

CITY CHURCH PRESTON

England & Wales · Charity number 1153061

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	08522873
Registered	2013-07-24
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE COMPANY ARE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC ("THE OBJECTS"): (A) TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE DIRECTORS FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT; (B) TO RELIEVE SICKNESS AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND TO PROMOTE AND PRESERVE GOOD HEALTH BY THE PROVISION OF FUNDS, GOODS OR SERVICES OF ANY KIND INCLUDING THROUGH THE PROVISION OF COUNSELLING AND SUPPORT IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE DIRECTORS FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT; AND (C) TO ADVANCE EDUCATION IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE DIRECTORS FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT.

Activities: City Church Preston is a community of faith, hope and love that seeks to communicate the life changing message of Jesus to Preston and beyond. The church seeks to serve the wider community by being involved in a wide range of activities to bring positive change to our city.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Lancashire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£87,564	£60,894	-	-
2023-12-31	£62,741	£59,637	-	-
2022-12-31	£57,250	£52,754	-	-
2021-12-31	£55,876	£65,840	-	-
2020-12-31	£43,106	£48,349	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev PHILIP JOHN MALTBY	Chair	2013-07-22
Anna-Maria Coupe		2023-12-08
MR Soundrarajah Richard THIRUKUMARAN		2016-11-17
Paul Balshaw		2024-01-14
Teodora Abachin Evenson-Appleyard		2022-08-01

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Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 08522873 (England and Wales)
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City Church Preston
Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

City Church Preston

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for the year ended 31 December 2024**

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Reference and Administrative Details for the year ended 31 December 2024

TRUSTEES	PJ Maltby TA Evenson-Appleyard SR Thirukumaran A Coupe PH Balshaw (appointed 2/1/2024)
REGISTERED OFFICE	St Thomas' Centre Lancaster Road North Preston Lancashire PR1 2SQ
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	08522873 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1153061
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	McMillan & Co LLP Chartered Accountants 28 Eaton Avenue Matrix Office Park Buckshaw Village Chorley Lancashire PR7 7NA

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives

City Church Preston is a community of faith, hope and love that seeks to communicate the life changing message of Jesus to Preston and beyond. The Church seeks to serve the community and encourages its church partners and regular attendees to be involved in all positive aspects of serving our city.

The objectives of the Church are for the benefit of the public:

- a) to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Faith of Assemblies of God in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Directors from time to time may think fit;
- b) to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Directors from time to time think fit, and;
- c) to advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the Directors from time to time may think fit.

In accordance with its aims, the Church planned and delivered a range of activities throughout the year. These activities were planned with due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

Church partners and attendees have been encouraged to become active in the expression of their Christian faith through;

- teaching, encouragement and practical demonstration on how to follow the example of Jesus, in faith, word and action.
- Collective acts of worship.

The Church also provided marriage and funeral services, with emotional and practical support provided for the family and friends of those who had passed away.

Aims and purposes

The trustees are responsible for ensuring that City Church Preston fulfils its charitable aims which are to advance the Christian faith, relieve sickness and financial hardship, and advance education.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives.

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2024

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities and review of the year

City Church Preston is a vibrant faith community centred on the teaching and example of Jesus Christ. It is a community which is socially and ethnically diverse, inclusive, and connects with all ages. The Church is welcoming to all, particularly those who are interested to learn more about the Christian faith. Opportunities have been provided for those who wish to gain an understanding of the basic principles of Christianity, together with water baptismal services for those who wish to be baptised.

During 2024 the Church provided a network of practical support for people, including pastoral support for those in challenging situations, visiting those who were sick or bereaved, and support for the elderly and disabled. Practical support and guidance were made available to those who were in financial difficulty, together with prayer and support for difficult situations faced by those in the church community, their colleagues, friends, family and the wider community. Pastoral connections were maintained through one-to-one sessions to encourage and support individuals.

The food market provision has been a consistent source of encouragement, with many members of the local community not only engaging with this, but also volunteering to help run it. The trustees are grateful to Preston City Council for grant funding which underwrites the cost of the food distributed at the market and allows a good selection of fresh food to be made available in addition to tinned and packet goods.

Throughout the year the church leaders taught on how to live as beacons of hope in the world, picking up on Jesus' words about being the light of the world. The church was encouraged by Ps Agust Olafsson from Iceland, talking about how we can all be witnesses for Jesus. The community responded by continuing to share the faith with others and offering support to those in need. This provided reassurance and encouragement to many.

The Tamil-speaking service on Sunday afternoons continues to cater for those from India and Sri Lanka. This has been a great point of connection for the Asian community as the church hosted a worship event drawing contributions from churches across the area. The Tamil church is able to network people and help them settle by providing practical and pastoral support as they adjust to a new culture. A weekend away was organised to allow relationships to deepen and faith to flourish. Intentional work is undertaken to create spaces where the whole church comes together as one body, regardless of mother-tongue spoken.

A whole church away day was held at Bleasdale Parish Hall in the Trough of Bowland. Church and local community members enjoyed chatting, games, walking, food and worshipping together in a different environment. For some it was a rare opportunity to get out of Preston, with transport provided. Thanks to the generosity of the church community everything was free of charge.

Strong connections have been made with students and young adults through weekly activities for the 18-30s. A significant proportion of the students who connect with the church are from abroad. We are able to provide a warm and welcoming 'home from home' environment where friendship and peer support are fostered. This has positive effects on people's wellbeing. The sports hall is well used by this group.

Children and young people are encouraged in their faith journey through age-appropriate content / opportunities to explore questions of faith and allowed to reach their own conclusions.

The church continued to live-stream Sunday services on the church website and YouTube, helping members who were otherwise unable to attend to access the teaching and allowing prospective visitors to get a foretaste before they arrived. Church services and content were made widely available and advertised on the church website, notices in the building, and through social media, so that they were made available to as many people as possible.

During the year all policies and procedures are reviewed (and updated where appropriate). The safeguarding policy is updated annually to reflect the latest advice from AOG and Thirty One:Eight advisory service.

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Report of the Trustees

for the year ended 31 December 2024

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Staff and volunteers

All areas of church life are essentially staffed by volunteers who freely give their time and skills, and without whom the charity could not function. Towards the end of the year the church appointed a part-time Safeguarding Co-ordinator. The only other remunerated staff members during 2024 were the part-time Lead Pastor, and the part-time Church Caretaker.

Two leadership 'away days' were undertaken in the year with the trustees and Ministry Team coming together to pray, plan, and learn together.

Missions

As in previous years, there continues to be a strong emphasis on missions work outside the church itself - locally, around the UK and overseas. During the period the church has given £9,884 to support missions. This has included direct support to missionaries working in the UK and overseas.

Church premises

The church building, St Thomas' Centre, gives City Church Preston an operating base, a home in the community, and supports the extension and development of ministry opportunities within the community we serve. All church services and the weekly coffee morning drop-in, which allows pastoral conversations and support, and creates an accessible connection point for the local community, are held in the building. In January 2024, the main boiler was condemned. After several fundraising events, and much generous support from the church and local community, the boiler was replaced in September 2024.

Partnerships

The Church is committed to playing a full part in the Assemblies of God GB fellowship, aiming to always be a net contributor to this wider network. This includes contributing to the AOG GB Relief and Development fund, and playing an active role in the AOG Hub and Zone meetings. The Senior Pastor took on responsibility for representing AOG on the United Board for military chaplaincy and is now part of AOG's national chaplaincy team. The Church also continues to benefit from close working with other churches and organisations in Preston, the North West and elsewhere in the UK and abroad. A successful partnership with Preston City Council and FareShare continues to provide food markets each month.

The Church continues to pursue partnerships that are of benefit to attendees and the wider community, such as its partnerships with Community Solutions, Diverse Church, Fusion (linking into the students at UCLan), Mercy UK and many others.

Summary

There has been a continuation of the good work carried out by the church, with many people, both young and old, being empowered and encouraged to make better life choices. For some this has been to take further steps on their journey to faith, with a number becoming part of the church community. The church was able to provide pastoral, emotional and practical support to those in need. In all these areas the Trustees wish to record their thanks to God for his leading and provision, together with their thanks to all the volunteers who have sacrificially given of their time and finance in service to both the church community and the wider community.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The Charity has a Reserves Policy which identifies a prudent level of reserves, based on holding an amount equal to circa six months salary bill.

