

# SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP

England & Wales · Charity number 1149625

## Details

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Other names	SOUTH CENTRAL MTC
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	08163369
Registered	2012-11-06
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC, PREDOMINATELY BUT NOT NECESSARILY EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN THE LOOSELY DEFINED AREA OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL REGION OF ENGLAND. THIS WILL INCLUDE STRENGTHENING AND PLANTING CHURCHES, TRAINING AND SUPPORTING EXISTING AND POTENTIAL LEADERS, AND ALL OTHER THINGS THAT MIGHT PROMOTE THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST.

**Activities:** Supports the growth of bible based churches in the South Central area of England through the encouragement of pastors, support for church plants, conferences and training of new bible teachers.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Buckinghamshire
- Central Bedfordshire
- Hampshire
- Oxfordshire
- Reading
- Slough
- Southampton City
- Swindon
- West Berkshire
- Windsor And Maidenhead

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£47,735	£47,006	-	-
2024-07-31	£34,959	£47,268	-	-
2023-07-31	£48,739	£41,620	-	-
2022-07-31	£62,744	£48,527	-	-
2021-07-31	£73,092	£57,074	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Elisabeth Anne Ling		2022-02-16
Philip John Butcher		2022-02-16
Rev Thomas David Putt		2022-02-16
Richard Peter Baxter		2024-03-06

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# Accounts

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South Central Gospel Partnership

# Report and Accounts

year ended 31 July 2025

**SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**

**COMPANY INFORMATION**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025**

<b>Directors/Trustees</b>	Richard Baxter Philip Butcher Elisabeth Ling Thomas Putt
<b>Company Secretary</b>	Andrew Menary
<b>Director of Training</b>	Andrew Robinson
<b>Governing Document</b>	Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 31 July 2012
<b>Company Registration Number</b>	8163369
<b>Charity Registration Number</b>	1149625
<b>Principal Address</b>	2 Roger Bacon Lane Oxford OX1 1QE
<b>Registered Office</b>	2 Roger Bacon Lane Oxford OX1 1QE
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## **SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**

### **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (INCORPORATING DIRECTORS' REPORT)**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025**

The trustees, who are the charity's directors for the purposes of company law, have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year.

#### **Objects of the charity**

Our Vision Statement:

The South Central Gospel Partnership is a group of evangelical churches in the south central region of England working together to promote the gospel of Christ. This includes strengthening and planting churches and training leaders.

Our purpose as set out in the objects contained within the company's memorandum of association is, "To advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public, and in accordance with our doctrinal basis, predominately but not exclusively within the loosely defined area of the South Central region of England. This includes:

- Strengthening and planting churches,
- Training and supporting existing and potential leaders,
- All other things that might promote the gospel of Christ."

Our current primary means of achieving this purpose is through running bible training courses and conferences that enable people to better understand, apply and teach the bible. These courses and conferences are open to all who wish to attend and are promoted widely across churches in the South Central region.

Provision of our conferences and training relies heavily upon the sacrificial contribution of volunteers to teach and lead, for which we remain hugely grateful. It also depends upon the enthusiastic participation of all those attending.

The trustees have reviewed all their activities for the past year and those planned. They consider, in regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission, that they continue to offer public benefit, both through their wide availability and the impact on society of those attending our training through their growth in Christian maturity and being able to pass on biblical truth.

During the past year the charity has not made any grants, but such may be considered by the trustees in the future provided they are in furtherance of our objectives.

#### **Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements**

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

Training continues to be at the heart of the ministry of South Central Gospel Partnership as it seeks to equip people to serve within churches across the region and beyond.

As in previous years central to the delivery of training has been the weekly Ministry Training Course (MTC) which meets weekly on a Tuesday during term time. Numbers have increased slightly and continue to reflect a recent growth in diversity. One of the highlights of the course is the generational mix, represented by a number of younger interns working in churches and those who have retired but are using their retirement to serve within churches. There have been three central aims to the course. Firstly, a significant amount of time is given to training people how to teach the Bible in different forms, such as preaching and leading interactive Bible Studies. The interactive workshop groups are a vital component in this. Secondly, there are attempts to equip people for ministry more widely. This year saw the introduction of a three part series on pastoral care within the church. Finally, though, there is an awareness that many arrive at the course in the midst of busy responsibilities in their churches and so there are real benefits if the course provides some degree of spiritual refreshment. This happens mainly through the opening expositions at the start of the day and the opportunity for mutual prayer and support within workshop groups. It has been encouraging to hear some of those attending regarding the Tuesday as a form of oasis in the midst of a busy week.

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The new initiative of the last year, though, has been the Saturday Ministry Training Course. This has sought to open up the benefits of the Tuesday course to those who have work responsibilities during the week. It meets monthly on a Saturday morning with the core components of the Tuesday course (Bible Overview, Bible Handling, one key doctrine per year and optional workshop groups) delivered in person with access provided to the other sessions from the Tuesday course. The initial year had 31 attending, including some from churches that have not previously used MTC, with more signed up for 2025-26. It has been encouraging to see those with responsibility in their church (such as elders, youth leaders, small group leaders) having access to training.

There is evidence of the benefit of this work with many MTC alumni serving in churches across the country and, indeed, the world. The Training Director has continued to preach and provide training sessions in churches across the region as a way of increasing a sense of partnership and expanding knowledge of the course.

Whilst training is the main work on the partnership, there have been opportunities to co-operate in other areas. Youth workers within the Partnership have started meeting together with a plan for a joint event for young people in 2026. There have also been two events aimed at church leaders- a joint gathering to discuss raising up the next generation of church leaders and a conference considering the implication of the book of Revelation for today. An encouraging 77 attended our first Teaching Day for Women (as the regular South Central Women's Day is biennial) in March, "Teaching Old Testament Prophecy".

We continue to be thankful for the sense of partnership across churches in the region. We have been greatly blessed in the year by our staff, Andy Robinson our Training Director and Kate Randall our Administrator who have been outstanding. We've also been supported by a great many volunteers: teaching and leading at MTC, hosting and speaking at events, being encouragers across our churches. We remain grateful to each for their contribution. Thanks should also be expressed to all who have attended MTC, Saturday MTC, or another of our events - our work is nothing without you, is for your benefit and the glory of God, and many of you have kindly told us how you have been blessed in the moment and in the long term from your attendance.

**Structure, Governance and Management**

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England on 31st July 2012 and registered as a charity on 6th November 2012. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association and is governed by its Articles of Association, which together established the objects, powers and governance of the charitable company. These articles have not been amended since incorporation. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 each.

Membership of the charitable company is open to individuals and organisations who apply, signify their assent to the doctrinal basis (as established with the governing documents), and are approved by the directors. There is only one class of membership.

There were no changes to our Trustees during the year.

On a day to day basis the charitable company normally operates through its Training Director, who is not a trustee. He oversees the training programmes and development of the charity according to the guidance of the trustees and the annual meeting of the members.

The charity is supported in prayer and action by a network of evangelical churches, ministers and individuals, many of whom are members, who hold to our doctrinal basis and wish to work together to promote the gospel of Christ.

## **SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**

### **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (INCORPORATING DIRECTORS' REPORT)**

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#### **Financial review**

As hoped for in last year's report, the numbers attending MTC recovered slightly in 2024/25, and along with a further 31 attending the new Saturday MTC, resulted in a marked improvement in our financial performance. A small surplus of £729 was achieved on the general fund (2024 deficit £12,309). The combined MTC & Saturday MTC income rose to £31,703 (2024 £23,556). We have been particularly grateful and blessed by the giving of individuals, charities and trusts which saw our Donations Received rise to £15,030 (2024 £7,050), without which the Partnership would be running at a significant deficit. Excluding the conferences (which achieved a small surplus as planned in '25), expenditure rose by 6% to £46,198 (2024 £43,560), broadly in line with annual salary increases, with staffing maintained at previous levels.

During the year we were able to offer bursaries to nine students at MTC and Saturday MTC, enabling those with limited financial resources to benefit from the training offered. For this year, mindful of the small surplus and wishing not to deplete the Designated Fund, the Trustees have decided to fund the bursaries from within the General Fund (effectively income forgone to a value of £2,890), leaving the balance on the Designated Fund at £10,000 for a further year. We will continue to encourage students to take advantage of this fund where it is helpful.

#### **Reserves policy**

The Board of Directors have established a policy whereby free reserves (which the directors define as being unrestricted net current assets but excluding any designated funds) held by the charity should be somewhere between £12,000 and £25,000 (i.e. between three to six months of expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate if income falls short of expectations. At the year end the charity's free reserves stood at £36,877 (2024 £36,148). The Directors consider this a prudent level of reserves to maintain for the time-being.

