

# HAMPSTEAD GARDEN SUBURB FREE CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1141258

## Details

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Other names	HGS FREE CHURCH
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2011-04-08
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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Address	Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church Central Square London NW11 7AG
Phone	020 8457 5898
Website	<a href="http://www.hgsfreechurch.org.uk">www.hgsfreechurch.org.uk</a>

## Activities

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**Objects:** THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH IS THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH ACCORDING TO NON-CONFORMIST PRINCIPLES.THE CHURCH MAY ALSO SEEK TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO CARRY OUT OTHER CHARITABLE OBJECTS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

**Activities:** Religious activities and community services

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£329,150	£321,764	-	-
2024-12-31	£258,541	£185,177	-	-
2023-12-31	£188,062	£306,013	-	-
2022-12-31	£178,601	£161,984	-	-
2021-12-31	£161,159	£142,817	-	-
2020-12-31	£139,311	£133,077	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Aled David Jones		2023-09-01
Arjun Yohanan Matthai		2026-01-01
Josephine Morris		2017-01-01
Julia Alison Fryer		2023-01-01
LORNA ISOBEL PAGE		
Mary Stacy		2020-01-01
Richard Henry Orme		2023-01-01
Wilfred Joseph Devlin Fryer		2017-01-01

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# Accounts

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**HAMPSTEAD GARDEN SUBURB FREE CHURCH**

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**UNAUDITED**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

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**HAMPSTEAD GARDEN SUBURB FREE CHURCH**

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

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<b>Trustees</b>	Joseph Fryer Julia Fryer Rev Aled Jones Muna Levan-Harris (resigned 13 July 2025) Arjun Matthai (appointed 1 January 2026) Josephine Morris Richard Orme Lorna Page Almira Richards (appointed 1 January 2026, resigned 13 March 2026) Mary Stacy Penny Trafford (retired 31 December 2025)
<b>Charity registered number</b>	1141258
<b>Principal office</b>	Central Square Hampstead Garden Suburb London NW11 7AG
<b>Accountants</b>	Nyman Libson Paul LLP Chartered Accountants 124 Finchley Road London NW3 5JS

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## HAMPSTEAD GARDEN SUBURB FREE CHURCH

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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The Elders, acting as Trustees, are pleased to present their annual Trustees Report together with the financial statements of the Church for the year ending 31 December 2025. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. In prior years they were prepared on the receipts and payments basis, but for 2025 (and moving forward) they have been changed to the accruals basis and contain a balance sheet as at the year end.

#### Objectives and Activities

The purposes of Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church ('the Church') as defined in its constitution are:

- The advancement of the Christian faith according to non-conformist principles;
- To seek to advance education and to carry out other charitable objectives in the United Kingdom and in other parts of the world.

When planning activities, the Elders have considered the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, particularly the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

In furtherance of the first objective the Church provided opportunities for public worship every Sunday of the year and additionally on special occasions as required by the Christian calendar. At the start of the year the boilers had failed, so services were being held in the Little Chapel with the Choir Vestry used as an overflow. When worship in the body of the church resumed on 16 March 2025 (with temporary heating), so also did live streaming of Sunday morning services, allowing people in other places to participate as well as the congregation in the church building. The new boilers were installed and tested in time for Easter Sunday. In addition to morning services, evening services were held for contemporary worship at 6.30pm on the third Sunday of the month.

The Church was available for baptisms, weddings and funerals to anyone whom the Minister considered was making a genuine request for such services. Four young men and women underwent believer's baptism during the year.

The Church is committed to encouraging its members to represent, individually, the intentions of the Church in the particular contribution they make not only to the immediate community, but also through paid or voluntary activity to the wider community.

In furtherance of the second objective during the year, the Church provided opportunities for all to consider together important social issues and moral dilemmas in terms not only of Christian theologians, but also secular theorists, through a discussion group covering an established programme of study. This group offered an opportunity for spiritual, moral and intellectual development.

The Church was glad to continue to help facilitate the work of the Wycliffe organisation through its financial support of a Bible translator. It has also raised money for Water Aid.

The Church continued to focus on mental health and maintains a relationship with the Dennis Scott Unit of Edgware Hospital. At Easter and Christmas, and at the time of the Wimbledon tournament, gifts were provided for the patients in the Unit.

The Church continued to focus on the poor and homeless, both in the UK and overseas, by

- facilitating giving to a local food bank,
- organising and hosting concerts to support Christian Aid, who use money raised towards ending poverty and injustice worldwide,
- singing carols around the suburb to raise money for Tearfund,
- collecting for the United Reformed Church (URC) Commitment for Life Fund's work in Zimbabwe, at the Church's Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols,
- taking up a collection at the Christmas morning service for Crisis UK to support their work to help people

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## HAMPSTEAD GARDEN SUBURB FREE CHURCH

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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directly out of homelessness, and

- continuing to support the work of Homeless Action in Barnet, and hosting a night shelter one night a week during the coldest months of the year, and

The Church Life Review begun in 2024 was concluded in 2025, and the Elders prepared an action plan. Arising out of this as one of the actions agreed, the Church put in hand a project to recruit a salaried Young People's Worker with funding from the URC.

#### **Achievements and Performance**

By the time services in the body of the church resumed in March, screens had been installed as an aid to worship. They largely reduced the need for hymn books, so those attending services would make a better sound singing while facing the front rather than looking down into their hymn books.

As a mission outlet, the Church put on two concerts in December by the Kings Chamber Orchestra, one for local primary school children and the other for everyone else. These were great fun, and put across the Christian message.

The Church remained an active participant in the lives of its members, ensuring that people are supported and cared for. It has also been a contributor to the wider community in a variety of activities.

#### **Financial Review**

Unrestricted donations (excluding Gift Aid tax relief) were down £20,000 from £67,000 in 2024 to £47,000 in 2025. Within that total Gift Day raised £7,927, compared to £9,735 in 2024. Gift Aid reclaimable on behalf of UK tax paying donors was £10,871, compared to £10,670 for 2024. However, revenue from the use of the hall and church, bazaar and other sales etc increased by £7,000, and the Church was fortunate to receive £19,000 in legacies, more than making up for the fall in donations.

The Church had a lot of necessary expense to bear in 2025, and was grateful to be assisted by a number of grants:

- Towards the boilers, £32,000 from the URC Thames North Synod, £10,000 from the Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust, and £13,000 from the Government's Listed Places of Worship (LPW) Grant Scheme to reimburse the VAT element of the cost;
- For the screens AV project, £18,000 from Synod, towards costs incurred in 2024 and 2025;
- Towards heating costs, £1,000 from Synod;
- And to reimburse VAT on other works to the church, a further £4,000 from the LPW Grant Scheme.

There was a surplus of unrestricted income over expenditure of £7,400.

The value of unrestricted investments at the end of 2025 was £244,154, which is £2,476 (or 1%) less than at the start of the year. Deducting this negligible fall in value from the surplus of income over expenditure, there was an overall surplus for the year of £4,900.

The LPW Grant Scheme ended in 2026. When details are finalised a Places of Worship Renewal Fund will be available to replace it.

#### **Reserves Policy**

The Church's policy is to maintain a balance on unrestricted reserves of at least nine months' unrestricted operating expenditure (say £183,000) to cover emergencies.

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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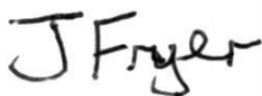
#### Structure, Governance and Management

The Church is currently an unincorporated association. The structure and functions of the Church institutions responsible for its governance and management are described in its constitution: Ministry, Elders Court, Deacons Court and the Church Meeting of members.

Elders are elected for 3 Year terms and act as the Church Trustees, with certain areas of governance reserved for the decision of the Church Meeting. Under the leadership of the Minister Elders are responsible for the Church's overall management. On occasion, Elders as Trustees meet to discuss trustee matters. Particular matters concerned with the upkeep and refurbishment of Church properties are delegated by the Elders to a Buildings Committee.

Under the chairmanship of the Minister, the Elders Court meets regularly throughout the year. On occasion the Elders will invite members of the Buildings Committee to its meetings when matters under discussion make that appropriate. Ordinary Church Members Meetings are convened quarterly throughout the year. When issues arise which require more immediate Church Meeting consideration and decision, Extraordinary Meetings may be called in accordance with the provisions laid down in the constitution.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 12 May 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



**Joseph Fryer**  
(Trustee)



**Mary Stacy**  
(Trustee)

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## HAMPSTEAD GARDEN SUBURB FREE CHURCH

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### STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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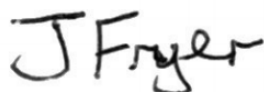
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & 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 its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, 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 of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) 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 charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and 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, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust deed. 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.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 12 May 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



**Joseph Fryer**  
(Trustee)



**Mary Stacy**  
(Trustee)

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## HAMPSTEAD GARDEN SUBURB FREE CHURCH

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### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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#### **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church ('the charity')**

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025.

#### **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 2011 Act').

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

#### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

Since the charity'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.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the accounts 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) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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 that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 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.

