

**Stratford Church of Christ**  
**Charity No. 1153326**  
**Trustees' Report and Unaudited Accounts**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2023**

*Ease Accounting*  
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**Stratford Church of Christ**  
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The Trustees present their report with the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

##### **Charity No. 1153326**

##### **Principal Office**

2 Clare Court  
Aveley  
South Ockendon  
Essex  
RM15 4HY

##### **Trustees**

The following Trustees served during the year:

E Adade-Boateng  
Kwaku Twumasi  
M Armstrong  
P Ntim-Adei

##### **Accountants**

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#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The charity's object are:-

- To advance the Christian religion in the United Kingdom for the benefit of the public
  - To work with other Churches of Christ locally and internationally to promote the gospel of Jesus Christ
- Various policies were adopted in furtherance of these objects during the year.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake..

The trustees are grateful for the services freely rendered by the volunteers. May the Lord reward you richly.

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

We continue to help needy individuals who call on us for support both in kind and in cash. It is our prayer and hope that we are able to continually provide an avenue and an environment for people to establish and maintain friendship leading to the study of the holy bible.

We realised how our previous efforts have helped many to know the teachings of Christ thereby impacting on both their physical and spiritual lives. We hope to lunge even deeper and wider in the coming years. We believe that this will go a long way to cut down on the number of people involved in social vices.

We believe that we have made good progress over the years. We plan reinforcing our strategies in order to make greater achievements in the coming years.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The Statement of Financial Activities shows an income from the year of £72,263 (2022 - £71,983) and total expenditure of £39,015 (2022 - £31,736) leaving a net surplus for the year of £33,248 (2022 - £40,247). The net assets of the charity as at 31st December 2023 was £212,839 (2022 - £179,591).

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

The charity is a Charitable incorporated Organisation (CIO). It was registered on 9th August 2013 and governed by foundation model constitution dated 9th August 2013.

#### **Statement of trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements**

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

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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E Adade-Boateng

Trustee

16 August 2024

**Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Stratford Church of Christ**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Stratford Church of Christ for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011('the Act'). The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under the Charities Act 2011, s.144(2) (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

- the accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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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Stratford Church of Christ  
Statement of Financial Activities  
For the year ended 31 December 2023

		Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
	Notes				
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	3	70,128	-	70,128	71,771
Other	4	-	2,135	2,315	212
<b>Total</b>		<b>70,128</b>	<b>2,315</b>	<b>72,263</b>	<b>71,983</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	5	15,488	-	15,488	12,392
Other	6	23,527	-	23,527	19,344
<b>Total</b>		<b>39,015</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,015</b>	<b>31,736</b>
Net gains on investments		-	-	-	-
<b>Net income</b>		<b>31,113</b>	<b>2,135</b>	<b>33,248</b>	<b>40,247</b>
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
<b>Net income before other gains/(losses)</b>		<b>31,113</b>	<b>2,135</b>	<b>33,248</b>	<b>40,247</b>
<b>Other gains and losses</b>					
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>31,113</b>	<b>2,135</b>	<b>33,248</b>	<b>40,247</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		83,873	95,718	179,591	139,344
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>114,985</b>	<b>97,853</b>	<b>212,839</b>	<b>179,591</b>

**Stratford Church of Christ**  
**Balance Sheet**

**At 31 December 2023**

Charity No. 1153326		2023 £	2022 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible fixed asset	8	17,945	-
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		195,914	180,251
		213,859	180,251
<b>Creditors:</b> Amount falling due within one year	9	(1,020)	(660)
<b>Net current assets</b>		212,839	179,591
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		212,839	179,591
<b>Net assets excluding pension asset or liability</b>		212,839	179,591
<b>Total net assets</b>		<u>212,839</u>	<u>179,591</u>
<b>The funds of the charity</b>			
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted income funds	10	97,853	95,718
		97,853	95,718
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General funds	10	114,986	83,873
		114,986	83,873
<b>Reserves</b>			
	10		
<b>Total funds</b>		<u>212,839</u>	<u>179,591</u>

Approved by the trustees on 16 August 2024

And signed on their behalf by:

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 Kwaku Twumasi  
 Trustee  
 16 August 2024

## 1 Accounting policies

### Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

### Change in basis of accounting or to previous accounts

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and method of accounting) since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

### Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds	These are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.
Designated funds	These are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.
Revaluation funds	These are unrestricted funds which include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at their market values.
Restricted funds	These are available for use subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or through terms of an appeal.

### Income

Recognition of income      Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Income with related expenditure      Where income has related expenditure the income and related expenditure is reported gross in the SoFA.

Donations and legacies      Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the the SoFA when receivable and only when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts      Income from tax reclaims is included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift/donation to which it relates.

Donated services and facilities      These are only included in income (with an equivalent amount in expenditure) where the benefit to the Charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material.

Volunteer help      The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts.

Investment income      This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets      This includes any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

Gains/(losses) on investment assets      This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments.