#### **Key risks and uncertainties**

The charity is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

#### **Plans for the future**

Our main service will continue to be the weekly Ministry Training Course (MTC), and continuing the new Saturday MTC. We have seen some recovery in the numbers of ministry trainees recruited by member churches and attending MTC. We hope and pray that continues, for the blessing of the churches and the individual trainees, as well as increasing the income of SCGP towards less reliance on gifts. We hope to continue to broaden the recruiting base of churches that encourage attendance and also the demographic mix of those attending. The Trustees are considering recruiting a part-time development administrator, whose role will include promoting the MTCs as well as the wider impact of the Partnership. The Trustees are also considering how we might support and encourage youth ministry across our member churches.

It is expected that we will need to continue to rely on generous donations, from churches, individuals and others, to balance our books. We remain hugely grateful for their support, encouragement and prayers.

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**Responsibilities of trustees under company law**

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

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

1. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
2. observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
3. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
4. state whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
5. prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Approval**

This report, which has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Tom Putt  
Tom Putt (Apr 1, 2026 19:59:01 GMT+1)

**Thomas Putt**

Date: Apr 1, 2026

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**TO THE TRUSTEES OF**  
**SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**  
**('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 July 2024 on pages 7 to 12 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on page 9.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*Hannah Clack*  
Hannah Clack (Apr 2, 2026 11:22:25 GMT+1)

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Date: Apr 2, 2026

**SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds General £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>						
Donations and legacies	3	15,030	-	-	15,030	7,050
Charitable activities	4	32,594	-	-	32,594	27,786
Bank Interest Income		111	-	-	111	123
<b>Total income and endowments</b>		<b>47,735</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,735</b>	<b>34,959</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>						
Charitable activities	5	47,006	-	-	47,006	47,268
Other		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>47,006</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,006</b>	<b>47,268</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>729</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>(12,309)</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>729</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>(12,309)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>						
Total funds brought forward		36,148	10,000	-	46,148	58,457
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>36,876</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46,876</b>	<b>46,148</b>

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

All of the charity's income and expenditure in 2025 and 2024 was unrestricted and there are no brought forward, or carried forward, restricted fund balances.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing operations.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account required by the Companies Act 2006.

The notes on pages 9-12 form part of these accounts.

**SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 31 JULY 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors & income accruals	7	21	-	21	22
Cash at bank and in hand	8	49,898	-	49,898	49,632
		49,919	-	49,919	49,654
<b>CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	9	(3,042)	-	(3,042)	(3,506)
<b>Net current assets / (liabilities)</b>		<u>46,877</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,877</u>	<u>46,148</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>46,877</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,877</u>	<u>46,148</u>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		<u>46,877</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,877</u>	<u>46,148</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>					
Unrestricted Funds					
General funds		36,877	-	36,877	36,148
Designated funds	11	10,000	-	10,000	10,000
		<u>46,877</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,877</u>	<u>46,148</u>
Restricted Funds		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>46,877</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,877</u>	<u>46,148</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 July 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 however, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner and their report has been included in these financial statements.

The directors (who are the charitable company's trustees for the purposes of charity law) acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its net income or expenditure for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on **1.4.2026** and were signed on its behalf by:

*Tom Putt*  
Tom Putt (Apr 1, 2026 19:59:01 GMT+1)

**Thomas Putt**

**Apr 1, 2026**

Company number: 8163369

Charity number: 1149625

The notes on page 9-12 form part of these accounts.

## SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP

### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

#### 1 Statutory Information

The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee and is incorporated in the United Kingdom. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

#### 2 Accounting Policies

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP"), with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102"), with the Companies Act 2006 and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

##### a) Going concern

The trustees (who are the charitable company's directors for the purposes of company law) have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

##### b) Income

Income including any investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

##### c) Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The cost of raising funds is not significant and has not been separately disclosed.

Governance costs, which are included in expenditure on charitable activities but are identified separately in the notes to the accounts, includes costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on the strategic management of the charity.

##### d) 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. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes and a designated bursary fund was established in 2023 from the receipt of a legacy. There are no other designated funds nor any restricted funds (being donations that must be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; this includes donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects).

##### e) Tangible fixed assets

Items purchased or donated for the charity's own use are capitalised when the cost of purchased items, or the fair value of donated items, is more than £1,000 and the item is expected to benefit the charity over more than one accounting period. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis so as to write down the value of each asset to its estimated residual value (if any) over its expected useful economic life. To date no expenditure has been incurred that needs to be capitalised.

##### f) Taxation

The company is a registered charity; it has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's income.

##### g) Exemption from preparing a cashflow statement

The charity has taken advantage of an exemption conferred by the Charities SORP and has not prepared a cash flow statement.

##### h) Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

The trustees do not consider that there are any material sources of estimation or uncertainty at the balance sheet date that could result in a material adjustment to the carrying values of assets and liabilities in the next reporting period.

**SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025**

**3 Donations**

	Unrestricted Funds		Total	Total
	General	Designated	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Donations of cash and similar	15,030	-	15,030	7,050
Gift aid recoverable	-	-	-	-
	<u>15,030</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,030</u>	<u>7,050</u>

**4 Income from charitable activities**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Ministry Training Course	31,703	23,556
Conferences	892	4,230
Other Charitable Activities	-	-
	<u>32,594</u>	<u>27,786</u>

**5 Charitable expenditure**

	2025	2024
	£	£
<b>a Costs incurred directly on specific activities</b>		
Ministry Training Course	1,866	1,524
Conferences	808	3,708
Training Director	35,213	33,220
	<u>37,887</u>	<u>38,453</u>
<b>b Costs incurred on support &amp; administration</b>		
Governance costs		
Independent examiner's fee	1,032	980
Other	-	-
	<u>1,032</u>	<u>980</u>
Administrative Support	8,086	7,836
	<u>9,118</u>	<u>8,816</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<u>47,006</u>	<u>47,268</u>

**6 Analysis of staff costs, the cost of key management personnel and trustee remuneration and expenses**

The charity's key management comprise the trustees and the Director of Training. The cost to the charity in 2025 for employing the Director of Training was £35,213 (including pension contribution) (2024 £33,220). In addition, we directly employ a part-time administrator at a cost of £4,786 (2024 £4,515). No employment benefits were paid to the trustees, nor to any person closely connected to them, in either the current or preceding year. Except for the reimbursement of expenses incurred when acting as agent for the charity, no expenses were paid to (or for) the trustees.

Many of the charity's activities are undertaken by volunteers however, in accordance with the SORP, the value of these services has not been included in these financial statements as they cannot be measured reliably.

**SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**  
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025**

**7 Debtors**

	2025	2024
	£	£
<b>Falling due within one year:</b>		
Other debtors	21	22
Prepayments and accrued income	-	-
<b>Total debtors</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>

**8 Cash at Bank and in Hand**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cash at bank with immediate access	49,898	49,632
	<b>49,898</b>	<b>49,632</b>

**9 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year**

	2025	2024
	£	£
St Ebbe's PCC - Accruals	1,467	2,030
Other Accruals	1,575	1,476
	<b>3,042</b>	<b>3,506</b>

**10 Pension commitments**

During the year employer's pension contributions totalling £3,201 (2024: £3,020) were payable to defined contribution personal pension schemes. No pension contributions were owing at the balance sheet date (2024: £nil).

**11 Funds**

**Analysis of net assets by fund**

The assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			
	General	Designated	Restricted	
	funds	funds	funds	
	£	£	£	2025
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Debtors & Accruals	21	-	-	21
Cash at bank and in hand	39,898	10,000	-	49,898
Creditors falling due within one year	(3,042)	-	-	(3,042)
	<b>36,877</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46,877</b>

In the previous year, the assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			
	General	Designated	Restricted	
	funds	funds	funds	
	£	£	£	2024
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Debtors	22	-	-	22
Cash at bank and in hand	39,632	10,000	-	49,632
Creditors falling due within one year	(3,506)	-	-	(3,506)
	<b>36,148</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46,148</b>

The trustees have determined that for the time-being the Designated Fund is to be used to contribute bursaries to the MTC course fees for individuals who would not otherwise be able to attend. This designation will be kept under review and may be altered by the trustees. In the year to July 2025, 9 individuals were granted bursaries to a value of £2,890 (2024 Nil) but the Trustees have determined for this year to bear this within the General Fund rather than transfer from the Designated Fund.

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**12 Events since the year end**  
None

**13 Members**  
Each member of the company commits to contribute if the charity is wound up an amount of £10.

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South Central Gospel Partnership

# Report and Accounts

year ended 31 July 2024

**SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**

**COMPANY INFORMATION**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024**

<b>Directors/Trustees</b>	Richard Baxter (from March 2024) Philip Butcher Elisabeth Ling James Muldoon (until April 2024) Thomas Putt
<b>Company Secretary</b>	Andrew Menary
<b>Director of Training</b>	Andrew Robinson
<b>Governing Document</b>	Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 31 July 2012
<b>Company Registration Number</b>	8163369
<b>Charity Registration Number</b>	1149625
<b>Principal Address</b>	2 Roger Bacon Lane Oxford OX1 1QE
<b>Registered Office</b>	2 Roger Bacon Lane Oxford OX1 1QE
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Ajay Rajani FCIE Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB
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**SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**  
**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**  
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The trustees, who are the charity's directors for the purposes of company law, have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year.