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's 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 law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed:



Dated: 13 May 2026

Andrew Thomas (ACA)

Nyman Libson Paul LLP  
124 Finchley Road  
London  
NW3 5JS

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**HAMPSTEAD GARDEN SUBURB FREE CHURCH**

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

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	Note	Restricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	3	77,032	79,627	156,659	74,156
Charitable activities	4	-	171,927	171,927	164,644
Investments	5	458	106	564	544
<b>Total income</b>		<u>77,490</u>	<u>251,660</u>	<u>329,150</u>	<u>239,344</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	6	77,511	244,253	321,764	179,369
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>77,511</u>	<u>244,253</u>	<u>321,764</u>	<u>179,369</u>
Net (losses)/gains on investments		(784)	(2,476)	(3,260)	17,534
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>(805)</u>	<u>4,931</u>	<u>4,126</u>	<u>77,509</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		17,629	340,008	357,637	280,128
Net movement in funds		(805)	4,931	4,126	77,509
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u><u>16,824</u></u>	<u><u>344,939</u></u>	<u><u>361,763</u></u>	<u><u>357,637</u></u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 9 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

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**HAMPSTEAD GARDEN SUBURB FREE CHURCH**

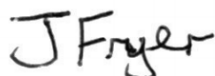
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**BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025**

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	Note	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Investments	11	259,744	263,003
		<u>259,744</u>	<u>263,003</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	12	13,560	11,271
Cash at bank and in hand		101,391	93,131
		<u>114,951</u>	<u>104,402</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(12,932)	(9,768)
		<u>102,019</u>	<u>94,634</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>			
		<u>361,763</u>	<u>357,637</u>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<u><u>361,763</u></u>	<u><u>357,637</u></u>
<b>Charity funds</b>			
Restricted funds	14	16,824	17,629
Unrestricted funds	14	344,939	340,008
		<u>361,763</u>	<u>357,637</u>
<b>Total funds</b>		<u><u>361,763</u></u>	<u><u>357,637</u></u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 12 May 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



**Joseph Fryer**  
(Trustee)



**Mary Stacy**  
(Trustee)

The notes on pages 9 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

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## HAMPSTEAD GARDEN SUBURB FREE CHURCH

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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#### 1. General information

Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church is an unincorporated charity registered in England & Wales. Its registered office is Central Square, Hampstead Garden Suburb, London, NW11 7AG.

#### 2. Accounting policies

##### 2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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 Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church 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.

##### 2.2 Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the charity has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the charity, can be reliably measured.

Grants are included in the statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

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## HAMPSTEAD GARDEN SUBURB FREE CHURCH

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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#### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

##### 2.3 Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure once there is a legal and constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses, including support costs and governance costs, are allocated to the one charitable activity in the statement of financial activities.

Costs of charitable activities include grants made. Grants payable are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the charity's objectives. The grants are accounted for where either trustees have agreed to pay a grant without condition and the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they receive a grant, or any condition attaching to the grant is outside the control of the charity.

Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

##### 2.4 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

##### 2.5 Investments

Investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

##### 2.6 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

##### 2.7 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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#### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

##### 2.8 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

##### 2.9 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

##### 2.10 Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the charity to the fund in respect of the year.

##### 2.11 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 and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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**HAMPSTEAD GARDEN SUBURB FREE CHURCH**

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

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**3. Income from donations and legacies**

	Restricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Donations	997	57,711	58,708	69,156
Legacies	-	19,400	19,400	-
Grants	76,035	2,516	78,551	5,000
	<u>77,032</u>	<u>79,627</u>	<u>156,659</u>	<u>74,156</u>
Total 2024	<u>1,496</u>	<u>72,660</u>	<u>74,156</u>	

**4. Income from charitable activities**

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Use of church	53,422	53,422	52,972
Use of hall	113,184	113,184	105,779
Bazaar, other sales, etc.	5,321	5,321	5,893
	<u>171,927</u>	<u>171,927</u>	<u>164,644</u>
Total 2024	<u>164,644</u>	<u>164,644</u>	

**5. Investment income**

	Restricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Investment income	458	106	564	544
Total 2024	<u>441</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>544</u>	

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**HAMPSTEAD GARDEN SUBURB FREE CHURCH**

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

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**6. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities**

**Summary by fund type**

	Restricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Church operations	77,511	244,253	321,764	179,369
	<u>77,511</u>	<u>244,253</u>	<u>321,764</u>	
Total 2024	<u>1,785</u>	<u>177,584</u>	<u>179,369</u>	

**7. Analysis of expenditure by activities**

	Activities undertaken directly 2025 £	Support costs 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Church operations	317,564	4,200	321,764	179,369
	<u>317,564</u>	<u>4,200</u>	<u>321,764</u>	
Total 2024	<u>177,629</u>	<u>1,740</u>	<u>179,369</u>	

Included within support costs are governance costs of £4,200 (2024: £1,740) relating to professional fees in respect of the governance of running of the charity.

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**HAMPSTEAD GARDEN SUBURB FREE CHURCH**

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**7. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)**

**Analysis of direct costs**

	Activities 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Ministry and Mission - staff costs	65,990	65,990	62,920
Ministry and Mission - other expenses	40,970	40,970	33,363
Church costs	148,693	148,693	34,087
Manse costs	5,692	5,692	3,848
General expenses	1,842	1,842	3,256
Audio and technical expenses	22,801	22,801	8,197
Hall costs	31,576	31,576	31,958
	<u>317,564</u>	<u>317,564</u>	<u>177,629</u>
Total 2024	<u>177,629</u>	<u>177,629</u>	

**Analysis of support costs**

	Activities 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Governance costs	4,200	4,200	1,740
Total 2024	<u>1,740</u>	<u>1,740</u>	

**8. Independent examiner's remuneration**

	2025 £	2024 £
Fees payable to the charity's independent examiner for the independent examination of the charity's annual accounts	<u>4,200</u>	<u>1,740</u>

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**9. Staff costs**

	2025 £	2024 £
Salaries and stipend	55,511	53,143
Social security costs	173	-
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	10,306	9,777
	<u>65,990</u>	<u>62,920</u>

The average number of persons employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2025 No.	2024 No.
Office Holders - Ministry	1	1
Employees - Administration	1	1
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

No employee or office holder received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

The charity considers its key management personnel to comprise one person (2024: one person). Total employment benefits including employer's pension contributions for key management personnel was £54,262 (2024: £50,873).

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#### 10. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, remuneration and pension contributions were paid to the minister, who also serves as a Trustee. The remuneration relates solely to his duties in carrying out the day-to-day pastoral, spiritual and administrative work of the charity. These payments were made in accordance with the church's governing document and the relevant charity law provisions that permit Trustees to receive remuneration for services provided to the charity under an authorised settlement agreement. The Trustees are satisfied that the remuneration represents a reasonable and necessary cost for delivering the church's charitable activities and fulfilling its core spiritual and community-focused purpose.

The value of Trustees' remuneration and other benefits was as follows:

		2025 £	2024 £
Rev Aled Jones	Remuneration	43,788	41,892
	Pension contributions paid	4,920	4,455

During the year ended 31 December 2025, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2024 - £NIL).

#### 11. Fixed asset investments

	Fixed asset investments £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>	
At 1 January 2025	263,003
Revaluations	(3,259)
At 31 December 2025	<u>259,744</u>
<b>Net book value</b>	
At 31 December 2025	259,744
At 31 December 2024	<u>263,003</u>

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12. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Due within one year</b>		
Prepayments and accrued income	2,689	601
Tax recoverable	10,871	10,670
	<u>13,560</u>	<u>11,271</u>

13. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	332	169
Other creditors	39	-
Accruals and deferred income	12,561	9,599
	<u>12,932</u>	<u>9,768</u>

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**14. Statement of funds**

**Statement of funds - current year**

	Balance at 1 January 2025 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2025 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General Funds	340,008	251,660	(244,253)	(2,476)	344,939
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<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Hirsch Legacy - Capital Fund	16,374	-	-	(784)	15,590
Hirsch Legacy - Income Fund	-	458	(458)	-	-
Night Shelter Project Fund	565	100	(301)	-	364
Dennis Scott Unit Fund	690	897	(717)	-	870
Church Boiler Fund	-	57,567	(57,567)	-	-
Church AV Project Fund	-	18,468	(18,468)	-	-
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	17,629	77,490	(77,511)	(784)	16,824
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<b>Total of funds</b>	<b>357,637</b>	<b>329,150</b>	<b>(321,764)</b>	<b>(3,260)</b>	<b>361,763</b>
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The Hirsch Legacy Capital Fund is held in trust to apply the income towards overseas missionary work until 29 July 2041. After that the capital may be used for the church's general purposes.

The Night Shelter Project Fund relates to income received in respect of the Night Shelter Project, which is spent on providing shelter to the homeless in the local area during the cold weather.

The Dennis Scott Unit Fund represents the Church's continued relationship with The Dennis Scott Unit at Edgware Hospital, with a particular focus on mental health. At Easter and Christmas, and at the time of the Wimbledon tournament, gifts are provided for the patients in the unit.

The Church Boiler Fund represents funds received in respect of replacing the boiler system within the Church building during the year.

The Church AV Project Fund represents funds received in respect of installing screens and upgrading the sound system within the Church building during the year.

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**14. Statement of funds (continued)**

**Statement of funds - prior year**

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General Funds	263,562	237,407	(177,862)	16,901	340,008
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Hirsch Legacy - Capital Fund	15,300	-	-	1,074	16,374
Hirsch Legacy - Income Fund	-	441	(441)	-	-
Night Shelter Project Fund	397	200	(32)	-	565
Dennis Scott Unit Fund	869	566	(745)	-	690
	<u>16,566</u>	<u>1,207</u>	<u>(1,218)</u>	<u>1,074</u>	<u>17,629</u>
<b>Total of funds</b>	<u><u>280,128</u></u>	<u><u>238,614</u></u>	<u><u>(179,080)</u></u>	<u><u>17,975</u></u>	<u><u>357,637</u></u>

**15. Summary of funds**

**Summary of funds - current year**

	Balance at 1 January 2025 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2025 £
General funds	340,008	251,660	(244,253)	(2,476)	344,939
Restricted funds	17,629	77,490	(77,511)	(784)	16,824
	<u>357,637</u>	<u>329,150</u>	<u>(321,764)</u>	<u>(3,260)</u>	<u>361,763</u>

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**15. Summary of funds (continued)**

**Summary of funds - prior year**

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
General funds	263,562	237,407	(177,862)	16,901	340,008
Restricted funds	16,566	1,207	(1,218)	1,074	17,629
	<u>280,128</u>	<u>238,614</u>	<u>(179,080)</u>	<u>17,975</u>	<u>357,637</u>

**16. Analysis of net assets between funds**

**Analysis of net assets between funds - current year**

	Restricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Fixed asset investments	15,590	244,154	259,744
Current assets	1,234	113,717	114,951
Creditors due within one year	-	(12,932)	(12,932)
<b>Total</b>	<u>16,824</u>	<u>344,939</u>	<u>361,763</u>

**Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year**

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Fixed asset investments	16,374	246,629	263,003
Current assets	1,255	103,147	104,402
Creditors due within one year	-	(9,768)	(9,768)
<b>Total</b>	<u>17,629</u>	<u>340,008</u>	<u>357,637</u>

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**17. Pension commitments**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the charity to the fund and amounted to £10,306 (2024: £9,777). There were no amounts outstanding at the year end.

