

# THUMBPRINT FOUNDATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1152422

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Charitable company

**Company number** [08519901](#)

**Registered** 2013-06-13

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS ("THE OBJECTS") ARE FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT AND ARE RESTRICTED TO THE FOLLOWING:A)TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS IN THE SCHEDULE HERETO ATTACHED IN BRIGHTON AND HOVE AND SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT AND TO FULFIL SUCH OTHER PURPOSES WHICH ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES AND ARE CONNECTED WITH THE CHARITABLE WORK OF THE CHARITY;B)TO FURTHER CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN SUCH PARTS OF BRIGHTON AND HOVE AND SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT;C)TO RELIEVE PERSONS WHO ARE IN CONDITIONS OF NEED, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SICKNESS AND WHO MAY BE AGED AND TO RELIEVE THE DISTRESS CAUSED THEREBY IN THE SAID LOCATION AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT.

**Activities:** TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND TO RELIEVE PERSONS WHO ARE IN CONDITIONS OF NEED, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SICKNESS.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Brighton And Hove

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£182,114	£232,051	-	-
2024-03-31	£206,626	£198,615	-	-
2023-03-31	£193,253	£245,076	-	-
2022-03-31	£271,415	£224,066	-	-
2021-03-31	£229,016	£149,840	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Dr SHARON LYNN STONE		2020-10-01
GARY RICHARD ESSAM		2013-08-07
JEROME JOSEPH		2013-08-07
MARIE ANNE ESSAM		2013-08-07
Rev GRACE JOSEPH		2013-08-07

## Linked charities

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- CONNAUGHT CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES (1152422-1)

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# Accounts

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**UNAUDITED**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS**  
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**Trustees** Gary Richard Essam  
Reverend Jerome Devakumar Joseph  
Reverend Grace Machel Joseph  
Dr Marie Anne Essam  
Dr Sharon Lynn Stone

**Company registered number** 08519901

**Charity registered number** 1152422

**Registered office** 131 Lewes Road  
Brighton  
BN2 3LG

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT**  
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The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Thumbprint Foundation for the year 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025. The Annual Report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the Company qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic Report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted. In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'. Our objectives

The aims and objectives of the Thumbprint Foundation are set out in the charity's trust deed and are summarised as follows:

- To advance the Christian faith,
- To further Christian education and,
- To relieve persons who are in conditions of need, financial hardship or sickness

Thumbprint Foundation fulfils its objectives through three primary initiatives:

1. The Well Church; a Church comprised of regular members and open to the public
2. Training and education; Christian and non-Christian training provided in Brighton and Hove, the UK and the World
3. Partnering with, and providing services to, other charities with aligned objectives including but not limited to Fresh Start Community Association (a community organisation, founded by the founders of Thumbprint Foundation, focused on improving social cohesion in the local area and also open to the public)

These objectives, and our resulting activities to achieve them, have been for the benefit of both the attendees of the respective groups and the wider public.

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**Objectives and activities**

**Activities and achievements**

The last year has been a year of God demonstrating His faithfulness to us. As a church body, we have continued by grace to walk out our Christian faith during a time of great global uncertainty.

Highlights of our activities and achievements include:

**Continued support:**

As a trust we continue to supported families and individuals on a regular basis with financial, material and emotional support.

We are continuing to work with individuals and families who live with the continued consequences of national financial insecurities (fuel crisis, food price increases, benefit cuts) that has had a detrimental effect on the wellbeing of these individuals, couples and families.

Dealing with the psychological effect that lack / poverty has had on our community has resulted in heightened challenges in emotional, spiritual, physical and psychological realms.

**Financial giving:** In addition to strengthening the capacity of those on “relationship with us “as a church community, we have ensured any funds received via our “alms giving” was allocated appropriately to the individuals and families in need. Furthermore, we have continued to support overseas ministries and ministers in the U.K., Sri Lanka, and Ireland

**Church meetings and growth:** We have maintained our weekly Sunday congregational meetings on a Sunday, and have continued social interaction through the food provided before and after service. We have had some of the Wednesday prayer times in person with others joining via zoom also.

Our 6am Wednesday morning prayer has continued on prayer phone line. We continued through each appointed season to be open and follow the direction of God concerning prayline.

We have seen our congregation increase and as part of church life, we will continue to facilitate baptisms, weddings, dedications and funerals as each season presents itself.

**Training and development:** The provision of external training has continued as we meet via zoom and thus enabled a number of overseas attendees to join.

We have under taken a number of mission trips to Ireland which has been an opportunity for practical on the ground training for elders/deacons/and our next generation youth .

**Updated Policies and Procedures:** As trustees we have continued to review and update our training for Child and adult protection and health and safety policies and procedures. Page 4

**Further community engagement with other groups:** We have continued to partner with Fresh Start Community Association and have seen the community engagement increase and extended to individuals / families in the Bexhill/ Eastbourne / Hastings area.

Involvement with the Air Training cadets (Rev Jerome Joseph is the padre for Squadron 225 Brighton No 1) and this has extended to a Christmas carol service, which will now become an annual event.

We have had a number of meetings with wardens and deacons from other churches in Hastings and we look to progress this in the coming year with a regular weekly gathering.

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**Objectives and activities (continued)**

**Property and accommodation:**

As mentioned in last year's trustees report, Thumbprint Foundation as a trust in the process of actioning due diligence took steps to update the financial loan secured on 109, St Helens Park Road, Hastings, by applying for a mortgage from Kingdom Bank.

We are pleased to report that this is now in place.

The result of this has cut the monthly mortgage payment to less than £3K which is almost 50% less than what we were paying monthly via Natwest.

This has also resulted in the trust being in a better financial position in order to progress, with the future plans of refurbishment of the property at 131 Lewes Road Brighton.

We have continued to trust God in this process.

The senior ministers (Rev Jerome Joseph and Grace Joseph) have taken reductions in their honourarium and have taken personal responsibility for a number of outgoings that the trust faces.

**Plans for future periods:** We wish to continue to build on the achievements of this year and expand our community engagement and outreach. The refurbishment and redevelopment of 131 Lewes building will be a key factor in expanding and improving our ability to provide services and engagement to the community. Having engaged Dandelion Seed Architects. We are pleased to state we have made great progress in the refurbishment and redevelopment planning for 131 Lewes Road, Brighton, and are now at the step of applying for planning.

**a. Going concern**

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

**Structure, governance and management**

**a. Constitution**

Thumbprint Foundation is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Trust deed.

**b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees**

The management of the Company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

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**Statement of Trustees' responsibilities**

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the 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 Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 17 October 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



.....  
Gary Richard Essam  
Trustee

**Gary Richard Essam**

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Thumbprint Foundation ('the Company')**

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

**Responsibilities and Basis of Report**

As the Trustees of the Company (and 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 the Company's accounts 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.