Additional to this is a value held in reserve for the planned and unplanned maintenance of St Thomas' Centre on Lancaster Road North, which is the operating base for the Church.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, the Articles of Association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2024

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The trustees of the charity are responsible for the leadership and management of the charity to fulfil the objectives of the charity in line with Biblical principles and legal requirements. Appointment of additional trustees is the responsibility of the existing trustees.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 5 August 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'PJ Maltby', written in a cursive style.

PJ Maltby - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of City Church Preston

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of City Church Preston ('the Company')

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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



Neil McMillan FCA

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5 August 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		53,433	32,413	85,846	62,132
Charitable activities					
Income		850	-	850	375
Investment income	3	868	-	868	234
Total		55,151	32,413	87,564	62,741
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Church Activities		25,008	5,948	30,956	30,706
Building Expenses		17,406	62	17,468	17,187
Administration		11,390	-	11,390	10,664
Other		1,080	-	1,080	1,080
Total		54,884	6,010	60,894	59,637
NET INCOME		267	26,403	26,670	3,104
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		184,632	1,947	186,579	183,475
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		184,899	28,350	213,249	186,579

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	156,471	17,308	173,779	156,782
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	2,353	10	2,363	3,878
Cash at bank		31,236	11,032	42,268	30,932
		<u>33,589</u>	<u>11,042</u>	<u>44,631</u>	<u>34,810</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(5,161)	-	(5,161)	(5,013)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>28,428</u>	<u>11,042</u>	<u>39,470</u>	<u>29,797</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>184,899</u>	<u>28,350</u>	<u>213,249</u>	<u>186,579</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>184,899</u>	<u>28,350</u>	<u>213,249</u>	<u>186,579</u>
FUNDS	11				
Unrestricted funds				184,899	184,632
Restricted funds				<u>28,350</u>	<u>1,947</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>213,249</u>	<u>186,579</u>

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

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

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

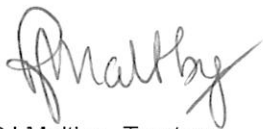
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Balance Sheet - continued

31 December 2024

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 5 August 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'PJ Maltby', written in a cursive style.

PJ Maltby - Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The charity is a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is St Thomas' Centre, Lancaster Road North, Preston, PR1 2SQ.

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

The presentational currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£).

The amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest £1.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

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

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Governance costs

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with compliance and constitutional and statutory requirements.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- 15% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

Freehold property is not depreciated. No depreciation is provided on the freehold buildings as the Trustees consider that the lives of these assets are so long and residual values, based on prices prevailing at the time of acquisition, are sufficiently high that any depreciation would be immaterial.

Taxation

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

Fund accounting

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

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2024

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Financial instruments

Financial instruments are recognised when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Basic financial assets, which include debtors, prepayments and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price and are subsequently carried at cost unless the arrangement indicates otherwise and then the asset is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Basic financial liabilities, which include creditors, accruals, bank loans and group borrowings, are initially recognised at transaction price and are subsequently carried at cost unless the arrangement indicates otherwise and then the liability is measured at the present value of the future obligations discounted at a market rate of interest.

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposit account interest	868	234

4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024	2023
	£	£
Independent examination	1,080	1,080
Depreciation - owned assets	2,020	1,229

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Mr PJ Maltby, a Trustee was paid £7,277 (2023: £6,930) for his services as Lead Pastor. The payment was approved by the Board of Trustees and is permitted by the constitution, which has been approved by the Charity Commission.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2024

6. STAFF COSTS

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	12,334	10,162
Other pension costs	555	377
	<u>12,889</u>	<u>10,539</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Staff	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	56,123	6,009	62,132
Charitable activities			
Income	375	-	375
Investment income	234	-	234
Total	<u>56,732</u>	<u>6,009</u>	<u>62,741</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Church Activities	23,576	7,130	30,706
Building Expenses	16,922	265	17,187
Administration	10,664	-	10,664
Other	1,080	-	1,080
Total	<u>52,242</u>	<u>7,395</u>	<u>59,637</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	4,490	(1,386)	3,104
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	180,142	3,333	183,475
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>184,632</u>	<u>1,947</u>	<u>186,579</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2024

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 January 2024	152,756	8,267	3,684	164,707
Additions	-	19,017	-	19,017
At 31 December 2024	152,756	27,284	3,684	183,724
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 January 2024	-	5,408	2,517	7,925
Charge for year	-	1,295	725	2,020
At 31 December 2024	-	6,703	3,242	9,945
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 December 2024	152,756	20,581	442	173,779
At 31 December 2023	152,756	2,859	1,167	156,782

9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Other debtors	1,041	3,346
Prepayments	1,322	532
	2,363	3,878

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	5,161	5,013

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/1/24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	184,632	267	184,899
Restricted funds			
Missions	1,421	1,582	3,003
Youth Funds	464	(312)	152
Utilities Fund	62	(62)	-
Boiler Fund	-	17,195	17,195
Fence Fund	-	8,000	8,000
	1,947	26,403	28,350
TOTAL FUNDS	186,579	26,670	213,249

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2024

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	55,151	(54,884)	267
Restricted funds			
Missions	6,246	(4,664)	1,582
Youth Funds	250	(562)	(312)
Utilities Fund	-	(62)	(62)
Boiler Fund	17,917	(722)	17,195
Fence Fund	8,000	-	8,000
	<u>32,413</u>	<u>(6,010)</u>	<u>26,403</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>87,564</u>	<u>(60,894)</u>	<u>26,670</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	180,142	4,490	184,632
Restricted funds			
Missions	1,504	(83)	1,421
Youth Funds	1,564	(1,100)	464
Utilities Fund	265	(203)	62
	<u>3,333</u>	<u>(1,386)</u>	<u>1,947</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>183,475</u>	<u>3,104</u>	<u>186,579</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	56,732	(52,242)	4,490
Restricted funds			
Missions	5,947	(6,030)	(83)
Youth Funds	-	(1,100)	(1,100)
Utilities Fund	62	(265)	(203)
	<u>6,009</u>	<u>(7,395)</u>	<u>(1,386)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>62,741</u>	<u>(59,637)</u>	<u>3,104</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 December 2024

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

The purpose of the restricted funds is as follows:

Missions	There are a number of small funds to support missionaries and other Christian work both in the UK and overseas.
Youth Funds	There are a number of small funds to support the work of the church with children and young people.
Boiler Fund	There are a number of small funds to support the church replace and maintain the boiler.
Fence Fund	Grant received from the Police & Crime Commissioner fund for new security fencing.

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2024 or 31 December 2023.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
General offerings	11,506	13,295
Gift aid donations	38,798	32,522
Gift aid	11,091	9,306
Grants	13,180	-
Donations	11,271	7,009
	<u>85,846</u>	<u>62,132</u>
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	868	234
Charitable activities		
Income charitable	850	375
	<u>87,564</u>	<u>62,741</u>
Total incoming resources		
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	12,334	10,162
Pensions	555	377
Missions	9,884	12,189
Church activities	5,538	6,599
Building expenses	17,468	17,187
Administration	11,390	10,664
Travel expenses	625	150
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	2,020	1,229
	<u>59,814</u>	<u>58,557</u>
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Independent examiner	1,080	1,080
	<u>60,894</u>	<u>59,637</u>
Total resources expended		
Net income	<u>26,670</u>	<u>3,104</u>

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CITY CHURCH PRESTON

England & Wales - Charity number 1153061

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 08522873 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1153061

City Church Preston
Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

City Church Preston

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Reference and Administrative Details for the year ended 31 December 2023

TRUSTEES	DC Hogarth (resigned 31/12/2023) PJ Maltby TA Evenson-Appleyard SR Thirukumaran A Coupe (appointed 8/12/2023) PH Balshaw (appointed 2/1/2024)
REGISTERED OFFICE	St Thomas' Centre Lancaster Road North Preston Lancashire PR1 2SQ
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	08522873 (England and Wales)
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	McMillan & Co LLP Chartered Accountants 28 Eaton Avenue Matrix Office Park Buckshaw Village Chorley Lancashire PR7 7NA

City Church Preston (Registered number: 08522873)

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2023

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives

City Church Preston is a community of faith, hope and love that seeks to communicate the life changing message of Jesus to Preston and beyond. The Church seeks to serve the community and encourages its church partners and regular attendees to be involved in all positive aspects of serving our city.

