

NORTH WEST CHURCH RESOURCES

(A company limited by guarantee)

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

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**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

The trustees, who are the directors for the purpose of company law, present their annual trustees' report with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 August 2023 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes. The legal and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2019.

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2). Affordability and access to our facilities is important to us and is reflected in our pricing policy.

OUR PURPOSES, ACTIVITIES, ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The purposes of the charity are the promotion of the Christian religion through the provision of facilities, resources, education and training to churches, individuals and other charities.

The principal charitable activity undertaken during the period, which reflects our purposes and objectives, was the continuing upkeep and refurbishment of the building at 2 Blackburne Place, Liverpool which we acquired in 2011 and which has been used extensively by Christian charitable and community groups for the purposes of education, training, worship and outreach. The building was sold on 6 June 2023 for £821,500, before deducting legal and selling costs, but continues to be used by the charity under a licence to occupy on a short term basis whilst alternative accommodation is sought.

Following the sale of the property, the loan from The North West Gospel Partnership was repaid in full and The North West Gospel Partnership ceased their involvement in the organisation following repayment of their loan.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The financial activities for the period and financial position of the charitable company are as shown in the annexed financial statements. The charity, with the support of volunteers, continues to provide much needed services. The results show an increase in net funds to £448,628 (2022: £364,449).

Fundraising continues to be a priority for the trustees and there is a desire to maintain and increase income to assist with the provision of further facilities to further the charitable aims of the organisation. The trustees continue to consider future requirements.

RESERVES POLICY AND GOING CONCERN

Reserves are needed to bridge the gap between the spending and receiving of income and to cover unplanned emergency repairs and other expenditure. The trustees consider that the ideal level of reserves after allowing for the resources represented by tangible assets would be in the region of £75,000.

The trustees acknowledge the continued financial support of the lenders and consider that adequate resources continue to be available to fund the activities of the charity for the foreseeable future. The trustees are of the view that the charity is a going concern.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

Looking to the next year, the Trustees hopes and prayers are that we can continue to use 2 Blackburne Place as an effective resource for Christian education and training, continue to pay down the charity's debts and increase the percentage of time that the building and facilities are occupied, whilst looking to progress our plans to move to alternative premises to better align the charity's aims within the resources available.

**TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

TRUSTEES

The trustees during the period, who were appointed by the members in accordance with procedures set out in the Memorandum and Articles, were:

A Monk (resigned 30 April 2024), T D Hanson (resigned 25 September 2022), J D Popplewell, M A Pickles (resigned 26 January 2023), P D C Eustance, A S Lisser, A P Kellard (appointed 26 January 2023, resigned 29 August 2023) and G R Straker (appointed 26 January 2023, resigned 29 August 2023).

The trustees seek to ensure that the needs of the user groups are appropriately reflected through the diversity of the trustee body. The trustees are familiar with the practical work of the charity and are encouraged to attend regular update sessions.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

North West Church Resources is a charitable company limited by guarantee governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 25 November 2010. It was incorporated on 25 November 2010 and registered as a charity on 1 April 2011. In the event of the charitable company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member of the charity.

At any time there must be a minimum of 3 trustees. New trustees are appointed by a ballot of members or by a resolution of the trustees. Their appointment is effective upon completion of the relevant Companies House and Charity Commission paperwork. The trustees meet regularly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. There is a shared responsibility for ensuring that the charity delivers the services specified, that key performance indicators are met and that all appropriate individuals continue to develop their skills and working practices in line with good practice. Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

RELATED PARTIES

None of the trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity and any contractual relationship with a related party must be disclosed to the full board of trustees. In the current year, no such related party transactions were reported.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises: an annual review of the principal risks and uncertainties that the charity faces; the establishment of policies, systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the annual review; and the implementation of procedures designed to minimise and manage any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

Financial sustainability is the major financial risk for the charity. A key element in the management of financial risk is a regular review of available liquid funds to settle debts as they fall due and active management of trade debtors and creditor balances to ensure sufficient working capital is available.

Attention has also been focused on non-financial risks arising from fire, health & safety and hygiene. These risks are managed by ensuring procedures and accreditations are up to date, having robust policies in place, and regular awareness training for those involved.

**TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (CONTINUED)**

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The charity trustees (who are also the directors of North West Church Resources for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing the 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue on that basis.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. 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.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

A Lisser - Trustee

21 May 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF NORTH WEST CHURCH RESOURCES

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 August 2023 which are set out on pages 4 to 8.

This report is made to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with the terms of the engagement. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the trustees, as a body, for my work or for this report.

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 report

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 accounting 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 Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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.