**Objects of the charity**

Our Vision Statement:

The South Central Gospel Partnership is a group of evangelical churches in the south central region of England working together to promote the gospel of Christ. This includes strengthening and planting churches and training leaders.

Our purpose as set out in the objects contained within the company's memorandum of association is, "To advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public, and in accordance with our doctrinal basis, predominately but not exclusively within the loosely defined area of the South Central region of England. This includes:

- Strengthening and planting churches,
- Training and supporting existing and potential leaders,
- All other things that might promote the gospel of Christ."

Our current primary means of achieving this purpose is through running bible training courses and conferences that enable people to better understand, apply and teach the bible. These courses and conferences are open to all who wish to attend and are promoted widely across churches in the South Central region.

Provision of our conferences and training relies heavily upon the sacrificial contribution of volunteers to teach and lead, for which we remain hugely grateful. It also depends upon the enthusiastic participation of all those attending.

The trustees have reviewed all their activities for the past year and those planned. They consider, in regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission, that they continue to offer public benefit, both through their wide availability and the impact on society of those attending our training through their growth in Christian maturity and being able to pass on biblical truth.

During the past year the charity has not made any grants, but such may be considered by the trustees in the future provided they are in furtherance of our objectives.

**Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements**

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

The main ministry of the South Central Gospel Partnership continues to be the Ministry Training Course that meets each week during term time. It continues to seek to equip people for a variety of service in churches and Christian organisations across the region. Numbers were slightly down this year with around 50 attending. Over the last two years there has been a dwindling number interested in the online version of the course with the result that this will be discontinued. However, there has been a growing diversity in those attending, particularly amongst an older age group complementing the younger contingent who often attend MTC as part of church internships. Around twenty churches sent people to MTC- some for the first time.

The course continues to benefit from the contributions of local church leaders who generously give time to serve the students. This is seen in the variety of speakers who give expositions on different books of the Bible. This year students had the opportunity to engage with 1 Peter, Zechariah, Ruth, Acts, Psalms and Hosea. For many, though, the highlight of the course is the workshop groups where experienced leaders seek to help those on the course with their teaching of the Bible. A new initiative this year was in providing a workshop group aimed specifically at interactive Bible Study leading. We are hugely grateful to the twenty or so volunteers who taught sessions or led small groups. End of year feedback from those attending was overwhelmingly positive.

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The Gospel Partnership hosted two conferences. There was a successful Women's Conference that took place in the summer term. For the first time in a few years we were able to hold an annual conference, which was designed to encourage leaders and function as an "open day" for people to see MTC. Andy Robinson (our Training Director) and Vaughan Roberts spoke from Jeremiah and various trustees were involved in leading a prayer time for churches across the region. Andy has also been involved in trying to grow a sense of partnership by preaching or leading training sessions in around twelve churches across the region during the year.

Plans for September 2024 onwards include a new Saturday course. This is in response to requests from those in employment who are unable to attend a midweek course.

Whilst MTC is the main activity of the Gospel Partnership, training was delivered in a variety of forms across different churches in the region. We aim to grow this sort of work in the future. To that end, a consultation of church leaders took place in July 2023, seeking to grow the work on the partnership in years to come. We also held a Teaching Day for Women in June, considering how to teach the epistles, which was attended by 38 women from across our region.

Across the year we are thankful for all that has enabled a sense of partnership across Gospel churches in the region.

**Structure, Governance and Management**

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England on 31st July 2012 and registered as a charity on 6th November 2012. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association and is governed by its Articles of Association, which together established the objects, powers and governance of the charitable company. These articles have not been amended since incorporation. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 each.

In addition to the founding nine subscribers, membership of the charitable company is open to other individuals and organisations who apply, signify their assent to the doctrinal basis (as established with the governing documents), and are approved by the directors. There is only one class of membership.

During the year one of our founding directors and recent chairman, James Muldoon, resigned upon taking up a new position outside our region. We are particularly appreciative of his wise and careful guidance of the charity over recent years, in particular in times of changing Director and during the COVID pandemic. We are very pleased to welcome Richard Baxter as a new trustee and the trustees are delighted that Tom Putt has become chairman.

On a day to day basis the charitable company normally operates through its Training Director, who is not a trustee. He oversees the training programmes and development of the charity according to the guidance of the trustees and the annual meeting of the members.

The charity is supported in prayer and action by a network of evangelical churches, ministers and individuals, many of whom are members, who hold to our doctrinal basis and wish to work together to promote the gospel of Christ.

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**Financial review**

As was expected in last year's report, the numbers attending MTC dropped further in 2023/24, resulting in a significant deficit on our General Fund of £12,309 (2023 deficit £2,881). MTC income fell to £23,556 (2023 £32,150), resulting in total undesignated General Fund income reducing to £34,959 (2023 £38,739) after including the income from the bi-annual woman's conference and a small uplift in generous donations from churches and individuals for which we are exceedingly grateful. Expenditure rose to £47,268 (2023 £41,620) but once the costs of the women's conference are excluded (which by itself achieved a surplus) underlying cost growth was contained to the levels of wage inflation and staffing maintained at previous levels.

During the year there was no call to draw on the newly established designated bursary fund, though we have since agreed some bursaries for individuals attending MTC in 2024/5. This fund was established by a legacy for £10,000 received in the previous year; none of this was spent in the previous year and so the whole amount contributed to last year's overall surplus of £7,119.

**Reserves policy**

The Board of Directors have established a policy whereby free reserves (which the directors define as being unrestricted net current assets but excluding any designated funds) held by the charity should be somewhere between £12,000 and £25,000 (i.e. between three to six months of expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate if income falls short of expectations. At the year end the charity's free reserves stood at £36,148 (2023 £48,457). Numbers attending MTC have improved for the year 2024/25, and also boosted by income from the new Saturday MTC and we are forecasting close to break even for the coming year. The Directors consider this a prudent level of reserves to maintain for the time-being.

**Key risks and uncertainties**

The charity is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

**Plans for the future**

Our main service will continue to be the weekly Ministry Training Course (MTC), where we hope to further broaden the recruiting base of churches that encourage attendance. Many churches are finding it more difficult to recruit ministry trainees etc. and this has a knock on effect on the numbers attending. We have seen a slight rise in bookings for the coming year.

To meet a need to help train those who are unable to attend our training during the midweek we are establishing a Saturday MTC, meeting once a month and spread over a 3 year cycle. The initial response to this initiative is encouraging.

It is likely that we will need to continue to rely on generous donations, from churches and individuals, to balance our books. We remain hugely grateful for their support, encouragement and prayers.

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**Responsibilities of trustees under company law**

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

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

1. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
2. observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
3. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
4. state whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
5. prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Approval**

This report, which has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

*Tom Putt*

Tom Putt (Mar 14, 2025 21:36 GMT)

**Thomas Putt**

Date: Mar 14, 2025

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**TO THE TRUSTEES OF**  
**SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**  
**('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 July 2024 on pages 7 to 11 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on page 9.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*Ajay Rajani*  
Ajay Rajani (Mar 21, 2025 11:31 GMT)

Ajay Rajani FCIE  
Stewardship  
1 Lamb's Passage  
London  
EC1Y 8AB

Date: **Mar 21, 2025**

**SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
		General £	Designated £	£	£	£
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>						
Donations and legacies	3	7,050	-	-	7,050	16,222
Charitable activities	4	27,786	-	-	27,786	32,388
Bank Interest Income		123	-	-	123	129
<b>Total income and endowments</b>		<b>34,959</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,959</b>	<b>48,739</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>						
Charitable activities	5	47,268	-	-	47,268	41,620
Other		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>47,268</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,268</b>	<b>41,620</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>(12,309)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(12,309)</b>	<b>7,119</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(12,309)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(12,309)</b>	<b>7,119</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>						
Total funds brought forward		48,457	10,000	-	58,457	51,338
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>36,148</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46,148</b>	<b>58,457</b>

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

All of the charity's income and expenditure in 2024 and 2023 was unrestricted and there are no brought forward, or carried forward, restricted fund balances.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing operations.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account required by the Companies Act 2006.

The notes on pages 9-11 form part of these accounts.

**SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 31 JULY 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors & income accruals	7	22	-	22	547
Cash at bank and in hand	8	49,632	-	49,632	60,872
		49,654	-	49,654	61,419
<b>CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	9	(3,506)	-	(3,506)	(2,962)
<b>Net current assets / (liabilities)</b>		46,148	-	46,148	58,457
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		46,148	-	46,148	58,457
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		46,148	-	46,148	58,457
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>					
Unrestricted Funds					
General funds		36,148	-	36,148	48,457
Designated funds	11	10,000	-	10,000	10,000
		46,148	-	46,148	58,457
Restricted Funds		-	-	-	-
		46,148	-	46,148	58,457

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 July 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 however, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner and their report has been included in these financial statements.

The directors (who are the charitable company's trustees for the purposes of charity law) acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its net income or expenditure for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and were signed on its behalf by:

  
Tom Putt (Mar 14, 2025 21:36 GMT)

**Thomas Putt**

Date: Mar 14, 2025

Company number: 8163369

Charity number: 1149625

The notes on pages 9-11 form part of these accounts.

**SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024**

**1 Statutory Information**

The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee and is incorporated in the United Kingdom. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

**2 Accounting Policies**

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP"), with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102"), with the Companies Act 2006 and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

a) Going concern

The trustees (who are the charitable company's directors for the purposes of company law) have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

b) Income

Income including any investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The cost of raising funds is not significant and has not been separately disclosed.

Governance costs, which are included in expenditure on charitable activities but are identified separately in the notes to the accounts, includes costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on the strategic management of the charity.

d) 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. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes and a designated bursary fund was established in 2023 from the receipt of a legacy. There are no other designated funds nor any restricted funds (being donations that must be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; this includes donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects).

e) Tangible fixed assets

Items purchased or donated for the charity's own use are capitalised when the cost of purchased items, or the fair value of donated items, is more than £1,000 and the item is expected to benefit the charity over more than one accounting period. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis so as to write down the value of each asset to its estimated residual value (if any) over its expected useful economic life. To date no expenditure has been incurred that needs to be capitalised.

f) Taxation

The company is a registered charity; it has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's income.

g) Exemption from preparing a cashflow statement

The charity has taken advantage of an exemption conferred by the Charities SORP and has not prepared a cash flow statement.

h) Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

The trustees do not consider that there are any material sources of estimation or uncertainty at the balance sheet date that could result in a material adjustment to the carrying values of assets and liabilities in the next reporting period.

**SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**  
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**3 Donations**

	Unrestricted Funds		Total	Total
	General	Designated	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Donations of cash and similar	7,050	-	7,050	6,222
Legacies receivable - Designated Fund	-	-	-	10,000
Gift aid recoverable	-	-	-	-
	<u>7,050</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,050</u>	<u>16,222</u>

**4 Income from charitable activities**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Ministry Training Course	23,556	32,150
Conferences	4,230	238
Other Charitable Activities	-	-
	<u>27,786</u>	<u>32,388</u>

**5 Charitable expenditure**

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>a Costs incurred directly on specific activities</b>		
Ministry Training Course	1,524	996
Conferences	3,708	202
Training Director	33,220	30,800
	<u>38,453</u>	<u>31,998</u>
<b>b Costs incurred on support &amp; administration</b>		
Governance costs		
Independent examiner's fee	980	960
Other	-	-
	<u>980</u>	<u>960</u>
Administrative Support	7,836	8,662
	<u>8,816</u>	<u>9,622</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<u>47,268</u>	<u>41,620</u>

**6 Analysis of staff costs, the cost of key management personnel and trustee remuneration and expenses**

The charity's key management comprise the trustees and the Director of Training. The cost to the charity in 2024 for employing the Director of Training was £33,220 (including pension contribution) (2023 £33,800). In addition, we directly employ a part-time administrator at a cost of £4,515 (2023 £4,274). No employment benefits were paid to the trustees, nor to any person closely connected to them, in either the current or preceding year. Except for the reimbursement of expenses incurred when acting as agent for the charity, no expenses were paid to (or for) the trustees.

Many of the charity's activities are undertaken by volunteers however, in accordance with the SORP, the value of these services has not been included in these financial statements as they cannot be measured reliably.

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**7 Debtors**

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>Falling due within one year:</b>		
Other debtors	22	500
Prepayments and accrued income	-	47
<b>Total debtors</b>	22	547

**8 Cash at Bank and in Hand**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash at bank with immediate access	49,632	60,872
	49,632	60,872

**9 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year**

	2024	2023
	£	£
St Ebbe's PCC - Accruals	2,030	1,567
Other Accruals	1,476	1,395
	3,506	2,962

**10 Pension commitments**

During the year employer's pension contributions totalling £3,020 (2022: £2,800) were payable to defined contribution personal pension schemes. No pension contributions were owing at the balance sheet date (2023: £nil).

**11 Funds**

**Analysis of net assets by fund**

The assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			
	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	
	£	£	£	
			2024	
			£	
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Debtors & Accruals	22	-	-	22
Cash at bank and in hand	39,632	10,000	-	49,632
Creditors falling due within one year	(3,506)	-	-	(3,506)
	36,148	10,000	-	46,148

In the previous year, the assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			
	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	
	£	£	£	
			2023	
			£	
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Debtors	547	-	-	547
Cash at bank and in hand	50,872	10,000	-	60,872
Creditors falling due within one year	(2,962)	-	-	(2,962)
	48,457	10,000	-	58,457

During 2023 the charity received a legacy of £10,000, without any restrictions, for which we are extremely grateful. The trustees have determined that for the time-being this amount should be set aside in a designated fund to be used to contribute to the MTC course fees for individuals who would not otherwise be able to attend. This designation will be kept under review and may be altered by the trustees.

**12 Events since the year end**

None

**13 Members**

Each member of the company commits to contribute if the charity is wound up an amount of £10.

**SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**

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South Central Gospel Partnership

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**SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**

**COMPANY INFORMATION**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023**

<b>Directors/Trustees</b>	Philip Butcher Peter Comont (until 7th October 2022) Elisabeth Ling James Muldoon Thomas Putt
<b>Company Secretary</b>	Andrew Menary
<b>Director of Training</b>	Andrew Robinson
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## **SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**

### **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (INCORPORATING DIRECTORS' REPORT)**

#### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023**

The trustees, who are the charity's directors for the purposes of company law, have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year.

#### **Objects of the charity**

Our Vision Statement:

The South Central Gospel Partnership is a group of evangelical churches in the south central region of England working together to promote the gospel of Christ. This includes strengthening and planting churches and training leaders.

Our purpose as set out in the objects contained within the company's memorandum of association is, "To advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public, and in accordance with our doctrinal basis, predominately but not exclusively within the loosely defined area of the South Central region of England. This includes:

- Strengthening and planting churches,
- Training and supporting existing and potential leaders,
- All other things that might promote the gospel of Christ."

Our current primary means of achieving this purpose is through running bible training courses and conferences that enable people to better understand, apply and teach the bible. These courses and conferences are open to all who wish to attend and are promoted widely across churches in the South Central region.

Provision of our conferences and training relies heavily upon the sacrificial contribution of volunteers to teach and lead, for which we remain hugely grateful. It also depends upon the enthusiastic participation of all those attending.

The trustees have reviewed all their activities for the past year and those planned. They consider, in regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission, that they continue to offer public benefit, both through their wide availability and the impact on society of those attending our training through their growth in Christian maturity and being able to pass on biblical truth.

During the past year the charity has not made any grants, but such may be considered by the trustees in the future provided they are in furtherance of our objectives.

#### **Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements**

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

The past year for the Ministry Training Course (MTC) was encouraging, though with a significant drop in numbers from previous years, from 94 to 56. The largest reason for this was encouraging- a similar course has been established in Southampton, which had been traditionally been part of the catchment area for MTC. Nevertheless there continued to be a wide cross section of churches represented on the course (around 25), with a number sending students to the course for the first time. The variety of people attending remained- including those who have just left school, recent graduates working with churches or Christian organisations and those who have recently retired and are enthusiastic to serve in a variety of contexts. There was an even balance of men and women attending. We were delighted to welcome Andy Robinson as our new Director of Training at the start of the academic year.

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Most of the ingredients of the course continued from previous years. As before, one of the chief goals was to equip students to communicate the glories of Jesus from the Scriptures to a variety of context. To that end, different speakers presented six books of the Bible (Exodus, Ecclesiastes, Hosea, Matthew, Ephesians and 2 Timothy) covering different literary genres. The range of speakers also sought to model a variety of styles in speaking to students.

There were three new elements to the course this year, however. There was a new five week block given over to character in ministry to mirror the traditional five weeks given to Bible Handling skills. This was a deliberate attempt to make the point that developing godliness, humility and prayerfulness in ministry was at least as important as passing on Biblical truth. In addition, a whole half term was given to considering issues around pastoral care looking at issues such as depression- and we were grateful for a variety of speakers who addressed this topic. Furthermore, there was a series on the Doctrine of Humanity, considering how a Biblical anthropology gives us an understanding of the world as we see it and a basis for treating all humans with respect as those made in the image of God.