**18. Related party transactions**

During the year ended 31 December 2025, donations were received in aggregate from the Trustees and related parties totalling £12,073 (2024: £11,552).

Other than those transactions disclosed in note 11 to the accounts and the above, the charity has not entered into any further related party transactions during the year, nor are there any outstanding balances owing between related parties and the charity as at 31 December 2025.

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

The Elders, acting as Trustees, are pleased to present their annual Trustees Report together with the financial statements of the Church for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with its section 133(1) show Receipts and Payments accounts for the year as well as a Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the year end.

**Objectives and Activities**

The purposes of the Church as defined in its constitution are:

1. The advancement of the Christian faith according to non-conformist principles;
2. To seek to advance education and to carry out other charitable objectives in the United Kingdom and in other parts of the world.

When planning activities, the Elders have considered the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, particularly the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

In furtherance of the first objective the Church provided opportunities for public worship every Sunday of the year and additionally on special occasions as required by the Christian calendar. Sunday morning services remain live streamed, allowing people in other places to participate as well as the congregation in the Church building, and evening services for contemporary worship take place at 6.30pm on the third Sunday of every month.

The Church resolved in general meeting during the year to install screens in the church as an aid to worship, a project that was approaching completion at the year end.

During the year the congregation began to undertake a Church Life Review, with the purpose of formulating a vision and action plan for the future of the Church.

The Church was available for baptisms, weddings and funerals to anyone whom the Minister considered was making a genuine request for such services. Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church is committed to encouraging its members to represent, individually, the intentions of the Church in the particular contribution they make not only to the immediate community, but also through paid or voluntary activity to the wider community.

In furtherance of the second objective during the year, the Church provided opportunities for all to consider together important social issues and moral dilemmas in terms not only of Christian theologians, but also secular theorists, through discussion groups covering an established programme of study. These discussion groups offered an opportunity for spiritual, moral and intellectual development. Online meetings for Christian Meditation were also held, to encourage times of quiet and prayerful reflection.

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)**

Though challenged by the small number of children, the Church continued to run Church of Youth during Sunday morning worship, and to operate a Toddler Group on Wednesday mornings during term time.

The Church was glad to continue to help facilitate the work of the Wycliffe organisation through its financial support of a Bible translator. It has also raised money for Water Aid.

The Church has continued to focus on mental health and maintains a relationship with the Dennis Scott Unit of Edgware Hospital. At Easter and Christmas, and at the time of the Wimbledon tournament, gifts are provided for the patients in the Unit.

The Church has continued to focus on the poor and homeless, and has facilitated giving to a local food bank. The Church continues to support the work of Homeless Action in Barnet, and hosts a night shelter one night a week during the coldest months of the year.

The Church continues to run the West End Café at the back of the church, as a Saturday coffee morning attended by members of the church family and of the local community.

**Achievements and Performance**

The Church remained an active participant in the lives of its members, ensuring that people are supported and cared for. It has also been a contributor to the wider community in a variety of activities.

**Financial Review**

Regular donations showed an increase on 2023, and Gift Day donations were 42% up. Revenue from the use of the hall and church, bazaar and other sales increased by 38%. Overall there was a surplus on unrestricted funds of £62,000.

There will be immediate calls on that surplus. The Elders commissioned a Quinquennial Review in 2024, and this highlighted a number of remedial works required to the fabric of the buildings.

**Reserves Policy**

The Church's policy is to maintain a balance on unrestricted reserves of at least nine months' unrestricted operating expenditure (say £138,000) to cover the demands which are likely to arise. The Trustees regularly monitor the level of reserves and are required to keep the reserves policy under review.

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**Structure, Governance and Management**

The Church is an unincorporated association. The structure and functions of the Church institutions responsible for its governance and management are described in its constitution. The institutions concerned are Ministry, Elders Court, Deacons Court and the Church Meeting of members.

Elders are elected for 3 year terms and act as the Church Trustees, with certain areas of governance reserved for the decision of the Church Meeting. Under the leadership of the Minister Elders are responsible for the Church's overall management. On occasion, Elders as Trustees meet to discuss trustee matters. Particular matters concerned with the upkeep and refurbishment of Church properties are delegated by the Elders to the Deacons Court and to a Buildings Committee.

Under the chairmanship of the Minister, each Court is due to meet regularly throughout the year. On occasion they will meet jointly when matters under discussion make that appropriate. Ordinary Church Members Meetings are convened quarterly throughout the year. When issues arise which require more immediate Church Meeting consideration and decision Extraordinary Meetings may be called in accordance with the provisions laid down in the constitution.

**Reference and administrative details**

Address: Central Square, Hampstead Garden Suburb, London NW11 7AG

Trustees: Joseph Fryer  
Julia Fryer  
Rev Aled Jones  
Muna Levan-Harris  
Carole Lindfield (to 11 June 2024)  
Josephine Morris  
Richard Orme  
Lorna Page  
Mary Stacy  
Penny Trafford

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church (the 'charity')**

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

**Responsibilities and Basis of Report**

**Trustees' responsibilities**

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 2011 Act').

**Independent Examiner's responsibilities**

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable 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 can confirm that no 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 charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



Dated:  
Andrew Thomas ACA  
**Nyman Libson Paul LLP**  
Chartered Accountants  
124 Finchley Road  
London  
NW3 5JS

Date: 1 May 2025

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**SECTION A RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 Total	2023 Total
		£	£	£	£
<b>A1 Receipts from</b>					
Donations	2	67,391	1,496	68,887	63,438
Grants		5,000	0	5,000	0
Other trading activities	3	173,439	0	173,439	125,574
Investment	4	104	441	545	770
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>245,935</b>	<b>1,937</b>	<b>247,871</b>	<b>189,782</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales</b>					
Investment sales		0	0	0	74,000
Investment purchases		0	-730	-730	0
<b>Total investment (purchases)/sales</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>-730</b>	<b>-730</b>	<b>74,000</b>
<b>A3 Payments on</b>					
Ministry & Mission	5	95,842	441	96,283	63,229
Church costs	6	34,600	0	34,600	37,085
Hall costs	7	31,958	0	31,958	62,249
Manse costs	8	3,848	0	3,848	136,317
General expenses		4,941	0	4,941	7,133
Screens project		8,197	0	8,197	0
Designated collections and other liabilities		4,447	0	4,447	0
Restricted Donations		0	903	903	0
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>183,833</b>	<b>1,344</b>	<b>185,177</b>	<b>306,013</b>
<b>Net of receipts/ (payments)</b>		<b>62,102</b>	<b>-137</b>	<b>61,964</b>	<b>-42,231</b>
A6 Cash funds last year end		29,778	1,392	31,170	73,401
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>		<b>91,880</b>	<b>1,255</b>	<b>93,134</b>	<b>31,170</b>

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**SECTION B STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES PER 31ST DECEMBER**

Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>				
Bank deposits	91,822	1,255	93,077	31,166
Fund deposits	57	0	57	4
<b>Total cash fund</b>	<u>91,879</u>	<u>1,255</u>	<u>93,134</u>	<u>31,170</u>
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>				
HMRC(Gift Aid)	10,670	0	10,670	10,610
<b>Total Other monetary assets</b>	<u>10,670</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10,670</u>	<u>10,610</u>
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>				
COIF Charities Investment Fund	3,805	16,374	20,179	19,021
COIF Charities Global Equity Fund	185,737	0	185,737	171,866
COIF Charities Fixed Interest Fund	57,087	0	57,087	53,853
<b>Total investment assets</b>	<u>246,629</u>	<u>16,374</u>	<u>263,003</u>	<u>244,740</u>

**B4 Assets retained for charity's own use**

The church building in Central Square, the Manse in Central Square and the Halls Complex in Northway are held on trust by the London Baptist Property Board for purposes connected with the Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church

B5 Liabilities				
Council tax	0	0	0	1,332
Sundry accruals	1,172	0	1,172	0
Designated collections	269	0	269	3,353
	<u>1,441</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,441</u>	<u>4,685</u>
<b>Total Assets less liabilities</b>	<u>347,737</u>	<u>17,628</u>	<u>365,364</u>	<u>281,835</u>
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<u>347,737</u>	<u>17,628</u>	<u>365,364</u>	<u>281,835</u>

The accounts have been approved by the Trustee Meeting on 12 February 2025 and signed on its behalf by

1<sup>st</sup> Trustee..... WJD Fryer

Name/position..... W JOSEPH D. FRYER, TREASURER

2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee..... PATrafford

Name/position..... PENELOPE A TRAFFORD, SECRETARY

Date..... 16/03/2025

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**SECTION C - NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**NOTE 1**

The Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church fulfils the criteria of a small charity according to the Charities Act 1993 Section 42(3). The accounts have been prepared on a cash basis.