The objectives of the Church are for the benefit of the public:

- a) to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Faith of Assemblies of God in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Directors from time to time may think fit;
- b) to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Directors from time to time think fit, and;
- c) to advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the Directors from time to time may think fit.

In accordance with its aims, the Church planned and delivered a range of activities throughout the year. These activities were planned with due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

Church partners and attendees have been encouraged to become active in the expression of their Christian faith through;

- teaching, encouragement and practical demonstration on how to follow the example of Jesus, in faith, word and action.
- Collective acts of worship.

The Church also provided funeral services, with emotional and practical support provided for the family and friends of those who had passed away.

Aims and purposes

The trustees are responsible for ensuring that City Church Preston fulfils its charitable aims which are to advance the Christian faith, relieve sickness and financial hardship, and advance education.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives.

City Church Preston (Registered number: 08522873)

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2023

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities and review of the year

City Church Preston is a vibrant faith community centred on the teaching and example of Jesus Christ. It is a community which is socially and ethnically diverse, inclusive, and connects with all ages. The Church is welcoming to all, particularly those who are interested to learn more about the Christian faith. Opportunities such as the 'Alpha course' have been provided for those who wish to gain an understanding of the basic principles of Christianity, together with water baptismal services for those who wish to be baptised.

During 2023 the Church provided a network of practical support for people, including pastoral support for those in challenging situations, visiting those who were sick, and support for the elderly and disabled. Practical support and guidance were made available to those who were in financial difficulty, together with prayer and support for difficult situations faced by those in the church community, their colleagues, friends, family and the wider community.

The food market provision has been a consistent source of encouragement, with many members of the local community not only engaging with this, but also volunteering to help run it. Pastoral connections were maintained through one-to-one sessions to encourage and support individuals. The trustees are grateful to Preston City Council for grant funding which underwrites the cost of the food distributed at the market and allows a good selection of fresh food to be made available in addition to tinned and packet goods.

Throughout the year the church leaders taught on the nature of God's justice and how this has practical implications for the way we live. The opportunity was provided for our diverse community to share their experiences and insights on God's justice - capturing many different cultural perspectives and learning much about each other in the process. This provided reassurance and encouragement to many.

At Easter the church launched a Tamil-speaking service on Sunday afternoons to cater for those from south India and Sri Lanka. This has been a great encouragement to the community. Messages are shared in Tamil and translated into English for those who need it. This has increased the church's reach into a growing community in Preston as many people arrive for study, or to work in the care/healthcare sectors. The church is able to network people and help them settle by providing practical and pastoral support as they adjust to a new culture. Intentional work is undertaken to create spaces where the church comes together as one body, regardless of mother-tongue spoken.

For the first time in many years, the church held an away day to which all were invited. Approximately 70 people joined together at Bleasdale Parish Hall in the Trough of Bowland and enjoyed chatting, games, walking, food and worshipping together in a different environment. For some it was a rare opportunity to get out of Preston, with transport provided. Thanks to the generosity of the church community everything was free of charge.

Strong connections have been made with students and young adults through weekly activities for the 18-30s. A significant proportion of the students who connect with the church are from abroad. We are able to provide a warm and welcoming 'home from home' environment where friendship and peer support are fostered. This has positive effects on people's wellbeing. The sports hall is well used by this group.

Children and young people are encouraged in their faith journey through age-appropriate content/ opportunities to explore questions of faith and allowed to reach their own conclusions.

The church continued to live-stream Sunday services on the church website and YouTube, helping members who were otherwise unable to attend to access the teaching and allowing prospective visitors to get a foretaste before they arrived. Church services and content were made widely available and advertised on the church website, notices in the building, and through social media, so that they were made available to as many people as possible.

During the year all policies and procedures are reviewed (and updated where appropriate). The safeguarding policy is updated annually to reflect the latest advice from AOG and Thirty One:Eight advisory service.

City Church Preston (Registered number: 08522873)

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2023

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Staff and volunteers

All areas of church life are essentially staffed by volunteers who freely give their time and skills, and without whom the charity could not function. Towards the end of the year the church appointed a part-time Safeguarding Co-ordinator. The only other remunerated staff members during 2023 were the part-time Lead Pastor, and the part-time Church Caretaker.

Two leadership 'away days' were undertaken in the year with the trustees and Ministry Team coming together to pray, plan, and learn together. This approach was well received and will be incorporated into future ways of working.

Missions

As in previous years, there continues to be a strong emphasis on missions work outside the church itself - locally, around the UK and overseas. During the period the church has given £12,188 to support missions. This has included direct support to missionaries working in the UK and overseas. As part of the church's theme of 'God's justice' all of our partners were invited to attend in person and speak to this theme during the course of the year. Powerful contributions were shared by speakers on issues as diverse as the persecuted church, where is God when we face life-controlling issues, creation care, and justice in developing countries.

Church premises

The church building, St Thomas' Centre, gives City Church Preston an operating base, a home in the community, and supports the extension and development of ministry opportunities within the community we serve. All church services and the weekly coffee morning drop-in, which allows pastoral conversations and support, and creates an accessible connection point for the local community, are held in the building.

Partnerships

The Church is committed to playing a full part in the Assemblies of God GB fellowship, aiming to always be a net contributor to this wider network. This includes contributing to the AOG GB INCARE Relief and Development fund, and playing an active role in the AOG Hub and Zone meetings. In September the Lead Pastor took on a voluntary role supporting AOG armed forces chaplains, which makes use of the expertise he has developed in his paid employment for the Methodist Church. The Church also continues to benefit from close working with other churches and organisations in Preston, the North West and elsewhere in the UK and abroad. A successful partnership with Preston City Council and FareShare continued to provide food markets each month.

The Church continues to pursue partnerships that are of benefit to attendees and the wider community, such as its partnerships with Community Solutions, Diverse Church, Fusion (linking into the students at UCLan), Mercy UK and many others.

Summary

There has been a continuation of the good work carried out by the church, with many people, both young and old, being empowered and encouraged to make better life choices. For some this has been to take further steps on their journey to faith, with a number becoming part of the church community. The church was able to provide pastoral, emotional and practical support to those in need. In all these areas the Trustees wish to record their thanks to God for his leading and provision, together with their thanks to all the volunteers who have sacrificially given of their time and finance in service to both the church community and the wider community.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The Charity has a Reserves Policy which identifies a prudent level of reserves, based on holding an amount equal to circa six months salary bill.

Additional to this is a value held in reserve for the planned and unplanned maintenance of St Thomas' Centre on Lancaster Road North, which is the operating base for the Church.

City Church Preston (Registered number: 08522873)

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2023

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, the Articles of Association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

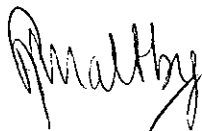
Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The trustees of the charity are responsible for the leadership and management of the charity to fulfil the objectives of the charity in line with Biblical principles and legal requirements. Appointment of additional trustees is the responsibility of the existing trustees.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 18 June 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'PJ Maltby', written in a cursive style.

PJ Maltby - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of City Church Preston

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of City Church Preston ('the Company')

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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



Neil McMillan FCA

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18 June 2024

City Church Preston

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		56,123	6,009	62,132	56,591
Charitable activities					
Income		375	-	375	641
Investment income	3	234	-	234	18
Total		56,732	6,009	62,741	57,250
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Church Activities		23,576	7,130	30,706	29,243
Building Expenses		16,922	265	17,187	12,233
Administration		10,664	-	10,664	10,198
Other		1,080	-	1,080	1,080
Total		52,242	7,395	59,637	52,754
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		4,490	(1,386)	3,104	4,496
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		180,142	3,333	183,475	178,979
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		184,632	1,947	186,579	183,475

City Church Preston (Registered number: 08522873)

Balance Sheet 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	156,649	133	156,782	157,547
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	3,603	275	3,878	1,523
Cash at bank		29,393	1,539	30,932	28,413
		<u>32,996</u>	<u>1,814</u>	<u>34,810</u>	<u>29,936</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(5,013)	-	(5,013)	(4,008)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>27,983</u>	<u>1,814</u>	<u>29,797</u>	<u>25,928</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>184,632</u>	<u>1,947</u>	<u>186,579</u>	<u>183,475</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>184,632</u>	<u>1,947</u>	<u>186,579</u>	<u>183,475</u>
FUNDS	11				
Unrestricted funds				184,632	180,142
Restricted funds				<u>1,947</u>	<u>3,333</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>186,579</u>	<u>183,475</u>

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

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

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

City Church Preston (Registered number: 08522873)

Balance Sheet - continued

31 December 2023

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 18 June 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'PJ Maltby', written in a cursive style.

