	-	70,964
	<u>94,997</u>	<u>268,572</u>	<u>276,159</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>87,410</u>

**Analysis of net assets by fund**

The assets and liabilities represented by the various funds as at 31 August 2023 are as follows:

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	-
Stock	857	-	857
Debtors	5,729	179	5,908
Cash at bank and in hand	55,110	21,104	76,215
Creditors falling due within one year	(6,224)	(15,001)	(21,225)
	<u>55,473</u>	<u>6,282</u>	<u>61,755</u>

THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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The assets and liabilities represented by the various funds as at 31 August 2022 are as follows:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	-
Stock	1,128	-	1,128
Debtors	6,745	216	6,960
Cash at bank and in hand	66,535	31,481	98,016
Creditors falling due within one year	(3,444)	(15,251)	(18,695)
	<u>70,965</u>	<u>16,445</u>	<u>87,410</u>

**Purpose of restricted funds**

Public Policy donations are given towards projects relating to legal policy.

Regional donations are given to support activities of members of the Lawyer's Christian Fellowship in specific regions

The International Department is in partnership with and provides grants to overseas projects and includes CLEAR (Christian Legal, Education and Research) which operate in East Africa. These are currently based in Kenya, Brundi, Uganda and Rwanda where close links are made with Christian Legal Fellowships in each country. Interns normally work in a country for 6-12 months and are funded entirely by donations.

**12 Lease commitments**

A lease was signed in May 2022 for a three year term commencing on 10 September 2021. The annual rent was set at £11,500 per annum with a CPI uplift from March 2023. The lease contains a break clause allowing either party to serve six month's notice to the other party.

**13 Events since the year end**

Following COVID-19, the format and content of activities have significantly changed. Since the year end we have begun a new 5-year programme called 'faithful and fruitful' seeking to increase membership overall, and to increase the engagement and participation of existing members. The cost of living increase appears to have had some impact upon giving to the Charity, which the trustees are monitoring, and they will take additional measures as appropriate to mitigate the effect of this on the Charity's cash reserves.

**14 Transactions with related parties**

During the year the charity:

- a) received donations for the year ended 31 August 2023 of £13,912 (2022: £15,410) from related parties (which includes trustees, any other members of key management and anyone closely related to them.
- b) no travel expenses were paid for the year to 31 August 2023 (2022: £0) to a trustee whilst carrying out duties associated with being a trustee; reimbursements for expenses incurred when acting as agent for the charity are not included in this disclosure.

**15 Members**

Each member of the company commits to contribute if the charity is wound up an amount of £1.

**THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

England & Wales - Charity number 1139281

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# Accounts

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Charity Number 1139281  
Company Number 7422674

**THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
(A Company limited by guarantee)

**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**



**THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

**COMPANY INFORMATION**

<b>Directors/Trustees</b>	Elsa Glauert Timothy Grainger Jonathan Hyde (Dec. 14/11/2022) Rebekah Muinde Janys Scott Hilary Underwood Vivienne McKoy-Salt (App. 17/09/2022) Benjamin Edward Fullbrook (App. 17/09/2022)
<b>Governing Document</b>	Memorandum and Articles of Association (dated 28 October 2010)
<b>Company Registration Number</b>	7422674
<b>Charity Registration Number</b>	1139281
<b>Registered Office</b>	8 Marshalsea Road London SE1 1HL
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Lisa Darby FCA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB
<b>Bankers</b>	Barclays Bank Plc 43 High Street Sutton SM1 1DR  CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue, West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ

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LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP  
TRUSTEES' REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

The trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022.

### Objects of the charity

The Lawyers' Christian Fellowship ('LCF') is a Private Limited Company by guarantee and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association ('the Articles'). The objects of the LCF in accordance with the Articles and for the public benefit are:

- a) To promote the Christian faith throughout the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and internationally in particular by working with the legal profession; and
- b) To relieve poverty in accordance with the Christian faith.

Since 1852 the LCF has been a constant witness to the good news of Jesus Christ within the legal profession. In those 170 years Christian lawyers and law students from across the United Kingdom have been committed to sharing the gospel with those they interact with, whilst promoting a biblical view of justice and bringing biblical values to the practice of law.

The Lawyers' Christian Fellowship is about Christian lawyers communicating the whole Gospel about Jesus Christ. This is **the unifying purpose** of the LCF. The LCF seeks to accomplish its Gospel purpose by its members and its four strategic aims. Its **members** are Christian lawyers – including law students, legal academics, paralegals, trainee and qualified lawyers, and the judiciary – and its **four strategic aims** are to:

1. Seek Justice (what we do): Resourcing Biblically-faithful legal work
2. Love Mercy (what we say): Facilitating Gospel proclamation in and through the legal profession
3. Walk Humbly (what we are): Supporting whole-life Christian discipleship
4. Prayer Fellowship (whom we trust): Articulating faith in God together for our Gospel mission in law

As we do this we are guided by our **Values**, which are that the LCF aims to be always:

- **Grounded in truth:** We stand on the word of God as our foundation;
- **Passionate about justice:** We seek to defend and declare God's heart for justice;
- **Driven to mission:** We are committed to making Christ known at home and abroad;
- **Marked by integrity:** In all that we do and say, we are striving to be sealed by the hallmark of integrity;
- **Genuine in fellowship:** We are united in supporting, serving, equipping and encouraging one another to be an effective witness for Christ as we love one another;
- **Committed to the local church:** Our work should be of benefit to the local church and encourage our members to engage and resource their local churches;
- **Effective in partnership:** We desire to serve the worldwide body of Christ with the gifts we have by partnering with others who share our values.

## Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

In planning its activities, the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission. During 21/22, the application of Charity Commission guidance has been steered by the involvement of Nat Johnson on the Operations Committee as a specialist Charity Lawyer.

To further the above objects, mission, vision and values, the LCF's main activities and achievements were as follows:

### *1. Seek Justice: Resourcing Biblically-faithful legal work*

The LCF produces resources which cover a broad range of issues relating to legal, ethical and theological issues and, in 21/22, were made available to the wider public through downloadable copies of written materials, audio files and videos, as well as through our weekly 'Word for the Week'. Aimed at members, their churches and the wider community, these high-quality resources equip and provide guidance to members on various issues, pressures and challenges within the law and legal life as a Christian, whilst encouraging confidence in their gospel witness. A particular highlight was working with the Evangelical Alliance to produce a revised version of Speak up and a new suite of resources called 'Living for Jesus at Work' to help Christians to connect their faith with their daily lives.

During 21/22, further resources have been added to our online library, including the Complete Lawyer series, and further videos from our 'Mental Health for the Christian Lawyer' seminar series.

During the last year, the LCF has continued to develop its teaching programme in the UK and internationally, in the following ways:

- Hosting series of online events, with a range of topics. Online events continue to allow for greater engagement across our membership, with people joining from across the UK.
- Launching a monthly international Book Club.
- Supporting our partners in East Africa, continuing to seek creative solutions to continue to serve the needs of their communities.
- The **Access to Justice Working Group surveyed members** to better understand levels of engagement in access to justice among members and their understanding of a Christian response to this area; with a view to equipping, resourcing and inspiring members to deepen their engagement. The review, led by Sir Mark Hedley, produced a thorough report, which was launched in October 2021 at the LCF National Conference and, subsequently, we have been seeking to implement its recommendations.
- Growing our **CLEAR Alumni network** with monthly and quarterly prayer calls, which have also seen deepening relationships with our partners and members as we encourage and pray with one another; and preparing for an exciting academic year programme.
- Resourcing groups across Europe, and building relationships across the continent.