**NOTE 2**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income from donations</b>				
Envelopes, cheques and standing orders	50,355	1,496	58,851	46,519
Gift day	9,735	0	9,735	6,850
Open Plate	7,301	0	7,301	10,069
	<u>67,391</u>	<u>1,496</u>	<u>68,887</u>	<u>63,438</u>

**NOTE 3**

**Other trading activities**

Use of hall	106,755	0	106,755	78,605
Use of church	59,855	0	59,855	41,790
Bazaar and other sales	6,829	0	6,829	5,179
	<u>173,439</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>173,439</u>	<u>125,574</u>

**NOTE 4**

**Investments**

Dividends	104	441	545	522
Interest	0	0	0	248
	<u>104</u>	<u>441</u>	<u>545</u>	<u>770</u>

**NOTE 5**

**Ministry and mission**

Minister	36,919	0	36,919	19,742
Minister's expenses	1,401	0	1,401	6,294
Baptist pension scheme	9,777	0	9,777	0
Ministry and Mission	8,134	441	8,574	8,458
Administration	36,851	0	36,851	26,225
Organist and musicians	2,760	0	2,760	2,510
	<u>95,842</u>	<u>441</u>	<u>96,283</u>	<u>63,229</u>

**NOTE 6**

**Church Costs**

Heating/Lighting	14,061	0	14,061	16,768
Maintenance	5,842	0	5,842	7,973
Organ/piano maintenance	3,271	0	3,271	2,829
Insurance	11,426	0	11,426	9,515
	<u>34,600</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>34,600</u>	<u>37,085</u>

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**SECTION C - NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)**

**NOTE 7**

<b>Hall Costs</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>2024 Total</b>	<b>2023 Total</b>
	<b>funds</b>	<b>funds</b>		
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Hall costs				
Heating/Lighting/Water	14,663	0	14,663	12,886
Maintenance/general	10,587	0	10,587	18,360
Major repairs	6,708	0	6,708	31,003
	<u>31,958</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>31,958</u>	<u>62,249</u>

**NOTE 8**

**Manse costs**

Routine costs	3,848	0	3,848	3,748
Major refurbishment	0	0	0	132,569
	<u>3,848</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,848</u>	<u>136,317</u>

**NOTE 9**

<b>Movement on Restricted Funds</b>	<b>01/01/2024</b>	<b>Inflow</b>	<b>Outflow</b>	<b>31/12/2024</b>
Night Shelter Project	397	200	33	564
Dennis Scott Unit	869	566	744	691
	<u>1,266</u>	<u>766</u>	<u>777</u>	<u>1,255</u>

Collections were also taken in the year for designated charities, as follows

	<b>£</b>
Christian Aid	1,631
Tearfund	136
Water Aid	262
	<u>2,029</u>

**NOTE 10**

**Hirsch legacy**

The £16,374 Restricted Funds shown at B3 are a legacy held in trust to apply the income towards overseas missionary work until 29 July 2041. After that the capital may be used for the church's general purposes.

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**Objectives and Activities**

At the start of 2023 there was no minister in place, but the Elders continued to run the Church so that it could undertake its full range of activities until the newly called minister Rev Aled Jones took up his post on 1 September 2023.

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The Church has been overjoyed to have the services of a full time minister after an interregnum of 17 months.

**Achievements and Performance**

The Church remained an active participant in the lives of its members, ensuring that people are supported and cared for. It has also been a contributor to the wider community in a variety of activities.

**Financial Review**

Unrestricted donations were £6,000 down on the £68,000 for 2022, but revenue from the use of the hall and church, bazaar and other sales increased by £18,000, more than making up for the fall in donations.

The Church concluded an extensive programme of Manse refurbishments, in readiness for the new minister to move in during August 2023. Deducting £172,000 regular spending from the £188,000 revenue would have produced a £16,000 surplus. However, after the Extraordinary Item of the £132,500 spent on major refurbishment of the Manse, there was a deficit of £116,500.

The deficit was partly funded by encashing investments, realising £74,000 plus £245 from a fund deposit. However the remaining value of unrestricted investments at the end of 2023 was only £42,750 less than at the start of the year, so the investments retained had increased their value by £31,500.

**Reserves Policy**

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**Reference and administrative details**

Address: Central Square, Hampstead Garden Suburb, London NW11 7AG

Trustees: Joseph Fryer  
Julia Fryer  
Rev Aled Jones (from 1 September 2023)  
Muna Levan-Harris (from 19 December 2023)  
Carole Lindfield (to 11 June 2024)  
Derek Lindfield (to 31 December 2023)  
Josephine Morris  
Richard Orme  
Lorna Page  
Verity Smith (to 31 December 2023)  
Mary Stacy  
Penny Trafford

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church (the 'charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

## **Responsibilities and Basis of Report**

### **Trustees' responsibilities**

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 2011 Act').

### **Independent Examiner's responsibilities**

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable 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 can confirm that no 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 charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



Dated: 25 September 2024  
Andrew Thomas ACA  
**Nyman Libson Paul LLP**  
Chartered Accountants  
124 Finchley Road  
London  
NW3 5JS

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**SECTION A RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2023 Total	2022 Total
<b>A1 Receipts from</b>					
Donations	2	£ 62,136	£ 1,302	£ 63,438	£ 71,596
Grants		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 3,000
Other trading activities	3	£ 125,574	£ -	£ 125,574	£ 107,483
Investment	4	£ 352	£ 418	£ 770	£ 672
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>£ 188,062</b>	<b>£ 1,720</b>	<b>£ 189,782</b>	<b>£ 182,751</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales</b>					
Investment sales		£ 74,000	£ -	£ 74,000	£ -
<b>Total asset and investment sales</b>		<b>£ 74,000</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 74,000</b>	<b>£ -</b>
<b>A3 Payments on</b>					
Ministry & Mission	5	£ 61,752	£ 1,477	£ 63,229	£ 76,174
Church costs	6	£ 37,085	£ -	£ 37,085	£ 44,796
Hall costs	7	£ 62,249	£ -	£ 62,249	£ 16,544
Manse costs	8	£ 136,317	£ -	£ 136,317	£ 16,114
Traidcraft expenses		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 885
General expenses		£ 7,133	£ -	£ 7,133	£ 7,575
Restricted Donations		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 5,972
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>£ 304,536</b>	<b>£ 1,477</b>	<b>£ 306,013</b>	<b>£ 168,060</b>
<b>Net of receipts/ (payments)</b>		<b>-£ 42,474</b>	<b>£ 243</b>	<b>-£ 42,231</b>	<b>£ 14,691</b>
A6 Cash funds last year end		£ 73,401	£ -	£ 73,401	£ 58,710
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>		<b>£ 30,927</b>	<b>£ 243</b>	<b>£ 31,170</b>	<b>£ 73,401</b>

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**SECTION B STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES PER 31ST DECEMBER**

Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2023 Total	2022 Total
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>				
Bank deposits	£ 29,900	£ 1,266	£ 31,166	£ 73,155
Fund deposits	£ 4	£ -	£ 4	£ 246
<b>Total cash fund</b>	<b>£ 29,904</b>	<b>£ 1,266</b>	<b>£ 31,170</b>	<b>£ 73,401</b>
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>				
HMRC (Gift Aid)	£ 10,610	£ -	£ 10,610	£ 10,399
Council tax overpaid	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 582
<b>Total Other monetary assets</b>	<b>£ 10,610</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 10,610</b>	<b>£ 10,981</b>
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>				
COIF Charities Investment Fund	£ 3,721	£ 15,300	£ 19,021	£ 17,420
COIF Charities Global Equity Fund	£ 171,866	£ -	£ 171,866	£ 198,920
COIF Charities Fixed Interest Fund	£ 53,853	£ -	£ 53,853	£ 69,610
<b>Total investment assets</b>	<b>£ 229,440</b>	<b>£ 15,300</b>	<b>£ 244,740</b>	<b>£ 285,950</b>
<b>B4 Assets retained for charity's own use</b>				
The church building in Central Square, the Manse in Central Square and the Halls Complex in Northway are held on trust by the London Baptist Property Board for purposes connected with the Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church.				
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>				
Council tax	£ 1,332	£ -	£ 1,332	£ -
Traidcraft suppliers	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 250
Designated collections	£ 3,353	£ -	£ 3,353	£ -
	£ 4,685	£ -	£ 4,685	£ 250
<b>Total Assets less liabilities</b>	<b>£ 265,269</b>	<b>£ 16,566</b>	<b>£ 281,835</b>	<b>£ 370,082</b>

The accounts have been approved by the Trustee Meeting on 24 September 2024 and signed on its behalf by

1<sup>st</sup> Trustee..... W J D Fryer.....

Name/position..... W. JOSEPH D. FRYER, TREASURER.....

2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee..... P A Trafford.....

Name/position..... P. A. TRAFFORD SECRETARY.....

Date..... 24 September 2024.....

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**SECTION C - NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**NOTE 1**

The Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church fulfils the criteria of a small charity according to the Charities Act 1993 Section 42(3). The accounts have been prepared on a cash basis.