PJ Maltby - Trustee

City Church Preston

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The charity is a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is St Thomas' Centre, Lancaster Road North, Preston, PR1 2SQ.

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

The presentational currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£).

The amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest £1.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

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

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Governance costs

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with compliance and constitutional and statutory requirements.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- 15% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

Freehold property is not depreciated. No depreciation is provided on the freehold buildings as the Trustees consider that the lives of these assets are so long and residual values, based on prices prevailing at the time of acquisition, are sufficiently high that any depreciation would be immaterial.

Taxation

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

Fund accounting

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

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

City Church Preston

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2023

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Financial instruments

Financial instruments are recognised when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Basic financial assets, which include debtors, prepayments and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price and are subsequently carried at cost unless the arrangement indicates otherwise and then the asset is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Basic financial liabilities, which include creditors, accruals, bank loans and group borrowings, are initially recognised at transaction price and are subsequently carried at cost unless the arrangement indicates otherwise and then the liability is measured at the present value of the future obligations discounted at a market rate of interest.

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>234</u>	<u>18</u>

4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023	2022
	£	£
Independent examination	1,080	1,080
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>1,229</u>	<u>1,134</u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Mr PJ Maltby, a Trustee was paid £6,930 (2022: £6,600) for his services as Lead Pastor. The payment was approved by the Board of Trustees and is permitted by the constitution, which has been approved by the Charity Commission.

Mr PS Counsell, a former Trustee was paid £nil (2022: £3,000) for his services as Lead Pastor. The payment was approved by the Board of Trustees and is permitted by the constitution, which has been approved by the Charity Commission.

Mr D Allton, the husband of one of the former Trustees was paid £nil (2022: £2,300) for his services as Pastor.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2023

6. STAFF COSTS

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	10,162	14,401
Other pension costs	377	595
	<u>10,539</u>	<u>14,996</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
Staff	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	50,326	6,265	56,591
Charitable activities			
Income	641	-	641
Investment income	18	-	18
Total	<u>50,985</u>	<u>6,265</u>	<u>57,250</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Church Activities	25,457	3,786	29,243
Building Expenses	12,233	-	12,233
Administration	10,198	-	10,198
Other	1,080	-	1,080
Total	<u>48,968</u>	<u>3,786</u>	<u>52,754</u>
NET INCOME	2,017	2,479	4,496
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	178,125	854	178,979
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>180,142</u>	<u>3,333</u>	<u>183,475</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2023

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 January 2023	152,756	8,267	3,220	164,243
Additions	-	-	464	464
At 31 December 2023	152,756	8,267	3,684	164,707
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 January 2023	-	4,903	1,793	6,696
Charge for year	-	505	724	1,229
At 31 December 2023	-	5,408	2,517	7,925
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 December 2023	152,756	2,859	1,167	156,782
At 31 December 2022	152,756	3,364	1,427	157,547

9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Other debtors	3,346	1,224
Prepayments	532	299
	3,878	1,523

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals and deferred income	5,013	4,008

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/1/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	180,142	4,490	184,632
Restricted funds			
Missions	1,504	(83)	1,421
Youth Funds	1,564	(1,100)	464
Utilities Fund	265	(203)	62
	3,333	(1,386)	1,947
TOTAL FUNDS	183,475	3,104	186,579

City Church Preston

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2023

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	56,732	(52,242)	4,490
Restricted funds			
Missions	5,947	(6,030)	(83)
Youth Funds	-	(1,100)	(1,100)
Utilities Fund	62	(265)	(203)
	<u>6,009</u>	<u>(7,395)</u>	<u>(1,386)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>62,741</u></u>	<u><u>(59,637)</u></u>	<u><u>3,104</u></u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	178,125	2,017	180,142
Restricted funds			
Missions	(738)	2,242	1,504
Youth Funds	1,592	(28)	1,564
Utilities Fund	-	265	265
	<u>854</u>	<u>2,479</u>	<u>3,333</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>178,979</u></u>	<u><u>4,496</u></u>	<u><u>183,475</u></u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	50,985	(48,968)	2,017
Restricted funds			
Missions	6,000	(3,758)	2,242
Youth Funds	-	(28)	(28)
Utilities Fund	265	-	265
	<u>6,265</u>	<u>(3,786)</u>	<u>2,479</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>57,250</u></u>	<u><u>(52,754)</u></u>	<u><u>4,496</u></u>

The purpose of the restricted funds is as follows:

City Church Preston

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2023

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Missions	There are a number of small funds to support missionaries and other Christian work both in the UK and overseas.
Youth Funds	There are a number of small funds to support the work of the church with children and young people.

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2023 or 31 December 2022.

Accounts

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City Church Preston (Registered number: 08522873)

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2022

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities and review of the year

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During 2022 the Church provided a network of practical support for people, including pastoral support for those in challenging situations, visiting those who were sick, and support for the elderly and disabled. Practical support and guidance were made available to those who were in financial difficulty, together with prayer and support for difficult situations faced by those in the church community, their colleagues, friends, family and the wider community.

The food market provision has been a consistent source of encouragement, with many members of the local community not only engaging with this, but also volunteering to help run it. Pastoral connections were maintained through one-to-one sessions to encourage and support individuals. The trustees are grateful to Preston City Council for grant funding which underwrites the cost of the food distributed at the market and allows a good selection of fresh food to be made available in addition to tinned and packet goods.

Throughout the year the church leaders taught on major themes which can be traced throughout the biblical narrative. This helped our members to see how God is at work in the 'big picture' aspects of life as well as concerned for every individual and with the details of their lives. This provided reassurance and encouragement to many.

Soul Care, an online session with reflective practices helps individuals to connect with and respond to God. Weekly prayer meetings happen both in-person and online, supporting a broad range of people to pray in community - some for the first time / first time in a long time.

Strong connections have been made with students and young adults through weekly activities for the 18-30s. A significant proportion of the students who connect with the church are from abroad. We are able to provide a warm and welcoming 'home from home' environment where friendship and peer support are fostered. This has positive effects on people's wellbeing. The sports hall is well used by this group.

Children and young people are encouraged in their faith journey through age-appropriate content / opportunities to explore questions of faith and allowed to reach their own conclusions.

The Church continued to live-stream Sunday services on the church website and YouTube, helping members who were otherwise unable to attend to access the teaching and allowing prospective visitors to get a foretaste before they arrived. Church services and content were made widely available and advertised on the church website, notices in the building, and through social media, so that they were made available to as many people as possible.

During the year all policies and procedures are reviewed (and updated where appropriate). The safeguarding policy is updated annually to reflect the latest advice from AOG and Thirty One:Eight advisory service.

City Church Preston (Registered number: 08522873)

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2022

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Staff and volunteers

All areas of church life are essentially staffed by volunteers who freely give their time and skills, and without whom the charity could not function. The only remunerated staff members during 2022 were the part-time Lead Pastor, the part-time Associate Pastor and the part-time Church Caretaker.

In April 2022 the Associate Pastor left to take on the Senior Pastor role at another church. This transition was well managed - we celebrated with the congregation the opportunity that God had been preparing the Associate Pastor for. The trustees wish to place on record their thanks to Duncan and Alison Allton for their significant investment into City Church Preston.

Phil Maltby ably completed his first year as Senior Pastor in 2022. The transition of leadership from the former Senior Pastor was handled smoothly and allowed momentum to continue building. One new trustee joined in mid-year. Additional trustees are being sought to further strengthen the church's ability to fulfil its mission and purpose in a safe, legal and effective way.