Signed:

Dated: 17 October 2025



**Kolade Andrew Alli ACMA**

The ARK Financial Management Consultancy Ltd

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Note	Restricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	-	182,114	182,114	206,626
<b>Total income</b>		-	182,114	182,114	206,626
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	3	90,585	141,466	232,051	198,615
<b>Total expenditure</b>		90,585	141,466	232,051	198,615
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		(90,585)	40,648	(49,937)	8,011
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		31,812	1,421,485	1,453,297	1,445,286
Net movement in funds		(90,585)	40,648	(49,937)	8,011
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		(58,773)	1,462,133	1,403,360	1,453,297

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

The notes on pages 10 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	6	1,878,930	1,878,930
		<u>1,878,930</u>	<u>1,878,930</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		48,206	7,775
		<u>48,206</u>	<u>7,775</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(1,320)	(1,320)
		<u>46,886</u>	<u>6,455</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>46,886</b>	<b>6,455</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>1,925,816</b>	<b>1,885,385</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	8	(522,456)	(432,088)
		<u>1,403,360</u>	<u>1,453,297</u>
<b>Net assets excluding pension asset</b>		<b>1,403,360</b>	<b>1,453,297</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<b>1,403,360</b>	<b>1,453,297</b>
<b>Charity funds</b>			
Restricted funds	9	(58,773)	31,812
Unrestricted funds	9	1,462,133	1,421,485
		<u>1,403,360</u>	<u>1,453,297</u>
<b>Total funds</b>		<b>1,403,360</b>	<b>1,453,297</b>

The Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

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**BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)**  
**AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

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The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 17 October 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

  
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Gary Richard Essam  
Trustee  
**Gary Richard Essam**

The notes on pages 10 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**1. Accounting policies**

**1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Thumbprint Foundation meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

**1.2 Income**

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

**1.3 Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Company's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

**1.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets costing £1k or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Freehold property	-
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**1. Accounting policies (continued)**

**1.5 Cash at bank and in hand**

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

**1.6 Liabilities and provisions**

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

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

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

**1.7 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 Company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

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

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**2. Income from donations and legacies**

	<b>Restricted funds £</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds General £</b>	<b>Total 2025 £</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>
Donations	0	141,279	141,279	162,390
Gift Aid tax reclaimed	0	40,835	40,835	44,236
	<hr/> 0	<hr/> 182,114	<hr/> 182,114	<hr/> 206,626

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**3. Expenditure on charitable activities**

	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>funds</b>	<b>funds</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Administration	0	0	0	5,018
Bank charges	0	350	350	177
Birthday card ministry	0	120	120	120
Building repairs and Maintenance	54,834	0	54,834	19,505
Giving and other ministry costs	0	54,041	54,041	53,221
Honorarium	0	49,000	49,000	28,050
Independent examiner's fee	0	1,320	1,320	1,540
Insurance	0	8,604	8,604	9,271
Legal and professional fees	0	6,423	6,423	627
Loan interest	35,751	0	35,751	45,417
Music licence fee	0	385	385	371
Premises costs	0	0	0	54
Telephone and fax	0	2,552	2,552	3,367
Travel & subsistence	0	11,618	11,618	10,402
Utilities	0	7,053	7,053	21,475
	<b>90,585</b>	<b>141,466</b>	<b>232,051</b>	<b>198,615</b>

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**4. Independent examiner's remuneration**

	<b>2025</b>	<i>2024</i>
	£	£
Fees payable to the Company's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Company's annual accounts	<b>1,320</b>	<i>1,320</i>

**5. Trustees' remuneration and expenses**

Mrs Grace Machel Joseph received remuneration of £24,500 (2024: £14,025) during the year, in relation to the ministry work carried out on behalf of Thumbprint Foundation

Reverend Jerome Devakumar Joseph received remuneration of £24,500 (2023: £14,025) during the year, in relation to the ministry work carried out on behalf of Thumbprint Foundation

**6. Tangible fixed assets**

	<b>Freehold property</b>
	£
<b>Cost or valuation</b>	
At 1 April 2024	<b>1,878,930</b>
At 31 March 2025	<b>1,878,930</b>
<b>Net book value</b>	
At 31 March 2025	<b>1,878,930</b>
<i>At 31 March 2024</i>	<i>1,878,930</i>

**7. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2025</b>	<i>2024</i>
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	<b>1,320</b>	<i>1,320</i>

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**8. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank loans	<u>522,456</u>	<u>432,088</u>

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**9. Statement of funds**

**Statement of funds - current year**

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General Funds	1,421,485	182,114	(141,466)	1,462,133
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<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Restricted Fund	31,812	-	(90,585)	(58,773)
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<b>Total of funds</b>	<b>1,453,297</b>	<b>182,114</b>	<b>(232,051)</b>	<b>1,403,360</b>
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**9. Statement of funds (continued)**

**Statement of funds - prior year**

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2023 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2024 £</i>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General Funds	<u>1,348,552</u>	<u>206,626</u>	<u>(133,693)</u>	<u>1,421,485</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Restricted Fund	<u>96,734</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(64,922)</u>	<u>31,812</u>
<b>Total of funds</b>	<u><u>1,445,286</u></u>	<u><u>206,626</u></u>	<u><u>(198,615)</u></u>	<u><u>1,453,297</u></u>

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### **Our objectives**

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2. Training and education; Christian and non-Christian training provided in Brighton and Hove, the UK and the World
3. Partnering with, and providing services to, other charities with aligned objectives including but not limited to Fresh Start Community Association (a community organisation, founded by the founders of Thumbprint Foundation, focussed on improving social cohesion in the local area and also open to the public)

These objectives, and our resulting activities to achieve them, have been for the benefit of both the attendees of the respective groups and the wider public.

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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**Trustees** Gary Richard Essam  
Reverend Jerome Devakumar Joseph  
Mrs Grace Machel Joseph  
Dr Marie Anne Essam  
Dr Sharon Lynn Stone

**Company registered number** 08519901

**Charity registered number** 1152422

**Registered office** 131 Lewes Road  
Brighton  
BN2 3LG

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Since the Company qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic Report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

**Activities and achievements**

Over the past year we are grateful to have experienced the demonstration of God's faithfulness to us as we have continued to learn and grow in our Christian faith and walk. We have acted in accordance with the core activities of the charity to advance the Christian faith, Christian education and to relieve persons who are in conditions of need, financial hardship, or sickness. We can confirm that the Christian message has continued to be preached, whilst also providing training on relevant messages for everyday living to equip and enable individuals, couples, and families to be functioning members of, and contributors to, society.

Highlights of our activities and achievements include:

**Continued support:**

As a trust we continue to support families and individuals on a regular basis with financial, material and emotional support. We are continuing to work with individuals and families who live with the continued consequences of the Covid-19 lock downs that have affected their physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing

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**Financial giving:**

In addition to strengthening the capacity of those in “relationship with us” as a church community, we have ensured any funds received via our “alms giving” were allocated appropriately to the individuals and families in need. Furthermore, we have continued to support overseas ministries and ministers in the U.K., Sri Lanka, Ireland and America.

**Church meetings and growth:**

We have maintained weekly Sunday congregational in-person meetings and have had continued social interaction through the after-church service meals and pastoral counsel and support. We have also continued mid-week congregational prayer meetings on zoom and, for appointed seasons during the year, maintained a daily prayer phone line. We have seen our congregation increase and, as part of church life, have had baptisms, dedications and, have seen people receive Jesus as their personal Lord and saviour.

**Training and development:**

The provision of external training has continued in our weekly prayer meeting via zoom which has enabled, on occasions, a few overseas attendees to join. We have had an opportunity to present and facilitate a bi-weekly programme (“Stirring the Waters of Revival”) on TBN live (a Christian TV channel), which was well received and broadcast in the UK and beyond (across multiple continents).

**Updated Policies and Procedures:**

As trustees we have continued to review and update our training for Child and Adult protection and Health and Safety (including covid 19 management) policies and procedures.

**Further community engagement with other groups:**

We have continued to partner with Fresh Start Community Association and have seen the community engagement increase and extend to individuals / families in the Bexhill, Eastbourne and Hastings area. We have also maintained involvement with the Air Training cadets, and this has now extended to the cadets affiliated with Ark Alexandra Academy (a secondary school and sixth form in Hastings). We have had several church gatherings in Hastings, and we look to progress this in the coming year with a regular weekly gathering.

**Property and accommodation:**

The Thumbprint Foundation trust is in the process of remortgaging the Hastings property and moving away from current product from the current lender (Natwest Business Bank). The decision to remortgage is in response to independent financial advice and a near doubling of payments to the current lender following interest rate increases. The significant increase in energy / fuel prices has also impacted the church’s outgoings. The proposed remortgage will enable the Trust to secure a more stable income and expenditure.

**Plans for future 2024/25:**

We wish to continue to build on the achievements of this year and expand our community engagement and outreach. The refurbishment and redevelopment of 131 Lewes Road building will be a key factor in expanding and improving our ability to provide services and engagement with the community. We have made some initial progress in the refurbishment and redevelopment planning application for 131 Lewes Road and have engaged a team of architects who have completed some draft drawings and will, in the next few months, complete the process and make application for planning consent.

To God be the glory!.

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**a. Going concern**

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

**Structure, governance and management**

**a. Constitution**

Thumbprint Foundation is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Trust deed.

**b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees**

The management of the Company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

**Statement of Trustees' responsibilities**


The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the 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 Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 31 August 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

  
.....  
Gary Richard Essam  
Trustee

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Thumbprint Foundation ('the Company')**

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

**Responsibilities and Basis of Report**

As the Trustees of the Company (and 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 the Company's accounts 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.

Signed:

Dated: 31 August 2024

**Kolade Andrew Alli ACMA**

**The ARK Financial Management Consultancy Ltd**

10 Gatcombe Gardens

West End Hampshire

SO18 3NA

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	Note	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	-	206,626	206,626	193,253
<b>Total income</b>		-	206,626	206,626	193,253
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	3	64,922	133,693	198,615	245,076
<b>Total expenditure</b>		64,922	133,693	198,615	245,076
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>		(64,922)	72,933	8,011	(51,823)
Transfers between funds	9	-	-	-	43,137
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		(64,922)	72,933	8,011	(8,686)
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		96,734	1,348,552	1,445,286	1,453,972
Net movement in funds		(64,922)	72,933	8,011	(8,686)
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		31,812	1,421,485	1,453,297	1,445,286

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

The notes on pages 8 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 MARCH 2024**

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	6	1,878,930	1,878,930
		<u>1,878,930</u>	<u>1,878,930</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		7,775	3,456
		<u>7,775</u>	<u>3,456</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(1,320)	(1,100)
		<u>6,455</u>	<u>2,356</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>6,455</b>	<b>2,356</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>1,885,385</b>	<b>1,881,286</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	8	(432,088)	(436,000)
		<u>1,453,297</u>	<u>1,445,286</u>
<b>Net assets excluding pension asset</b>		<b>1,453,297</b>	<b>1,445,286</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<b>1,453,297</b>	<b>1,445,286</b>
<b>Charity funds</b>			
Restricted funds	9	31,812	96,734
Unrestricted funds	9	1,421,485	1,348,552
		<u>1,453,297</u>	<u>1,445,286</u>
<b>Total funds</b>		<b>1,453,297</b>	<b>1,445,286</b>

The Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

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**BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)**  
**AS AT 31 MARCH 2024**

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The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 31 August 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

  
.....  
Gary Richard Essam  
Trustee

**Gary Richard Essam**

The notes on pages 8 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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**1. Accounting policies**

**1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Thumbprint Foundation meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

**1.2 Income**

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

**1.3 Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Company's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

**1.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets costing £1k or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Freehold property	-
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**1. Accounting policies (continued)**

**1.5 Cash at bank and in hand**

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

**1.6 Liabilities and provisions**

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

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

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

**1.7 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 Company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

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

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**2. Income from donations and legacies**

	<b>Restricted funds £</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds General £</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>	<b>Total 2023 £</b>
Donations	0	162,390	162,390	148,920
Gift Aid tax reclaimed	0	44,236	44,236	37,391
Other Income	0	0	0	1,276
Restricted Income	0	0	0	5,666
	<u>0</u>	<u>206,626</u>	<u>206,626</u>	<u>193,253</u>

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**3. Expenditure on charitable activities**

	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>funds</b>	<b>funds</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Administration	0	5,018	5,018	1,130
Bank charges	0	177	177	421
Birthday card ministry	0	120	120	120
Building repairs and Maintenance	19,505	0	19,505	32,752
Cleaning	0	0	0	2,385
Giving and other ministry costs	0	53,221	53,221	50,233
Health and Safety	0	0	0	1,128
Honorarium	0	28,050	28,050	66,000
Independent examiner's fee	0	1,540	1,540	1,100
Insurance	0	9,271	9,271	12,202
Legal and professional fees	0	627	627	858
Loan interest	45,417	0	45,417	25,904
Music Equipment	0	0	0	1,133
Music licence fee	0	371	371	341
Premises costs	0	54	54	200
Restricted Giving	0	0	0	1,530
Telephone and fax	0	3,367	3,367	2,290
Travel & subsistence	0	10,402	10,402	26,134
Utilities	0	21,475	21,475	19,215
	<b>64,922</b>	<b>133,693</b>	<b>198,615</b>	<b>245,076</b>

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**4. Independent examiner's remuneration**

	<b>2024</b>	<i>2023</i>
	£	£
Fees payable to the Company's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Company's annual accounts	<b>1,320</b>	<i>1,320</i>

**5. Trustees' remuneration and expenses**

Mrs Grace Machel Joseph received remuneration of £14,025 (2023: £33,000) during the year, in relation to the ministry work carried out on behalf of Thumbprint Foundation

Reverend Jerome Devakumar Joseph received remuneration of £14,025 (2023: £33,000) during the year, in relation to the ministry work carried out on behalf of Thumbprint Foundation

**6. Tangible fixed assets**

	<b>Freehold property</b>
	£
<b>Cost or valuation</b>	
At 1 April 2023	<b>1,878,930</b>
At 31 March 2024	<b>1,878,930</b>
<b>Net book value</b>	
At 31 March 2024	<b>1,878,930</b>
<i>At 31 March 2023</i>	<i>1,878,930</i>

**7. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2024</b>	<i>2023</i>
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	<b>1,320</b>	<i>1,100</i>

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**8. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year**

	<b>2024</b>	<i>2023</i>
	£	£
Bank loans	<b>432,088</b>	<i>436,000</i>

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**9. Statement of funds**

**Statement of funds - current year**

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General Funds	1,348,552	206,626	(133,693)	1,421,485
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<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Restricted Fund	96,734	-	(64,922)	31,812
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<b>Total of funds</b>	<b>1,445,286</b>	<b>206,626</b>	<b>(198,615)</b>	<b>1,453,297</b>
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**9. Statement of funds (continued)**

**Statement of funds - prior year**

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2022 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers in/out £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2023 £</i>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General Funds	1,302,718	187,587	(184,890)	43,137	1,348,552
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Restricted Fund	151,254	5,666	(60,186)	-	96,734
<b>Total of funds</b>	<b>1,453,972</b>	<b>193,253</b>	<b>(245,076)</b>	<b>43,137</b>	<b>1,445,286</b>

**THUMBPRINT FOUNDATION**

England & Wales - Charity number 1152422

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**UNAUDITED**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**  
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**Activities and achievements**

The last year has been a year of God demonstrating His faithfulness to us. As covid restrictions have subsided a "new norm has developed for us as a church body, as we have continued to learn and grow in our Christian faith and Christian walk in this unprecedented time.

**Highlights of our activities and achievements include:**

**Covid response support:** As a church family we went through the pandemic with some members placed on furlough (e.g. those in the hospitality industry), other members having their employment contracts ended and all members experiencing the overall broader effects of the pandemic becoming through one (or more) of physical, emotional, mental and/or financial stress.

As a trust we have supported families and individuals on a regular basis with financial, material and emotional support.

We are continuing to work long term with individuals and families who live with the continued consequences that the restricted interaction has brought to their lives. Dealing with the psychological effect that the pandemic has had on individuals, families and community in the emotional, spiritual, physical and psychological realms.

**Financial giving:** In addition to strengthening the capacity of those on "relationship with us" as a church community, we have ensured any funds received via our "alms giving" was allocated appropriately to the individuals and families in need. Furthermore, we have continued to support overseas ministries and ministers in Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Ireland and America.

**Church meetings and growth:** We have continued our congregational meetings on zoom and our regular prayer phone line has continued through each day. We have seen our congregation increase and as part of church life, have had baptisms, weddings and funerals.

We have since covid restrictions have lifted maintained weekly congregational meetings and social interaction through the after church meals.

**Training and development:** The provision of external training has continued via zoom which enabled a number of overseas attendees to join. For example, trainings have been provided for United Nations (UN) staff on two occasions which saw delegates from Sweden, Switzerland Canada, Singapore, Somalia, Sudan, Dubai, America, Germany, Italy, and the UK join via Zoom.

We have also facilities and run in person meetings at 131 Lewes Road.

**Updated Policies and Procedures:** As trustees we have continued to reviewed and updated our training for Child and vulnerable adult protection and health and safety (including covid 19 management) policies and procedures.

**Further community engagement with other groups:** We have continued to partner with Fresh Start Community Association and have seen the community engagement increase to 19 individuals / families in the Bexhill/ Eastbourne / Hastings area.

Involvement with the Air Training cadets and this has extended to the ATC affiliated with Ark Alexandra Academy.

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**  
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**Property and accommodation:** Thumbprint Foundation secured accommodation for the ministers in Hastings and also secured the transfer of ownership of 131 Lewes Road from Connaught Christian Ministries (with Thumbprint Foundation as custodians) to Thumbprint Foundation as owners of the premises.

An investment of £375K has been “invested “ into “The wilderness” (109 Hastings ), for “the manse in which Jerome , Mabelle and family reside. The building has also been invested in by means of updated the internal , external structures along with grounds

**Plans for future periods:** We wish to continue to build on the achievements of this year and expand our community engagement and outreach. The refurbishment and redevelopment of 131 Lewes building will be a key factor in expanding and improving our ability to provide services and engagement the community. We have made some initial progress in the refurbishment and redevelopment planning for 131 Lewes Road and have engaged a team of architects and planners. We are now looking to secure a mortgage in order to expand and redevelop the 131 building.

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**a. Going concern**

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

**Structure, governance and management**

**a. Constitution**

Thumbprint Foundation is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Trust deed.

**b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees**

The management of the Company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

**Statement of Trustees' responsibilities**


The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the 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 Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 31 October 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

  
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Gary Richard Essam  
Trustee

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Thumbprint Foundation ('the Company')**

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

**Responsibilities and Basis of Report**

As the Trustees of the Company (and 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 the Company's accounts 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.

Signed:

Dated: 31 October 2023



**Kolade Andrew Alli ACMA**

10 Gatcombe Gardens

West End Hampshire

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	Note	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	5,666	187,587	193,253	271,415
<b>Total income</b>		<u>5,666</u>	<u>187,587</u>	<u>193,253</u>	<u>271,415</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	3	60,186	184,890	245,076	224,066
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>60,186</u>	<u>184,890</u>	<u>245,076</u>	<u>224,066</u>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>		<u>(54,520)</u>	<u>2,697</u>	<u>(51,823)</u>	<u>47,349</u>
Transfers between funds	9	-	43,137	43,137	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>(54,520)</u>	<u>45,834</u>	<u>(8,686)</u>	<u>47,349</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		151,254	1,302,718	1,453,972	1,406,623
Net movement in funds		(54,520)	45,834	(8,686)	47,349
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u><u>96,734</u></u>	<u><u>1,348,552</u></u>	<u><u>1,445,286</u></u>	<u><u>1,453,972</u></u>

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

The notes on pages 10 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 MARCH 2023**

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	6	1,878,930	1,878,930
		<u>1,878,930</u>	<u>1,878,930</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		3,456	65,855
		<u>3,456</u>	<u>65,855</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(1,100)	(650)
		<u>2,356</u>	<u>65,205</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>2,356</u>	<u>65,205</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>1,881,286</u>	<u>1,944,135</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	8	(436,000)	(490,163)
		<u>1,445,286</u>	<u>1,453,972</u>
<b>Net assets excluding pension asset</b>		<u>1,445,286</u>	<u>1,453,972</u>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<u><u>1,445,286</u></u>	<u><u>1,453,972</u></u>
<b>Charity funds</b>			
Restricted funds	9	96,734	151,254
Unrestricted funds	9	1,348,552	1,302,718
		<u>1,445,286</u>	<u>1,453,972</u>
<b>Total funds</b>		<u><u>1,445,286</u></u>	<u><u>1,453,972</u></u>

The Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 31 October 2023 and signed on their behalf by:


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**BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)**  
**AS AT 31 MARCH 2023**

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Gary Richard Essam  
Trustee

The notes on pages 10 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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**1. Accounting policies**

**1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Thumbprint Foundation meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

**1.2 Income**

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

**1.3 Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Company's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

**1.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets costing £1k or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Freehold property	-
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**1. Accounting policies (continued)**

**1.5 Cash at bank and in hand**

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

**1.6 Liabilities and provisions**

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

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

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

**1.7 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 Company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

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

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**2. Income from charitable activities**

	<b>Restricted funds £</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds General £</b>	<b>Total 2023 £</b>	<b>Total 2022 £</b>
Donations	0	148,920	148,920	226,510
Gift Aid tax reclaimed	0	37,391	37,391	34,573
Other Income	0	1,276	1,276	10,332
Restricted Income	5,666	0	5,666	0
	<u>5,666</u>	<u>187,587</u>	<u>193,253</u>	<u>271,415</u>

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**3. Expenditure on charitable activities**

	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>funds</b>	<b>funds</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Administration	0	1,130	1,130	540
Bank charges	0	421	421	657
Birthday card ministry	0	120	120	120
Building repairs and Maintenance	32,752	0	32,752	40,080
Cleaning	0	2,385	2,385	2,665
Giving and other ministry costs	0	50,233	50,233	73,105
Health and Safety	0	1,128	1,128	686
Honorarium	0	66,000	66,000	34,000
Independent examiner's fee	0	1,100	1,100	650
Insurance	0	12,202	12,202	11,210
Legal and professional fees	0	858	858	2,509
Loan interest	25,904	0	25,904	23,941
Music Equipment	0	1,133	1,133	0
Music licence fee	0	341	341	326
Premises costs	0	200	200	0
Restricted Giving	1,530	0	1,530	0
Telephone and fax	0	2,290	2,290	2,582
Travel & subsistence	0	26,134	26,134	20,842
Utilities	0	19,215	19,215	9,890
IT equipment and computer consumables	0	0	0	263
	<b>60,186</b>	<b>184,890</b>	<b>245,076</b>	<b>224,066</b>

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**4. Independent examiner's remuneration**

	<b>2023</b>	<i>2022</i>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fees payable to the Company's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Company's annual accounts	<b>1,100</b>	<i>650</i>

**5. Trustees' remuneration and expenses**

Mrs Grace Machel Joseph received remuneration of £33,000 (2022: £17,000) during the year, in relation to the ministry work carried out on behalf of Thumbprint Foundation

Reverend Jerome Devakumar Joseph received remuneration of £33,000 (2022: £17,000) during the year, in relation to the ministry work carried out on behalf of Thumbprint Foundation

**6. Tangible fixed assets**

	<b>Freehold property</b>
	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost or valuation</b>	
At 1 April 2022	<b>1,878,930</b>
At 31 March 2023	<b>1,878,930</b>
<b>Net book value</b>	
At 31 March 2023	<b>1,878,930</b>
<i>At 31 March 2022</i>	<i>1,878,930</i>

**7. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2023</b>	<i>2022</i>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Accruals and deferred income	<b>1,100</b>	<i>650</i>

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**8. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£
Other loans	-	31,587
Bank loans	<b>436,000</b>	458,576
	<u><b>436,000</b></u>	<u>490,163</u>

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**9. Statement of funds**

**Statement of funds - current year**

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General Funds	1,302,718	187,587	(184,890)	43,137	1,348,552
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Restricted Fund	151,254	5,666	(60,186)	-	96,734
<b>Total of funds</b>	<b>1,453,972</b>	<b>193,253</b>	<b>(245,076)</b>	<b>43,137</b>	<b>1,445,286</b>

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

**Statement of funds - prior year**

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2021</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2022</i>
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General Funds	1,191,348	271,415	(160,045)	1,302,718
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Restricted Fund	215,275	-	(64,021)	151,254
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
<b>Total of funds</b>	<u>1,406,623</u>	<u>271,415</u>	<u>(224,066)</u>	<u>1,453,972</u>

**THUMBPRINT FOUNDATION**

England & Wales - Charity number 1152422

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# Accounts

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Company registration number: 08519901

Charity registration number: 1152422

# Thumbprint Foundation

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Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

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## **Reference and Administrative Details**

### **Trustees**

Gary Richard Essam  
Reverend Jerome Devakumar Joseph  
Mrs Grace Machelie Joseph  
Dr Marie Anne Essam  
Dr Sharon Lynn Stone

### **Principal Office**

131 Lewes Road  
Brighton  
BN2 3LG

### **Company Registration Number**

08519901

### **Charity Registration Number**

1152422

### **Independent Examiner**

Kolade Andrew Alli ACMA  
KARE Financial Management Consultants Ltd  
10  
Gatcombe Gardens  
West End  
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## **Trustees' Report**

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

### **Our objectives**

The aims and objectives of the Thumbprint Foundation are set out in the charity's trust deed and are summarised as follows:

- To advance the Christian faith,
- To further Christian education and,
- To relieve persons who are in conditions of need, financial hardship or sickness

Thumbprint Foundation fulfils its objectives through three primary initiatives:

1. The Well Church; a Church comprised of regular members and open to the public
2. Training and education; Christian and non-Christian training provided in Brighton and Hove, the UK and the World
3. Partnering with, and providing services to, other charities with aligned objectives including but not limited to Fresh Start Community Association (a community organisation, founded by the founders of Thumbprint Foundation, focussed on improving social cohesion in the local area and also open to the public)

These objectives, and our resulting activities to achieve them, have been for the benefit of both the attendees of the respective groups and the wider public.