**NOTE 2**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2023 Total	2022 Total
<b>Income from donations</b>				
Envelopes and standing orders	£ 45,217	£ 1,302	£ 46,519	£ 59,871
Gift day	£ 6,850	£ -	£ 6,850	£ 6,230
Open Plate	£ 10,069	£ -	£ 10,069	£ 5,495
	<u>£ 62,136</u>	<u>£ 1,302</u>	<u>£ 63,438</u>	<u>£ 71,596</u>

**NOTE 3**

**Other trading activities**

Use of hall	£ 78,605	£ -	£ 78,605	£ 66,854
Use of church	£ 41,790	£ -	£ 41,790	£ 37,279
Bazaar and other sales	£ 5,179	£ -	£ 5,179	£ 3,350
	<u>£ 125,574</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 125,574</u>	<u>£ 107,483</u>

**NOTE 4**

**Investments**

Dividends	£ 104	£ 418	£ 522	£ 523
Interest	£ 248	£ -	£ 248	£ 149
	<u>£ 352</u>	<u>£ 418</u>	<u>£ 770</u>	<u>£ 672</u>

**NOTE 5**

**Ministry and mission**

Minister	£ 19,742	£ -	£ 19,742	£ 18,481
Minister's expenses	£ 6,294	£ -	£ 6,294	£ 1,218
Baptist Pension Scheme	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 15,000
Ministry and Mission	£ 6,981	£ 1,477	£ 8,458	£ 10,476
Administration	£ 26,225	£ -	£ 26,225	£ 27,549
Organists and musicians	£ 2,510	£ -	£ 2,510	£ 3,450
	<u>£ 61,752</u>	<u>£ 1,477</u>	<u>£ 63,229</u>	<u>£ 76,174</u>

**NOTE 6**

**Church Costs**

Heating/Lighting	£ 16,768	£ -	£ 16,768	£ 13,856
Maintenance	£ 7,973	£ -	£ 7,973	£ 17,277
Organ/piano maintenance	£ 2,829	£ -	£ 2,829	£ 4,214
Insurance	£ 9,515	£ -	£ 9,515	£ 9,447
	<u>£ 37,085</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 37,085</u>	<u>£ 44,794</u>

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**NOTE 7**

<b>Hall Costs</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>2023 Total</b>	<b>2022 Total</b>
Hall costs				
Heating/Lighting/Water	£ 12,886	£ -	£ 12,886	£ 13,667
Maintenance/general	£ 18,360	£ -	£ 18,360	£ 2,877
Major repairs	£ 31,003	£ -	£ 31,003	£ -
	<u>£ 62,249</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 62,249</u>	<u>£ 16,544</u>

**NOTE 8**

**Manse costs**

Routine costs	£ 3,748	£ -	£ 3,748	£ 16,114
Major refurbishment	£ 132,569	£ -	£ 132,569	£ -
	<u>£ 136,317</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 136,317</u>	<u>£ 16,114</u>

**NOTE 9**

<b>Movement on Restricted Funds</b>	<b>01/01/2023 Inflow</b>		<b>Outflow</b>		<b>31/12/2023</b>
Night Shelter Project	£ 323	£ 200	£ 126	£ 397	£ 397
Dennis Scott Unit	£ 386	£ 1,102	£ 619	£ 869	£ 869
Hirsch Legacy - cash balances	£ 314	£ 418	£ 732	£ -	£ -
	<u>£ 1,023</u>	<u>£ 1,720</u>	<u>£ 1,477</u>	<u>£ 1,266</u>	<u>£ 1,266</u>

**Collections were also taken in the year for designated charities, as follows:**

Christian Aid	£ 1,158
URC Commitment for Life	£ 683
Homeless Action in Barnet	£ 117
Crisis	£ 117
Water Aid	<u>£ 227</u>

**NOTE 10**

**Hirsch legacy**

The £15,300 Restricted Funds shown at B3 are a legacy held in trust to apply the income towards overseas missionary work until 29 July 2041. After that the capital may be used for the church's general purposes.

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**Achievements and Performance**

The Church remained an active participant in the lives of its members, ensuring that people are supported and cared for. It has also been a contributor to the wider community in a variety of activities.

**Financial Review**

Unrestricted donations received during the year were £1,250 down on 2021. A factor in this was that for the full year we took up no offertory during services, instead leaving out plates for a retiring collection. A total of £3,500 was collected for a variety of good causes.

During the year the Church appointed a dedicated lettings officer. Hall lettings regained their pre-Covid levels, and lettings of the church premises continued to grow. The year's increase in revenue more than made up for the reduction in donations.

During the year we made a one off payment of £15,000 to the Baptist Pension Scheme, as our share of the losses the Scheme had incurred over the years. Towards the end of the year the Church embarked on an extensive programme of Manse refurbishments.

A combination of the above resulted in a surplus on general activities of £16,300. The cash funds available at the year end for general purposes had increased from £54,000 to £70,000. Our investments fell in value by £36,000, to about their levels at the end of 2020.

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**Structure, Governance and Management**

The Minister, Rev Ian Tutton, retired in March 2022. The Elders appointed Rev Ewan King of Baptist Church as Interim Moderator, to preside over the selection of a new minister. The search was successful, and Rev Aled Jones accepted the call to be the new minister before Christmas 2022, but would not start his ministry until September 2023.

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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 the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirements that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not 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.



Andrew Thomas ACA

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Dated: 15 March 2024

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SECTION A RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

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<b>A1 Receipts from</b>									
Donations	2	£	68,091	£	3,505	£	71,596	£	75,316
Legacies		£	-	£	-	£	-	£	8,575
Grants		£	3,000	£	-	£	3,000	£	9,247
Other trading activities	3	£	107,483	£	-	£	107,483	£	76,393
Transfers between funds		-£	226	£	226	£	-	£	-
Investment	4	£	254	£	418	£	672	£	203
<b>Total receipts</b>		£	178,602	£	4,149	£	182,751	£	169,734
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales</b>									
Asset sales		£	-	£	-	£	-	£	-
Investment sales		£	-	£	-	£	-	£	-
<b>Total asset and investment sales</b>		£	-	£	-	£	-	£	-
<b>A3 Payments on</b>									
Ministry & Mission	5	£	76,070	£	104	£	76,174	£	73,320
Church costs	6	£	44,796	£	-	£	44,796	£	33,127
Hall costs	7	£	16,544	£	-	£	16,544	£	23,984
Manse costs		£	16,114	£	-	£	16,114	£	3,290
Traidcraft expenses		£	885	£	-	£	885	£	854
General expenses		£	7,908	£	-	£	7,908	£	5,292
Restricted Donations		£	-	£	5,972	£	5,972	£	2,950
<b>Total payments</b>		£	162,317	£	6,076	£	168,393	£	142,817

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SECTION A RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS continued

Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2022 Total	2021 Total
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases</b>				
Asset purchases	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Investment purchases	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 15,473
<b>Total asset and investment purchases</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 15,473</b>
<b>Net of receipts/ (payments)</b>				
A5 Cash funds last year end	£ 16,285	-£ 1,927	£ 14,358	£ 11,444
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>£ 53,628</b>	<b>£ 5,415</b>	<b>£ 59,043</b>	<b>£ 47,599</b>
	<b>£ 69,913</b>	<b>£ 3,488</b>	<b>£ 73,401</b>	<b>£ 59,043</b>

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SECTION B STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES PER 31ST DECEMBER

Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2022 Total	2021 Total
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>				
Bank deposits	£ 69,707	£ 3,448	£ 73,155	£ 58,047
Fund deposits	£ 246	£ -	£ 246	£ 292
Cash deposits	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 705
<b>Total cash fund</b>	<b>£ 69,953</b>	<b>£ 3,448</b>	<b>£ 73,401</b>	<b>£ 59,044</b>
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>				
Traidcraft stock	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 319
HMRC(Gift Aid)	£ 10,399	£ -	£ 10,399	£ 12,004
Council tax overpaid	£ 582	£ -	£ 582	£ -
Unpaid rental services	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 1,235
<b>Total Other monetary assets</b>	<b>£ 10,981</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 10,981</b>	<b>£ 13,558</b>
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>				
COIF Charities Investment Fund	£ 3,408	£ 14,012	£ 17,420	£ 19,712
COIF Charities Global Equity Fund	£ 198,920	£ -	£ 198,920	£ 225,561
COIF Charities Fixed Interest Fund	£ 69,610	£ -	£ 69,610	£ 77,446
<b>Total investment assets</b>	<b>£ 271,938</b>	<b>£ 14,012</b>	<b>£ 285,950</b>	<b>£ 322,719</b>

**B4 Assets retained for charity's own use**

The church building in Central Square, the Manse in Central Square and the Halls Complex in Northway are held on trust by the London Baptist Property Board Limited for purposes connected with the Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church.

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SECTION B STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES PER 31ST DECEMBER continued

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2022 Total	2021 Total
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>					
Invoices utilities		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 5,255
Invoices expenses		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 126
Invoices services		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 1,354
Traidcraft suppliers		£ 250	£ -	£ 250	£ -
Credited rental services (Covid)		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 505
		£ 250	£ -	£ 250	£ 7,240

The accounts have been approved by the Trustee Meeting on 12/03/2024 and signed on its behalf by

Signature 1<sup>st</sup> Trustee PAF m/nd

Name/position 1<sup>st</sup> Trustee Secretary / Trustee

Signature 2nd Trustee Josephine Uonis

Name/position 2nd Trustee Elder / Trustee

Date: 12/03/2024

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SECTION C NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

NOTE 1

The Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church fulfils the criteria of a small charity according to the Charities Act 1993 Section 42(3). The accounts have been prepared on a cash basis.

NOTE 2

Receipts from donations include funds to be received from Gift Aid Claims for 2022. The amount calculated for 2022 based on gift aided donations received and including interest is £10,399.

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2022 Total	2021 Total
<b>Income from donations</b>				
Envelopes and standing orders	£ 59,871	£ -	£ 59,871	£ 55,330
Gift day	£ 6,230	£ -	£ 6,230	£ -
Open Plate	£ 1,990	£ 3,505	£ 5,495	£ 19,986
	<u>£ 68,091</u>	<u>£ 3,505</u>	<u>£ 71,596</u>	<u>£ 75,316</u>

NOTE 3

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2022 Total	2021 Total
<b>Other trading activities</b>				
Use of hall	£ 66,854	£ -	£ 66,854	£ 50,173
Use of church	£ 37,279	£ -	£ 37,279	£ 25,540
Traidcraft and other sales	£ 3,350	£ -	£ 3,350	£ 680
	<u>£ 107,483</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 107,483</u>	<u>£ 76,393</u>

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**NOTE 4**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2022 Total	2021 Total
<b>Investments</b>				
Dividends	£ 105	£ 418	£ 523	£ 202
Interest	£ 149	£ -	£ 149	£ 1
	<u>£ 254</u>	<u>£ 418</u>	<u>£ 672</u>	<u>£ 203</u>

**NOTE 5**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2022 Total	2021 Total
<b>Ministry and mission</b>				
Minister	£ 18,481	£ -	£ 18,481	£ 51,992
Minister's expenses	£ 1,218	£ -	£ 1,218	£ 1,389
Baptist pension scheme	£ 15,000	£ -	£ 15,000	£ -
Ministry and Mission Administration	£ 10,372	£ 104	£ 10,476	£ 8,057
Organist and musicians	£ 27,549	£ -	£ 27,549	£ 7,265
	£ 3,450	£ -	£ 3,450	£ 4,619
	<u>£ 76,070</u>	<u>£ 104</u>	<u>£ 76,174</u>	<u>£ 73,320</u>

