

Charity number
1149371

Unlimited Church

Accounts

31 December 2023

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Trustees' Report

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered charity number

1149371

Registered Office

2 Velwell Road,
Exeter
EX4 4LE

Trustees

Mrs S Squance
Mr T Squance
Mrs S Sullivan
Rev M Clayton (appointed 6 January 2023)
Mr D Frye (appointed 17 May 2023)
Rev J Nightingale (appointed 17 May 2023, resigned 2 October 2023)
Mrs L Clayton (appointed 6 January 2023)

Unlimited Church's activities are based at

St Mary's Arches Church
Mary Arches Street
Exeter
EX4 3BA

The Bishop of Exeter officially recognised Unlimited and licensed it as a Bishop's Mission Order (BMO) on 4th March 2012.

Members

Members of the church who are willing to express their formal commitment of belonging to Unlimited can sign up as legal members.

In order to become a member, they need to agree to the following, which we believe are the core marks of belonging to the church:

- I am baptised and committed to growing as a disciple of Christ
- I am in full agreement with Unlimited's vision & values
- I will attend regularly
- I will play an active part in serving this vision and values
- I will give financially to support the work of the church

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Structure, Governance and Management Governing Document

During 2020 Unlimited Church became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and submitted a new governing document which was approved by the previous directors and members.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

Trustees (leaders) are voted in at the Annual Meeting by the members for a period of 3 years. At the AGM, at least one third of the leadership will step down in order to ensure consistency and in line with the company's statutes.

Leadership/Director Meetings

The trustees/leaders meet on a monthly basis.

Trustee Induction and Training

All trustees receive an induction pack and safeguarding training. They also undertake specific training where appropriate.

Financial and Administrative Risk Management

The trustees seek to maintain a broad base of funding sources, including grants, donations and payments for services rendered. Budgets are put in place at the beginning of the year in order to restrict spending in each area, and these budgets must be adhered to unless agreed at a leadership meeting. By implementing effective and tight cost controls and by providing ongoing financial management information, the financial risk to the charity is kept to a minimum. Trustees' meetings are held monthly, and at every meeting the financial position of the company is briefly reviewed.

Public Benefit

The trustees of Unlimited Church in 2023, to the best of their knowledge, complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit as published by the Charity Commission, as they exercised their powers and duties. They have also been mindful of any risks to which Unlimited Church is exposed and sought to address them.

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Objectives and Activities

Unlimited Church's purpose as a charitable company is to promote:

1.the Christian faith as part of the Church of England and in accordance with the values and tenets of the Anglican Communion summarised in resolution 11 of the third Lambeth conference following the Chicago-Lambeth quadrilateral namely:

(i)the Holy Scripture of the Old and New Testaments as "containing all things necessary to salvation" and as being the rule and ultimate standard of faith;

(ii)the Apostles' Creed, as the baptismal symbol; and the Nicene creed, as the sufficient statement of the Christian faith;

(iii)the two sacraments ordained by Christ himself - baptism and the supper of the Lord - ministered with unfailing use of Christ's words of institution, and of the elements ordained by him;

(iv)the historic episcopate, locally adapted in the methods of its administration to the varying needs of the nations and peoples called of God into the unity of his church and in particular to establish and nurture a church which exists primarily to reach and disciple young people who are beyond the reach of established patterns of church.

2.the relief of financial hardship by making grants of money or providing or paying for items, services or facilities

3.the relief of sickness and the preservation of health by such means as the directors may determine

4.the advancement of education and training.

Review of the Year's Activities

Leader's Report

In January, I had the honour of celebrating one year since my licensing as Leader of Unlimited Church. The last year has been a real adventure for us as a family and as a church community. We've loved seeing the impact of UNLTD COFFEE, Toastie Tuesdays, Hangouts, and the relationship building with the Scouts and Exeter College.

As a church, our vision is to be a multigenerational family who goes all out to reach the unreached youth of the city. We want to have the biggest impact on those who are at a vital stage of life, forming their own opinions and working out how the world works. We're told that 86% of those in the church in the UK joined before the age of 25. For many struggling with mental health, the battle begins before the age of 25. Therefore, we see this as a crucial demographic to go 'all out' for.