The Deputy Safeguarding Co-ordinator position was taken on by Philippa Perkin. The trustees wish to thank Paulette Villiers for her many years of faithful service in this role.

Two leadership 'away days' were undertaken in the year with the trustees and Ministry Team coming together to pray, plan, and learn together. This approach was well received and will be incorporated into future ways of working.

Missions

As in previous years, there continues to be a strong emphasis on missions work outside the church itself - locally, around the UK and overseas. During the period the church has given £8,555 to support missions. This has included direct support to missionaries working in the UK and overseas. One of our missionary partners was able to bring a personal update to us during time spent in the UK, strengthening our understanding and links to the work they are involved in. Two new mission agencies were added to the list of those being supported by the church in recognition of the church's desire to support Christian organisations working to support persecuted Christians around the world (Open Doors) and environmental concerns (A Rocha UK).

Church premises

The church building, St Thomas' Centre, gives City Church Preston an operating base, a home in the community, and supports the extension and development of ministry opportunities within the community we serve. All church services and the weekly coffee morning drop-in, which allows pastoral conversations and support, and creates an accessible connection point for the local community, are held in the building.

Partnerships

The Church is committed to playing a full part in the Assemblies of God GB fellowship, aiming to always be a net contributor to this wider network. This includes contributing to the AOG GB INCARE Relief and Development fund, and playing an active role in the AOG Hub and Zone meetings. The Church also continues to benefit from close working with other churches and organisations in Preston, the North West and elsewhere in the UK and abroad. A successful partnership with Preston City Council and FareShare continued to provide food markets each month.

The Church continues to pursue partnerships that are of benefit to attendees and the wider community, such as its partnerships with Community Solutions, Diverse Church, Fusion (linking into the students at UCLan), Mercy Ministries and many others.

Summary

There has been a continuation of the good work carried out by the church, with many people, both young and old, being empowered and encouraged to make better life choices. For some this has been to take further steps on their journey to faith, with a number becoming part of the church community. The church was able to provide pastoral, emotional and practical support to those in need. In all these areas the Trustees wish to record their thanks to God for his leading and provision, together with their thanks to all the volunteers who have sacrificially given of their time and finance in service to both the church community and the wider community.

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2022

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The Charity has a Reserves Policy which identifies a prudent level of reserves, based on holding an amount equal to circa six months salary bill.

Additional to this is a value held in reserve for the planned and unplanned maintenance of St Thomas' Centre on Lancaster Road North, which is the operating base for the Church.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, the Articles of Association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

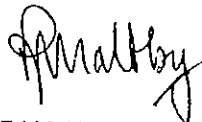
Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The trustees of the charity are responsible for the leadership and management of the charity to fulfil the objectives of the charity in line with Biblical principles and legal requirements. Appointment of additional trustees is the responsibility of the existing trustees.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 18 June 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



PJ Maltby - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of City Church Preston

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of City Church Preston ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

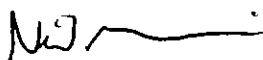
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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



Neil McMillan FCA

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Lancashire
PR7 7NA

18 June 2023

City Church Preston

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		50,326	6,265	56,591	55,524
Charitable activities					
Income		641	-	641	342
Investment income	3	18	-	18	10
Total		50,985	6,265	57,250	55,876
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Church Activities		25,457	3,786	29,243	30,732
Building Expenses		12,233	-	12,233	24,089
Administration		10,198	-	10,198	10,019
Other		1,080	-	1,080	1,000
Total		48,968	3,786	52,754	65,840
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		2,017	2,479	4,496	(9,964)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		178,125	854	178,979	188,943
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		180,142	3,333	183,475	178,979

The notes form part of these financial statements

City Church Preston (Registered number: 08522873)

Balance Sheet 31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	157,390	157	157,547	157,732
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	1,508	15	1,523	4,347
Cash at bank		25,252	3,161	28,413	21,611
		<u>26,760</u>	<u>3,176</u>	<u>29,936</u>	<u>25,958</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(4,008)	-	(4,008)	(4,711)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>22,752</u>	<u>3,176</u>	<u>25,928</u>	<u>21,247</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>180,142</u>	<u>3,333</u>	<u>183,475</u>	<u>178,979</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>180,142</u>	<u>3,333</u>	<u>183,475</u>	<u>178,979</u>
FUNDS	12				
Unrestricted funds				180,142	178,125
Restricted funds				3,333	854
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>183,475</u>	<u>178,979</u>

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

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

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

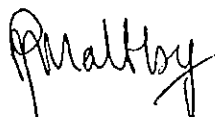
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Balance Sheet - continued

31 December 2022

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 18 June 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'PJ Maltby', written in a cursive style.

PJ Maltby - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

City Church Preston

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The charity is a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is St Thomas' Centre, Lancaster Road North, Preston, PR1 2SQ.

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

The presentational currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£).

The amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest £1.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

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

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Governance costs

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with compliance and constitutional and statutory requirements.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- 15% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

Freehold property is not depreciated. No depreciation is provided on the freehold buildings as the Trustees consider that the lives of these assets are so long and residual values, based on prices prevailing at the time of acquisition, are sufficiently high that any depreciation would be immaterial.

Taxation

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

Fund accounting

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

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2022

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Financial instruments

Financial instruments are recognised when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Basic financial assets, which include debtors, prepayments and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price and are subsequently carried at cost unless the arrangement indicates otherwise and then the asset is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Basic financial liabilities, which include creditors, accruals, bank loans and group borrowings, are initially recognised at transaction price and are subsequently carried at cost unless the arrangement indicates otherwise and then the liability is measured at the present value of the future obligations discounted at a market rate of interest.

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2022	2021
	£	£
Deposit account interest	18	10

4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2022	2021
	£	£
Independent examination	1,080	1,000
Depreciation - owned assets	1,134	863

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Mr PS Counsell, a former Trustee was paid £3,000 (2021: £8,892) for his services as Lead Pastor. The payment was approved by the Board of Trustees and is permitted by the constitution, which has been approved by the Charity Commission.

Mr D Allton, the husband of one of the former Trustees was paid £2,300 (2021: £6,198) for his services as Pastor.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2022

6. STAFF COSTS

	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	14,401	17,999
Other pension costs	595	-
	<u>14,996</u>	<u>17,999</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021
Staff	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	53,187	2,337	55,524
Charitable activities			
Income	342	-	342
Investment income	10	-	10
Total	<u>53,539</u>	<u>2,337</u>	<u>55,876</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Church Activities	26,121	4,611	30,732
Building Expenses	24,089	-	24,089
Administration	10,019	-	10,019
Other	1,000	-	1,000
Total	<u>61,229</u>	<u>4,611</u>	<u>65,840</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(7,690)	(2,274)	(9,964)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	185,815	3,128	188,943
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>178,125</u>	<u>854</u>	<u>178,979</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2022

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 January 2022	152,756	8,267	2,271	163,294
Additions	-	-	949	949
At 31 December 2022	152,756	8,267	3,220	164,243
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 January 2022	-	4,309	1,253	5,562
Charge for year	-	594	540	1,134
At 31 December 2022	-	4,903	1,793	6,696
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 December 2022	152,756	3,364	1,427	157,547
At 31 December 2021	152,756	3,958	1,018	157,732

9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022 £	2021 £
Other debtors	1,224	4,077
Prepayments	299	270
	1,523	4,347

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022 £	2021 £
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 11)	-	748
Accruals and deferred income	4,008	3,963
	4,008	4,711

11. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2022 £	2021 £
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank overdrafts	-	748

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2022

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/1/22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	178,125	2,017	180,142
Restricted funds			
Missions	(738)	2,242	1,504
Youth Funds	1,592	(28)	1,564
Utilities Fund	-	265	265
	<u>854</u>	<u>2,479</u>	<u>3,333</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>178,979</u>	<u>4,496</u>	<u>183,475</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	50,985	(48,968)	2,017
Restricted funds			
Missions	6,000	(3,758)	2,242
Youth Funds	-	(28)	(28)
Utilities Fund	265	-	265
	<u>6,265</u>	<u>(3,786)</u>	<u>2,479</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>57,250</u>	<u>(52,754)</u>	<u>4,496</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	185,815	(7,690)	178,125
Restricted funds			
Missions	1,497	(2,235)	(738)
Youth Funds	1,631	(39)	1,592
	<u>3,128</u>	<u>(2,274)</u>	<u>854</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>188,943</u>	<u>(9,964)</u>	<u>178,979</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2022

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	53,539	(61,229)	(7,690)
Restricted funds			
Missions	2,337	(4,572)	(2,235)
Youth Funds	-	(39)	(39)
	<u>2,337</u>	<u>(4,611)</u>	<u>(2,274)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>55,876</u>	<u>(65,840)</u>	<u>(9,964)</u>

The purpose of the restricted funds is as follows:

Missions	There are a number of small funds to support missionaries and other Christian work both in the UK and overseas.
Youth Funds	There are a number of small funds to support the work of the church with children and young people.