**NOTE 6**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2022 Total	2021 Total
<b>Church Costs</b>				
Heating/Lighting	£ 13,856	£ -	£ 13,856	£ 6,984
Maintenance	£ 17,277	£ -	£ 17,277	£ 15,261
Organ/piano maintenance	£ 4,214	£ -	£ 4,214	£ 1,746
Insurance	£ 9,447	£ -	£ 9,447	£ 8,414
General	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 722
	<u>£ 44,794</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 44,794</u>	<u>£ 33,127</u>

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<b>NOTE 7</b>					
		<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>2022 Total</b>	<b>2021 Total</b>
<b>Hall costs</b>					
Heating/Lighting/Water	£	13,667	£ -	£ 13,667	£ 10,579
Maintenance/general	£	2,877	£ -	£ 2,877	£ 13,405
	£	16,544	£ -	£ 16,544	£ 23,984
<b>NOTE 8</b>					
<b>Movement on restricted funds</b>		<b>01/01/2022</b>	<b>Inflow</b>	<b>Outflow</b>	<b>31/12/2022</b>
Night Shelter Project	£	323	£ -	£ -	£ 323
Dennis Scott Unit	£	969	£ -	£ 583	£ 386
Christian Aid	£	1,182	£ 1,268	£ 1,478	£ 972
Khalsa Aid International	£	83	£ -	£ 83	£ -
Botswana Vaccinations	£	2,776	£ 226	£ 3,000	£ -
Salvation Army	£	84	£ -	£ -	£ 84
Ukraine	£	-	£ 1,330	£ -	£ 1,330
Target Ovarian Cancer	£	-	£ 613	£ 613	£ -
Water Aid	£	-	£ 294	£ 215	£ 79
Legacy income	£	-	£ 418	£ 104	£ 314
	£	5,417	£ 4,149	£ 6,076	£ 3,488

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Elders, acting as Trustees, are pleased to present their annual Trustees Report together with the financial statements of the Church for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with its Section 133(1) show "Receipts and Payments" accounts for the year as well as a "Statement of Assets and Liabilities" at the year end.

**Objectives and Activities**

The purpose of the Church as defined in its constitution are:

1. The advancement of the Christian faith according to non-conformist principles;
2. The advancement of education and carrying out other charitable objectives in the United Kingdom and in other parts of the world.

When planning activities, the Elders have considered the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, particularly the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

The past year was difficult for everyone. The Coronavirus pandemic and the lockdowns and government regulations that have changed our lives continued to impact on the Church. Nevertheless, it was possible to meet its first objective by making available to the public opportunities for public worship either physically in the church building, when regulations allowed (with the trustees ensuring that the building is Covid secure), or online. After the third national lockdown it was a great joy to reopen the Church building for worship in time for Easter. As well as the morning service the Church broadcast throughout the year a short Sunday evening service from the Manse. The lasting benefit of lockdown is that Sunday morning services are live streamed, allowing people in other places to participate as well as the congregation in the Church building.

The Church was available (when regulations allowed) for baptisms, weddings and funerals to anyone whom the Minister considered was making a genuine request for such services. Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church is committed to encouraging its members to represent, individually, the intentions of the Church in the particular contribution they make not only to the immediate community, but also through paid or voluntary activity to the wider community.

In furtherance of the second objective during the past year the Church, when it was possible, provided opportunities for all to consider together important social issues and moral dilemmas in terms not only of Christian theologians, but also secular theorists, through discussion groups covering an established programme of study. Meetings for Christian Meditation were also held to encourage times of quiet and prayerful reflection, either in person or online.

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The Church was glad to continue to help facilitate the work of the Wycliffe organisation through its financial support of a Bible translator. It has also raised money for the Water Aid Charity. The Church has continued to focus on mental health and maintains a relationship with the Dennis Scott Unit of Edgware Hospital. At Easter and Christmas, and at the time of the Wimbledon tournament, gifts were provided for the patients in the Unit.

Last year we continued our focus on the poor and homeless, operating a clothing exchange and facilitating giving to a local food bank, and we continued supporting the work of Homeless Action in Barnet. Previously we ran a night shelter but in 2021, in our rostered weeks, our volunteers provided meals for homeless people accommodated at a local hotel. Further, the Church continued to provide help and support for Iranian refugees who worship among us.

### **Achievements and performance**

Despite the difficulties presented by the pandemic the Church remained an active participant in the lives of its members ensuring that people are supported and cared for. Iso far as it has been able to do so the Church has also been a contributor to the wider community.

### **Financial Review**

Donations received during the year were £9,000 down on 2020, as we cancelled Gift Day for 2021. We are grateful for the continuous generosity of our members and supporters, with individuals making additional donations in recognition of the changes in church income due to the coronavirus situation. A total of £6,000 was collected for a variety of good causes, half of this towards the vaccination programme in Botswana.

However, as a result of the country coming out of lockdown, trading activities bounced back from the low of 2020, which more than made up for the reduction in donations. At the start of 2021, Covid restrictions resulted in our owing £4,100 in credit notes against unused rentals paid in advance. That figure had been reduced to £500 by the end of 2021.

For the first and we hope the last time, the Church received help with salaries as part of the Government's response to Covid during 2021.

A combination of the above resulted in a surplus on general activities of £24,000. The cash funds available at the year-end for general purposes had increased from £30,000 to nearly £54,000. We can be thankful that our investment portfolio more than held its value.

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**Reserves Policy**

The Church's policy is to maintain a balance on our unrestricted reserves of at least nine months' unrestricted operating expenditure (say £105,000) to cover emergencies.

**Structure, Governance and Management**

The Church is an unincorporated association. The structure and functions of the Church institutions responsible for its governance and management are described in its constitution. The institutions concerned are the Ministry, Elders' Court, Deacons' Court and the Church Meeting of members.

The Elders are elected for 3 year terms and act as the Church Trustees, with certain areas of governance reserved for the decision of the Church Meeting. Under the leadership of the Minister Elders have responsibility for the overall management of the Church. On occasion Elders as Trustees meet to discuss trustee matters. Particular matters concerned with the upkeep and refurbishment of Church properties are delegated by the Elders to the Deacons' Court.

Under the chairmanship of the Minister, each Court is scheduled to meet regularly throughout the year, and on occasion will meet jointly when matters under discussion make that appropriate. Ordinary Church Members' Meetings are convened quarterly throughout the year. When issues arise which require more immediate Church Meeting consideration and decision, Extraordinary Meetings may be called in accordance with the provisions laid down in the constitution.

**Reference and administrative details**

Address: Central Square, Hampstead Garden Suburb, London NW11 7AG

Trustees: Simon Croft (until 23 November 2021)  
Joseph Fryer  
Carole Lindfield  
Derek Lindfield  
Claudia Millhoff  
Josephine Morris  
Lorna Page  
Verity Smith  
Mary Stacy  
Penelope Trafford

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church  
(Baptist and United Reformed)**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church for the year ended 31 December 2021.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees 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 the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 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 me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed:



Name: Andrew Taylor

Address: 75 Lugano Avenue, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich IP5 3RR

Date: 20 June 2022

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SECTION A RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS\*

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2021 Total	2020 Total
<b>A1 Receipts from</b>					
Donations	2	£ 69,548	£ 5,768	£ 75,316	£ 84,589
Legacies		£ 8,575		£ 8,575	£ 22,973
Grants		£ 7,699	£ 1,548	£ 9,247	£ -
Other trading activities	3	£ 76,393	£ -	£ 76,393	£ 48,708
Investment	4	£ 99	£ 104	£ 203	£ 98
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>£ 162,314</b>	<b>£ 7,420</b>	<b>£ 169,734</b>	<b>£ 156,368</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales</b>					
Asset sales		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 900
Investment sales		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
<b>Total asset and investment sales</b>		<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 900</b>
<b>A3 Payments on</b>					
Ministry & Mission	5	£ 73,216	£ 104	£ 73,320	£ 70,329
Church costs	6	£ 31,579	£ 1,548	£ 33,127	£ 31,034
Hall costs	7	£ 23,984	£ -	£ 23,984	£ 22,339
Manse costs		£ 3,290	£ -	£ 3,290	£ 4,666
Traidcraft expenses		£ 854	£ -	£ 854	£ -
General expenses		£ 5,292	£ -	£ 5,292	£ 4,708
Restricted donations	8	£ 200	£ 2,750	£ 2,950	£ 5,209
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>£ 138,415</b>	<b>£ 4,402</b>	<b>£ 142,817</b>	<b>£ 138,286</b>

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SECTION A RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS\* continued

Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2021 Total	2020 Total
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases</b>				
Asset purchases	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 2,605
Investment purchases	£ -	£ 15,473	£ 15,473	£ -
<b>Total asset and investment purchases</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 15,473</b>	<b>£ 15,473</b>	<b>£ 2,605</b>
<b>Net of receipts/ (payments)</b>	<b>£ 23,899</b>	<b>£ (12,455)</b>	<b>£ 11,444</b>	<b>£ 16,377</b>
A5 Transfer between funds	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
A6 Cash funds last year end	£ 29,729	£ 17,870	£ 47,599	£ 31,222
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>£ 53,628</b>	<b>£ 5,415</b>	<b>£ 59,043</b>	<b>£ 47,599</b>

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SECTION B STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES PER 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER\*