My second call to Unlimited is that we'd see the work of the Holy Spirit run wild in our day-to-day lives. I recently spoke a lot over the last year on 'the miraculous in the mundane'. The talk is on our website (www.unltd.church)! My prayer for us as a community is that we'd follow the way of life that Jesus pioneered.

As you'll read below, I'm really proud of our team which although limited by number, has a huge impact on the lives of those who are both in our community and interact with our community.

Our organisation is fuelled with an inspiring team, passionate about making church a space where everyone can encounter God - from amazing church volunteers on a Sunday, incredible hosts opening their homes, talented team cooking in bulk, baristas in the making and a team who welcomes around 30 non-churched Exeter College students for Toastie Tuesdays.

This vibrant team also enables us to serve coffee from our trailer in the park and connect with young people on the high street. I've really loved seeing how we've grown younger and seen hosts of students come through our doors this year.

Updates

Safeguarding

Sophie Squance has remained as Safeguarding lead. During the year, safeguarding has been an item on every trustee meeting agenda. The Trustees have been updated on any developments and training needs. We are working to update the safeguarding processes and procedures within Unlimited as well as ensuring all the relevant training is completed. As part of this, the safeguarding posters at the back of church and in the toilet have been updated with new details and parental consent forms have been introduced. We are also working on moving towards a digital system and creative ways to train volunteers to work with our young people.

Worship and Prayer

Worship and prayer continue to hold a central place in our Sunday gatherings. Worship remains the heartbeat of the Church, both locally and globally. Our expression and dialogue with God take various forms, with musical worship being our primary mode.

Prayer and worship not only connect us with God's voice but also propel us beyond our comfort zones, allowing us to be led by Jesus completely. Our focus is to be more intentional about bringing prayer back into the spotlight during our gatherings. We aim to enhance our ministry time on Sundays, creating space for more people to respond to the Holy Spirit's presence.

The worship teams are dedicated to serving and facilitating what the Holy Spirit desires in the church. Looking ahead, we anticipate the team's growth, aspiring to nurture and disciple new worship leaders and team members.

Sundays

Our vibrant Sunday afternoon services are geared towards the young and young at heart. As soon as you walk in, you're greeted with enthusiasm – some even stumble upon us just by following the sounds of music. And, there's cake, coffee, and a welcoming community waiting for you. However, our pre-service hangout isn't your typical church scene with games consoles, ping pong, and table football which all help to engage with young people and make them feel at home,

A typical service consists of contemporary Worship and a message that's all about walking the talk of Jesus. Everyone's invited to come forward for prayer – no masks, no pretending. We're all about embracing who we are, imperfections, and all because we know that's where true encounters with God.

Unltd Coffee

UNLTD Coffee is our coffee trailer that enables us to serve out local community and provides many opportunities for outreach with young people in Exeter. UNLTD Coffee mainly runs in Bury Meadows Park on Mondays and due to its proximity to Exeter College Hele Road campus, we are able to connect with many college students and staff, university students and local residents. The resource of the coffee trailer, which has been embraced and supported by the Exeter Council, Exeter College and the local community has enabled so many conversations with young people and we take real responsibility and recognition in the influence we have with the younger generations in Exeter.

The menu has been redeveloped and adapted over the last year and this coming year we will continue to redesign the aesthetic of the trailer. The main challenge we face with running UNLTD Coffee is a lack of volunteers - which are necessary to run the coffee trailer each week. However, we firmly believe that UNLTD Coffee is an essential missional resource for us and so are expectant and hopeful for more volunteers.

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Schools and College Outreach

Schools and College chaplaincy have gone really well this year. Due to UNLTD COFFEE, we've built a really good relationship with Exeter College and a small team have worked with them to help deliver parts of their welfare program. Through UNLTD COFFEE we regularly meet students on the fringe of College life, and have started a free hangout space for the students called Toastie Tuesday!

The Director of Teaching, Learning and Development, Dee Rowett, wrote, "We've relished the opportunity to partner with Unlimited Church over the course of this academic year as part of our wider student support for wellbeing and enrichment at Exeter College. Unlimited Church have been flexible and creative in their approach to working with us and have been involved in a variety of events including offering free hot chocolate at our Christmas Fair, UNLTD coffee van at our Extracurricular Fair, and contributing to our programme for the annual Festival of Carols. The team, particularly Matt Clayton, have been a joy to work with and we hope to continue the partnership working in the future.

Assistant Headteacher, Joe Greenhalgh, wrote "Matt has become a governor at St Luke's secondary school, chairing the (Christian) Ethos Committee - helping build faith and living in line with their Church of England values".

As well as work at St Luke's, Matt has done a number of assemblies at St Peter's secondary school and provided a small amount of pastoral care to pupils on the edge of suspension or who are struggling.

Matt has already been a huge support to St Luke's offering encouragement and helpful feedback as chair of the governors' ethos committee. He has also spoken at our carol service and in assemblies, communicating winsomely and engagingly to give students the opportunity to explore Jesus' message.

In addition to this, Matt is the regional chaplain to the Scouts and is about to deliver his second cathedral service to all the Scouts based in the Exeter district.

Students

Unlimited has successfully re-engaged the student community through a range of initiatives, including weekly hangouts, Sunday services, and a unique offering of late-night activities. One notable event is the "late late" hangout, where the church doors are open from 11 pm until 3 am, welcoming students with free food and exciting games like FIFA, table tennis, and pool. This provides an excellent opportunity for students to socialise in a relaxed and enjoyable environment.

Located conveniently outside the nightclub Fever, the church attracts a diverse crowd, including many university students who may not have considered stepping into a church before. These students often join in for the food and games, and it becomes an opportunity for them to engage in conversations about Christianity and being part of a caring community. The welcoming atmosphere encourages dialogue and fosters a sense of belonging among students who may be seeking connection and support.

In addition to these "late late" hangouts, Unlimited organises socials where students can come together to watch movies or go bowling, further strengthening the sense of community. Combined with increased social media activity and initiatives like the coffee van stationed weekly in Bury Meadows Park, these efforts are expected to draw even more students into the Unlimited community as the new term approaches. This multifaceted approach underscores Unlimited's commitment to reaching and supporting the youth in Exeter, ensuring that the church remains a welcoming and inclusive space for all.

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Hangouts

Hangouts are small groups of church family which have met each week, either in homes or out somewhere in the city for a social time together. This term we have been going through the 24/7 course about unanswered prayer which has been really helpful to talk about experiences and discuss questions together. The groups have helped church family to get to know each other better and build a stronger sense of community as a church! It's been a really valuable time to meet, pray for and encourage one another.

Leadership Team/Trustees

We've been really lucky to have a very stable leadership team. We've still got Sophie & Tom Squance and Sarah Sullivan, but have also seen Matt & Laura Clayton and Dan Frye join the team. We had Rev. Jenny Nightingale join the team for a few months before relocating back to Bournemouth

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe methods and principles in the Charity SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. 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.

This report was approved by the board on 17 July 2024 and signed on its behalf.

Mr T Squance
Trustee



Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Unlimited Church

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

Respective Responsibilities of trustee 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.

- 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 report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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 account 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 matter has come to my attention:

1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

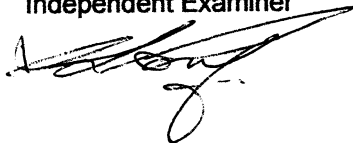
- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Independent Examiner



17 July 2024

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AUDIT MANAGER
HSBC BANK
(RETIRED)

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted funds	2023 Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	2022 Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from Donations and Legacies						
Donations and legacies	27,403	-	27,403	30,532		30,532
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	(30,322)	-	(30,322)	(30,748)	(700)	(30,748)
Net Income/(Expenditure)	(2,919)	-	(2,919)	(216)	(700)	(216)
Net movement in funds	(2,919)	-	(2,919)	(216)	(700)	(216)
Total funds brought forward	38,054	7,655	45,709	38,270	8,355	46,625
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	35,135	7,655	42,790	38,054	7,655	46,409