### *2. Love Mercy: Facilitating Gospel proclamation in and through the legal profession*

To promote the Christian faith, the LCF organises events throughout the UK which provide an opportunity for lawyers and members of the public to hear about and explore the Christian faith. Highlights of the year include:

- Providing evangelism training for our members.
- In person evangelistic events at Christmas, in London and Liverpool, and an online event in Scotland.
- Running an online course for lawyers exploring the Christian faith

### *3. Walk Humbly: Supporting whole-life Christian discipleship*

As a Christian lawyer, the pressure of legal work presents unique challenges to whole-life discipleship. The LCF seeks to address the real questions which studying and practising law presents to Christians through teaching events and resources. In 21/22 these included:

- Continuing a series of national, virtual seminars entitled '**Mental Health for the Christian Lawyer**', where we also provide an extensive further resources and signposted various sources of support, and were pleased that the series attracted a good level of international engagement also.
- The '**Walk, Work, Witness mentoring scheme**' to bring the benefit of godly mentoring relationships to Christian lawyers, and enable our members to encourage one another and build each other up. Formally launched in summer 2021, the programme had a good take up and continues with a further 'round' starting in autumn 2022.
  - Exploring key issues in **online seminars**, such as '**The Complete Lawyer**' series, which worked through a book in the Bible, and featuring a succession of speakers looking at different characteristics for a Christian lawyer.
- Hosting **online student discussion groups**, which allowed students to consider topics raised in the online seminars in more depth, including personal application.
- Hosting an in-person SYL conference, at Whitemoor Lakes in Staffordshire.
- **Supporting members** by meeting, in person, online and via telephone.
- Producing **resources to equip members** where in person events were not possible.

#### *4. Prayer Fellowship: Articulating faith in God together for our Gospel mission in law*

The LCF was established in 1852 as a prayer union, and continues to bring Christian lawyers together, in person or by a shared resource, to prayer. Highlights of the last year include:

- A monthly prayer call on Tuesday lunchtimes, for all members. The calls bring together members in the UK with our partners in Europe and East Africa.
- Convening our monthly **London Prayer Breakfasts** online, meeting each month with good attendance.
- Regular **prayer meetings in Scotland and Kent**, with the monthly meetings being well-attended online by a core group of members.
- Continuing our daily prayer resource for Christians in law and for members of the public via the PrayerMate app. Approximately 37% of subscribers are from overseas (USA, Australia, France, St Helena, Nigeria, Portugal, Malaysia, Germany and Colombia).
- Supporting our international partners with monthly prayer calls, including a multi-lingual prayer call. The format has been amended and the invitation extended more widely to LCF members and CLEAR partners.
- **Staff praying** with and for members.

#### **Plans for the future**

In the future, the LCF will continue to carry out its current objectives and activities. Plans for Autumn 2022/23 academic year include the following:

- *Seek Justice*: Launching our new '**Faithful & Fruitful**' programme. The seminars will be a mix of in person and online, so we hope a broad range of our membership will be able to participate.
- *Seek Justice*: Holding our National Conference in person, providing teaching on the new **Faithful & Fruitful** series.
- *Seek Justice*: Implementing the recommendations of our Access to Justice Review; supporting Christian lawyers to connect their faith with their legal work; considering and supporting religious legal freedom in the UK and Internationally.
- *Love Mercy*: Hosting **Christmas carol services**: in London, in person, with Howard Satherthwaite from Westminster Chapel and in Liverpool, in person, with Rev Katy Canty.
- *Walk Humbly*: Developing further work area specific groups to join the Legal Academics, Corporate Members, and Family Law Groups, to bring together like-minded professionals for teaching and encouragement, to share and collaborate in specific areas, to pray for one another and to support outreach.
- *Walk Humbly*: Fully launching our mentoring programme, including further 'rounds' of matching mentors and mentees. Developing other ways to provide member-to-member support in the regions, including online regional meet-ups.
- *Prayer Fellowship*: Maintaining **regional, national and international prayer meetings** started during lockdown, as a way for our members to keep connecting for prayer.

· *Prayer Fellowship*: Hosting regular UK regional, national and international prayer meetings. A members' Ski trip: a time for fun and down-time, but also for Bible teaching and an opportunity to develop lasting Christian friendships.

## Membership

Our members remain integral to our ministry. They serve in a variety of ways, including volunteering for international mission trips, co-ordinating regional groups, speaking at seminars and drafting 'Word for the Week' contributions. They also give a great deal of time to the various committees: Student & Young Lawyer; International; Operations.

## Staff

The year saw many staff changes. Felipe Carvalho, Director of SYL Ministries, received his UK visa, but remains working from Portugal while his wife's UK visa is processed. Sarai Chinchilla, Membership Manager, after being accepted onto a social work course, reduced her hours in Autumn 2021, and then finished in spring 2022.

Autumn 2022 sees further changes, with Janet Cole, Director of Operations & Resources, leaving her role, but staying to cover financial matters on a temporary basis, and Jane Allen leaving her role as International Ministry Associate in November 2022 to take up a role in law. Moni Olatunji increased her hours, and stepped into the Membership Manager post. Mark Bainbridge, Executive Director, also reduced his hours to enable him to work part time in law.

## Structure, Governance and Management

Responsibility for providing charitable governance in 21/22, including reviewing and agreeing strategic priorities, rested with the trustees who met termly to monitor the activities of the charity. The staff team, who are members of the LCF in their own right, are responsible for implementing the strategic priorities and for the day to day running of the Charity. Trustees are appointed by resolution of the Trustees for a term of three years. A Trustee's appointment (and any subsequent reappointment) is subject to ratification by the members at the annual general meeting following his or her appointment. Jonathan Hyde remained Chair of Trustees; Rebekah Muinde, Vice-Chair, acted as Chair for much of the year.

## Financial review

The results for the 12 month period to 31st August 2022 are as set out in the Statement of Financial Activities at page 10.

Income for the year was £268,572 (2021:£266,504) and expenditure for the year was £276,159 (2021:£282,536) resulting in net expenditure for the period of £7,587 (2021:£16,032). Total reserves at the end of the year were £87,410 (£94,997 at 31st August 2021) of which £16,466 were restricted.

## Reserves

The reserves policy requires the charity to have sufficient free cash reserves to cover closure costs, namely those financial liabilities which the charity is required to meet in the event of its dissolution. Closure costs have reduced as a result of staff and lower lease costs, and this is estimated at around £51,000.

At the end of the year, the charity had free cash reserves of £66,535 (31st August 2021: £82,363) in accordance with this policy.

The trustees continue to monitor closely the financial position and receive detailed reports on all financial activities on the LCF throughout the year at their quarterly meetings. They are assisted by an Operations Committee which meets 3 or 4 times a year. Monthly management accounts are prepared for the Executive Director and disseminated to Trustees and the relevant committees as needed.

## Key risks and uncertainties

The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks. In relation to financial risk, the trustees consider that there are sufficient reserves, any risks having been considered and taken into account for future budgets.

## Responsibilities of trustees under charity law

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the financial year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
2. Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
3. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
4. State whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
5. Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. 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.

