

## **PEMBROKE ROAD CHURCH**

**Charity Registration Number: 1139475**

**Annual Report and Accounts**

**30 September 2024**

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## Legal & Administrative Information For the year ended 30 September 2024

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<b>Charity Name</b>	Pembroke Road Church.
<b>Principal Address</b>	70 Pembroke Road, Muswell Hill, London N10 2HT.
<b>Charity Registration</b>	1139475. The church was registered with the Charity Commission on 22 December 2010
<b>The Governing Document</b>	Constitution adopted 12 December 2010.
<b>Object</b>	The object of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith according to Baptist principles; the charity may also carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.
<b>Trustees</b>	<p>The Trustees who served during the year or who were serving at the date of this report were:</p> <p>Chris Bennett Sean Shepley David Wilson</p>
<b>Key Management Personnel</b>	Those in charge of directing, controlling, running and operating the Church on a day to day basis are the Trustees
<b>Bankers</b>	Natwest Bank Muswell Hill branch
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Christine Cheung-Poston 48 Samford House Charlotte Terrace Islington London N1 0JF

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## Trustees Report For the year ended 30 September 2024

The Trustees submit their annual report and accounts of Pembroke Road Church (“the Church”) for the year ended 30 September 2024. The legal and administrative information set out earlier in this document forms part of this report.

### 1. Structure, Governance & Management

The office bearers and any other leadership team members for the time being constitute the trustees. There must be at least three, and they must meet at least twice a year.

None of the Trustees receive remuneration.

### 2. Activities

During the course of the fiscal year, the Church regrettably lost access to the building which the Church and the Foodbank had previously used. The Foodbank has relocated to Wilton Community Church, less than a mile away: the trustees are very grateful to Wilton for graciously facilitating the relocation, for the Foodbank manager's hard work during the transition and for the ongoing support of volunteers and donors. As a result of the relocation, the Foodbank will now be paying rent to have access to Wilton's hall and facilities. The Church itself will now be meeting as a house church in the Manse. The trustees anticipate that this will also lead to additional expense over the coming year to render the property suitable for church meetings.

### 3. Financial Review

#### 3.1 Financial Activity and Financial Position

The church is funded by the freewill offerings of members and others from other churches, some lettings income and by donations to its food bank operation. During the year to September 2024, the Food Bank received significant one-off gifts and benefitted from regular donations from many keen to ensure that the recipients of the Food Bank’s food parcels continued to receive support.

As a result, the Church’s cash resources decreased by £22,106 during the year to £261,018 (2023: increased by £24,181 to £283,124).

#### 3.2 Reserves Policy

The Trustees consider that, given the nature of the church’s work, free reserves should be equivalent to approximately 3 months’ routine general fund expenditure, plus committed future expenditure on other projects, where funds permit. The Trustees are of the opinion that this provides sufficient flexibility to cover temporary shortfalls in incoming resources and will allow the Church to cope and respond to unforeseen emergencies whilst specific action plans are implemented. At 30 September 2024 the Church had net free reserves of £25,174 (2023: £20,807).

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Total reserves</b>	<b>261,018</b>	<b>283,124</b>
Less: restricted funds	(235,844)	(262,317)
<b>Free reserves</b>	<b>25,174</b>	<b>20,807</b>
<b>Free reserves requirement:</b>		
3 month’s budgeted routine unrestricted expenditure	5,000	5,000

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## Trustees Report For the year ended 30 September 2024

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### 4. Responsibilities of Trustees for the Accounts

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year. The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. The Trustees also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

### 5. Approval

The report of the Trustees was approved by the Trustees on 29 July 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



**Sean Shepley**  
Trustee



**Chris Bennett**  
Trustee

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## Independent Examiner's Report For the year ended 30 September 2024

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I report on the accounts of Pembroke Road Church for the year ended 30 September 2024, set out on pages 6 to 10.

This report is made solely to the Trustees in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act). My independent examination has been undertaken so that I might state to the Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by the law, I do not accept responsibility to anyone other than the Trustees for my independent examination, for this report, or the opinions I have formed.

### RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period (under section 144(2) of the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Direction given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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

### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the church as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.



Christine Cheung Poston

30 July 2025

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## Receipts & Payments Account For the year ended 30 September 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Receipts</b>	2				
Donations and grants		4,480	93,749	98,229	123,391
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>4,480</b>	<b>93,749</b>	<b>98,229</b>	<b>123,391</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Charitable activities	3	3,356	116,979	120,335	99,210
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>3,356</b>	<b>116,979</b>	<b>120,335</b>	<b>99,210</b>
<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>		<b>1,124</b>	<b>(23,230)</b>	<b>(22,106)</b>	<b>24,181</b>
Total cash funds brought forward		20,806	262,318	283,124	258,943
<b>Total cash funds carried forward</b>	5	<b>21,930</b>	<b>239,088</b>	<b>261,018</b>	<b>283,124</b>

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## Statement of Assets & Liabilities As at 30 September 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Assets</b>					
Tangible Assets	4	-	-	-	-
Debtors		-	-	-	-
Cash At Bank And In Hand		21,931	239,088	261,018	283,124
		21,931	239,088	261,018	283,124
<b>Liabilities</b>					
		-	-	-	-
<b>Total Assets Less Liabilities</b>		<b>21,931</b>	<b>239,088</b>	<b>261,018</b>	<b>283,124</b>

The Accounts were approved by the Trustees on xxxx 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



**Sean Shepley**  
Trustee



**Chris Bennett**  
Trustee



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## Notes to the Accounts For the year ended 30 September 2024

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### 1. Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis with a statement of assets and liabilities.

### 2. Receipts

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Donations and legacies				
Donations	4,480	93,749	98,229	123,391
Income tax reclaimed	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-
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	4,480	93,749	98,229	123,391
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### 3. Payments – Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Provision of Workers				
Net salaries & pensions	-	27,841	27,841	31,595
PAYE	-	-	-	1,473
Council tax	-	2,309	2,309	2,190
	<b>0</b>	<b>30,150</b>	<b>30,150</b>	<b>35,258</b>
Foodbank				
Running costs	-	74,948	74,948	54,580
Sundry	-	-	-	110
	<b>0</b>	<b>74,948</b>	<b>74,948</b>	<b>54,690</b>
Office Costs				
Telephone, broadband, web site	-	506	506	387
Equipment	-	362	362	76
ICO subscription	-	35	35	35
Accountancy & payroll	-	2,017	2,017	2,988
Stationery	-	-	-	45
Bank Charges	106	-	106	126
	<b>106</b>	<b>2,920</b>	<b>3,026</b>	<b>3,657</b>
Provision of church building and facilities				
Heat, light & water	-	1,025	1,025	2,633
Insurance	-	1,628	1,628	1,906
Maintenance, equipment & cleaning	-	5,868	5,868	347
Church Growth Trust	-	190	190	470
Rent	3,250	0	3,250	-
	<b>3,250</b>	<b>8,711</b>	<b>11,961</b>	<b>5,356</b>
Governance				
Independent examination	-	250	250	250
	<b>3,356</b>	<b>116,979</b>	<b>120,335</b>	<b>99,211</b>

### 4. Tangible Fixed Assets

There is one property: the manse, 70 Pembroke Road, London N10 2HT. The manse is held in the name of Church Growth Trust.

The charity owns an electric van, purchased in 2020-21.

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## Notes to the Accounts For the year ended 30 September 2024

### 5. Cash Funds Carried Forward

#### 5a Current year

	At 1 October 2023 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	At 30 September 2024 £
Unrestricted	20,806	4,480	(3,356)	-	21,930
Restricted Foodbank	262,318	93,749	(116,979)	-	239,088
	<b>283,124</b>	<b>98,229</b>	<b>(120,335)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>261,018</b>

#### 5b Prior year

	At 1 October 2022 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	At 30 September 2023 £
Unrestricted	20,452	480	(126)	-	20,806
Restricted Foodbank	238,491	122,911	(99,084)	-	262,318
	<b>258,943</b>	<b>123,391</b>	<b>(99,210)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>283,124</b>

### 6. Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions.