

Charity registration number: 1140024

Community of Saint John

Trustees' report and financial statements

for the year ended 31 December 2023

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Legal and administrative information

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| Charity number | 1140024 |
| Registered office | 56 St Anthony's Road Forest Gate London E7 9QB |
| Trustees | John Moloney Arnaud Cuvelier Thomas Gabriel Edwards |
| Accountants | PPS Accountants 11 Farnes Court Worksop Nottinghamshire S81 0LZ |
| Bankers | HSBC Bank NatWest Bank |

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Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 December 2023

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Structure, governance and management

The trust is governed by the trustees named above. They meet regularly during the year to discuss the management of the trust. On a day to day basis the affairs of the Charity is managed by members of the Community of St John with the help of competent persons who are not members.

Objectives and activities

The aim of the Trust is stated in the Trust Deed in the following terms:

The advancement of Christian religion in England and Wales and throughout the European Union and beyond for the benefit of the public in accordance with the doctrines and statements of belief of the Community of St John in particular but not exclusively by assisting and encouraging the formation of priests and the activities of consecrated persons and other interested persons for the service of their respective communities in accordance with the common purpose of the community of St John

Achievements and performance

The running of St Antony's RC parish in Forest Gate.

This involved daily pastoral work, such as visiting the sick and housebound members of the parish community as well assisting in pastoral care of the sick in Newham General Hospital; the management of the parish premises; the celebration of the Sacraments; the accompanying of persons living the bereavement of a family member; the celebration of funerals and the pastoral support for the Catholic secondary and primary schools in the London borough of Newham. Post-pandemic, in-person services continued to be live-streamed via YouTube so as to serve those who are vulnerable.

The organisation of outings and activities for members of the parish, such as trips to places of pilgrimage (including a trip to the Holy Land and a hiking retreat in the Moroccan Sahara), a men's fraternity group, retreat days and several Bible study groups (via Zoom, for adults, teens and children).

The formation of couples in preparation for marriage.

The brothers were involved in accompanying people wishing to be baptised or received into the Church, people wishing to be confirmed as adults, and people who want to know more about the faith with regular formation.

Before Christmas, the parish celebrated a traditional Latin-American "*Posada*" service with great success. In collaboration with St Antony's Catholic Club, the charity had fellowship on Sunday evenings for parishioners. A Homeless shelter run in collaboration with the charity New Way welcomed 10-20 people overnight in the parish hall once a week, providing meals and a bed, between January and April.

The formation of young people

The charity led a group of 30 young people (aged 18+) to World Youth Day, a week-long gathering in Lisbon Portugal with Pope Francis and 1.5 million other young Catholics. The group prepared an original production of a play, written by one of the brothers, on the theme of a Japanese saint from the 17th C., Blessed Petro Kibe. It was successfully performed to an audience of approx. 200 spectators in a parish church in Lisbon, where the group were staying. Two brothers led a walking pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago, with the group also singing renaissance polyphony and other Church music for the benefit of other pilgrims, in a sacred context. 12 participated.

The charity supported Youth 2000 retreats around the country. A brother led a monthly group of teenagers in West London (first half of the year). Brothers preached retreats and gave talks to young adults (Pure in Heart group).

A brother organised a formation day for altar servers throughout the borough of Newham, in collaboration with another parish. 90 young people attended. A brother provided priestly and sacrament support to The Ascent youth mentoring programme in Brentwood for one weekend. A brother led a youth retreat to Walsingham.

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The Institute of St John

During the course of the year 2023 the Community of St John offered formation to adults in philosophy and theology in central London with occasional lectures. In 2023 one brother led a monthly philosophy reading group for about 10 interested laymen in West London.

One brother spent three weeks continuing a formation based in the US on spiritual direction.

One brother completed a Master's degree in philosophy at King's College London, graduating with honours.

Another brother spent three weeks continuing a formation based in the US on spiritual direction.

One brother participated in a colloquium, organised by the Faith movement, discussing Substance Dualism with a small panel of academics from UK and US universities. Two brothers who accompany "Our Lady Teams" (see below) participated in a week of formation for chaplains in France.

Other activities

A brother preached a retreat in Worth Abbey, Surrey, for volunteers from the Open House homeless ministry at St Patrick's Soho. A brother accompanied a group of persons with mental and physical disabilities to Lourdes, with HCTP. A brother accompanied a pilgrimage group to Medjugore.

The brothers also accompanied married couples as chaplains to the "Our Lady Teams" (Equipes Notre-Dame) in London. One brother continued to produce paintings on Biblical and Spiritual themes.

Financial review

The gross income of the charity was £107,636 for the financial year with total expenses of £112,870.

Public Benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in deciding activities undertaken by the charity. The trustees are satisfied that the information provided in the report and accounts meets the public benefit reporting requirement.

Risk Assessment

The trustees are fully aware of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and have taken steps to manage those risks.

Reserves Policy

The trustees aim to hold a minimum of three months running costs in reserve at any point in time

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Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees of Community of Saint John are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The law applicable to Charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

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

On behalf of the board

thomas edwards

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Br. Thomas Edwards

29th October 2024

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statements of Community of Saint John.

I report to the charity trustees on the accounts of Community of Saint John for the year ended 31 December 2023 set out on pages 1 to 12

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and In carrying out my examination I have followed all the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- * accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act, or
- * the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- * the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents 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; or
- * the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (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.

thomas ojo

Thomas Ojo (BA, BSc, FCPA)
Independent examiner

Date: 30/10/2024

Statement of financial activities
For the year ended 31 December 2023

| | Notes | Unrestricted funds £ | 2023 Total £ | 2022 Total £ |
|---------------------------------|-------|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Income from: | | | | |
| Charitable activities | 2 | 107,636 | 107,636 | 75,046 |
| Total income | | <u>107,636</u> | <u>107,636</u> | <u>75,046</u> |
| Expenditure on: | | | | |
| Charitable activities | 3 | 112,870 | 112,870 | 85,856 |
| Total resources expended | | <u>112,870</u> | <u>112,870</u> | <u>85,856</u> |
| Net income/(expenditure) | 5 | -5,234 | -5,234 | -10,810 |
| Net movement in funds | | -5,234 | -5,234 | -10,810 |
| Reconciliation of funds | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | 42,931 | 42,931 | 53,741 |
| Total funds carried forward | | <u>37,697</u> | <u>37,697</u> | <u>42,931</u> |

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

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Balance sheet as at 31 December 2023

| | Notes | 2023 £ | 2022 £ |
|---|-------|---------------|---------------|
| Fixed assets | | | |
| Tangible assets | 6 | | |
| Current assets | | | |
| Debtors | | - | - |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 38,197 | 43,431 |
| | | <u>38,197</u> | <u>43,431</u> |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 7 | -500 | -500 |
| | | <u></u> | <u></u> |
| Net current assets | | 37,697 | 42,931 |
| Net assets | | <u>37,697</u> | <u>42,931</u> |
| | | <u></u> | <u></u> |
| Funds | 8 | | |
| Unrestricted income funds | | 37,697 | 42,931 |
| | | <u>37,697</u> | <u>42,931</u> |
| Total funds | | <u>37,697</u> | <u>42,931</u> |
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The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 29th October 2024

and signed on its behalf by:

thomas edwards
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Br. Thomas Edwards
Trustee

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Statement of cash flows

for the year ended 31 December 2023

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Net incoming / (outgoing) resources for the year | -5,234 | -10,810 |
| Depreciation and impairment | | 6,879 |
| Decrease/(Increase) in debtors | - | - |
| Increase in creditors | - | - |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Net Cash inflow from operating activities | -5,234 | -3,931 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Capital expenditure | | |
| Increase in cash in the year | -5,234 | -3,931 |
| Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds | | |
| Increase in cash in the year | -5,234 | -3,931 |
| Net funds at 1 January 2023 | 43,431 | 47,362 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Net funds at 31 December 2023 | 38,197 | 43,431 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |

Notes to financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding period.

1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' SORP 2015 and the Companies Act 2006.