## Approval

This report, which has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, was approved by the trustees on xxxxxxxx 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

*Janys Scott*

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Janys Scott KC

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 August 2022 on pages 10 to 18 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on page 13 and 14.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*Lisa Darby*

Lisa Darby FCA

Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

Stewardship

1 Lamb's Passage

London, EC1Y 8AB

Dated: 02/05/2023

**THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**Statement of Financial Activities**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

**Summary Income and Expenditure Account**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	2022 £	2021 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
General Donations & Legacies	3	224,746	34,758	259,504	266,109
Charitable Activities	3	9,055	-	9,055	379
Investment income		13	-	13	16
<b>Total income</b>		<b>233,814</b>	<b>34,758</b>	<b>268,572</b>	<b>266,504</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Charitable activities	4	248,540	27,619	276,159	282,536
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>248,540</b>	<b>27,619</b>	<b>276,159</b>	<b>282,536</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>(14,726)</b>	<b>7,139</b>	<b>(7,587)</b>	<b>(16,032)</b>
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
		(14,726)	7,139	(7,587)	(16,032)
<i>Other recognised gains/(losses):</i>		-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(14,726)</b>	<b>7,139</b>	<b>(7,587)</b>	<b>(16,032)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		85,690	9,307	94,997	111,029
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>70,964</b>	<b>16,446</b>	<b>87,410</b>	<b>94,997</b>

The numbers may not add up precisely due to rounding.

Movements on reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above.

The notes on page 13-18 form part of these accounts.

**THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31st AUGUST 2022**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	6	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Stock	7	1,128	-	1,128	973
Debtors	8	6,745	216	6,960	6,578
Cash at bank	9	66,535	31,481	98,016	108,207
		74,408	31,696	106,104	115,759
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
Liabilities falling due within one year	10	3,444	15,251	18,695	20,762
Net Current Assets		70,964	16,446	87,410	94,997
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		70,964	16,446	87,410	94,997
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>					
Unrestricted funds	11				
General Funds		70,964		70,964	85,690
Restricted Funds	11	-	16,446	16,446	9,307
		70,964	16,446	87,410	94,997

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the financial period ended 31st August 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the financial period ended 31 August 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 however, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner and their report has been included in these financial statements.

The directors (who are the charitable company's trustees for the purposes of charity law) acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at end of each financial year and of its net income or expenditure for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 20 March 2023 are signed on its behalf by:

*Janys Scott*

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Janys Scott KC

Company number:

7422674

Charity number:

1139281

The notes on page 13-18 form part of these accounts.

**THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities with Comparatives**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

		Unrestricted Funds - General	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds - General	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	Note	2022 £	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £	2021 £
<b>INCOME FROM</b>							
General donations	3	224,746	34,758	259,504	241,614	24,496	266,109
Charitable activities	3	9,055	-	9,055	379	-	379
Investment income		13	-	13	16	-	16
<b>Total income</b>		<b>233,814</b>	<b>34,758</b>	<b>268,572</b>	<b>242,009</b>	<b>24,496</b>	<b>266,504</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>							
Charitable activities	4	248,540	27,619	276,159	249,593	32,944	282,536
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>248,540</b>	<b>27,619</b>	<b>276,159</b>	<b>249,593</b>	<b>32,944</b>	<b>282,536</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>(14,726)</b>	<b>7,139</b>	<b>(7,587)</b>	<b>(7,584)</b>	<b>(8,448)</b>	<b>(16,032)</b>
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
		(14,726)	7,139	(7,587)	(7,584)	(8,448)	(16,032)
Other gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(14,726)</b>	<b>7,139</b>	<b>(7,587)</b>	<b>(7,584)</b>	<b>(8,448)</b>	<b>(16,032)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>							
Total funds brought forward		85,690	9,307	94,997	93,274	17,755	111,029
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>70,964</b>	<b>16,446</b>	<b>87,410</b>	<b>85,690</b>	<b>9,307</b>	<b>94,997</b>

The numbers may not add up precisely due to rounding.

Movements on reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above.

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### Notes to the Accounts

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

#### 1 Statutory Information

The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee and is incorporated in the United Kingdom. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

#### 2 Accounting Policies

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

These 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) ("the Charities SORP"), with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102"), with the Companies Act 2006 and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

##### a) Going concern

The trustees (who are the charitable company's directors for the purposes of company law) have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

In making this assessment the trustees have considered the impact of Covid-19 and have concluded that its impact can be effectively managed.

##### b) Income

Income including investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Income from donations and legacies includes:

- i) Recoverable gift aid. This is recognised when the related donation is received. Gift aid that has not been recovered by the balance sheet date is included as a debtor.
- ii) Legacies. Income from legacies is recognised when a distribution is received from the estate or, if earlier, when the charity has been notified that a distribution will be made and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

Income from charitable activities represents income receivable from goods, services and facilities supplied in furtherance of the charity's charitable objects. It includes income from conferences.

Investment income represents income generated by the charity's assets and includes income from bank interest.

##### c) Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The charity makes grants to other institutions and individuals to further its charitable objectives. Grants payable are recognised as constructive obligations arise, which is generally when the charity expresses a commitment to the recipient that can be measured reliably and then only to the extent that any conditions associated with the grant are outside of the control of the charity.

Expenditure on raising funds comprises a portion of salary costs and expenditure on promotional materials.

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Governance costs, which are included in expenditure on charitable activities but are identified separately in the notes to the accounts, includes costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on the strategic management of the charity.

d) Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects. Endowment funds are donations that are retained as capital in accordance with the donor's wishes. The nature of the restriction determines whether the endowments represent permanent endowments or expendable endowments.

e) Tangible fixed assets

Items purchased or donated for the charity's own use are capitalised when the cost of purchased items, or the fair value of donated items, is more than £500 and the item is expected to benefit the charity over more than one accounting period. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis so as to write down the value of each asset to its estimated residual value (if any) over its expected useful economic life. To achieve this objective the following rates of depreciation are charged:

Office Equipment	4 years
Computer Equipment	4 years

The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment in periods when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

f) Stocks:

Goods purchased for re-sale are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

g) Pension scheme arrangements

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes for its employees. Obligations for contributions to these schemes are recognised as an expense when the liability arises. The assets of these schemes are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds.

h) Taxation

The company is a registered charity; it has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's income.

i) Exemption from preparing a cashflow statement

The charity has taken advantage of an exemption conferred by the Charities SORP and has not prepared a cash flow statement.

j) Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

The trustees do not consider that there any material sources of estimation or uncertainty at the balance sheet date that could result in a material adjustment to the carrying values of assets and liabilities in the next reporting period.

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<b>3 Voluntary income</b>	Total Year to 31 August 2022 £	Total Year to 31 August 2021 £
General donations	194,131	194,519
Gifts for other groups	709	989
Income for CLEAR	29,516	21,136
Grants - Job retention scheme	514	17,166
Tax recoverable	34,633	32,300
	<u>259,504</u>	<u>266,110</u>
<b>Income from Charitable Activities</b>		
Conferences	8,488	298
Publications, books DVDs	567	81
	<u>9,055</u>	<u>379</u>

The charity has received grants from the UK Government as part of its Job Retention Scheme designed to protect jobs threatened as a result of restrictions imposed to slow the spread of COVID-19.