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21 May 2024

NORTH WEST CHURCH RESOURCES**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

	Year Ended 31.8.2023 £	Year Ended 31.8.2022 £
Unrestricted Funds:		
Income:		
Donations after restatement for prior periods reclassification	700	(5,750)
Rents and facility charges receivable	36,594	35,918
Investment income: UK interest receivable	5	-
Surplus on disposal of property	77,052	-
Total income	114,351	30,168
Expenditure:		
Charitable activities – costs of providing and maintaining the facilities	29,068	53,859
Governance costs – examination and accountancy costs	1,104	1,104
Total expenditure	30,172	54,963
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds for the year	84,179	(24,795)
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	364,449	389,244
Total funds carried forward	448,628	364,449

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

NORTH WEST CHURCH RESOURCES

BALANCE SHEET
31 AUGUST 2023

	Notes	31.8.2023 £	£	31.8.2022 £	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	4		-		733,045
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	5	831		1,268	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>852,841</u>		<u>147,927</u>	
		853,672		149,195	
LIABILITIES					
Creditors falling due within one year	6	<u>405,044</u>		<u>517,791</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>448,628</u>		<u>(368,596)</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			448,628		364,449
CREDITORS					
falling due after more than one year	7		-		-
NET ASSETS			<u>448,628</u>		<u>364,449</u>
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
Unrestricted income funds	8		<u>448,628</u>		<u>364,449</u>
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS			<u>448,628</u>		<u>364,449</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 August 2023.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees 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 the end of each financial year and of its 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 special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and constitute the annual accounts required by the Companies Act 2006 and are for circulation to members of the company.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on 21 May 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

A Lisser – Trustee

NORTH WEST CHURCH RESOURCES**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023****1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

North West Church Resources meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

In preparing the accounts, the trustees have acknowledged and taken account of the continued financial support and patience of the lenders and consider that adequate resources continue to be available to fund the activities of the charity for the foreseeable future. The trustees are of the view that the charity is a going concern.

Income recognition

Items of income are recognised and included in the accounts when all of the following criteria are met: the charity has entitlement to the funds; any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met or are fully within the control of the charity; there is sufficient certainty that receipt of the income is considered probable; and the amount can be measured reliably. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.

Expenditure recognition and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

Tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets are capitalised at cost and depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful economic life on a straight line basis:

Freehold property	- 2% on cost
Fixtures & equipment	- 25% on cost

2. NET EXPENDITURE AND ANALYSIS OF STAFF COSTS AND TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

There were no staff costs for the year ended 31 August 2023 nor for the year ended 31 August 2022.

The charity trustees were not paid nor did they receive any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year (2022: £nil) neither were they reimbursed expenses during the year (2022: £nil). No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2022: £nil)

Net expenditure is stated after charging:

	Year Ended 31.8.2023	Year Ended 31.8.2022
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	100	19,282
Interest on loans	(916)	1,814
Independent Examination and Accountancy fees	1,104	1,104

NORTH WEST CHURCH RESOURCES**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023****3. LEGAL STATUS OF THE CHARITY**

North West Church Resources is a charitable company, limited by guarantee and has no share capital. It is registered in England Wales. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on Page 1. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member of the charity.

4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Office equipment £	Totals £
COST				
As at 1 September 2022	959,097	10,145	5,211	974,453
Additions	-	-	-	-
Elimination on disposal	(959,097)	-	-	(959,097)
As at 31 August 2023	-	10,145	5,211	15,356
DEPRECIATION				
As at 1 September 2022	226,152	10,145	5,111	241,408
Charge for year	-	-	100	100
Elimination on disposal	(226,152)	-	-	(226,152)
As at 31 August 2023	-	10,145	5,211	15,356
NET BOOK VALUE				
As at 31 August 2023	-	-	-	-
As at 31 August 2022	<u>732,945</u>	-	<u>100</u>	<u>752,327</u>

5. DEBTORS

	31.8.23 £	31.8.22 £
Trade debtors	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	831	1,268
	831	1,268

6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.8.23 £	31.8.22 £
Loans	403,492	516,704
Trade creditors	214	518
Accruals	1,338	569
Other creditors	-	-
	405,044	517,791

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	31.8.23 £	31.8.22 £
Loans	-	-

NORTH WEST CHURCH RESOURCES**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023****8. RESERVES**

	Unrestricted general funds £
At 1 September 2021	389,244
Income	30,168
Expenditure	<u>(54,963)</u>
At 31 August 2022 represented by net assets	<u>364,449</u>
At 1 September 2022	364,449
Income	114,351
Expenditure	<u>(30,172)</u>
At 31 August 2023 represented by net assets	<u>448,628</u>

NORTH WEST CHURCH RESOURCES**DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

	Year Ended 31.8.23		Year Ended 31.8.22	
	£	£	£	£
Income:				
Donations (after restatement for prior periods reclassification)		700		(5,750)
Other income				
Rents & facility charges	36,594		35,918	
Surplus on sale of property	77,052		-	
Interest	5		-	
		113,651		35,918
		114,351		30,168
Expenditure:				
Rates, water & permits	3,805		3,768	
Insurances	2,885		2,640	
Light & heat	5,821		7,057	
Telephone & communications	2,636		2,886	
Repairs, maintenance & cleaning	3,986		4,229	
Professional fees	4,668		6,094	
Independent Examination & Accountancy fees	1,104		1,104	
Building & facilities management charges	6,000		6,000	
Statutory filing fees	13		13	
		30,918		33,791
		83,433		(3,623)
Finance costs				
Bank charges	70		76	
Loan interest	(916)		1,814	
		(846)		1,890
		84,279		(5,513)
Depreciation				
Freehold property	-		19,182	
Office equipment	100		100	
		100		19,282
Net income/(expenditure)		84,179		(24,795)