1.2 Cashflow

The charity has produced a cashflow report in accordance with FRS 102.

1.3 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Income received by way of grants, donations and gifts are included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Gifts donated for resale are included as incoming resources within activities for generating funds when they are sold.

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the year in which they are receivable.

1.4 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes including the charity's shop.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

| | | |
|----------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| Fixtures, fittings and equipment | - | 25% straight line |
|----------------------------------|---|-------------------|

Notes to financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

2 Income from Charitable Activities

| | Period ended Unrestricted £ | Period ended 2023 Total £ | 2022 Total £ |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Total Charitable income | 107,636 | 107,636 | 75,046 |
| | <u>107,636</u> | <u>107,636</u> | <u>75,046</u> |

3 Costs of charitable activities - by fund type

| | Unrestricted funds £ | Period ended 2023 Total £ | Period ended 2022 Total £ |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Charitable Activities | 112,870 | 112,870 | 85,856 |
| | <u>112,870</u> | <u>112,870</u> | <u>85,856</u> |

4 Costs of charitable activities - by activity

| | Period Activities undertaken directly £ | Period Grant funding activities £ | ended 2023 Total £ | ended 2022 Total £ |
|-----------------------|---|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Charitable Activities | 112,870 | - | 112,870 | 85,856 |
| | <u>112,870</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>112,870</u> | <u>85,856</u> |

Notes to financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

5 Employees

| Employment costs | Period ended 2023 £ | Period ended 2022 £ |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Wages and salaries | - | - |
| Social security costs | - | - |
| Other costs | - | - |
| | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2022 : None).

Number of employees

The average monthly numbers of employees (including the trustees) during the year, calculated on the basis of full time equivalents, was as follows:

| 2023 Number | 2022 Number |
|----------------|----------------|
| <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |

6 Tangible fixed assets

| | Fixtures, fittings and equipment £ | Total £ |
|------------------------|---|---------------|
| Cost | | |
| At 1 January 2023 | 86,893 | 86,893 |
| Additions | - | - |
| At 31 December 2023 | <u>86,893</u> | <u>86,893</u> |
| Depreciation | | |
| At 1 January 2023 | 86,893 | 86,893 |
| Charge for the year | - | - |
| At 31 December 2023 | <u>86,893</u> | <u>86,893</u> |
| Net book values | | |
| At 31 December 2022 | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| At 31 December 2023 | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |

Comparative Statement of financial activities
For the year ended 31 December 2023

| | Notes | Unrestricted funds £ | 2022 Total £ | 2021 Total £ |
|---------------------------------|-------|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Income from: | | | | |
| Charitable activities | 2 | 75,046 | 75,046 | 92,599 |
| Total income | | <u>75,046</u> | <u>75,046</u> | <u>92,599</u> |
| Expenditure on: | | | | |
| Charitable activities | 3 | 85,856 | 85,856 | 111,743 |
| Total resources expended | | <u>85,856</u> | <u>85,856</u> | <u>111,743</u> |
| Net income/(expenditure) | 5 | -10,810 | -10,810 | -19,144 |
| Net movement in funds | | -10,810 | -10,810 | -19,144 |
| Reconciliation of funds | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | 53,741 | 53,741 | 72,885 |
| Total funds carried forward | | <u>42,931</u> | <u>42,931</u> | <u>53,741</u> |

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

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7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

| | 2022 | 2023 |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Other creditors | - | - |
| Accruals and deferred income | 500 | 500 |
| | <u>500</u> | <u>500</u> |

8 Analysis of net assets between funds

| | Unrestricted funds | Total funds |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Tangible fixed assets | | 0 |
| Current assets | 38,197 | 38,197 |
| Current liabilities | -500 | -500 |
| Total Funds | <u>37,697</u> | <u>37,697</u> |

9 Unrestricted funds

| | At 2022 | Incoming resources | Outgoing resources | At 2023 |
|--------------------|----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Unrestricted funds | <u>42,931</u> | <u>107,636</u> | <u>112,870</u> | <u>37,697</u> |

10 Going concern

There is not reason to suggest the charity will not continue as a going concern over the next twelve months.