<b>4 Charitable activity</b>	Total Year to 31 August 2022 £	Total Year to 31 August 2021 £
<b>a Direct Charitable Costs</b>		
Costs of generating voluntary income (including staff costs)	18,466	17,421
Staff costs	180,100	179,536
Staff expenses	4,329	2,574
Other staff costs	1,145	6,016
Printing and magazine	34	3,231
Cost of publications & books, DVDs sold	468	80
Regional Conferences	5,134	-
Expeditions & CLEAR expenses	1,620	1,377
London & Local Group Expenditure	2,366	793
Student Groups	5,670	722
Office costs	18,273	26,772
Bank charges	1,702	1,479
Depreciation	-	296
Grants payable <span style="float: right;">Note 3c</span>	25,449	28,608
	<u>264,757</u>	<u>268,903</u>
<b>b Support &amp; Administration</b>	£	£
Governance costs	2,560	2,460
Printing, postage and stationery	506	3,857
Professional fees	6,983	6,155
Insurance	1,353	1,161
	<u>11,402</u>	<u>13,633</u>
<b>Combined charitable activity cost</b>	<u>276,159</u>	<u>282,536</u>

The amount paid to Stewardship to undertake the independent examination of the accounts for the period ending 31st August 2022 was £1,980 (2021: £1,920).

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c Grants	Institutions	Individuals	Year to 31 August	Year to 31 August
			2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
CLEAR Burundi	6232	-	6,232	-
CLEAR Kenya	5,000	-	5,000	6,128
CLEAR Uganda	10,004	-	10,004	6,000
CLEAR Rwanda	4,213	-	4,213	16,480
	<u>25,449</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,449</u>	<u>28,608</u>

5 Staff & Trustees	Year to 31 August	Year to 31 August
	2022	2021
	£	£
Gross wages, salaries & benefits in kind	179,428	177,038
Employer's National Insurance costs	9,284	9,943
Pension costs	6,213	6,064
Total staff costs	<u>194,926</u>	<u>193,045</u>

The charity had 7 employed staff(2021:9) on average. Many of its activities are carried out by volunteers. No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

Remuneration payable to key management for the financial year to 31 August 2022 was £77,211 (2021: £71,803). Key management is considered to cover the senior management directly employed by the charity.

No remuneration was paid to any trustee during the year nor to any person connected to them.

6 Tangible Fixed Assets	Computers	Office Equipment	Website & database	Total 31 August 2022	Total 31 August 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost					
At 1 September 2021	15,660	5,927	10,885	32,472	32,472
Additions/(Disposals)					
At 31 August 2022	<u>15,660</u>	<u>5,927</u>	<u>10,885</u>	<u>32,472</u>	<u>32,472</u>
Accumulated Depreciation					
At 1 September 2021	15,660	5,927	10,885	32,472	32,472
Charge for the year		-		-	-
Disposals					
At 31 August 2022	<u>15,660</u>	<u>5,927</u>	<u>10,885</u>	<u>32,472</u>	<u>32,472</u>
Net book value					
At 31 August 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 1 September 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

7 Stock	31-Aug-22	31-Aug-21
	£	£
At Cost	1,128	973
	<u>1,128</u>	<u>973</u>

8 Debtors and Prepayments	31-Aug-22	31-Aug-21
	£	£
Tax recoverable	1,727	2,083
Other Debtors	-	2,994
Prepayments	5,233	1,500
	<u>6,960</u>	<u>6,578</u>

9 Cash at Bank and in Hand	31-Aug-22	31-Aug-21
	£	£
Bank operating accounts	20,093	31,795
Bank deposits	77,922	76,412
	<u>98,016</u>	<u>108,207</u>

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**10 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year**

Accruals	3,444	2,598
Grants payable	15,251	16,726
Sundry Creditors	-	1,438
	18,695	20,762

**11 Funds**

The restricted funds represent amounts received for specific purposes and the movements in the year ended 31 August 2022 are as follows:

**a) Year ended 31 August 2022**

	Opening balance £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers in the year £	Closing balance £
Public Policy	2,005	-	-	-	2,005
Groups/Regions - Merseyside	2,401	684	550	-	2,535
CLEAR - General	3,528	34,074	27,069	-	10,533
SYL Dig Deeper	517	-	-	-	517
Germany Conference 2018	856	-	-	-	856
	9,307	34,758	27,619	-	16,445
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	85,690	233,814	248,540	-	70,964
	94,997	268,572	276,159	-	87,410

**b) Year ended 31 August 2021**

	Opening balance £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers in the year £	Closing balance £
Public Policy	2,005	-	-	-	2,005
Groups/Regions - Merseyside	2,026	730	(355)	-	2,401
CLEAR - General	12,351	23,766	(32,589)	-	3,528
SYL Dig Deeper	517	-	-	-	517
Germany Conference 2018	856	-	-	-	856
	17,755	24,496	(32,944)	-	9,307
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	93,274	242,009	(249,593)	-	85,690
	111,029	266,504	(282,536)	-	94,997

**Analysis of net assets by fund**

The assets and liabilities represented by the various funds as at 31 August 2022 are as follows:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	-
Stock	1,128	-	1,128
Debtors	6,745	216	6,960
Cash at bank and in hand	66,535	31,481	98,016
Creditors falling due within one year	(3,444)	(15,251)	(18,695)
	70,964	16,446	87,410

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The assets and liabilities represented by the various funds as at 31 August 2021 are as follows:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	0
Stock	973	-	973
Debtors	6,389	189	6,578
Cash at bank and in hand	82,363	25,844	108,207
Creditors falling due within one year	(4,036)	(16,726)	(20,762)
	<u>85,690</u>	<u>9,307</u>	<u>94,997</u>

#### Purpose of restricted funds

Student & Young Lawyer Coordinator donations are given towards the cost of staff in the Student & Young Lawyer Department.

Public Policy donations are given towards projects relating to legal policy.

Regional donations are given to support activities of members of the Lawyer's Christian Fellowship in specific regions

The International Department is in partnership with and provides grants to overseas projects and includes CLEAR (Christian Legal, Education and Research) which operate in East Africa. These are currently based in Kenya, Brundi, Uganda and Rwanda where close links are made with Christian Legal Fellowships in each country. Interns normally work in a country for 6-12 months and are funded entirely by donations.

#### 12 Lease commitments

A lease was signed in May 2022 for a three year term commencing on 10 September 2021. The annual rent was set at £11,500 per annum with a CPI uplift from March 2023. The lease contains a break clause allowing either party to serve six month's notice to the other party.

#### 13 Events since the year end

Following COVID-19, the format and content of activities have significantly changed. Since the year end we have begun a new 5-year programme called 'faithful and fruitful' seeking to increase membership overall, and to increase the engagement and participation of existing members. The cost of living increase appears to have had some impact upon giving to the Charity, which the trustees are monitoring, and they will take additional measures as appropriate to mitigate the effect of this on the Charity's cash reserves.

#### 14 Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity:

- a) received donations for the year ended 31 August 2022 of £15,410 (2021: £9,764) from related parties (which includes trustees, any other members of key management and anyone closely related to them.
- b) paid travel expenses for the year ended 31 August 2022 of £0 (2021: £0) to a trustee whilst carrying out duties associated with being a trustee; reimbursements for expenses incurred when acting as agent for the charity are not included in this disclosure.