The year ended with a commissioning service looking at John 21- where Peter is sent to feed Jesus' sheep despite his past failure. Our hope is that the year equipped over 50 people to do that across the region- and ultimately beyond in years to come.

Whilst MTC is the main activity of the Gospel Partnership, training was delivered in a variety of forms across different churches in the region. We aim to grow this sort of work in the future. To that end, a consultation of church leaders took place in July 2023, seeking to grow the work on the partnership in years to come. We also held a Teaching Day for Women in June, considering how to teach the epistles, which was attended by 38 women from across our region.

We are indebted to and hugely grateful for the many who have given of their time to speak on our courses and to lead small groups over the past year, without whom we could not operate. We estimate that roughly 30 people have served us in this way over the past year.

#### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England on 31st July 2012 and registered as a charity on 6th November 2012. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association and is governed by its Articles of Association, which together established the objects, powers and governance of the charitable company. These articles have not been amended since incorporation. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 each.

In addition to the founding nine subscribers, membership of the charitable company is open to other individuals and organisations who apply, signify their assent to the doctrinal basis (as established with the governing documents), and are approved by the directors. There is only one class of membership.

During the year one of our founding directors, Peter Comont, resigned. We remain exceedingly grateful for his vision and commitment in establishing the work of the charity and are delighted that he will continue to support the work of the Gospel Partnership as a member.

On a day to day basis the charitable company normally operates through its Training Director, who is not a trustee. He oversees the training programmes and development of the charity according to the guidance of the trustees and the annual meeting of the members.

## **SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**

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The charity is supported in prayer and action by a network of evangelical churches, ministers and individuals, many of whom are members, who hold to our doctrinal basis and wish to work together to promote the gospel of Christ.

#### **Financial review**

As was expected in last year's report, the numbers attending MTC dropped further in 2022/23, resulting in a small deficit on our General Fund of £2,881 (2022 surplus £14,217). MTC income fell to £32,150 (2022 £49,930) resulting in total undesignated General Fund income reducing to £38,739 (2022 £62,744) after including generous donations from churches and individuals for which we are exceedingly grateful. Expenditure settled down following the appointment of a new Training Director from August 2022, and fell to £41,620 (2022 £48,527).

During the year we received a legacy of £10,000 for which we are extremely grateful. The Directors have determined that for at least the time being this amount should be set aside as a Designated Fund to be drawn upon to pay course fees for individuals who would not otherwise be able to attend.

#### **Reserves policy**

The Board of Directors have established a policy whereby free reserves (which the directors define as being unrestricted net current assets but excluding any designated funds) held by the charity should be somewhere between £12,000 and £25,000 (i.e. between three to six months of expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate if income falls short of expectations. At the year end the charity's free reserves stood at £48,457 (2022 £51,338). Numbers attending MTC have dropped further for the year 2023/24 and we are forecasting a further reduction in reserves for the coming year as a result. The Directors are carefully considering how to respond to this reduction in attendees at our main course and consider this a prudent level of reserves to maintain for the time-being.

#### **Key risks and uncertainties**

The charity is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

#### **Plans for the future**

Our main service will continue to be the weekly Ministry Training Course (MTC), where we hope to further broaden the recruiting base of churches that encourage attendance. Many churches are finding it more difficult to recruit ministry trainees etc. and this has a knock on effect on the numbers attending. Following the appointment of a new Training Director in August 2022 our training is evolving and the Directors are considering how to make the course (or something similar) available to a wider audience (e.g. who can't commit to a day per week).

In July 2023 we met with representatives from many of the churches that support us, partly to gain a better understanding of their needs and how the charity may help them. This affirmed the continuing relevance and need for MTC, but also ideas of what they might find helpful from us.

**SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT  
(INCORPORATING DIRECTORS' REPORT)**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023**

**Responsibilities of trustees under company law**

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

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

1. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
2. observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
3. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
4. state whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
5. prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Approval**

This report, which has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

*J. Muldoon*

**James Muldoon**

Date: 20 February 2024

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**TO THE TRUSTEES OF**  
**SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**  
**('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 July 2023 on pages 7 to 11 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on page 9.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*Ajay Rajani*

Ajay Rajani FCIE  
Stewardship  
1 Lamb's Passage  
London  
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Date: 21 February 2024

**SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds General £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>						
Donations and legacies	3	6,222	10,000	-	16,222	10,555
Charitable activities	4	32,388	-	-	32,388	52,183
Bank Interest Income		129	-	-	129	6
<b>Total income and endowments</b>		<b>38,739</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,739</b>	<b>62,744</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>						
Charitable activities	5	41,620	-	-	41,620	48,527
Other		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>41,620</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,620</b>	<b>48,527</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>(2,881)</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,119</b>	<b>14,217</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(2,881)</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,119</b>	<b>14,217</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>						
Total funds brought forward		51,338	-	-	51,338	37,121
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>48,457</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>58,457</b>	<b>51,338</b>

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

All of the charity's income and expenditure in 2022 and 2023 was unrestricted and there are no brought forward, or carried forward, restricted fund balances.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing operations.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account required by the Companies Act 2006.

The notes on pages 9-11 form part of these accounts.

**SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 31 JULY 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors & income accruals	7	547	-	547	-
Cash at bank and in hand	8	60,872	-	60,872	53,295
		61,420	-	61,420	53,295
<b>CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	9	(2,962)	-	(2,962)	(1,957)
<b>Net current assets / (liabilities)</b>		<u>58,457</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58,457</u>	<u>51,338</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>58,457</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58,457</u>	<u>51,338</u>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		<u>58,457</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58,457</u>	<u>51,338</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>					
Unrestricted Funds					
General funds		48,457	-	48,457	51,338
Designated funds	11	10,000	-	10,000	-
		<u>58,457</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58,457</u>	<u>51,338</u>
Restricted Funds		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>58,457</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58,457</u>	<u>51,338</u>

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

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 however, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner and their report has been included in these financial statements.

The directors (who are the charitable company's trustees for the purposes of charity law) acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its net income or expenditure for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 20 February 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

*J. Muldoon*

**James Muldoon**

Company number: 8163369

Charity number: 1149625

The notes on page 9-11 form part of these accounts.

**SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023**

**1 Statutory Information**

The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee and is incorporated in the United Kingdom. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

**2 Accounting Policies**

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP"), with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102"), with the Companies Act 2006 and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

a) Going concern

The trustees (who are the charitable company's directors for the purposes of company law) have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

b) Income

Income including any investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The cost of raising funds is not significant and has not been separately disclosed.

Governance costs, which are included in expenditure on charitable activities but are identified separately in the notes to the accounts, includes costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on the strategic management of the charity.

d) 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. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes and during the year we established a new Legacy designated fund. There are no other designated funds nor any restricted funds (being donations that must be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; this includes donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects).

e) Tangible fixed assets

Items purchased or donated for the charity's own use are capitalised when the cost of purchased items, or the fair value of donated items, is more than £1,000 and the item is expected to benefit the charity over more than one accounting period. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis so as to write down the value of each asset to its estimated residual value (if any) over its expected useful economic life. To date no expenditure has been incurred that needs to be capitalised.

f) Taxation

The company is a registered charity; it has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's income.

g) Exemption from preparing a cashflow statement

The charity has taken advantage of an exemption conferred by the Charities SORP and has not prepared a cash flow statement.

h) Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

The trustees do not consider that there are any material sources of estimation or uncertainty at the balance sheet date that could result in a material adjustment to the carrying values of assets and liabilities in the next reporting period.

**SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023**

<b>3 Donations</b>	Unrestricted Funds		Total	Total
	General	Designated	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Donations of cash and similar	6,222	-	6,222	10,555
Legacies receivable - Designated Fund	-	10,000	10,000	-
Income tax recoverable	-	-	-	-
	<u>6,222</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>16,222</u>	<u>10,555</u>

<b>4 Income from charitable activities</b>	2023	2022
	£	£
Ministry Training Course	32,150	49,930
Conferences	238	2,253
Other	-	-
Other Charitable Activities	-	-
	<u>32,388</u>	<u>52,183</u>

<b>5 Charitable expenditure</b>	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>a Costs incurred directly on specific activities</b>		
Ministry Training Course	996	2,101
Conferences	202	2,227
Training Director	30,800	34,331
	<u>31,998</u>	<u>38,659</u>
<b>b Costs incurred on support &amp; administration</b>		
Governance costs		
Independent examiner's fee	960	920
Other	-	-
	<u>960</u>	<u>920</u>
Administrative Support	8,662	8,948
	<u>9,622</u>	<u>9,868</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<u>41,620</u>	<u>48,527</u>

**6 Analysis of staff costs, the cost of key management personnel and trustee remuneration and expenses**

The charity's key management comprise the trustees and the Director of Training. The cost to the charity in 2023 for employing the Director of Training was £30,800 (including pension contribution). Prior to 2022, St Ebbe's PCC employed the Director of Training and the charity reimbursed St Ebbe's PCC for the cost of their employment (£30,796 in 2022). Between April and July 2022 we were served by interim Training Directors whose reimbursement was made directly by the charity, (£3,535). In addition, we directly employ a part-time administrator at a cost of £4,274 (2022 £3,542). No employment benefits were paid to the trustees, nor to any person closely connected to them, in either the current or preceding year. Except for the reimbursement of expenses incurred when acting as agent for the charity, no expenses were paid to (or for) the trustees.

