

**Ecclesia International**  
**Trustee's Annual Report**  
**For the year (01<sup>st</sup> September 2023 - 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024)**  
**Registered Charity Number: 1148134**

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**Reference and Administration details of the charity for the year ended  
31<sup>st</sup> August 2024**

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**Trustees**

Rt. Rev. Michael Royal (Chairperson)  
Rev. Asif Gill  
Rev. Narinder Makh  
Mrs Shawnette Johnson

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**Charity Number**

1148134

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**Registered Address**

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CV6 5DZ

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**Operating Address**

5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
1 Eaton House  
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Coventry  
CV1 2FJ

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**Charity Secretary**

Rev. Narinder Makh

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**Accountants**

Yasin and Co Accountants  
72 Vyse Street  
Birmingham  
B18 6EX

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**Bank**

HSBC Plc  
422 Foleshill Rd  
Coventry  
CV6 5AL

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**Solicitors**

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St James Court  
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Derby  
DE1 1BT

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**Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024**

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The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of Ecclesia International for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current requirements guided by the Charity Commission.

**Structure, Governance and Management**

➤ **Governing Document**

The Church's governing document is the Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 08<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

➤ **Trustees**

The Trustees of the Church are responsible for the day to day management of the Church's business in accordance with the Church's objectives. The Trustees meet approximately four times per annum to discuss a full range of matters

relating to the life of the church activities including finance, general administration, the implementation of the church constitution and church membership. One of the Church's Trustees receives remuneration for their employed positions in the ministry.

The induction process for any individual newly-appointed as a Trustee receives copies of the following documents: -

- The memorandum and articles of association
- The most recent financial statements
- The Charity Commission's guidance 'The Essential Trustee'.

### ➤ **Church Members**

Church membership is open to those who:

By grace have exhibited having faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and desire to worship and serve God in the context of the statement of fundamental truths of the Apostolic Pastoral Congress (APC) in Great Britain the denomination that Ecclesia International is affiliated to.

Church Members share the responsibility for the finances, administration, maintenance and activities of the Church.

### ➤ **Risk Management**

Ecclesia International has assessed its risks and has adopted all appropriate governance, financial, GDPR and child safeguarding policies & procedures in line with good practice.

### ➤ **Policies and Procedures**

There is a child safeguarding policy in place. Criminal Records Bureau checks are carried out prior to commencement of any volunteer employment or trusteeships. These checks are carried out in every two years in line with statutory requirements.

## **Objectives, Activities and Strategies**

### ➤ **Objectives**

In accordance with the memorandum of association, the Church's objects are:

- to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world, as Trustees from time to time think fit;
- to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling and support in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit, and
- To advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world, as Trustees from time to time may think fit.

### ➤ **Activities**

Ecclesia International is an independent church and is affiliated to the Churches in Communities International, in Great Britain.

The church home group based congregation is drawn from a wide range of cultures across Coventry, West Midlands and Greater London. The Church has maintained a presence in the city region over the last 17 years.

The Trustees have given due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on 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 Gospel:

- **Home Groups** - Ecclesia International seven home groups that meet from time to time during the week for Bible study and worship.
- **Community Outreach** – Ecclesia International continued to have some involvement with the Ascension Trust Street Pastors team in Coventry. Ordinarily, teams go out on a weekly basis listening, helping and caring for the community during the evening and night hours at the weekends.
- **International Charitable Outreach** – Ecclesia International continues to provide church pastoral support to church outreaches in Pakistan and India. The church has continued to support those home groups via phone and online. Those home groups provide practical help and support to their local communities.



- **Food Bank**- The church has continued running a food bank from its operating address in Coventry in partnership with International Asian Christian Front (IACF). We supported up to 40 families per week with food parcels. The charity also provided food parcels for families of the pupils of the Alternative Education Centre

- **Aspire Alternative Provision School** – Registered independent School Aspire AP School continued to provide alternative education to young people at risk of exclusion from school from its base at Hall Green in Birmingham. The School now has capacity for up to 15 pupils and takes 11-16 year old pupil referrals from local school and the local authority. We do not take private pupils.

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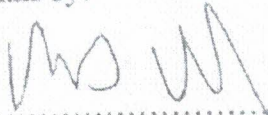
- Aspire AP School continues to be based at Hall Green Baptist Church, 1250 Stratford Rd, Hall Green, Birmingham B28 9AJ. A inspection was carried out in Spring 2022 by OFSTED and the independent school was rated “Good”.. That shower has now been fitted. Over the last year the school has supported up to 13 pupils in any class and their families. Home visits were regularly undertaken and food parcels periodically given to the families of the pupils. The school can also provide remote educational learning to supplement education for children struggling with their attendance. The school runs regular enrichment activities and school visits to zoos, theme parks and other places of interest for the pupils. During 2023 the school purchased a Minibus to facilitate these trips and also serve other charitable activities in the local Hall Green community.

### ➤ **Future Plans**

As a charitable going concern, Transforming Lives for Good handed over the proprietary of a second alternative education school in Lozells, Birmingham. A Community Interest Company was set up to run this school called Aspire AP Education. The School is known as Aspire AP School 2. This fulfils our plans for growth. In August 2024, Aspire AP School 2 moved from Lozells in Birmingham to Smethwick and is now located at 70 Raglan Road, Smethwick, Sandwell, B66 3ND.

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This report was approved by the Trustees on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025 signed on their  
behalf by:



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**Rt. Rev. Michael Royal**  
**(Senior Leader)**  
**Trustee Chairman**

**20<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

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ECCLESIA INTERNATIONAL  
Report and Financial Statements

31 August 2024



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## **Independent auditor's report to the member of ECCLESIA INTERNATIONAL**

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of ECCLESIA INTERNATIONAL (the 'company') for the year ended 31 August 2024 which comprise the Income Statement, the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Changes in Equity, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 August 2024 and of its loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

### **Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

### **Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the strategic report and the directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the strategic report and the directors' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.



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**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report or the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

**Responsibilities of directors**

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

*[Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud.]*

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Mohammed Yasin  
(Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of  
Yasin & Co Accountants Ltd  
Statutory Auditor  
20 April 2025



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**Income Statement**  
**for the year ended 31 August 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Turnover	2	250,246	359,768
Cost of sales		(9,235)	(17,330)
<b>Gross profit</b>		<u>241,011</u>	<u>342,438</u>
Administrative expenses		(306,864)	(248,152)
<b>Operating (loss)/profit</b>	3	<u>(65,853)</u>	<u>94,286</u>
<b>(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before taxation</b>		<u>(65,853)</u>	<u>94,286</u>
Tax on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities	5	-	-
<b>(Loss)/profit for the financial year</b>		<u>(65,853)</u>	<u>94,286</u>

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**Statement of Financial Position**  
**as at 31 August 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets		4,994	6,090
<b>Current assets</b>			
Deposit Account	6	32,985	32,985
Cash at bank and in hand		7,673	63,585
		<u>40,658</u>	<u>96,570</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	7	(17,219)	(8,374)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>23,439</u>	<u>88,196</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>28,433</u>	<u>94,286</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Profit and loss account	8	28,433	94,286
<b>Total equity</b>		<u>28,433</u>	<u>94,286</u>



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Wages and salaries	175,863	122,591
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Employer's NI	17,865	38,670
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Premises costs:		
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Telephone and internet	5,113	271
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Legal and professional costs:		
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