#### 15 Members

Each member of the company commits to contribute if the charity is wound up an amount of £1.

**THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

England & Wales - Charity number 1139281

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# Accounts

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Charity Number 1139281  
Company Number 7422674

**THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
(A Company limited by guarantee)

**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**



**THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

**COMPANY INFORMATION**

<b>Directors/Trustees</b>	Elsa Glauert Timothy Grainger (appointed 8 March 2021) Alasdair Henderson (resigned 30 June 2021) Jonathan Hyde Rebekah Muinde Janys Scott Hilary Underwood
<b>Governing Document</b>	Memorandum and Articles of Association (dated 28 October 2010)
<b>Company Registration Number</b>	7422674
<b>Charity Registration Number</b>	1139281
<b>Registered Office</b>	8 Marshalsea Road London SE1 1HL
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Lisa Darby ACA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB
<b>Bankers</b>	Barclays Bank Plc 43 High Street Sutton SM1 1DR  CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue, West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ

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LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP  
TRUSTEES' REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

The trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021.

### Objects of the charity

The Lawyers' Christian Fellowship ('LCF') is a Private Limited Company by guarantee and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association ('the Articles'). The objects of the LCF in accordance with the Articles and for the public benefit are:

- a) To promote the Christian faith throughout the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and internationally in particular by working with the legal profession; and
- b) To relieve poverty in accordance with the Christian faith.

Since 1852 the LCF has been a constant witness to the good news of Jesus Christ within the legal profession. In those 169 years Christian lawyers and law students from across the United Kingdom have been committed to sharing the gospel with those they interact with, whilst promoting a biblical view of justice and bringing biblical values to the practice of law.

The Lawyers' Christian Fellowship is about Christian lawyers communicating the whole Gospel about Jesus Christ. This is **the unifying purpose** of the LCF. The LCF seeks to accomplish its Gospel purpose by its members and its four strategic aims. Its **members** are Christian lawyers – including law students, legal academics, paralegals, trainee and qualified lawyers, and the judiciary – and its **four strategic aims** are to:

1. Seek Justice (what we do): Resourcing Biblically-faithful legal work
2. Love Mercy (what we say): Facilitating Gospel proclamation in and through the legal profession
3. Walk Humbly (what we are): Supporting whole-life Christian discipleship
4. Prayer Fellowship (whom we trust): Articulating faith in God together for our Gospel mission in law

As we do this we are guided by our **Values**, which are that the LCF aims to be always:

- **Grounded in truth:** We stand on the word of God as our foundation;
- **Passionate about justice:** We seek to defend and declare God's heart for justice;
- **Driven to mission:** We are committed to making Christ known at home and abroad;
- **Marked by integrity:** In all that we do and say, we are striving to be sealed by the hallmark of integrity;
- **Genuine in fellowship:** We are united in supporting, serving, equipping and encouraging one another to be an effective witness for Christ as we love one another;
- **Committed to the local church:** Our work should be of benefit to the local church and encourage our members to engage and resource their local churches;
- **Effective in partnership:** We desire to serve the worldwide body of Christ with the gifts we have by partnering with others who share our values.

## Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

In planning its activities, the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission. During 20/21, the application of Charity Commission guidance has been steered by the involvement of Nat Johnson on the Operations Committee as a specialist Charity Lawyer.

To further the above objects, mission, vision and values, the LCF's main activities and achievements were as follows:

### *1. Seek Justice: Resourcing Biblically-faithful legal work*

The LCF produces resources which cover a broad range of issues relating to legal, ethical and theological issues and, in 20/21, were made available to the wider public through downloadable copies of written materials, audio files and videos, as well as through our weekly 'Word for the Week'. Aimed at members, their churches and the wider community, these high-quality resources equip and provide guidance to members on various issues, pressures and challenges within the law and legal life as a Christian, whilst encouraging confidence in their gospel witness.

During 20/21, further resources have been added to our online library, including further videos from our 'Mental Health for the Christian Lawyer' seminar series, Justice Matters, Beatitudes for Lawyers, and Real Lives, interviewing Christian Lawyers.

During the last year, despite the continued Covid-19 restrictions, the LCF has continued to develop its teaching programme in the UK and internationally, in the following ways:

- Hosting series of **online events, with a range of topics**. Online events continue to allow for greater engagement across our membership, with people joining from across the UK.
- Launching a monthly online lunchtime Book Club 'A Biblical View of Law and Justice' with its author Professor David McIlroy.
- Supporting our partners in East Africa, who were impacted by lockdowns in their countries but who continued to seek creative solutions to continue to serve the needs of their communities.
- The **Access to Justice Working Group surveyed members** to better understand levels of engagement in access to justice among members and their understanding of a Christian response to this area; with a view to equipping, resourcing and inspiring members to deepen their engagement. The review, led by Sir Mark Hedley, produced a thorough report, which was launched in October 2021 at the LCF National Conference.
- Growing our **CLEAR Alumni network** with monthly and quarterly prayer calls, which have also seen deepening relationships with our partners and members as we encourage and pray with one another; and preparing for an exciting academic year programme.
- Resourcing groups across Europe, and building relationships across the continent.

### *2. Love Mercy: Facilitating Gospel proclamation in and through the legal profession*

To promote the Christian faith, the LCF organises events throughout the UK which provide an opportunity for lawyers and members of the public to hear about and explore the Christian faith. Highlights of the year include:

- Providing evangelism training for our members.
- Online evangelistic events, at Christmas and Easter.
- Running an online course for lawyers exploring the Christian faith

### 3. *Walk Humbly: Supporting whole-life Christian discipleship*

As a Christian lawyer, the pressure of legal work presents unique challenges to whole-life discipleship. The LCF seeks to address the real questions which studying and practising law presents to Christians through teaching events and resources. In 20/21 these included:

- Continuing a series of national, virtual seminars entitled '**Mental Health for the Christian Lawyer**', where we also provide an extensive further resources and signposted various sources of support, and were pleased that the series attracted a good level of international engagement also.
- The '**Walk, Work, Witness mentoring scheme**' to bring the benefit of godly mentoring relationships to Christian lawyers, and enable our members to encourage one another and build each other up. After a successful pilot scheme, the programme was launched in summer 2021, and has been met with a good take-up.
- Exploring key issues in **online seminars**, such as the '**Beatitudes for Lawyers**' series, featuring a succession of speakers.
- Hosting **online student discussion groups**, which allowed students to consider topics raised in the online seminars in more depth, including personal application.
- Convening our first ever **careers fair** for student and young lawyers, with several Christian law firms participating.
- Hosting a SYL mini-conference, online.
- **Supporting members** by meeting 1-2-1 online and via telephone.
- Producing **resources to equip members** where in person events were not possible.

#### 4. *Prayer Fellowship: Articulating faith in God together for our Gospel mission in law*

The LCF was established in 1852 as a prayer union, and continues to bring Christian lawyers together, in person or by a shared resource, to prayer. Highlights of the last year include:

- A monthly prayer call on Tuesday lunchtimes, for all members. The calls bring together members in the UK with our partners in Europe and East Africa.
- Convening our monthly **London Prayer Breakfasts** online, meeting each month with good attendance.
- Regular **prayer meetings in Scotland**, with the monthly meetings being well-attended online by a core group of members.
- Continuing our daily prayer resource for Christians in law and for members of the public via the PrayerMate app. Approximately 18% of subscribers are from overseas (USA, Switzerland, Singapore, Kenya).
- Supporting our international partners with monthly prayer calls, including a multi-lingual prayer call. The format has been amended and the invitation extended more widely to LCF members and CLEAR partners.
- **Staff praying** with and for members.