## **Trustees' Report**

### **Activities and achievements**

Over the past year we have acted in accordance with the core activities of the charity to advance the Christian faith, Christian education and to relieve persons who are in conditions of need, financial hardship, or sickness. We can confirm that the Christian message has continued to be preached, whilst also providing training on relevant messages for everyday living to equip and enable individuals, couples, and families to be functioning members of, and contributors to, society. We have also sought to alleviate poverty where possible.

Highlights of our activities and achievements include the following:

### **Church meetings and growth:**

We continued to further the Christian message by meeting regularly. Whilst government restrictions were in place, meetings took place virtually on Zoom. Once restrictions were eased, we met face-to-face whilst continuing to adhere to appropriate guidance such as social distancing. As trustees, we continued to ensure that the premises were regularly cleaned, and high levels of hygiene were appropriately maintained.

We have continued to train and equip the congregation on a variety of subjects pertaining to Christian life and Godliness. We had three baptisms, three dedications, two funerals and one marriage celebration. We have seen the whole congregational family grow in number and maturity through both great challenges and great moments of celebration.

During the past year, there has been an increase in church membership and the level of activity and interaction between church members e.g., an increase in one-to-one bible studies. Additionally, the youth meetings have increased in regularity and members of the youth group have matured in their knowledge and application of the Christian faith.

### **Covid response support:**

During the COVID-19 lockdowns, and particularly during isolation periods that members of Thumbprint Foundation (The Well Church) were subject to after testing positive, the Church ensured that individuals and families were provided for when the need arose. This covered provisions for shopping, medicines, and socially distanced contact e.g., providing food and meeting any other areas of care and concern. We also provided support to some members of the congregation who had been placed on furlough or otherwise had their employment adversely affected by the pandemic.

During the pandemic, there were some individuals who needed to travel overseas due to family sickness and bereavement. Thumbprint Foundation contributed towards the fares and travel costs for these individuals so they could fulfil the requirements and responsibilities facing them at that time.

## **Trustees' Report**

### **Financial giving:**

In addition to Covid related support, we also offered and provided financial support towards household bill payments to prevent poverty and general hardship for certain members of the congregation. During the school holiday period, we also provided some families with financial support for either, a weekend away or to enjoy outings during the summer break.

### **Updated Policies and Procedures:**

We have discussed safeguarding policies and have worked to ensure that appropriate legal requirements are in place including outlining if, and when, it is necessary to seek advice from appropriate organisations concerning individuals or families.

### **Property and accommodation:**

During the tax year, charity income has been used for the refurbishment and maintenance of the properties that the Charity owns and has continued responsibility for.

We have engaged in conversation with architects concerning planning for the redevelopment of 131 Lewes Road in line with the longer-term vision and objectives of the charity. We have also taken responsibility to prepare and apply for pre-planning. It is our desire to take the necessary steps for the redevelopment of the property whilst still ensuring that it is maintained and refurbished such that it can remain open and functional for public meetings.

### **Further community engagement with other groups:**

We continue to partner with Fresh Start Community Association. We see the partnership with Fresh Start Community Association evolving to become more closely aligned to be the outward face of the Church in relation to community engagement, support, and other activities to meet local needs.

In the last year we have also made connections with several individuals and families in the Bexhill, Hastings and Ore area concerning the gospel and community engagement. We are excited and encouraged at how God is expanding the influence and effectual gospel of Jesus Christ through the work of the Thumbprint Foundation Charity.

### **Plans for future periods:**

We see Thumbprint Foundation (the Well Church) growing by the grace of God to fulfil the vision of the founders to bring restoration of community, of families, of couples and of individuals

## Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities


The trustees (who are also the directors of Thumbprint Foundation for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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Approved by the trustees of the charity on 30 June 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



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Gary Richard Essam  
Trustee

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Thumbprint Foundation**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022 which are set out on pages 8 to 17.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees of Thumbprint Foundation (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 Thumbprint Foundation 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**

Since Thumbprint Foundation's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants UK, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 Thumbprint Foundation 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.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Thumbprint  
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30 June 2022

**Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March  
2022  
(Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of  
Total Recognised Gains and Losses)**

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>					
Charitable activities	3	271,415	-	271,415	229,016
Total income		271,415	-	271,415	229,016
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	4	(160,045)	(64,021)	(224,066)	(149,840)
Total expenditure		(160,045)	(64,021)	(224,066)	(149,840)
Net income/(expenditure)		111,370	(64,021)	47,349	79,176
Net movement in funds		111,370	(64,021)	47,349	79,176
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		1,191,348	215,275	1,406,623	1,327,447
Total funds carried forward	11	1,302,718	151,254	1,453,972	1,406,623

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2021 is shown in note 11.

**(Registration number: 08519901)**  
**Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2022**

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	7	1,878,930	1,878,930
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand	8	65,855	63,155
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	9	<u>(650)</u>	<u>(650)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>65,205</u>	<u>62,505</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		1,944,135	1,941,435
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	10	<u>(490,163)</u>	<u>(534,812)</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>1,453,972</u>	<u>1,406,623</u>
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>			
<b>Restricted income funds</b>			
Restricted funds		151,254	215,275
<b>Unrestricted income funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds		912,718	801,348
Designated funds		<u>390,000</u>	<u>390,000</u>
Total unrestricted funds		<u>1,302,718</u>	<u>1,191,348</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	12	<u>1,453,972</u>	<u>1,406,623</u>

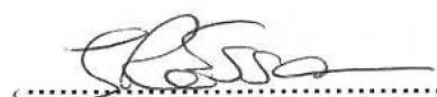
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Directors' responsibilities:

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- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements on pages 8 to 17 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 30 June 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



Gary Richard Essam  
Trustee

# Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

## 1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in England, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £Nil towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is:  
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These financial statements were authorised for issue by the trustees on 30 June 2022.