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2021 Total	2020 Total
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>					
Bank deposits	9	£ 52,799	£ 5,248	£ 58,047	£ 47,198
Fund deposits		£ 292	£ -	£ 292	£ 291
Cash deposits		£ 538	£ 167	£ 705	£ 110
<b>Total cash fund</b>		<b>£ 53,628</b>	<b>£ 5,415</b>	<b>£ 59,043</b>	<b>£ 47,599</b>
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>					
Traidcraft stock		£ 319	£ -	£ 319	£ -
HMRC (Gift Aid)		£ 12,004	£ -	£ 12,004	£ 12,874
Unpaid rental services		£ 1,235	£ -	£ 1,235	£ 70
<b>Total Other monetary assets</b>		<b>£ 13,558</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 13,558</b>	<b>£ 12,944</b>
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>					
COIF Charities Investment Fund		£ 3,856	£ 15,856	£ 19,712	£ 3,377
COIF Charities Global Equity Fund		£ 225,561	£ -	£ 225,561	£ 189,871
COIF Charities Fixed Interest Fund		£ 77,446	£ -	£ 77,446	£ 80,717
<b>Total Investment assets</b>		<b>£ 306,863</b>	<b>£ 15,856</b>	<b>£ 322,719</b>	<b>£ 273,965</b>

**B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use**

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SECTION B STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES PER 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER\* continued

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2021 Total	2020 Total
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>				
Invoices utilities	£ 5,255	£ -	£ 5,255	£ 4,197
Invoices expenses	£ 126	£ -	£ 126	£ 240
Invoices services	£ 1,354	£ -	£ 1,354	£ 944
Credited rental services (Covid)	£ 505	£ -	£ 505	£ 4,105
	<u>£ 7,241</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 7,241</u>	<u>£ 9,486</u>

The Accounts have been approved by the Trustee Meeting on 19 April 2022 and are signed on its behalf by

Signature 1st Trustee

J Fryer

Name/position 1st Trustee

JOSEPH FRYER, TREASURER

Signature 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee

C. Millhoff

Name/position 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee

CLAUDIA MILLHOFF,

FINANCE OFFICER

Date 17 June 2022

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**NOTE 1**

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**NOTE 2**

Receipts from donations do not include funds to be received from Gift Aid Claims for 2021. The amount calculated for 2021 based on gift aided donations received, can be found under Sec B2.

To honour the congregation's donations during Covid times which kept the financial situation stable, despite greatly reduced rental income, the decision was made to cancel Gift Day 2021 as a 'one off'.

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2021 Total	2020 Total
<b>Income from donations</b>				
Envelopes & Standing Orders	£ 55,330	£ -	£ 55,330	£ 50,856
Gift day	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 15,569
Open Plate	£ 14,218	£ 5,768	£ 19,986	£ 18,164
	<u>£ 69,548</u>	<u>£ 5,768</u>	<u>£ 75,316</u>	<u>£ 84,589</u>

**NOTE 3**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2021 Total	2020 Total
<b>Other trading activities</b>				
Use of hall	£ 50,173	£ -	£ 50,173	£ 39,294
Use of church	£ 25,540	£ -	£ 25,540	£ 9,414
Traidcraft sales	£ 680	£ -	£ 680	£ -
	<u>£ 76,393</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 76,393</u>	<u>£ 48,708</u>

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**NOTE 4**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2021 Total	2020 Total
<b>Investment</b>				
Dividends	£ 98	£ 104	£ 202	£ 97
Interest	£ 1	£ -	£ 1	£ 1
	<u>£ 99</u>	<u>£ 104</u>	<u>£ 203</u>	<u>£ 98</u>

**NOTE 5**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2021 Total	2020 Total
<b>Ministry &amp; Mission</b>				
Minister	£ 51,992	£ -	£ 51,992	£ 50,603
Minister's expenses	£ 1,389	£ -	£ 1,389	£ 905
Ministry & Mission Administration Officer	£ 7,953	£ 104	£ 8,057	£ 7,865
Organist and Musicians	£ 7,265	£ -	£ 7,265	£ 6,161
	£ 4,619	£ -	£ 4,619	£ 4,795
	<u>£ 73,216</u>	<u>£ 104</u>	<u>£ 73,320</u>	<u>£ 70,329</u>

**NOTE 6**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2021 Total	2020 Total
<b>Church costs</b>				
Heating/Lighting	£ 6,984	£ -	£ 6,984	£ 11,971
Maintenance	£ 13,713	£ 1,548	£ 15,261	£ 9,455
Organ/piano maintenance	£ 1,746	£ -	£ 1,746	£ 1,650
Insurance	£ 8,414	£ -	£ 8,414	£ 7,620
General	£ 722	£ -	£ 722	£ 338
	<u>£ 31,579</u>	<u>£ 1,548</u>	<u>£ 33,127</u>	<u>£ 31,034</u>

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**NOTE 7**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2021 Total	2020 Total
<b>Hall costs</b>				
Heating/Lighting/Water	£ 10,579	£ -	£ 10,579	£ 9,832
Maintenance/general	£ 13,405	£ -	£ 13,405	£ 12,507
	<u>£ 23,984</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 23,984</u>	<u>£ 22,339</u>

**NOTE 8**

Movement on restricted funds	01/01/2021	Inflow	Outflow	31/12/2021
Night Shelter Project	£ 1,273	£ 50	£ 1,000	£ 323
Dennis Scott Unit	£ 254	£ 1,060	£ 345	£ 969
Christian Aid	£ 189	£ 1,182	£ 189	£ 1,182
Khalsa Aid International	£ -	£ 83	£ -	£ 83
Botswana vaccinations	£ -	£ 2,776	£ -	£ 2,776
Salvation Army	£ -	£ 84	£ -	£ 84
Water Aid	£ 120	£ 534	£ 654	£ -
Tear Fund	£ 562	£ -	£ 562	£ -
Legacy Income		£ 104	£ 104	£ -
Total	<u>£ 2,398</u>	<u>£ 5,872</u>	<u>£ 2,854</u>	<u>£ 5,416</u>

A legacy of £15,473 was received in 2020 and is to remain invested for 20 years, with the income to be applied for missionary work abroad. During 2021 the original legacy sum was invested in the COIF Charities Investment Fund as shown in section B3, valued at £15,856 at the year end. The income of £104 arising from this investment (shown here) was expended as per the terms of the legacy.

**NOTE 9**

In 2021 the Elders decided to top up the collection for Botswana vaccines by £224 to reach a full transfer amount of £3,000.

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# Accounts

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Elders, acting as Trustees, are pleased to present their annual Trustees Report together with the financial statements of the Church for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with its Section 133(1) show "Receipts and Payments" accounts for the year as well as a "Statement of Assets and Liabilities" at the year-end.

**Objectives and Activities**

The purpose of the Church as defined in its constitution are:

1. The advancement of the Christian faith according to non-conformist principles;
2. The advancement of education and carrying out other charitable objectives in the United Kingdom and in other parts of the world.

When planning our activities, the Elders have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

The past year for everyone has been difficult. The Coronavirus pandemic and the lockdowns and government regulations that have changed our lives have impacted on the Church. Nevertheless, it has been possible to meet its first objective by making available to the public opportunities for public worship either physically in the church building, when regulations have allowed (with the trustees ensuring that the building is Covid secure), or online. To that end the Church has invested in IT equipment that has made it possible for services to broadcast online. Of great disappointment this year has been the impossibility of worshipping in the church building on Easter and Christmas Days. The Church, through its minister and facilities, (when regulations have allowed) has been available for baptisms, weddings and funerals to anyone whom the minister considers makes a genuine request for such services. Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church is committed to encouraging its members to represent, individually, the intentions of the Church in the particular contribution they make not only to the immediate community, but also through paid or voluntary activity to the wider community. The lasting benefits of lockdown are that Sunday morning services are live streamed, allowing people in other places to participate as well as the congregation in the church building, and that a short Sunday evening service is broadcast from the Manse.

In furtherance of the second objective over the past year the Church has, when it has been possible to do so, provided opportunities for all to consider together important social issues and moral dilemmas in terms not only of Christian theologians, but also secular theorists through an established programme of study. These discussion groups have been held weekly

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when the regulations have allowed. Meetings for Meditation have also been held to encourage times of quiet and prayerful reflection, again when the regulations have allowed.

The Church has been glad to continue to help facilitate the work of the Wycliffe organisation through its financial support of a Bible translator. It has also raised money for the Water Aid Charity.

The Church has continued to focus on mental health and maintains a relationship with the Dennis Scott Unit of Edgware Hospital. At Easter and Christmas gifts were provided for the patients in the Unit.

This year we have continued our focus on the homeless and we have supported the work of Homeless Action in Barnet. In addition, the Church continues to provide help and support for Iranian refugees.

**Achievements and performance**

In spite of the difficulties presented by the pandemic the Church has remained an active participant in the lives of its members ensuring that people are supported and cared for. Inasmuch as it has been able to do so the Church has also been a contributor to the wider community.

**Financial Review**

The cash funds at the end of the year stood at £47,600 up from the position at the end of 2019. There was continuous generosity of our members and supporters, with individuals making additional donations in recognition of the changes in church income due to the coronavirus situation.

As a result of diverse lockdown regulations forcing us to close our venues for rental, the trading activities almost halved in this year's accounts. Most of the income still generated was received in the spring term 2020 - before the first lockdown, and in autumn term, when at least part of the activities could take place. We held on to established long term relationships with a number of local orchestras and musicians, as well as sports providers. They either have already returned to the venue (if they are providing activities for children, that can already go ahead) or will shortly do so. We show all remaining credits held by customers as part of our liabilities, which will or already have been deducted from 2021 bookings.

While payments in general have been almost constant, as activities and rentals were often planned and had to be cancelled at short notice, there has been a decrease in maintenance costs mainly due to reduced cleaning expenses.

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During the course of the year, we sold one of our pianos and purchased video equipment, to allow us to stream services while the church building had to close.

**Reserves Policy**

The Church's policy is to maintain a balance on our unrestricted reserves of at least nine months' unrestricted operating expenditure (say £100,000) to cover emergencies.

**Structure, Governance and Management**

The Church is an unincorporated association. The structure and functions of the Church institutions responsible for its governance and management are described in its constitution. The institutions concerned are the Ministry, Elders' Court, Deacons' Court and the Church Meeting of members.