Many of the charity's activities are undertaken by volunteers however, in accordance with the SORP, the value of these services has not been included in these financial statements as they cannot be measured reliably.

<b>7 Debtors</b>	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>Falling due within one year:</b>		
Other debtors	500	-
Prepayments and accrued income	47	-
<b>Total debtors</b>	<u>547</u>	<u>-</u>

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**8 Cash at Bank and in Hand**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Cash at bank with immediate access	60,872	53,295
	60,872	53,295

**9 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year**

	2023	2022
	£	£
St Ebbe's PCC - Accruals	1,567	985
Other Accruals	1,395	973
	2,962	1,957

**10 Pension commitments**

During the year employer's pension contributions totalling £2,800 (2022: £nil) were payable to defined contribution personal pension schemes. No pension contributions were owing at the balance sheet date (2022: £nil).

**11 Funds**

**Analysis of net assets by fund**

The assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	Unrestricted Funds				
	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds		2023
	£	£	£		£
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	-	-	
Debtors & Accruals	547	-	-	547	
Cash at bank and in hand	50,872	10,000	-	60,872	
Creditors falling due within one year	(2,962)	-	-	(2,962)	
	48,457	10,000	-	58,457	

During 2023 the charity received a legacy of £10,000, without any restrictions, for which we are extremely grateful. The trustees have determined that for the time-being this amount should be set aside in a designated fund to be used to contribute to the MTC course fees for individuals who would not otherwise be able to attend. This designation will be kept under review and may be altered by the trustees.

In prior years the charity only held a general unrestricted fund, with no designated funds nor restricted funds, and therefore the comparative table for 2022 is not shown above.

**12 Events since the year end**

None

**13 Members**

Each member of the company commits to contribute if the charity is wound up an amount of £10.

**SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**

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South Central Gospel Partnership

# Report and Accounts

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**SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**

**COMPANY INFORMATION**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022**

<b>Directors/Trustees</b>	Piers Bickersteth (until 16th February 2022) Philip Butcher (from 16th February 2022) Peter Comont (until 7th October 2022) Elisabeth Ling (from 16th February 2022) James Muldoon Thomas Putt (from 16th February 2022)	
<b>Company Secretary</b>	Andrew Menary	
<b>Director of Training</b>	Matthew Searles (to March 2022)	
<b>Governing Document</b>	Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 31 July 2012	
<b>Company Registration Number</b>	8163369	
<b>Charity Registration Number</b>	1149625	
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<b>Registered Office</b>	2 Roger Bacon Lane Oxford OX1 1QE	19 April 2023
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Ajay Rajani FCIE Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB	
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## **SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**

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#### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022**

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#### **Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements**

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

The past year for the Ministry Training Course (MTC) was once again successful, though not at the record numbers of the previous year. 95 students (2021: 125) from over 25 different churches enrolled in the course or returned for their second year, seeking to become better equipped to understand and teach the Bible in different contexts. We have students from all walks of life, from young college leavers to those in retirement and a large proportion are actively involved in full or part-time service in their home church. Due to the need to be cautious around COVID we offered both in person and online delivery of the course, which provided its own unique challenges and opportunities. A South Central Women's Day was able to return in 2022 attended and very much appreciated by 187 people from across the region (Glorious Jesus - First & Last).

The goal is never to replicate what churches are doing, nor pull people away from church events and commitments, but rather to provide events that no one church might be able to support, but for which there may be a need across a number of churches.

## **SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**

### **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (INCORPORATING DIRECTORS' REPORT)**

#### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022**

During the year we said goodbye to Matt Searles, our first Training Director. We owe Matt a huge thanks for all that he accomplished in developing the MTC over the past 8 years. He has been a wise leader and careful teacher, and we cannot quantify how many MTC students, conference attendees, visiting church congregations, fellow teachers and pastors, and many others, are so very grateful for his service. The trustees are delighted to be able to put on record their own immeasurable thanks and assure him of their best wishes and prayers as he takes up his new role with Crosslands. We are also so grateful for the skill and hard work 'beyond the call' of Toni Searles, his wife, who also stepped down from her administration role - we could not have run without you!

We are indebted to and hugely grateful for the many who have given of their time to speak on our courses and to lead small groups over the past year, without whom we could not operate. We estimate that roughly 30 people have served us in this way over the past year.

#### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England on 31st July 2012 and registered as a charity on 6th November 2012. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association and is governed by its Articles of Association, which together established the objects, powers and governance of the charitable company. These articles have not been amended since incorporation. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 each.

In addition to the founding nine subscribers, membership of the charitable company is open to other individuals and organisations who apply, signify their assent to the doctrinal basis (as established with the governing documents), and are approved by the directors. There is only one class of membership.

During the year one of the founding director's resigned and we appointed three new directors. Furthermore another founding director resigned after the year end. We are exceedingly grateful for the vision and commitment of these founding directors in establishing the work of the charity and setting us on a firm footing. We very warmly welcome our new directors who will bring a refreshed commitment to our mission.

On a day to day basis the charitable company normally operates through its Training Director, who is not a trustee or member. He oversees the training programmes and development of the charity according to the guidance of the trustees and the annual meeting of the members. Upon his departure in March the training director role was taken over by interim MTC leaders and by the trustees, pending a new appointment.

The charity is supported in prayer and action by a network of evangelical churches, ministers and individuals, many of whom are members, who hold to our doctrinal basis and wish to work together to promote the gospel of Christ.

#### **Financial review**

The charity had a further very good year financially speaking. Numbers attending MTC understandably dropped from the previous year's high, leading to reduced income of £62,744 (2021 £73,092) including generous donations from churches and individuals for which we are exceedingly grateful. Notably, our expenditure fell (£48,527 compared with 2021 £57,074), predominately because we did not have a permanent training director for the last 4 months of the year. Our operating surplus was £14,217 (2021: £16,018).

## **SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**

### **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (INCORPORATING DIRECTORS' REPORT)**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022**

#### **Reserves policy**

The Board of Directors have established a policy whereby free reserves (which the directors define as being unrestricted net current assets) held by the charity should be somewhere between £12,000 and £25,000 (i.e. between three to six months of expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate if income falls short of expectations. At the year end the charity's free reserves rose above this figure to £51,338. The directors are seeking to appoint a development director when the time and opportunity are right, which will need to draw on these reserves for at least an initial period. Possibly partly as a knock-on from the pandemic the numbers attending our course have dropped for the year 2022/23 and we are forecasting a small reduction in reserves for the coming year as a result. In light of these matters we consider this a prudent level of reserves to maintain for the time-being.

#### **Key risks and uncertainties**

The charity is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

#### **Plans for the future**

Our main service will continue to be the weekly Ministry Training Course, where we hope to further broaden the recruiting base of churches that encourage attendance. Even though we are now meeting in-person we are also still making MTC training sessions available online. The appointment of a new Training Director from August 2022 brings the opportunity to consider new ways to expand our mission beyond the weekly MTC.

Each year we make contact with more churches, and we hope that these relationships bear fruit in better networks between churches that, in addition to more people benefitting from our training, can lead to partnership in outreach to areas that are less well served by churches – for example by encouraging church planting. We are considering the appointment of a part-time development director to lead this aspect of our work.

#### **Responsibilities of trustees under company law**

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

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

1. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
2. observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
3. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
4. state whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
5. prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

**SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT  
(INCORPORATING DIRECTORS' REPORT)**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022**

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Approval**

This report, which has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

*J Muldoon*

**James Muldoon**

Date: 17.4. 2023

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**TO THE TRUSTEES OF**  
**SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**  
**('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 July 2022 on pages 7 to 11 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on page 9.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Ajay Rajani FCIE

*A Rajani*

Date: 19th April 2023

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**SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>				
Donations and legacies	3	10,561	10,561	12,467
Charitable activities	4	52,183	52,183	60,625
Other income		-	-	-
<b>Total income and endowments</b>		<u>62,744</u>	<u>62,744</u>	<u>73,092</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>				
Charitable activities	5	48,527	48,527	57,074
Other		-	-	-
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>48,527</u>	<u>48,527</u>	<u>57,074</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<u>14,217</u>	<u>14,217</u>	<u>16,018</u>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>		-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>14,217</u>	<u>14,217</u>	<u>16,018</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>				
Total funds brought forward		37,121	37,121	21,103
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>51,338</u>	<u>51,338</u>	<u>37,121</u>

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

All of the charity's income and expenditure in 2021 and 2022 was unrestricted and there are no brought forward, or carried forward, restricted fund balances.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing operations.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account required by the Companies Act 2006.