#### Plans for the future

In the future, the LCF will continue to carry out its current objectives and activities. Plans for Autumn 2021/22 academic year include the following:

- *Seek Justice*: Launching our new '**Complete Lawyer**' programme, providing teaching lifestyle attitudes using key passages from the Philippians. The seminars will be a mix of in person and online, so we hope a broad range of our membership will be able to participate.
- *Seek Justice*: Holding our National Conference in person, providing teaching on '**The Complete Lawyer**', based on **Philippians**, as well as seminars on topical subjects such as conflict and stress.
- *Seek Justice*: Running online LICC's Transforming Work course for members, equipping for workplace evangelism.
- *Love Mercy*: Hosting **Christmas carol services**: in London, in person, with Mark Greene from LICC; in Liverpool, in person, with Stephen Shaw QC; in Scotland, online, with Rev Dr Willie Philip.
- *Walk Humbly*: Developing the Legal Academics, Judges, Corporate Members, and Family Law Groups, to bring together like-minded professionals for teaching and encouragement, to share and collaborate in specific areas, to pray for one another and to support outreach.
- *Walk Humbly*: Fully launching our mentoring programme, including further 'rounds' of matching mentors and mentees. Developing other ways to provide member-to-member support in the regions, including online regional meet-ups.
- *Prayer Fellowship*: Maintaining **regional, national and international prayer meetings** started during lockdown, as a way for our members to keep connecting for prayer.

· *Prayer Fellowship*: A members' Ski trip: a time for fun and down-time, but also for Bible teaching and an opportunity to develop lasting Christian friendships.

## Membership

Our members remain integral to our ministry. They serve in a variety of ways, including volunteering for international mission trips, co-ordinating regional groups, speaking at seminars and drafting 'Word for the Week' contributions. They also give a great deal of time to the various committees: Student & Young Lawyer; International; Operations.

## Staff

The year saw many staff changes. Jen McKelvin, Director of Operations & Resources, left for maternity leave in November 2020 and has decided not to return; Janet Cole, who joined in November 2020 to cover the role originally as maternity cover, is now permanent. Damilola Makinde finished as Student & Young Lawyer (SYL) Ministry Associate, and in June 2021, Felipe Carvalho started as our Director of SYL Ministries, working from Portugal while his UK visa is processed. Jane Allen joined in November 2020 as the new International Ministry Associate, taking over from Esther Wade. In spring 2020, we welcomed back Moni Olatunji into the Executive Assistant post, bidding farewell to Tochi Irukwo who covered the role during Moni's maternity leave.

## Structure, Governance and Management

Responsibility for providing charitable governance in 20/21, including reviewing and agreeing strategic priorities, rested with the trustees who met quarterly to monitor the activities of the charity. The staff team, who are members of the LCF in their own right, are responsible for implementing the strategic priorities and for the day to day running of the Charity.

Trustees are appointed by resolution of the Trustees for a term of three years. A Trustee's appointment (and any subsequent reappointment) is subject to ratification by the members at the annual general meeting following his or her appointment. One trustee was appointed in 20/21 – Tim Grainger – and his appointment was ratified at AGM in October 2021. Alasdair Henderson stepped down as trustee and Vice Chair following the National Council in June 2021; Jonathan Hyde remained Chair of Trustees and Rebekah Muinde was appointed Vice-Chair in June 2021.

The Association of Christian Law Firms merged into the LCF with effect from March 2020. So far Cowans Solicitors, Edward Connor Solicitors, Ellis Fermor & Negus, Fiona Bruce Solicitors, Hewetts, Sookias & Sookias, and Wellers Law Group have confirmed their membership. A number of sole practitioners also regularly attend this group.

### Financial review

The results for the 12 month period to 31 August 2021 are as set out in the Statement of Financial Activities at page 10.

Income for the year was £266,504 (2020: 8 months £2173,622) and expenditure for the year was £282,536 (2020 8 months: £212,400) resulting in net expenditure for the period of £16,032 (2020 8 months £38,779). Total reserves at the end of the year were £94,997 (£111,029 at 31 August 2020) of which £9,307 were restricted.

## Reserves

The reserves policy requires the charity to have sufficient free cash reserves to cover closure costs, namely those financial liabilities which the charity is required to meet in the event of its dissolution. Closure costs have reduced as a result of staff and lower lease costs, and this is conservatively estimated at around £65,000.

At the end of the year, the charity had free cash reserves of £82,363 (31/8/20: £112,628) in accordance with this policy.

The trustees continue to monitor closely the financial position and receive detailed reports on all financial activities on the LCF throughout the year at their quarterly meetings. They are assisted by an Operations Committee who also meet every quarter. Monthly management accounts are prepared for the Executive Director and disseminated to Trustees and the relevant committees as needed.

## Key risks and uncertainties

The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks. In relation to financial risk, the trustees consider that there are sufficient reserves, any risks having been considered and taken into account for future budgets.

## COVID-19

After further consideration, we continued a programme of furloughing staff for short periods of time throughout the year, which mitigated Covid-related membership cancellations, whereby some of our members were financially adversely impacted by the pandemic.

Aware of our deficit budget, and keen to avoid redundancies if membership subscriptions continued to fall, the decision was taken to utilise the Government Job Retention Scheme in order to preserve the Charity's working capital.

With uncertainty over in person events and further lockdowns, we continued with developing and delivering an online programme and creating new resources, enabling our programme of prayer and support to continue. This has had an unforeseen advantage that regional members have been able to take part fully.

Due to the nature of its charitable purposes, the LCF has been able to redesign the format and content of its activities in response to the measures taken to control the spread of COVID-19. Whilst conferences and other physical gatherings were largely postponed or suspended due to social restrictions, much of the work of the charity has been able to continue online. In October 2021, however, we had our first 'in person' event with our National Conference in Oxford - to minimise risk (both to individuals and to LCF financially), this was a day conference at St Ebbe's church in Oxford.

The longer-term financial impact of the pandemic is difficult to ascertain. However, at the end of the Financial Year income is up. This increased level of income has, in part, been supported by income from the government's job retention scheme from the furloughing of staff members for short periods and growing subscriptions revenue. Additionally, lockdown measures have led to reduced expenditure for the same period and, combined with increased charity revenue, have resulted in increased free cash reserves compared with the previous year to date. The charity's budget and accounts are being kept under regular review by the Executive Director, the Director of Operations & Resources, the Operations Committee and Trustees.

## Responsibilities of trustees under charity law

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the financial year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
2. Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
3. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
4. State whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
5. Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. 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.