The Elders are elected for 3-year terms and act as the Church Trustees with certain areas of governance reserved for the decision of the Church Meeting. Under the leadership of the Minister, Elders have responsibility for the overall management of the Church. On occasion Elders as Trustees meet to discuss trustee matters under the chairmanship of one of their number. Particular matters concerned with the upkeep and refurbishment of Church properties are delegated by the Elders to the Deacons' Court.

Under the chairmanship of the Minister, each Court is scheduled to meet regularly throughout the year, and on occasion will meet jointly when matters under discussion make that appropriate. Ordinary Church Members' Meetings are convened quarterly throughout the year. When issues arise, which require more immediate Church Meeting consideration and decision Extraordinary Meetings may be called in accordance with the provisions laid down in the constitution.

**Reference and administrative details**

Address: Central Square, Hampstead Garden Suburb, London NW11 7AG

Trustees: Simon Croft  
Joseph Fryer  
Carole Lindfield  
Derek Lindfield  
Claudia Millhoff  
Josephine Morris  
Lorna Page  
Verity Smith  
Mary Stacy  
Penelope Trafford

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church  
(Baptist and United Reformed)**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church for the year ended 31 December 2020.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees 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 the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 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 me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed:



Name: Andrew Taylor

Address: 75 Lugano Avenue, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich IP5 3RR

Date: 7 June 2021

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SECTION A RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS\*

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2020 Total	2019 Total
<b>A1 Receipts from</b>					
Donations	2	£ 83,005	£ 1,584	£ 84,589	£ 78,323
Legacies	8	£ 7,500	£ 15,473	£ 22,973	£ 2,000
Grants		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Other trading activities	3	£ 48,708	£ -	£ 48,708	£ 91,241
Investment	4	£ 98	£ -	£ 98	£ 338
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>£ 139,311</b>	<b>£ 17,057</b>	<b>£ 156,368</b>	<b>£ 171,902</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales</b>					
Asset sales		£ 900	£ -	£ 900	£ 70
Investment sales		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 15,000
<b>Total asset and investment sales</b>		<b>£ 900</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 900</b>	<b>£ 15,070</b>
<b>A3 Payments on</b>					
Ministry & Mission	5	£ 70,329	£ -	£ 70,329	£ 81,669
Church costs	6	£ 31,034	£ -	£ 31,034	£ 45,933
Hall costs	7	£ 22,339	£ -	£ 22,339	£ 35,179
Manse costs		£ 4,666	£ -	£ 4,666	£ 4,824
General expenses		£ 4,708	£ -	£ 4,708	£ 6,431
Restricted donations	8	£ -	£ 5,209	£ 5,209	£ 7,528
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>£ 133,077</b>	<b>£ 5,209</b>	<b>£ 138,286</b>	<b>£ 181,564</b>

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SECTION A RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS\* continued

Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2020 Total	2019 Total
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases</b>				
Asset purchases	£ 2,605	£ -	£ 2,605	£ 4,225
Investment purchases	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
<b>Total asset and investment purchases</b>	<b>£ 2,605</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 2,605</b>	<b>£ 4,225</b>
<b>Net of receipts/ (payments)</b>	<b>£ 4,529</b>	<b>£ 11,848</b>	<b>£ 16,377</b>	<b>£ 1,183</b>
A5 Transfer between funds	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
A6 Cash funds last year end	£ 25,200	£ 6,022	£ 31,222	£ 30,039
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>£ 29,729</b>	<b>£ 17,870</b>	<b>£ 47,599</b>	<b>£ 31,222</b>

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SECTION B STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES PER 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER\*

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2020 Total	2019 Total
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>					
Bank deposits	9	£ 29,328	£ 17,870	£ 47,198	£ 30,663
Fund deposits		£ 291	£ -	£ 291	£ 291
Cash deposits		£ 110	£ -	£ 110	£ 268
<b>Total cash fund</b>		<b>£ 29,729</b>	<b>£ 17,870</b>	<b>£ 47,599</b>	<b>£ 31,222</b>
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>					
Loans Ministry & Mission		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 1,300
HMRC (Gift Aid)		£ 12,874	£ -	£ 12,874	£ 10,586
Unpaid rental services		£ 70	£ -	£ 70	£ 1,740
<b>Total Other monetary assets</b>		<b>£ 12,944</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 12,944</b>	<b>£ 13,626</b>
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>					
COIF Charities Investment Fund		£ 3,377	£ -	£ 3,377	£ 3,174
COIF Charities Global Equity Fund		£ 189,871	£ -	£ 189,871	£ 154,679
COIF Charities Fixed Interest Fund		£ 80,717	£ -	£ 80,717	£ 75,664
<b>Total Investment assets</b>		<b>£ 273,965</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 273,965</b>	<b>£ 233,517</b>

**B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use**

The church building in Central Square, the Manse in Central Square and the Halls Complex in Northway are held on trust by the London Baptist Property Board for purposes connected with the Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church.

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SECTION B STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES PER 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER\* continued

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2020 Total	2019 Total
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>				
Invoices utilities	£ 4,197	£ -	£ 4,197	£ 4,432
Invoices expenses	£ 240	£ -	£ 240	£ 1,603
Invoices services	£ 944	£ -	£ 944	£ 3,768
Credited rental services (Covid)	£ 4,105	£ -	£ 4,105	£ -
	<u>£ 9,486</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 9,486</u>	<u>£ 9,803</u>

The Accounts have been approved by the Trustee Meeting on 20 April 2021 and are signed on its behalf by

Signature 1st Trustee

*Horna Page*

Name/position 1st Trustee

HORNA PAGE, TRUSTEE

Signature 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee

*S. D. Croft*

Name/position 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee

S. D. CROFT - TRUSTEE

Date

*6 June 2021*

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SECTION C NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS\*

**NOTE 1**

The Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church fulfils the criteria of a small charity according to the Charities Act 1993 Section 42(3). The accounts have been prepared on a cash basis.

**NOTE 2**

Receipts from donations don't include funds to be received from Gift Aid Claims for 2020. The amount calculated for 2020 based on gift aided donations received, can be found under Sec B2.

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2020 Total	2019 Total
<b>Income from donations</b>				
Envelopes & Standing Orders	£ 50,856		£ 50,856	£ 30,349
Gift day	£ 15,569		£ 15,569	£ 14,625
Open Plate	£ 16,580	£ 1,584	£ 18,164	£ 33,349
	<u>£ 83,005</u>	<u>£ 1,584</u>	<u>£ 84,589</u>	<u>£ 78,323</u>

**NOTE 3**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2020 Total	2019 Total
<b>Other trading activities</b>				
Use of hall	£ 39,294	£ -	£ 39,294	£ 72,498
Use of church	£ 9,414	£ -	£ 9,414	£ 18,743
	<u>£ 48,708</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 48,708</u>	<u>£ 91,241</u>

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**NOTE 4**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2020 Total	2019 Total
<b>Investment</b>				
Dividends	£ 97	£ -	£ 97	£ 336
Interest	£ 1	£ -	£ 1	£ 2
	<u>£ 98</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 98</u>	<u>£ 338</u>

**NOTE 5**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2020 Total	2019 Total
<b>Ministry &amp; Mission</b>				
Minister	£ 50,603	£ -	£ 50,603	£ 51,717
Minister's expenses	£ 905	£ -	£ 905	£ 2,233
Ministry & Mission	£ 7,865	£ -	£ 7,865	£ 9,725
Administration Officer	£ 6,161	£ -	£ 6,161	£ 7,354
Organist and Musicians	£ 4,795	£ -	£ 4,795	£ 10,640
	<u>£ 70,329</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 70,329</u>	<u>£ 81,669</u>

**NOTE 6**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2020 Total	2019 Total
<b>Church costs</b>				
Heating/Lighting	£ 11,971	£ -	£ 11,971	£ 14,333
Maintenance	£ 9,455	£ -	£ 9,455	£ 21,690
Organ/piano maintenance	£ 1,650	£ -	£ 1,650	£ 2,830
Insurance	£ 7,620	£ -	£ 7,620	£ 6,570
General	£ 338	£ -	£ 338	£ 510
	<u>£ 31,034</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 31,034</u>	<u>£ 45,933</u>

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**NOTE 7**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2020 Total	2019 Total
<b>Hall costs</b>				
Heating/Lighting/Water	£ 9,832	£ -	£ 9,832	£ 10,710
Maintenance/general	£ 12,507	£ -	£ 12,507	£ 24,469
	<u>£ 22,339</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 22,339</u>	<u>£ 35,179</u>

**NOTE 8**

Movement on restricted funds	01/01/2020	Inflow	Outflow	31/12/2020
Homeless	£ 977		£ 977	£ -
Night Shelter Project	£ 1,182	£ 410	£ 319	£ 1,273
Dennis Scott Unit	£ 364	£ 186	£ 296	£ 254
Christian Aid	£ 1,235	£ 189	£ 1,235	£ 189
URC Commitment for Life	£ 689		£ 689	£ -
The Royal British Legion	£ 905	£ -	£ 905	£ -
Islington Young Carers	£ 243	£ -	£ 243	£ -
Water Aid	£ 158	£ 238	£ 276	£ 120
Tear Fund	£ 269	£ 562	£ 269	£ 562
Sub-total	<u>£ 6,023</u>	<u>£ 1,584</u>	<u>£ 5,209</u>	<u>£ 2,397</u>
Legacy	£ -	£ 15,473	£ -	£ 15,473
Total	<u>£ 6,023</u>	<u>£ 17,057</u>	<u>£ 5,209</u>	<u>£ 17,870</u>

The restricted funds received include a legacy of £15,473 to be invested for a period of twenty years, with the income from such investment fund to be applied for the purposes of missionary work abroad.

**NOTE 9**

In December 2020 the Elders designated a total of £1,000 for charitable giving.

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