## 2 Accounting policies

### Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

### Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). They also comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

### Basis of preparation

Thumbprint Foundation meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

### Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

### Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

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## **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

### ***Charitable activities***

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

### **Taxation**

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

### **Tangible fixed assets**

Individual fixed assets costing £0.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

### **Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

### **Fund structure**

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

### 3 Income from charitable activities

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	<b>General</b>		
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations	226,510	226,510	165,925
Other Income	10,332	10,332	1,071
Gift Aid tax reclaimed	34,573	34,573	22,912
Restricted Giving	-	-	39,108
	271,415	271,415	229,016

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

### 4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds		Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
	General £	Restricted funds £		
Giving and other ministry costs	61,951	-	61,951	30,960
Travel & subsistence	20,842	-	20,842	-
Building repairs and Maintenance	-	40,080	40,080	11,589
Mobile Phone	-	-	-	2,733
Utilities	9,890	-	9,890	6,325
Bank charges	657	-	657	275
Music licence fee	326	-	326	323
Administration	540	-	540	90
IT equipment and computer consumables	263	-	263	1,674
Insurance	11,210	-	11,210	8,294
Honorarium	34,000	-	34,000	42,500
Health and Safety costs	686	-	686	129
Birthday card ministry	120	-	120	120
Other ministry costs	11,154	-	11,154	6,000
Food & Hospitality	-	-	-	6,374
Telephone and fax	2,582	-	2,582	550
Storage	-	-	-	3,170
Cleaning and gardening	2,665	-	2,665	479
Sound equipment	-	-	-	1,532
Accountancy fees	-	-	-	240
Independent examiner's fee	650	-	650	650
Legal and professional fees	-	-	-	5,550
Legal and professional fees	2,509	-	2,509	2,741
Loan interest	-	23,941	23,941	17,542
	160,045	64,021	224,066	149,840

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

### 5 Trustees remuneration and expenses

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

#### **Mrs Grace Machel Joseph**

Mrs Grace Machel Joseph received remuneration of £17,000 (2021: £15,000) during the year, in relation to the ministry work carried out on behalf of Thumbprint Foundation.

#### **Reverend Jerome Devakumar Joseph**

Reverend Jerome Devakumar Joseph received remuneration of £17,000 (2021: £15,000) during the year, in relation to the ministry work carried out on behalf of Thumbprint Foundation

No other trustees have received any other benefits from the charity during the year.

### 6 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

### 7 Tangible fixed assets

	<b>Land and buildings £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Cost</b>		
At 1 April 2021	1,878,930	1,878,930
At 31 March 2022	1,878,930	1,878,930
<b>Depreciation</b>		
At 31 March 2022	-	-
<b>Net book value</b>		
At 31 March 2022	1,878,930	1,878,930
At 31 March 2021	1,878,930	1,878,930

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

### 8 Cash and cash equivalents

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Cash at bank	65,855	63,155

### 9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Accruals	650	650

### 10 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Bank loans	458,576	482,105
Other loans	31,587	52,707
	<u>490,163</u>	<u>534,812</u>

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

### 11 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General	1,191,348	271,415	(160,045)	1,302,718
<b>Restricted funds</b>	215,275	-	(64,021)	151,254
<b>Total funds</b>	1,406,623	271,415	(224,066)	1,453,972
	<b>Balance at 1 April 2020 £</b>	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Resources expended £</b>	<b>Balance at 31 March 2021 £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General	1,116,599	189,908	(115,159)	1,191,348
<b>Restricted funds</b>	210,848	39,108	(34,681)	215,275
<b>Total funds</b>	1,327,447	229,016	(149,840)	1,406,623

### 12 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds
	General £	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	1,878,930	1,878,930	1,878,930
Current assets	65,855	-	65,855	65,855
Current liabilities	(650)	-	(650)	(650)
Creditors over 1 year	(458,576)	(31,587)	(490,163)	(490,163)
<b>Total net assets</b>	(393,371)	1,847,343	1,453,972	1,453,972

**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March  
2022**

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Total funds</b>
	<b>General £</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Tangible fixed assets	850,000	1,028,930	1,878,930
Current assets	63,155	-	63,155
Current liabilities	(650)	-	(650)
Creditors over 1 year	-	(534,812)	(534,812)
Total net assets	912,505	494,118	1,406,623

**THUMBPRINT FOUNDATION**

England & Wales - Charity number 1152422

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# Accounts

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Company registration number: 08519901

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# Thumbprint Foundation

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

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## **Reference and Administrative Details**

### **Trustees**

Gary Richard Essam  
Reverend Jerome Devakumar Joseph  
Mrs Grace Machelie Joseph  
Dr Marie Anne Essam

### **Principal Office**

131 Lewes Road  
Brighton  
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The charity is incorporated in England.

### **Company Registration Number**

08519901

### **Charity Registration Number**

1152422

### **Independent Examiner**

Kolade Andrew Alli ACMA  
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## **Trustees' Report**

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

### **Objectives and activities**

The aims and objectives of the Thumbprint Foundation are set out in the charity's trust deed and are summarised as follows:

- To advance the Christian faith,
- To further Christian education and,
- To relieve persons who are in conditions of need, financial hardship or sickness

Thumbprint Foundation fulfils its objectives through three primary initiatives:

1. The Well Church; a Church comprised of regular members and open to the public
2. Training and education; Christian and non-Christian training provided in Brighton and Hove, the UK and the World
3. Partnering with, and providing services to, other charities with aligned objectives including but not limited to Fresh Start Community Association (a community organisation, founded by the founders of Thumbprint Foundation, focussed on improving social cohesion in the local area and also open to the public)

These objectives, and our resulting activities to achieve them, have been for the benefit of both the attendees of the respective groups and the wider public.

# Trustees' Report

## Activities and achievements

The last year has been a year of God demonstrating His faithfulness to us. As covid restrictions became the new norm we, as a church body, have continued to learn and grow in our Christian faith and Christian walk in this unprecedented time. Highlights of our activities and achievements include:

**Covid response support:** As a church family we went through the pandemic with some members placed on furlough (e.g. those in the hospitality industry), other members having their employment contracts ended and all members experiencing the overall broader effects of the pandemic becoming through one (or more) of physical, emotional, mental and/or financial stress.

As a trust we have supported families and individuals on a regular basis with financial, material and emotional support. When individuals and families were in isolation due to having contracted the covid 19 virus we ensured additional food and medical supplies were delivered to them during their time in the isolation period.

**Financial giving:** In addition to funding covid related support described above (e.g. food, medical supplies etc), we also ensured any funds received via our "alms giving" was allocated appropriately to the individuals and families in need. Furthermore, we have continued to support overseas ministries and ministers in Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Poland and America.

**Church meetings and growth:** We have continued our congregational meetings on zoom and our regular prayer phone line has continued through each day. We have seen our congregation increase and as part of church life, have had baptisms, weddings and funerals.

**Training and development:** The provision of external training has continued via zoom which enabled a number of overseas attendees to join. For example, trainings have been provided for United Nations (UN) staff on two occasions which saw delegates from Sweden, Switzerland Canada, Singapore, Somalia, Sudan, Dubai, America, Germany, Italy, and the UK join via Zoom.