The notes on page 9-11 form part of these accounts.

**SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 31 JULY 2022**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	7	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	8	53,295	-	53,295	42,464
		53,295	-	53,295	42,464
<b>CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	9	(1,957)	-	(1,957)	(5,343)
<b>Net current assets / (liabilities)</b>		<u>51,338</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,338</u>	<u>37,121</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>51,338</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,338</u>	<u>37,121</u>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		<u>51,338</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,338</u>	<u>37,121</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>					
Unrestricted Funds					
General funds		51,338	-	51,338	37,121
Restricted Funds		-	-	-	-
		<u>51,338</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,338</u>	<u>37,121</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 July 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 however, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner and their report has been included in these financial statements.

The directors (who are the charitable company's trustees for the purposes of charity law) acknowledge their responsibilities

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its net income or expenditure for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 17.4.2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

*J Muldoon*

**James Muldoon**

Company number: 8163369

Charity number: 1149625

The notes on page 9-11 form part of these accounts.

**SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022**

**1 Statutory Information**

The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee and is incorporated in the United Kingdom. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

**2 Accounting Policies**

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP"), with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102"), with the Companies Act 2006 and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

a) Going concern

The trustees (who are the charitable company's directors for the purposes of company law) have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

b) Income

Income including any investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The cost of raising funds is not significant and has not been separately disclosed.

Governance costs, which are included in expenditure on charitable activities but are identified separately in the notes to the accounts, includes costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on the strategic management of the charity.

d) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. We currently have no designated funds (comprising unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes) nor any restricted funds (being donations that must be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; this includes donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects).

e) Tangible fixed assets

Items purchased or donated for the charity's own use are capitalised when the cost of purchased items, or the fair value of donated items, is more than £1,000 and the item is expected to benefit the charity over more than one accounting period. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis so as to write down the value of each asset to its estimated residual value (if any) over its expected useful economic life. To date no expenditure has been incurred that needs to be capitalised.

f) Taxation

The company is a registered charity; it has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's income.

g) Exemption from preparing a cashflow statement

The charity has taken advantage of an exemption conferred by the Charities SORP and has not prepared a cash flow statement.

h) Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

The trustees do not consider that there are any material sources of estimation or uncertainty at the balance sheet date that could result in a material adjustment to the carrying values of assets and liabilities in the next reporting period.

**SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022**

**3 Donations**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations of cash and similar	10,561	12,467
Other grants receivable	-	-
	<u>10,561</u>	<u>12,467</u>

**4 Income from charitable activities**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Ministry Training Course	49,930	60,625
Conferences	2,253	-
Other Charitable Activities	-	-
	<u>52,183</u>	<u>60,625</u>

**5 Charitable expenditure**

	2022	2021
	£	£
<b>a Costs incurred directly on specific activities</b>		
Ministry Training Course	2,101	1,095
Conferences	2,227	-
Training Director	34,331	51,125
	<u>38,659</u>	<u>52,220</u>
<b>b Costs incurred on support &amp; administration</b>		
Governance costs		
Independent examiner's fee	920	900
Other	-	-
	<u>920</u>	<u>900</u>
Administrative Support	8,948	3,954
	<u>9,868</u>	<u>4,854</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<u>48,527</u>	<u>57,074</u>

**6 Analysis of staff costs, the cost of key management personnel and trustee remuneration and expenses**

The charity's key management comprise the trustees and the Director of Training (until March 2022). The charity reimburses St Ebbe's PCC for the cost of them employing the Director of Training. The reimbursements payable for the year to 31 July 2022 amounted to £30,796 (2021: £51,125). After March we were served by interim Training Directors whose reimbursement was made directly by the charity, (£3,535, 2021 Nil). In addition, we directly employ a part-time administrator at a cost of £3,542 (2021 £857). Until December 2021 this administrator position was held by Mrs A Searles who is married to the Director of Training (she received £964). No employment benefits were paid to the trustees, nor to any person closely connected to them, in either the current or preceding year. Except for the reimbursement of expenses incurred when acting as agent for the charity, no expenses were paid to (or for) the trustees.

Many of the charity's activities are undertaken by volunteers.

**7 Debtors**

	2022	2021
	£	£
<b>Falling due within one year:</b>		
Other debtors	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	-	-
<b>Total debtors</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

**SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022**

**8 Cash at Bank and in Hand**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Cash at bank with immediate access	53,295	42,464
	53,295	42,464

**9 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year**

	2022	2021
	£	£
St Ebbe's PCC - Accruals	985	4,443
Other Accruals	973	900
	1,957	5,343

**10 Members**

Each member of the company commits to contribute if the charity is wound up an amount of £10.

**11 Events after the Balance Sheet date**

A new permanent part-time Training Director was appointed from August 2022, employed directly by the charity. In November 2022 we were advised that the charity was the beneficiary of a legacy of £10,000 (which has since been received). There are no restrictions on these funds and the trustees have initially determined that it should be designated to provide funding for course attendees who are unable to pay our full fees, with this decision to be reviewed as necessary in light of needs.

**SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**

England & Wales - Charity number 1149625

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South Central Gospel Partnership

# Report and Accounts

year ended 31 July 2021

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**SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**

**COMPANY INFORMATION**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021**

<b>Directors/Trustees</b>	Piers Bickersteth (until 16th February 2022) Philip Butcher (from 16th February 2022) Peter Comont Elisabeth Ling (from 16th February 2022) James Muldoon Thomas Putt (from 16th February 2022) Vaughan Roberts (until 9th April 2021)
<b>Company Secretary</b>	Andrew Menary
<b>Director of Training</b>	Matthew Searles (to March 2022)
<b>Governing Document</b>	Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 31 July 2012
<b>Company Registration Number</b>	8163369
<b>Charity Registration Number</b>	1149625
<b>Principal Address</b>	2 Roger Bacon Lane Oxford OX1 1QE
<b>Registered Office</b>	2 Roger Bacon Lane Oxford OX1 1QE
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Ajay Rajani FCIE Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB
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## **SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**

### **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (INCORPORATING DIRECTORS' REPORT)**

#### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021**

The trustees, who are the charity's directors for the purposes of company law, have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year.

#### **Objects of the charity**

Our Vision Statement:

The South Central Gospel Partnership is a group of evangelical churches in the south central region of England working together to promote the gospel of Christ. This includes strengthening and planting churches and training leaders.

Our purpose as set out in the objects contained within the company's memorandum of association is, "To advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public, and in accordance with our doctrinal basis, predominately but not exclusively within the loosely defined area of the South Central region of England. This includes:

- Strengthening and planting churches,
- Training and supporting existing and potential leaders,
- All other things that might promote the gospel of Christ."

Our current primary means of achieving this purpose is through running bible training courses and conferences that enable people to better understand, apply and teach the Bible. These courses and conferences are open to all who wish to attend and are promoted widely across churches in the South Central region.

Provision of our conferences and training relies heavily upon the sacrificial contribution of volunteers to teach and lead, for which we remain hugely grateful. It also depends upon the enthusiastic participation of all those attending.

The trustees have reviewed all their activities for the past year and those planned. They consider, in regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission, that they continue to offer public benefit, both through their wide availability and the impact on society of those attending our training through their growth in Christian maturity and being able to pass on biblical truth.

During the past year the charity has not made any grants, but such may be considered by the trustees in the future provided they are in furtherance of our objectives.

#### **Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements**

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

The past year for the Ministry Training Course (MTC) was very successful, despite or because of COVID, with record numbers attending. Over 125 students from over 30 different churches enrolled in the course or returned for their second year, seeking to become better equipped to understand and teach the Bible in different contexts. We have students from all walks of life, from teenagers to those in retirement. Due to the restrictions arising from COVID we moved entirely online for the year, which was greatly appreciated and allowed some students to join from further afield. COVID restrictions and uncertainly meant we were not able to run any one-day conferences during the year. The links between members of the partnership, the visiting and preaching work of the Training Director, and fellowship between students has enabled the partnership to be a source of mutual encouragement and support to many churches and ministers facing the pressures created through the pandemic.

The goal is never to replicate what churches are doing, nor pull people away from church events and commitments, but rather to provide events that no one church might be able to support, but for which there may be a need across a number of churches.

## **SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**

### **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (INCORPORATING DIRECTORS' REPORT)**

#### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021**

We are indebted to and hugely grateful for the many who have given of their time to speak and to lead small groups over the past year, without whom we could not operate.

#### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England on 31st July 2012 and registered as a charity on 6th November 2012. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association and is governed by its Articles of Association, which together established the objects, powers and governance of the charitable company. These articles have not been amended since incorporation. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 each.