13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2022 or 31 December 2021.

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City Church Preston

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Reference and Administrative Details for the year ended 31 December 2021

TRUSTEES	DC Hogarth PJ Maltby PS Counsell (resigned 31/12/2021) SR Thirukumaran AM Allton (resigned 8/12/2021)
REGISTERED OFFICE	St Thomas' Centre Lancaster Road North Preston Lancashire PR1 2SQ
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	08522873 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1153061
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	McMillan & Co LLP Chartered Accountants 28 Eaton Avenue Matrix Office Park Buckshaw Village Chorley Lancashire PR7 7NA

City Church Preston (Registered number: 08522873)

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2021

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives

City Church Preston is a community of faith, hope and love that seeks to communicate the life changing message of Jesus to Preston and beyond. The Church seeks to serve the community and encourages its church partners and regular attendees to be involved in all positive aspects of serving our city.

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Following the lifting of COVID 19 restrictions from April 2021 onwards, the leaders of City Church Preston began to carefully reintroduce in-person meetings. This was well received. It was apparent from feedback received that there was also significant value in maintaining the live-stream of the Sunday services on the church website and YouTube. The food market provision has been a consistent source of encouragement, with many members of the local community not only engaging with this, but also volunteering to help run it. Pastoral connections were maintained through one to one sessions to encourage and support individuals as we all adjusted to a post-lockdown world.

The development of Soul Care, an online community engaged in reflective practices which help individuals to connect with and respond to God, is a significant positive arising from Covid related restrictions. Moving one weekly prayer meeting to an in-person meeting and keeping another online has supported a broad range of people to pray in community - some for the first time / first time in a long time.

Strong connections have been made with students and young adults through weekly activities for the 18-30s. A significant proportion who connect with us are from abroad. We are able to provide a warm and welcoming 'home from home' environment where friendship and peer support are fostered. This has positive effects on people's wellbeing. The sports hall is well used by this group.

Our youth and children's activities all moved to in-person provision again as restrictions eased throughout 2021. Parents noted that the online provision had been well received, but that the children and young people enjoyed being together in person again. Children and young people are encouraged in their faith journey through age-appropriate content / opportunities to explore questions of faith and allowed to reach their own conclusions.

We were delighted to host full-immersion baptisms in October 2021 for those wishing to publically declare their faith in Jesus Christ and their intention to continue on their journey as a Christian.

The church's offerings and content were made widely available and advertised on the church website, notices in the building, and through social media, so that they were made available to as many people as possible.

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Towards the end of 2021 the church entered a planned phase where the Lead Pastor role transitioned from Paul Counsell to Phil Maltby, who successfully completed his ordination training during 2021. The trustees wish to place on record their thanks to Paul Counsell for many years of excellent and faithful service to the church. They are pleased to note that the transition has gone very well and there have been no discernible issues arising from this. New trustees are being actively recruited.

City Church Preston (Registered number: 08522873)

Report of the Trustees

for the year ended 31 December 2021

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Missions

As in previous years there continues to be a strong emphasis on missions work outside the church itself, both locally, in the UK and overseas. During the period the church has given £9,220 (2020: £5,441) to support missions. This has included direct support to missionaries working in the UK and overseas.

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The church building, St Thomas' Centre, gives City Church Preston an operating base, a home in the community, and supports the extension and development of ministry opportunities within the community we serve. Following the easing of pandemic-related restrictions, the directors carefully opened activities in the building. By the end of 2021 all church services and the weekly coffee morning drop-in, which allows pastoral conversations and support, and creates an accessible connection point for the local community, had been successfully re-started.

Circa £15,500 had to be spent on the building due to a collapsed drain on the church property and roof repairs. Both were completed, along with remedial works to prevent recurrence, by the end of 2021.

Partnerships

The Church is committed to playing a full part in the Assemblies of God GB fellowship, aiming to always be a net contributor to this wider network. This includes contributing to the AOG GB INCARE Relief and Development fund, and playing an active role in the AOG Hub and Zone meetings. The Church also continues to benefit from close working with other churches and organisations in Preston, the North West and elsewhere in the UK and abroad. A successful partnership with Preston City Council and FareShare continued to provide food markets each month.

The Church continues to pursue partnerships that are of benefit to attendees and the wider community, such as its partnerships with Community Solutions, Diverse Church, Fusion (linking into the students at UCLan), Mercy Ministries and many others.

There has been a continuation of the good work carried out by the church, with many people, both young and old, being empowered and encouraged to make better life choices. For some this has been to take further steps on their journey to faith, with a number becoming part of the church community. The church was able to provide pastoral, emotional and practical support to those in need. In all these areas the Trustees wish to record their thanks to God for his leading and provision, together with their thanks to all the volunteers who have sacrificially given of their time and finance in service to both the church community and the wider community.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The Charity has a Reserves Policy which identifies a prudent level of reserves, based on holding an amount equal to circa six months salary bill.

Additional to this is a value held in reserve for the planned and unplanned maintenance of St Thomas' Centre on Lancaster Road North, which is the operating base for the Church.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, the Articles of Association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The trustees of the charity are responsible for the leadership and management of the charity to fulfil the objectives of the charity in line with Biblical principles and legal requirements. Appointment of additional trustees is the responsibility of the existing trustees.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

City Church Preston (Registered number: 08522873)

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2021

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 12 July 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

PJ Maltby - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of City Church Preston

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of City Church Preston ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

Neil McMillan FCA
McMillan & Co LLP
Chartered Accountants
28 Eaton Avenue
Matrix Office Park
Buckshaw Village
Chorley
Lancashire
PR7 7NA

12 July 2022

City Church Preston

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		53,187	2,337	55,524	43,072
Charitable activities					
Income		342	-	342	-
Investment income	3	10	-	10	34
Total		53,539	2,337	55,876	43,106
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Church Activities		26,121	4,611	30,732	29,996
Building Expenses		24,089	-	24,089	8,899
Administration		10,019	-	10,019	8,454
Other		1,000	-	1,000	1,000
Total		61,229	4,611	65,840	48,349
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(7,690)	(2,274)	(9,964)	(5,243)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		185,815	3,128	188,943	194,186
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		178,125	854	178,979	188,943

The notes form part of these financial statements

City Church Preston (Registered number: 08522873)

Balance Sheet 31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	157,547	185	157,732	157,450
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	4,337	10	4,347	4,229
Cash at bank		20,204	1,407	21,611	30,831
		<u>24,541</u>	<u>1,417</u>	<u>25,958</u>	<u>35,060</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(3,963)	(748)	(4,711)	(3,567)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>20,578</u>	<u>669</u>	<u>21,247</u>	<u>31,493</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>178,125</u>	<u>854</u>	<u>178,979</u>	<u>188,943</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>178,125</u>	<u>854</u>	<u>178,979</u>	<u>188,943</u>
FUNDS	12				
Unrestricted funds				178,125	185,815
Restricted funds				854	3,128
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>178,979</u>	<u>188,943</u>

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

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

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

City Church Preston (Registered number: 08522873)

Balance Sheet - continued **31 December 2021**

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 12 July 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

PJ Maltby - Trustee

City Church Preston

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The charity is a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is St Thomas' Centre, Lancaster Road North, Preston, PR1 2SQ.

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

The presentational currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£).

The amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest £1.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

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

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Governance costs

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with compliance and constitutional and statutory requirements.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- 15% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

Freehold property is not depreciated. No depreciation is provided on the freehold buildings as the Trustees consider that the lives of these assets are so long and residual values, based on prices prevailing at the time of acquisition, are sufficiently high that any depreciation would be immaterial.

Taxation

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

Fund accounting

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

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2021

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Financial instruments

Financial instruments are recognised when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Basic financial assets, which include debtors, prepayments and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price and are subsequently carried at cost unless the arrangement indicates otherwise and then the asset is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Basic financial liabilities, which include creditors, accruals, bank loans and group borrowings, are initially recognised at transaction price and are subsequently carried at cost unless the arrangement indicates otherwise and then the liability is measured at the present value of the future obligations discounted at a market rate of interest.

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2021	2020
	£	£
Deposit account interest	10	34

4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2021	2020
	£	£
Independent examination	1,000	1,000
Depreciation - owned assets	863	856

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Mr PS Counsell, a former Trustee was paid £8,892 (2020: £12,630) for his services as Lead Pastor. The payment was approved by the Board of Trustees and is permitted by the constitution, which has been approved by the Charity Commission.

Mr D Allton, the husband of one of the former Trustees was paid £6,198 (2020: £6,105) for his services as Pastor.

Trustees' expenses

Mr PS Counsell, a former Trustee was paid £Nil (2020: £Nil) towards his travel expenses as Lead Pastor.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2021

6. STAFF COSTS

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	17,999	21,730
	<u>17,999</u>	<u>21,730</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2021 3	2020 3
Staff	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	41,059	2,013	43,072
Investment income	34	-	34
Total	<u>41,093</u>	<u>2,013</u>	<u>43,106</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Church Activities	28,883	1,113	29,996
Building Expenses	8,899	-	8,899
Administration	8,454	-	8,454
Other	1,000	-	1,000
Total	<u>47,236</u>	<u>1,113</u>	<u>48,349</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	<u>(6,143)</u>	<u>900</u>	<u>(5,243)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	191,958	2,228	194,186
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>185,815</u>	<u>3,128</u>	<u>188,943</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2021

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 January 2021	152,756	8,267	1,126	162,149
Additions	-	-	1,145	1,145
At 31 December 2021	152,756	8,267	2,271	163,294
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 January 2021	-	3,604	1,095	4,699
Charge for year	-	705	158	863
At 31 December 2021	-	4,309	1,253	5,562
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 December 2021	152,756	3,958	1,018	157,732
At 31 December 2020	152,756	4,663	31	157,450

9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Other debtors	4,077	4,022
Prepayments	270	207
	4,347	4,229

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 11)	748	-
Accruals and deferred income	3,963	3,567
	4,711	3,567

11. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2021 £	2020 £
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank overdrafts	748	-

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2021

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/1/21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	185,815	(7,690)	178,125
Restricted funds			
Missions	1,497	(2,235)	(738)
Youth Funds	1,631	(39)	1,592
	<u>3,128</u>	<u>(2,274)</u>	<u>854</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>188,943</u>	<u>(9,964)</u>	<u>178,979</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	53,539	(61,229)	(7,690)
Restricted funds			
Missions	2,337	(4,572)	(2,235)
Youth Funds	-	(39)	(39)
	<u>2,337</u>	<u>(4,611)</u>	<u>(2,274)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>55,876</u>	<u>(65,840)</u>	<u>(9,964)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	191,958	(6,143)	185,815
Restricted funds			
Missions	558	939	1,497
Youth Funds	1,670	(39)	1,631
	<u>2,228</u>	<u>900</u>	<u>3,128</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>194,186</u>	<u>(5,243)</u>	<u>188,943</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2021

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	41,093	(47,236)	(6,143)
Restricted funds			
Missions	2,013	(1,074)	939
Youth Funds	-	(39)	(39)
	<u>2,013</u>	<u>(1,113)</u>	<u>900</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>43,106</u>	<u>(48,349)</u>	<u>(5,243)</u>

The purpose of the restricted funds is as follows:

Missions	There are a number of small funds to support missionaries and other Christian work both in the UK and overseas.
Youth Funds	There are a number of small funds to support the work of the church with children and young people.

13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2021 or 31 December 2020.

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Reference and Administrative Details for the year ended 31 December 2020

TRUSTEES	DC Hogarth PJ Maltby PS Counsell SR Thirukumaran AM Allton
REGISTERED OFFICE	St Thomas' Centre Lancaster Road North Preston Lancashire PR1 2SQ
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	08522873 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1153061
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	McMillan & Co LLP Chartered Accountants 28 Eaton Avenue Matrix Office Park Buckshaw Village Chorley Lancashire PR7 7NA

City Church Preston (Registered number: 08522873)

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2020

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives

City Church Preston is a community of faith, hope and love that seeks to communicate the life changing message of Jesus to Preston and beyond. The Church seeks to serve the community and encourages its church partners and regular attendees to be involved in all positive aspects of serving our city.

The objectives of the Church are for the benefit of the public:

- a) to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Faith of Assemblies of God in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Directors from time to time may think fit;
- b) to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Directors from time to time think fit, and;
- c) to advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the Directors from time to time may think fit.

In accordance with its aims, the Church planned and delivered a range of activities throughout the year. These activities were planned with due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

Church partners and attendees have been encouraged to become active in the expression of their Christian faith through;

- teaching, encouragement and practical demonstration on how to follow the example of Jesus, both in faith, word and action.
- Collective acts of worship.

The Church also provided funeral services, with emotional and practical support provided for the family and friends of those who had passed away.

Aims and purposes

The trustees are responsible for ensuring that City Church Preston fulfils its charitable aims which are to advance the Christian faith, relieve sickness and financial hardship, and advance education.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives.

City Church Preston (Registered number: 08522873)

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2020

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities and review of the year

City Church Preston is a vibrant faith community centered on the teaching and example of Jesus Christ. It is a community which is socially and ethnically diverse, inclusive, and connects with all ages. The Church is welcoming to all, particularly those who are interested to learn more about the Christian faith. Opportunities such as the Alpha course have been provided for those who wish to gain an understanding of the basic principles of Christianity, together with water baptismal services for those who wish to be baptised.

During 2020 the Church provided a network of practical support for people, including pastoral support for those in challenging situations, visiting those who were sick, and support for the elderly and disabled. Practical support and guidance was made available to those who were in financial difficulty, together with prayer and support for difficult situations, faced by those in the church community, their colleagues, friends, family and the wider community.

In March 2020 the COVID 19 pandemic and subsequent lockdowns introduced significant restrictions for the operation of City Church Preston. In response to the restrictions, the church stopped meeting in the building, except for Food Markets, and started a fast transition to offering services and content online using Zoom, the church website and YouTube. Over the remainder of 2020 City Church Preston offered 225 online sessions with over 200 hours of content. This was supported by one to one on line sessions to encourage and support individuals during the lockdowns.

The Food Markets which were supported by Preston City Council were increased in frequency to one a week during the summer of 2020 to meet the demand and need in the church's locality. These were a source of encouragement, food, and also a point of connection and support for the local community. These have continued through the year and into 2021 responding to need at a reduced frequency.

The online offerings and content were made widely available and advertised on the church website, notices on the building, and through social media, so that they were made available to as many people as possible.

Staff and volunteers

All areas of church life are essentially staffed by volunteers who freely give their time and skills, and without whom the charity could not function. The only remunerated staff members during 2020 were the part time Lead Pastor, the part time Associate Pastor and the part time Church Caretaker.

During the year all policies and procedures are reviewed (and updated where appropriate). The Safeguarding policy is reviewed and kept current in line with Thirty One:Eight (CCPAS) advice, with a full independent audit of the Safeguarding policies and processes undertaken by Thirty One:Eight in late 2018, with all the minor improvements and recommendations completed by the end of December 2018. The policy is updated annually to reflect the latest advice from AOG and Thirty One:Eight advisors.

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As in previous years there continues to be a strong emphasis on missions work outside the church itself, both locally, in the UK and overseas. During the period the church has given £5,441 (2019: £5,867) to support missions. This has included direct support to missionaries working in the UK and overseas.

Church premises

The church building, St Thomas' Centre gives City Church Preston an operating base, a home in the community, and supports the extension and development of ministry opportunities within the community we serve. During 2020 due to the COVID 19 pandemic we have had to suspend activities in the building, but are looking forward to recommencing the church services and the weekly coffee drop in, which allows pastoral conversations and support, and creates an accessible connection point for the local community.

City Church Preston (Registered number: 08522873)

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2020

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Partnerships

The Church is committed to playing a full part in the Assemblies of God GB fellowship, aiming to always be a net contributor to this wider network. This includes contributing to the AOG GB INCARE Relief and Development fund, and playing an active role in the AOG General Manager's team, with particular reference to Professional Standards and reconciliation and restoration. The Church also continues to benefit from close working with other churches and organisations in Preston, the North West and elsewhere in the UK and abroad. A successful partnership with Preston City Council was extended during the year to provide food markets each week during the COVID 10 pandemic lockdowns.

The Church continues to pursue partnerships that are of benefit to attendees and the wider community, such as its partnerships with Community Solutions, Diverse Church, PAIS, Fusion (linking into the students at UCLan), Mercy Ministries and many others.

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Considerations arising from the Covid-19 pandemic

Following the Government's announcement that there would be a national lockdown in March 2020 the Trustees took the immediate decision to close the building and move services online. From the first Sunday after lockdown the Church has not only maintained high quality Sunday services, but also introduced new online communion services and prayer meetings accessible by phone. Special consideration has been given to those without internet access. Pastoral support has been offered to all Church members. Practical support in the form of weekly food parcels was made available to church families and the local community for the first 12 weeks of lockdown.

The Trustees continue to follow Government guidance and are adopting a considered approach to the national and local guidance when planning next steps. The Church's financial position is being carefully monitored. Due to relatively consistent levels of income before and during the pandemic the Trustees have not needed to use the Government's furlough scheme.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The Charity has a Reserves Policy which identifies a prudent level of reserves, based on holding an amount equal to circa six months salary bill.

Additional to this is a value held in reserve for the planned and unplanned maintenance of St Thomas' Centre on Lancaster Road North, which is the operating base for the Church.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, the Articles of Association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The trustees of the charity are responsible for the leadership and management of the charity to fulfil the objectives of the charity in line with Biblical principles and legal requirements. Appointment of additional trustees is the responsibility of the existing trustees.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

City Church Preston (Registered number: 08522873)

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2020

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 22 July 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

PS Counsell - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of City Church Preston

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of City Church Preston ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

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22 July 2021

City Church Preston

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		41,059	2,013	43,072	42,699
Charitable activities					
Income		-	-	-	423
Investment income	3	34	-	34	46
Total		41,093	2,013	43,106	43,168
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Church Activities		28,883	1,113	29,996	34,103
Building Expenses		8,899	-	8,899	23,520
Administration		8,454	-	8,454	9,528
Other		1,000	-	1,000	1,000
Total		47,236	1,113	48,349	68,151
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(6,143)	900	(5,243)	(24,983)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		191,958	2,228	194,186	219,169
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		185,815	3,128	188,943	194,186

The notes form part of these financial statements

City Church Preston (Registered number: 08522873)

Balance Sheet 31 December 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	157,226	224	157,450	158,306
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	4,229	-	4,229	5,703
Cash at bank		27,927	2,904	30,831	33,856
		<u>32,156</u>	<u>2,904</u>	<u>35,060</u>	<u>39,559</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(3,567)	-	(3,567)	(3,679)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>28,589</u>	<u>2,904</u>	<u>31,493</u>	<u>35,880</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>185,815</u>	<u>3,128</u>	<u>188,943</u>	<u>194,186</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>185,815</u>	<u>3,128</u>	<u>188,943</u>	<u>194,186</u>
FUNDS	11				
Unrestricted funds				185,815	191,958
Restricted funds				3,128	2,228
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>188,943</u>	<u>194,186</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

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

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Balance Sheet - continued

31 December 2020

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 22 July 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

PS Counsell - Trustee

City Church Preston

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The charity is a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is St Thomas' Centre, Lancaster Road North, Preston, PR1 2SQ.

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

The presentational currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£).

The amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest £1.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

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

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Governance costs

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with compliance and constitutional and statutory requirements.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- 15% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

Taxation

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

Fund accounting

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

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

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2020

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Financial instruments

Financial instruments are recognised when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Basic financial assets, which include debtors, prepayments and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price and are subsequently carried at cost unless the arrangement indicates otherwise and then the asset is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Basic financial liabilities, which include creditors, accruals, bank loans and group borrowings, are initially recognised at transaction price and are subsequently carried at cost unless the arrangement indicates otherwise and then the liability is measured at the present value of the future obligations discounted at a market rate of interest.

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2020 £	2019 £
Deposit account interest	34	46

4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2020 £	2019 £
Independent examination	1,000	1,000
Depreciation - owned assets	856	972

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Mr PS Counsell, a Trustee was paid £12,630 (2019: £15,200) for his services as Lead Pastor. The payment was approved by the Board of Trustees and is permitted by the constitution, which has been approved by the Charity Commission.

Mr D Alton, the husband of one of the trustees was paid £6,105 in the period (2019: £2,544) for his services as Pastor.

Trustees' expenses

Mr PS Counsell, a Trustee was paid £Nil (2019: £Nil) towards his travel expenses as Lead Pastor.

6. STAFF COSTS

	2020 £	2019 £
Wages and salaries	21,730	20,084
	21,730	20,084

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2020	2019
Staff	3	-

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	42,028	671	42,699
Charitable activities			
Income	423	-	423
Investment income	46	-	46
Total	<u>42,497</u>	<u>671</u>	<u>43,168</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Church Activities	33,299	804	34,103
Building Expenses	17,151	6,369	23,520
Administration	9,528	-	9,528
Other	1,000	-	1,000
Total	<u>60,978</u>	<u>7,173</u>	<u>68,151</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	<u>(18,481)</u>	<u>(6,502)</u>	<u>(24,983)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	210,439	8,730	219,169
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>191,958</u>	<u>2,228</u>	<u>194,186</u>

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020	<u>152,756</u>	<u>8,267</u>	<u>1,126</u>	<u>162,149</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 January 2020	-	2,781	1,062	3,843
Charge for year	-	823	33	856
At 31 December 2020	<u>-</u>	<u>3,604</u>	<u>1,095</u>	<u>4,699</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 December 2020	<u>152,756</u>	<u>4,663</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>157,450</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>152,756</u>	<u>5,486</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>158,306</u>

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9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020	2019
	£	£
Other debtors	4,022	5,479
Prepayments	207	224
	<u>4,229</u>	<u>5,703</u>

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020	2019
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	<u>3,567</u>	<u>3,679</u>

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/1/20	Net movement in funds	At 31/12/20
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	191,958	(6,143)	185,815
Restricted funds			
Missions	558	939	1,497
Youth Funds	1,670	(39)	1,631
	<u>2,228</u>	<u>900</u>	<u>3,128</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>194,186</u>	<u>(5,243)</u>	<u>188,943</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	41,093	(47,236)	(6,143)
Restricted funds			
Missions	2,013	(1,074)	939
Youth Funds	-	(39)	(39)
	<u>2,013</u>	<u>(1,113)</u>	<u>900</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>43,106</u>	<u>(48,349)</u>	<u>(5,243)</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2020

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/19 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	210,439	(18,481)	191,958
Restricted funds			
Missions	3,821	(3,263)	558
Youth Funds	1,801	(131)	1,670
Building Fund	3,108	(3,108)	-
	<u>8,730</u>	<u>(6,502)</u>	<u>2,228</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>219,169</u>	<u>(24,983)</u>	<u>194,186</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	42,497	(60,978)	(18,481)
Restricted funds			
Missions	671	(3,934)	(3,263)
Youth Funds	-	(131)	(131)
Building Fund	-	(3,108)	(3,108)
	<u>671</u>	<u>(7,173)</u>	<u>(6,502)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>43,168</u>	<u>(68,151)</u>	<u>(24,983)</u>

The purpose of the restricted funds is as follows:

Missions	There are a number of small funds to support missionaries and other Christian work both in the UK and overseas.
Youth Funds	There are a number of small funds to support the work of the church with children and young people.
Building fund	For the purpose of moving to or renting a new building.

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12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2020 or 31 December 2019.