

**RICHMOND PARK CHURCH**  
**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

**Trust information as at 31/12/2023**

**Name:** RICHMOND PARK CHURCH

**Address:** 139 Palmerston Road, Bournemouth BH1 4HP

**Status:** A charitable Trust – Registration number 1144662

**Trustees:** David Holland (Chair)  
Keith Manning

**Pastor:** Martin Moore

**Independent Examiner:** Nikola Wilkinson

**Banker:** Nat West Bank

**Governance and Management**

The church which had been an excepted charity, was registered with the Charity Commission with effect from 11 November 2011.

The governing document for the church is a trust deed dated 22 June 1984

The trustees and the pastor meet four times a year and it is their responsibility, together with every church member, to ensure that the church fulfils its objectives and aims

## **Objectives and Aims**

The church's purpose is the advancement of the Christian religion by such legally charitable means as the trustees shall in their discretion think fit.

This is primarily in the area of Bournemouth but help is also given to others in promoting the Christian faith elsewhere in the UK and worldwide.

## **Activities and Achievements**

Richmond Park church has been called to be a church in the community and our activities include a coffee morning and working with Teen Challenge (help for life controlling addictions).

The trustees have given due regard to the charity commission's guidance on the public benefit and in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. During the year the church continued to carry out the following activities in order to promote the Christian faith in the local neighbourhood.

- A) Regular worship services are held on Sunday mornings with weekly prayer meetings.
- B) Weekly Home groups
- C) Monthly breakfast Bible studies
- D) Weekly community coffee morning.
- E) Men's and women's ministries; Action Men and Wonder Women
- F) Monthly outreach/ church meal.
- G) The provision and maintenance of the church building. In addition to the meetings stated, these buildings are used for children's activities, street church and for wedding and funeral services.
- H) Pastoral support for church members is led by the pastor and care group leaders.

- l) The church is involved in world-wide mission particularly supporting members who are now working overseas in both Africa and Asia.

### **Finances**

The principle source of funds is voluntary giving from church members.

In addition to expenditure supporting the ministry and the church premises, the church donates funds to other Christian organisations (approximately 10% of member giving)

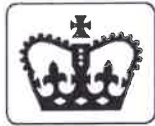
The accounts for the year 31/12/2023 have been prepared on a cash receipts and payments basis. The summary of the funds show that there is a balance of £21,320 of funds at the year end. Trustees continually review the balances on hand to ensure that sufficient funds are held to continue the work of the church and to meet anticipated expenditure.

**Approved by the Board of Trustees on 17-9-2024**

**And signed on its behalf by:-**

  
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Mr David Holland (Chair of Trustees)



**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's report  
on the accounts**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

**Richmond Park Church**

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

**31st December 2023**

**Charity no 1144662**

**Respective  
responsibilities of  
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent  
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 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:**

**Date:**

14-08-2024

**Name:**

NIKOLA WILKINSON


# Richmond Park Church

## Receipts and Expenditure for year ended 31 December 2023

	2022	2023
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	£	£
Regular Giving – gift aided	15,825	18,087
Regular Giving – gift aided SDS	8,458	4,665
Regular Giving- non gift-aided	16,565	16,232
One off gifts +legacy – non gift- aided	0	0
Gift Aid recovered	6,024	5,714
Bank interest	30	164
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>46,902</b>	<b>44,862</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	£	£
Missions Giving	5,203	4,519
Visiting Speaker donations	670	600
Expenses for Church Meetings	1,556	1,698
Church Utilities – Gas, elect, water, sewerage	1,851	1,784
Church repairs and maintenance	5,562	1,670
Subscriptions and Licences	516	945
Computer Costs incl broadband	358	692
Stationery and Printing	44	66
Sunday School expenses	349	283
Insurance	1,573	1,671
Training & Conference Fees	0	113
Accountancy	393	409
Advertising	271	289
General Expenses incl gifts		300
<i>Sub total</i>	<i>18,346</i>	<i>15,039</i>
Salary	16,804	16,796
Manse Rent	12,300	13,200
Manse Water and Sewerage	572	415
Manse Council Tax	1,728	1,814
<i>Sub total</i>	<i>31,404</i>	<i>32,225</i>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>49,750</b>	<b>47,264</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit)</b>	<b>(2,848)</b>	<b>(2,402)</b>

# Richmond Park Church

## Balance sheet as at 31 December 2023

	2022	2023
	£	
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	<b>395,000</b>	<b>395,000</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Current accounts		
Nat west 262	8,616	5,749
Nat west 393	13,593	13,757
Cash in hand	150	415
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>417,359</b>	<b>414,921</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Accruals	+1363	+1,399
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>418,722</b>	<b>416,320</b>

Represented by:		
	£	£
Reserves brought forward	421,570	418,722
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	(2,848)	(2402)
Reserves carried forward	418,722	416,320

<b>Funds at year end</b>	<b>31/12/22</b>	<b>31/12/23</b>
Nat West current	8,616	5,749
Nat West savings	13,593	13,757
Cash in hand	150	415
Accruals (mainly gift aid)	+1363	+1,399
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>23,722</b>	<b>21,320</b>