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Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2023

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	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	3	4,000	6,000
Current assets			
Debtors	4	250	250
Cash at bank and in hand		38,891	40,061
		<u>39,141</u>	<u>40,311</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	(351)	(602)
Net current assets		<u>38,790</u>	<u>39,709</u>
Net assets		<u>42,790</u>	<u>45,709</u>
Funds			
Unrestricted funds		35,135	38,054
Restricted funds		7,655	7,655
Total funds		<u>42,790</u>	<u>45,709</u>

The accounts have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime. The statement of financial activities has not been delivered to the Registrar of Companies.

Mr T Squance
Trustee and Chair
Approved by the board on 17 July 2024



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Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2023

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to Charities preparing accounts in accordance with FRS 102, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (as applied to small entities by section 1A of the standard). The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention

Income

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

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulative depreciation and any accumulative impairment losses. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:

Equipment	20% on cost
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Taxation

The company is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for the particular restricted purposes.

Pensions

Contributions to defined contribution plans are expensed in the period to which they relate.

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2 Employees

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Average number of persons employed by the company	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>

3 Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment £
Cost	
At 1 January 2023	11,387
At 31 December 2023	<u>11,387</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2023	5,387
Charge for the year	2,000
At 31 December 2023	<u>7,387</u>
Net book value	
At 31 December 2023	<u>4,000</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>6,000</u>

4 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Other debtors	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>

5 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Other creditors	<u>351</u>	<u>602</u>

6 Other information

Unlimited Church is a charity registered in England. Its registered address is:

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Movement in Funds

	at 1/1/23	Incoming resources	Resources expended	transfer between funds	at 31/12/23
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	38,054	27,403	30,322		35,135
	<u>38,054</u>	<u>27,403</u>	<u>30,322</u>		<u>35,135</u>
Restricted funds					
Vicars Discretionary Fund	975				975
Building Improvements	6,680				6,680
	<u>7,655</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,655</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>45,709</u>	<u>27,403</u>	<u>30,322</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,790</u>

Building Improvements

Grant funding towards improving the existing Mary Arches church building to make it more suitable for the mission of the church

Vicar's Discretionary Fund

Honorariums received or work done by the vicar outside of Unlimited Church. This funding can be used at the vicar's discretion to support the growth of the church, its leaders and members.

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Detailed profit and loss account
for the year ended 31 December 2023
This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts

	2023	2022
	£	£
Income and Endowments		
Donations and legacies	27,403	30,532
Administrative expenses	(30,322)	(30,748)
Net Income/(Expenditure)	<u>(2,919)</u>	<u>(216)</u>

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	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations and legacies		
Giving	14,605	19,180
Donations	5,133	3,476
Gift aid	150	-
Grants	3,210	5,330
Church activities	4,305	2,546
	<u>27,403</u>	<u>30,532</u>
Expenditure		
Employee costs:		
Wages and salaries	-	5,647
Pensions	-	76
	<u>-</u>	<u>5,723</u>
Premises costs:		
Cleaning	59	-
	<u>59</u>	<u>-</u>
General administrative expenses:		
Postage	3	-
Stationery and printing	158	-
Subscriptions	1,428	-
Equipment expensed	122	-
Software	514	-
Repairs and maintenance	1,472	-
Youth ministry	1,890	2,880
Youth outreach worker	141	-
Education and training	-	32
Common fund	8,932	7,760
Rent, rates and insurance	5,497	5,561
Grants and gifts	3,111	2,397
Administration	3,713	3,099
Equipment	-	474
Travel	-	119
Publicity and resources	110	-
Meetings	612	703
Depreciation	2,000	2,000
VDF	126	-
CCLI	434	-
	<u>30,263</u>	<u>25,025</u>
	<u>30,322</u>	<u>30,748</u>