## Trustees' Report

**Updated Policies and Procedures:** As trustees we have reviewed and updated our training for Child protection and health and safety (including covid 19 management) policies and procedures.

**Further community engagement with other groups:** We have continued to partner with Fresh Start Community Association and have seen the community engagement increase. Involvement with the Air Training cadets has continued albeit subject to restrictions due to the pandemic.

**Property and accommodation:** Thumbprint Foundation secured accommodation for the ministers in Hastings and also secured the transfer of ownership of 131 Lewes Road from Connaught Christian Ministries (with Thumbprint Foundation as custodians) to Thumbprint Foundation as owners of the premises.

**Plans for future periods:** We wish to continue to build on the achievements of this year and expand our community engagement and outreach. The refurbishment and redevelopment of 131 Lewes building will be a key factor in expanding and improving our ability to provide services and engagement the community. We have made some initial progress in the refurbishment and redevelopment planning for 131 Lewes Road and have engaged a team of architects and planners. However due to covid there has been a number of delays.

## Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

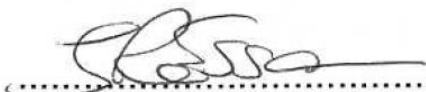
The trustees (who are also the directors of Thumbprint Foundation for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
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Approved by the trustees of the charity on 20 December 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



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Gary Richard Essam  
Trustee

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Thumbprint Foundation**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021 which are set out on pages 7 to 17.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees of Thumbprint Foundation (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').

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20 December 2021

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Charitable activities	4	(115,159)	(34,681)	(149,840)	(209,482)
Total expenditure		(115,159)	(34,681)	(149,840)	(209,482)
Net income		74,749	4,427	79,176	470,020
Net movement in funds		74,749	4,427	79,176	470,020
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		1,116,599	210,848	1,327,447	857,427
Total funds carried forward	12	1,191,348	215,275	1,406,623	1,327,447

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**Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2021**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2021 £</b>	<b>2020 £</b>
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	7	1,878,930	850,000
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	8	-	85,000
Cash at bank and in hand	9	63,155	392,997
		<u>63,155</u>	<u>477,997</u>
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	10	<u>(650)</u>	<u>(550)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>62,505</u>	<u>477,447</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		1,941,435	1,327,447
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	11	<u>(534,812)</u>	-
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>1,406,623</u>	<u>1,327,447</u>
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Restricted funds		215,275	210,848
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Gary Richard Essam  
Trustee

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# Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

## Income and endowments

### Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

### Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

### Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

### Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £0.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

### Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

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### Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

### 3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds		Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
	General £	Restricted funds £		
Donations	165,925	-	165,925	67,440
Other Income	1,071	-	1,071	1,549
Gift Aid tax reclaimed	22,912	-	22,912	21,599
Restricted Giving	-	39,108	39,108	198,914
Designated income for new building	-	-	-	390,000
	189,908	39,108	229,016	679,502

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### 4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds		Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
	General £	Restricted funds £		
Giving and other ministry costs	30,960	-	30,960	58,531
Cost of flights to mission trips including hotel stay and subsistence	-	-	-	15,411
Travel & subsistence	-	-	-	773
Building repairs and Maintenance	-	11,589	11,589	24,396
Mobile Phone	2,733	-	2,733	3,007
Utilities	6,325	-	6,325	8,734
Bank charges	275	-	275	48
Music licence fee	323	-	323	274
Administration	90	-	90	990
Window Cleaning	-	-	-	140
IT equipment and computer consumables	1,674	-	1,674	1,956
Insurance	8,294	-	8,294	3,548
Honorarium	42,500	-	42,500	71,000
DBS Checks	129	-	129	12
Birthday card ministry	120	-	120	120
Other ministry costs	6,000	-	6,000	-
Food & Hospitality	6,374	-	6,374	-
Telephone and fax	550	-	550	-
Storage	3,170	-	3,170	-
Sundry expenses	-	-	-	302
Cleaning	479	-	479	-
Sound equipment	1,532	-	1,532	291
Conference booking	-	-	-	284
Accountancy fees	240	-	240	-
Independent examiner's fee	650	-	650	550
Legal and professional fees	2,741	5,550	8,291	19,115
Loan interest	-	17,542	17,542	-
	115,159	34,681	149,840	209,482

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### 5 Trustees remuneration and expenses

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

#### **Mrs Grace Machel Joseph**

Mrs Grace Machel Joseph received remuneration of £15,000 (2020: £15,000) during the year, in relation to the ministry work carried out on behalf of Thumbprint Foundation.

#### **Reverend Jerome Devakumar Joseph**

Reverend Jerome Devakumar Joseph received remuneration of £15,000 (2020: £15,000) during the year, in relation to the ministry work carried out on behalf of Thumbprint Foundation

No trustees have received any other benefits from the charity during the year.

### 6 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

### 7 Tangible fixed assets

	<b>Land and buildings £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Cost</b>		
At 1 April 2020	850,000	850,000
Additions	1,028,930	1,028,930
At 31 March 2021	1,878,930	1,878,930
<b>Depreciation</b>		
At 31 March 2021	-	-
<b>Net book value</b>		
At 31 March 2021	1,878,930	1,878,930
At 31 March 2020	850,000	850,000

### 8 Debtors

	<b>2021 £</b>	<b>2020 £</b>
Prepayments	-	85,000

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### 9 Cash and cash equivalents

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Cash at bank	<u>63,155</u>	<u>392,997</u>

### 10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Accruals	<u>650</u>	<u>550</u>

### 11 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>
Bank loans	482,105
Other loans	<u>52,707</u>
	<u>534,812</u>

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### 12 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General	1,116,599	189,908	(115,159)	1,191,348
<b>Restricted funds</b>	210,848	39,108	(34,681)	215,275
<b>Total funds</b>	1,327,447	229,016	(149,840)	1,406,623
	Balance at 1 April 2019 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2020 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General	830,082	480,588	(194,071)	1,116,599
<b>Restricted funds</b>	27,345	198,914	(15,411)	210,848
<b>Total funds</b>	857,427	679,502	(209,482)	1,327,447

### 13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds
	General £	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	850,000	1,028,930	1,878,930	
Current assets	63,155	-	63,155	
Current liabilities	(650)	-	(650)	
Creditors over 1 year	-	(534,812)	(534,812)	
<b>Total net assets</b>	912,505	494,118	1,406,623	

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	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Total funds</b>
	<b>General £</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Tangible fixed assets	850,000	-	850,000
Current assets	267,149	210,848	477,997
Current liabilities	(550)	-	(550)
Total net assets	<u>1,116,599</u>	<u>210,848</u>	<u>1,327,447</u>