In addition to the founding nine subscribers, membership of the charitable company is open to other individuals and organisations who apply, signify their assent to the doctrinal basis (as established with the governing documents), and are approved by the directors. There is only one class of membership.

The founding subscriber members appointed four individuals to be directors and trustees, of which one resigned during the year and another after the year end. The trustees welcome three new trustees recently appointed. Director Trustees are appointed by the members, must themselves be members, and must assent to the doctrinal basis.

On a day to day basis the charitable company operates through its Training Director, who is not a trustee or member. He oversees the training programmes and development of the charity according to the guidance of the trustees and the annual meeting of the members.

During the year the trustees were particularly concerned to ensure that their Safeguarding policies, procedures and practices were of the very best quality, particularly recognising an increased understanding of the needs and potential challenges of adult training. They appointed James Muldoon as their lead Trustee for Safeguarding, agreed and published a Statement on Adult Safeguarding, communicated with students and established an additional safeguarding contact. We will keep these policies and procedures under regular review and as we look to protect from harm all those who come to us for training.

The charity is supported in prayer and action by a network of evangelical churches, ministers and individuals, many of whom are members, who hold to our doctrinal basis and wish to work together to promote the gospel of Christ.

#### **Financial review**

The charity had a very good year financially speaking, with the increase in MTC attendees translating into increased income. Our operating surplus was £16,018 (2020: £12,869) and total income rose by 6% (2021: £73,092, 2020: £68,667) We are exceedingly grateful for the generous donations we receive from churches and individuals, which in normal years are necessary to cover our costs. Costs rose by 2% to £57,074 (2020: £55,798).

#### **Reserves policy**

The Board of Directors have established a policy whereby free reserves (which the directors define as being unrestricted net current assets) held by the charity should be somewhere between £12,000 and £25,000 (i.e. between three to six months of expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate if income falls short of expectations. At the year end the charity's free reserves rose above this figure to £37,121. In the light of current uncertainty resulting from the pandemic, and also its possible impact on our donors' ability to give, we consider this a prudent level of reserves to maintain. Our budget for the coming year anticipates a small reduction in reserves.

## **SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**

### **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (INCORPORATING DIRECTORS' REPORT)**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021**

#### **Key risks and uncertainties**

The charity is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

#### **Plans for the future**

Our main service will continue to be the weekly Ministry Training Course, where we hope to further broaden the recruiting base of churches that encourage attendance. Even though we are now meeting in-person we are also still making MTC training sessions available online and also providing a Thursday evening online small group.

Each year we make contact with more churches, and we hope that these relationships bear fruit in better networks between churches that, in addition to more people benefitting from our training, can lead to partnership in outreach to areas that are less well served by churches – for example by encouraging church planting.

#### **Responsibilities of trustees under company law**

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

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

1. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
2. observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
3. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
4. state whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
5. prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### **Approval**

This report, which has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

**James Muldoon**

Date: 25th April 2022

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**TO THE TRUSTEES OF**  
**SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**  
**('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 July 2021 on pages 6 to 10 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on page 8.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Ajay Rajani FCIE

Date: 25 April 2022

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**SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>				
Donations and legacies	3	12,467	12,467	24,399
Charitable activities	4	60,625	60,625	44,268
Other income		-	-	-
<b>Total income and endowments</b>		<u>73,092</u>	<u>73,092</u>	<u>68,667</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>				
Charitable activities	5	57,074	57,074	55,798
Other		-	-	-
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>57,074</u>	<u>57,074</u>	<u>55,798</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<u>16,018</u>	<u>16,018</u>	<u>12,869</u>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>		-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>16,018</u>	<u>16,018</u>	<u>12,869</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>				
Total funds brought forward		21,102	21,102	8,233
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>37,120</u>	<u>37,120</u>	<u>21,102</u>

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

All of the charity's income and expenditure in 2021 and 2020 was unrestricted and there are no brought forward, or carried forward, restricted fund balances.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing operations.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account required by the Companies Act 2006.

The notes on page 8-10 form part of these accounts.

**SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 31 JULY 2021**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	7	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	8	42,464	-	42,464	55,742
		42,464	-	42,464	55,742
<b>CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	9	(5,343)	-	(5,343)	(34,640)
<b>Net current assets / (liabilities)</b>		<u>37,121</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,121</u>	<u>21,102</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>37,121</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,121</u>	<u>21,102</u>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		<u>37,121</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,121</u>	<u>21,102</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>					
Unrestricted Funds					
General funds		37,121	-	37,121	21,102
Restricted Funds		-	-	-	-
		<u>37,121</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,121</u>	<u>21,102</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 July 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 however, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner and their report has been included in these financial statements.

The directors (who are the charitable company's trustees for the purposes of charity law) acknowledge their responsibilities

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its net income or expenditure for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 25th April 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

**James Muldoon**

Company number: 8163369

Charity number: 1149625

The notes on page 8-10 form part of these accounts.

**SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021**

**1 Statutory Information**

The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee and is incorporated in the United Kingdom. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

**2 Accounting Policies**

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP"), with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102"), with the Companies Act 2006 and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

a) Going concern

The trustees (who are the charitable company's directors for the purposes of company law) have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

b) Income

Income including any investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The cost of raising funds is not significant and has not been separately disclosed.

Governance costs, which are included in expenditure on charitable activities but are identified separately in the notes to the accounts, includes costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on the strategic management of the charity.

d) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. We currently have no designated funds (comprising unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes) nor any restricted funds (being donations that must be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; this includes donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects).

e) Tangible fixed assets

Items purchased or donated for the charity's own use are capitalised when the cost of purchased items, or the fair value of donated items, is more than £1,000 and the item is expected to benefit the charity over more than one accounting period. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis so as to write down the value of each asset to its estimated residual value (if any) over its expected useful economic life. To date no expenditure has been incurred that needs to be capitalised.

f) Taxation

The company is a registered charity; it has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's income.

g) Exemption from preparing a cashflow statement

The charity has taken advantage of an exemption conferred by the Charities SORP and has not prepared a cash flow statement.

h) Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

The trustees do not consider that there are any material sources of estimation or uncertainty at the balance sheet date that could result in a material adjustment to the carrying values of assets and liabilities in the next reporting period.

**SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021**

**3 Donations**

	2021	2020
	£	£
Donations of cash and similar	12,467	24,399
Other grants receivable	-	-
	<u>12,467</u>	<u>24,399</u>

**4 Income from charitable activities**

	2021	2020
	£	£
Ministry Training Course	60,625	43,988
Conferences	-	280
Other Charitable Activities	-	-
	<u>60,625</u>	<u>44,268</u>

**5 Charitable expenditure**

	2021	2020
	£	£
<b>a Costs incurred directly on specific activities</b>		
Ministry Training Course	1,095	1,601
Conferences	-	8
Training Director	51,125	50,416
	<u>52,220</u>	<u>52,025</u>
<b>b Costs incurred on support &amp; administration</b>		
Governance costs		
Independent examiner's fee	900	900
Other	-	-
	<u>900</u>	<u>900</u>
Administrative Support	3,954	2,873
	<u>4,854</u>	<u>3,773</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<u>57,074</u>	<u>55,798</u>

**6 Analysis of staff costs, the cost of key management personnel and trustee remuneration and expenses**

The charity's key management comprise the trustees and the Director of Training. The charity reimburses St Ebbe's PCC for the cost of them employing the Director of Training. The reimbursements payable for the year to 31 July 2021 amounted to £51,125 (2020: £50,416). In addition, from April 2021 we directly employed a part-time administrator, Mrs A Searles who is married to the Director of Training £857 (2020: £nil). No employment benefits were paid to the trustees, nor to any person closely connected to them, in either the current or preceding year. Except for the reimbursement of expenses incurred when acting as agent for the charity, no expenses were paid to (or for) the trustees.

Many of the charity's activities are undertaken by volunteers.

**7 Debtors**

	2021	2020
	£	£
<b>Falling due within one year:</b>		
Other debtors	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	-	-
<b>Total debtors</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

**SOUTH CENTRAL GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021**

**8 Cash at Bank and in Hand**

	2021	2020
	£	£
Cash at bank with immediate access	42,464	55,742
	<u>42,464</u>	<u>55,742</u>

**9 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year**

	2021	2020
	£	£
St Ebbe's PCC - Accruals	4,443	33,226
Other Accruals	900	1,414
	<u>5,343</u>	<u>34,640</u>

**10 Members**

Each member of the company commits to contribute if the charity is wound up an amount of £10.

**11 Events after the Balance Sheet date**

The charity has continued to take took steps (in line with government advice) to help contain the outbreak of COVID-19. From September 2021 we returned to providing in-person training, subject to strict COVID protocols, but also continued to provide online training for those who felt more comfortable with this approach or were isolating.