## Approval

This report, which has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, was approved by the trustees on 28 February 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

*Rebekah Muinde*

Rebekah Muinde

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF**

**THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 August 2021 on pages 10 to 18 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on page 13 and 14.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*Lisa Darby*

Lisa Darby ACA  
Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

Stewardship  
1 Lamb's Passage  
London, EC1Y 8AB

Date: 13 April 2022

**THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**Statement of Financial Activities**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

**Summary Income and Expenditure Account**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 8 month period 2020
		£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
General Donations & Legacies	3	241,614	24,496	266,109	173,517
Charitable Activities	3	379	-	379	50
Investment income		16	-	16	55
<b>Total income</b>		<b>242,009</b>	<b>24,496</b>	<b>266,504</b>	<b>173,622</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Charitable activities	4	249,593	32,944	282,536	212,400
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>249,593</b>	<b>32,944</b>	<b>282,536</b>	<b>212,400</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>(7,584)</b>	<b>(8,448)</b>	<b>(16,032)</b>	<b>(38,779)</b>
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
		(7,584)	(8,448)	(16,032)	(38,779)
<i>Other recognised gains/(losses):</i>		-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(7,584)</b>	<b>(8,448)</b>	<b>(16,032)</b>	<b>(38,779)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		93,274	17,755	111,029	149,807
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>85,690</b>	<b>9,307</b>	<b>94,997</b>	<b>111,029</b>

The numbers may not add up precisely due to rounding.

Movements on reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above.

The notes on page 13-18 form part of these accounts.

**THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31st AUGUST 2021**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	6	-	-	-	296
		-	-	-	296
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Stock	7	973	-	973	1,053
Debtors	8	6,389	189	6,578	9,799
Cash at bank	9	82,363	25,844	108,207	130,027
		89,725	26,033	115,759	140,878
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
Liabilities falling due within one year	10	4,036	16,726	20,762	30,145
Net Current Assets		85,690	9,307	94,997	110,733
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		85,690	9,307	94,997	111,029
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>					
Unrestricted funds	11				
General Funds		85,690		85,690 0	93,274 0
Restricted Funds	11	-	9,307	9,307	17,755
		85,690	9,307	94,997	111,029

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the financial period ended 31st August 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the financial period ended 31 August 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 however, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner and their report has been included in these financial statements.

The directors (who are the charitable company's trustees for the purposes of charity law) acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at end of each financial year and of its net income or expenditure for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 28 February 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

*Rebekah Muinde*

Rebekah Muinde

Company number:

7422674

Charity number:

1139281

The notes on page 13-18 form part of these accounts.

**THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities with Comparatives**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

		Unrestricted Funds - General	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds - General	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
		2021	2021	2021	8 month period 2020	8 month period 2020	8 month period 2020
	Note	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME FROM</b>							
General donations	3	241,614	24,496	266,109	156,831	16,686	173,517
Charitable activities	3	379	-	379	50	-	50
Investment income		16	-	16	55	-	55
<b>Total income</b>		<b>242,009</b>	<b>24,496</b>	<b>266,504</b>	<b>156,936</b>	<b>16,686</b>	<b>173,621</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>							
Charitable activities	4	249,593	32,944	282,536	174,550	37,850	212,400
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>249,593</b>	<b>32,944</b>	<b>282,536</b>	<b>174,550</b>	<b>37,850</b>	<b>212,400</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>(7,584)</b>	<b>(8,448)</b>	<b>(16,032)</b>	<b>(17,614)</b>	<b>(21,164)</b>	<b>(38,779)</b>
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	0	0	-
		(7,584)	(8,448)	(16,032)	(17,614)	(21,164)	(38,779)
Other gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(7,584)</b>	<b>(8,448)</b>	<b>(16,032)</b>	<b>(17,614)</b>	<b>(21,164)</b>	<b>(38,779)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>							
Total funds brought forward		93,274	17,755	111,029	110,888	38,919	149,807
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>85,690</b>	<b>9,307</b>	<b>94,997</b>	<b>93,274</b>	<b>17,755</b>	<b>111,029</b>

The numbers may not add up precisely due to rounding.

Movements on reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above.

## THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

### Notes to the Accounts

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

#### 1 Statutory Information

The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee and is incorporated in the United Kingdom. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

#### 2 Accounting Policies

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

These 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) ("the Charities SORP"), with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102"), with the Companies Act 2006 and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

##### a) Going concern

The trustees (who are the charitable company's directors for the purposes of company law) have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

In making this assessment the trustees have considered the impact of Covid-19 and have concluded that its impact can be effectively managed.

##### b) Income

Income including investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Income from donations and legacies includes:

- i) Recoverable gift aid. This is recognised when the related donation is received. Gift aid that has not been recovered by the balance sheet date is included as a debtor.
- ii) Legacies. Income from legacies is recognised when a distribution is received from the estate or, if earlier, when the charity has been notified that a distribution will be made and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

Income from charitable activities represents income receivable from goods, services and facilities supplied in furtherance of the charity's charitable objects. It includes income from conferences.

Investment income represents income generated by the charity's assets and includes income from bank interest.

##### c) Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The charity makes grants to other institutions and individuals to further its charitable objectives. Grants payable are recognised as constructive obligations arise, which is generally when the charity expresses a commitment to the recipient that can be measured reliably and then only to the extent that any conditions associated with the grant are outside of the control of the charity.

Expenditure on raising funds comprises a portion of salary costs and expenditure on promotional materials.

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Governance costs, which are included in expenditure on charitable activities but are identified separately in the notes to the accounts, includes costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on the strategic management of the charity.

d) Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects. Endowment funds are donations that are retained as capital in accordance with the donor's wishes. The nature of the restriction determines whether the endowments represent permanent endowments or expendable endowments.

e) Tangible fixed assets

Items purchased or donated for the charity's own use are capitalised when the cost of purchased items, or the fair value of donated items, is more than £500 and the item is expected to benefit the charity over more than one accounting period. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis so as to write down the value of each asset to its estimated residual value (if any) over its expected useful economic life. To achieve this objective the following rates of depreciation are charged:

Office Equipment	4 years
Computer Equipment	4 years

The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment in periods when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

f) Stocks:

Goods purchased for re-sale are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

g) Pension scheme arrangements

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes for its employees. Obligations for contributions to these schemes are recognised as an expense when the liability arises. The assets of these schemes are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds.

h) Taxation

The company is a registered charity; it has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's income.

i) Exemption from preparing a cashflow statement

The charity has taken advantage of an exemption conferred by the Charities SORP and has not prepared a cash flow statement.

j) Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

The trustees do not consider that there any material sources of estimation or uncertainty at the balance sheet date that could result in a material adjustment to the carrying values of assets and liabilities in the next reporting period.

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3 Voluntary income	Total	Total
	Year to 31 August 2021	8 months to 31 August 2020
	£	£
General donations	194,519	123,482
Gifts for other groups	989	320
Income for CLEAR	21,136	14,665
Grants - Job retention scheme	17,166	16,248
Tax recoverable	32,300	18,801
	<u>266,110</u>	<u>173,517</u>
<b>Income from Charitable Activities</b>		
Conferences	298	-
Publications, books DVDs	81	50
	<u>379</u>	<u>50</u>

The charity has received grants from the UK Government as part of its Job Retention Scheme designed to protect jobs threatened as a result of restrictions imposed to slow the spread of COVID-19.

4 Charitable activity	Total	Total
	Year to 31 August 2021	8 months to 31 August 2020
	£	£
<b>a Direct Charitable Costs</b>		
Costs of generating voluntary income (including staff costs)	17,421	14,258
Staff costs	179,536	124,708
Staff expenses	2,574	1,373
Other staff costs	6,016	1,652
Printing and magazine	3,231	1,320
Cost of publications & books, DVDs sold	80	5
Regional Conferences	-	-
Expeditions & CLEAR expenses	1,377	323
London & Local Group Expenditure	793	381
Student Groups	722	225
Office costs	26,772	19,157
Bank charges	1,479	872
Depreciation	296	580
Grants payable	28,608	37,750
	<u>268,903</u>	<u>202,604</u>
<b>b Support &amp; Administration</b>		
Governance costs	2,460	1,623
Printing, postage and stationery	3,857	3,270
Professional fees	6,155	4,008
Insurance	1,161	896
	<u>13,633</u>	<u>9,796</u>
<b>Combined charitable activity cost</b>	<u>282,536</u>	<u>212,400</u>

The amount paid to Stewardship to undertake the independent examination of the accounts for the period ending 31st August 2021 was £1,920 (2020: £1,500).

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c Grants	Institutions	Individuals	Year to 31 August 2021	8 months to 31 August 2020
	£	£	£	£
CLEAR Kenya	6,128	-	6,128	16,250
CLEAR Uganda	6,000	-	6,000	9,000
CLEAR Rwanda	16,480	-	16,480	12,500
	<u>28,608</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,608</u>	<u>37,750</u>

5 Staff & Trustees	Year to 31 August 2021	8 months to 31 August 2020
	£	£
Gross wages, salaries & benefits in kind	177,038	127,843
Employer's National Insurance costs	9,943	6,676
Pension costs	6,064	4,447
Total staff costs	<u>193,045</u>	<u>138,966</u>

The charity has 5 full time equivalent employed staff. Many of its activities are carried out by volunteers. No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

Remuneration payable to key management for the financial year to 31 August 2021 was £71,803 (2020: 8 months £50,800). Key management is considered to cover the senior management directly employed by the charity.

No remuneration was paid to any trustee during the year nor to any person connected to them.

6 Tangible Fixed Assets	Computers	Office Equipment	Website & database	Total 31 August 2021	Total 31 August 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost					
At 1 September 2020	15,660	5,927	10,885	32,472	32,472
Additions/(Disposals)					
At 31 August 2021	<u>15,660</u>	<u>5,927</u>	<u>10,885</u>	<u>32,472</u>	<u>32,472</u>
Accumulated Depreciation					
At 1 September 2020	15,364	5,927	10,885	32,176	31,597
Charge for the year	296	-	-	296	579
Disposals					
At 31 August 2021	<u>15,660</u>	<u>5,927</u>	<u>10,885</u>	<u>32,472</u>	<u>32,176</u>
Net book value					
At 31 August 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 1 September 2020	<u>296</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>296</u>	<u>296</u>

7 Stock	31-Aug-21	31-Aug-20
	£	£
At Cost	973	1,053
	<u>973</u>	<u>1,053</u>

8 Debtors and Prepayments	31-Aug-21	31-Aug-20
	£	£
Tax recoverable	2,083	1,292
Other Debtors	2,994	6,098
Prepayments	1,500	2,407
	<u>6,578</u>	<u>9,799</u>

9 Cash at Bank and in Hand	31-Aug-21	31-Aug-20
	£	£
Bank operating accounts	31,795	29,959
Bank deposits	76,412	100,067
	<u>108,207</u>	<u>130,027</u>

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10 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year

Accruals	2,598	4,645
Grants payable	16,726	20,750
Sundry Creditors	1,438	4,750
	<u>20,762</u>	<u>30,145</u>

11 Funds

The restricted funds represent amounts received for specific purposes and the movements in the year ended 31 August 2021 are as follows:

a) Year ended 31 August 2021

	Opening balance	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers in the year	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Public Policy	2,005	-	-	-	2,005
Groups/Regions - Merseyside	2,026	730	(355)	-	2,401
CLEAR - General	12,351	23,766	(32,589)	-	3,528
SYL Dig Deeper	517	0	0	-	517
Germany Conference 2018	856	0	0	-	856
	<u>17,755</u>	<u>24,496</u>	<u>(32,944)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,307</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	93,274	242,009	(249,593)	-	85,690
	<u>111,029</u>	<u>266,504</u>	<u>(282,536)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>94,997</u>

b) 8 month period ended 31 August 2020

	Opening balance	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers in the year	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
SYL Coordinator	-	-	-	-	0
Public Policy	2,005	-	-	-	2,005
Groups/Regions - Merseyside	1,706	320	-	-	2,026
CLEAR - General	33,835	16,366	(37,850)	-	12,351
SYL Dig Deeper	517	-	-	-	517
Germany Conference 2018	856	-	-	-	856
	<u>38,919</u>	<u>16,686</u>	<u>(37,850)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,755</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	110,888	156,936	(174,550)	-	93,274
	<u>149,807</u>	<u>173,622</u>	<u>(212,400)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>111,029</u>

Analysis of net assets by fund

The assets and liabilities represented by the various funds as at 31 August 2021 are as follows:

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	-
Stock	973	-	973
Debtors	6,389	189	6,578
Cash at bank and in hand	82,363	25,844	108,207
Creditors falling due within one year	(4,036)	(16,726)	(20,762)
	<u>85,690</u>	<u>9,307</u>	<u>94,996</u>

**THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

The assets and liabilities represented by the various funds as at 31 August 2020 are as follows:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total
Tangible fixed assets	296	-	296
Stock	1,053	-	1,053
Debtors	9,443	356	9,799
Cash at bank and in hand	112,628	17,399	130,027
Creditors falling due within one year	(30,145)	-	(30,145)
	<u>93,274</u>	<u>17,755</u>	<u>111,029</u>

**Purpose of restricted funds**

Student & Young Lawyer Coordinator donations are given towards the cost of staff in the Student & Young Lawyer Department.

Public Policy donations are given towards projects relating to legal policy.

Regional donations are given to support activities of members of the Lawyer's Christian Fellowship in specific regions

The International Department is in partnership with and provides grants to overseas projects and includes CLEAR (Christian Legal, Education and Research) which operate in East Africa. These are currently based in Kenya, Uganda and Rwanda where close links are made with Christian Legal Fellowships in each country. Interns normally work in a country for 6-12 months and are funded entirely by donations.

Donations for the Deputy Director are for salary contributions for the role.

Student & Young Lawyer Coordinator donations are given towards the cost of staff in the Student & Young Lawyer Department.

**12 Lease commitments**

A lease was signed in April 2019 on a three year term commencing on 8 June 2019. The annual rent was set at £20,056 per annum with a CPI uplift from December 2020. The lease contains a break clause allowing either party to serve six month's notice to the other party.

**13 Events since the year end**

As explained in the Trustees' report, the charity has been affected by the recent outbreak of COVID-19 and as a result has redesigned the format and content of its activities. The Trustees are monitoring income and expenditure and, if it becomes necessary, will take additional measures to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on the charity's cash reserves. The trustees are unable to reliably estimate the impact of COVID-19 at the present time.

**14 Transactions with related parties**

During the year the charity:

- a) received donations for the year ended 31 August 2021 of £9,764 (2020: 8 months £4,961) from related parties (which includes trustees, any other members of key management and anyone closely related to them).
- b) paid travel expenses for the year ended 31 August 2021 of £0 (2020: 8 months £122) to a trustee whilst carrying out duties associated with being a trustee; reimbursements for expenses incurred when acting as agent for the charity are not included in this disclosure.

**15 Members**

Each member of the company commits to contribute if the charity is wound up an amount of £10.