## **Stratford Church of Christ**

### **Notes to the Accounts**

#### **Expenditure**

Recognition of expenditure	Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.
Expenditure on raising funds	These comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income, fundraising trading costs and investment management costs.
Expenditure on charitable activities	These comprise the costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services in the furtherance of its objects, including the making of grants and governance costs.
Grants payable	All grant expenditure is accounted for on an actual paid basis plus an accrual for grants that have been approved by the trustees at the end of the year but not yet paid.
Governance costs	These include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity, including any audit/independent examination fees, costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity, together with a share of other administration costs.
Other expenditure	These are support costs not allocated to a particular activity.

#### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

#### **Freehold investment property**

Investment properties are measured initially at cost and subsequently at fair value at each balance sheet date and are not depreciated. All gains or losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise.

#### **Stocks**

Stock is included at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Donated items of stock are recognised at fair value which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay for the items on the open market.

#### **Trade and other debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

#### **Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, demand deposits with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. In the statement of financial position, bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings or current liabilities. In the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the company's cash management.

#### **Trade and other creditors**

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

**Notes to the Accounts**

**Research and development**

Expenditure on research and development is written off in the year in which it is incurred.

**Foreign currencies**

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of the charity are translated at the rates of exchange prevailing at the end of the reporting period.

Transactions in currencies other than the functional currency of the charity are recorded at the rate of exchange on the date that the transaction occurred.

All exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at net income/expenditure.

**Leased assets**

Where the charity enters into a lease which entails taking substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of an asset, the lease is treated as a finance lease.

Leases which do not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to charity are classified as operating leases.

Assets held under finance leases are initially recognised as assets of the charity at their fair value at the inception of the lease or, if lower, at the present value of the minimum lease payments. The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the balance sheet date as a finance lease obligation.

Lease payments are apportioned between finance expenses and reduction of the lease obligation so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Finance expenses are recognised immediately, unless they are directly attributable to qualifying assets, in which case they are capitalised in accordance with the charity's policy on borrowing costs.

Assets held under finance leases are depreciated in the same way as owned assets.

Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

In the event that lease incentives are received to enter into operating leases, such incentives are recognised as a liability. The aggregate benefit of incentives is recognised as a reduction of rental expense on a straight-line basis.

**Tangible fixed assets and Depreciation**

Property, plant and equipment is stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment loss. Part of an item of property, plant and equipment having different useful lives are accounted for as separate items.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives, using the straight-line method. The estimated useful lives, residual values and depreciation method are reviewed at the end of each reporting period, with the effect of any changes in estimate accounted for on a prospective basis.

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost less estimated residual value, of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

**Asset class and depreciation rate**

Motor Vehicles	25% reducing balance
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**Pension costs**

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the charity pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the charity has no further payments obligations. The contributions are recognised as expenses when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals in the balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the charity in independently administered funds.

**Receipt of donated goods, facilities and services**

All donated goods, facilities and services received are recognised within incoming resources and expenditure at an estimate of the value to the charity.

**Stratford Church of Christ**

**Notes to the Accounts**

**2 Statement of Financial Activities - prior year**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2022 £</b>	<b>Restricted funds 2022 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2022 £</b>
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>			
Donations and legacies	71,771	-	71,771
Other	-	212	212
<b>Total</b>	<b>71,771</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>71,983</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Charitable activities	12,392	-	12,392
Other	19,344	-	19,344
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,736</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,736</b>
<b>Net income</b>	<b>40,035</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>40,247</b>
<b>Net income before other gains/(losses)</b>	<b>40,035</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>40,247</b>
<b>Other gains and losses:</b>			
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>40,035</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>40,247</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>			
Total funds brought forward	43,838	95,506	139,344
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>83,873</b>	<b>95,718</b>	<b>179,591</b>

**3 Income from donations and legacies**

	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
General weekly giving	62,246	62,246	48,551
Donation	5,040	5,040	2,706
Preacher special contributions	2,842	2,842	1,770
Gift aid reclaims	-	-	18,744
	<b>70,128</b>	<b>70,128</b>	<b>71,771</b>

**4 Other income**

	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Bank interest receivable	2,135	2,135	212
	<b>2,135</b>	<b>2,135</b>	<b>212</b>

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**Notes to the Accounts**

**5 Expenditure on charitable activities**

	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
		<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>			
Benevolence	11,427	11,427	8,998
Worship	1,620	1,620	810
Evangelism	581	581	724
Support for India	1,200	1,200	1,200
<i>Governance costs</i>			
Accountancy fees	660	660	660
	<u>15,488</u>	<u>15,488</u>	<u>12,392</u>

**6 Other expenditure**

	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
		<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Rent and rates	11,008	11,008	11,569
Administration	9,393	9,393	7,071
Motor and travel costs	1,071	1,071	591
General administrative costs	2,055	2,055	113
	<u>23,527</u>	<u>23,527</u>	<u>19,344</u>

**7 Staff Costs**

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

**8 Tangible Fixed Assets**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>		
Addition during the year	<u>20,000</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Cost</b>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
Charged during the year	<u>2,055</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Depreciation</b>	<u>2,055</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net book Value C/fwd</b>	<u>17,945</u>	<u>-</u>

## 9 Creditors

	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>Amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Accruals and deferred income	<u>1,020</u>	<u>660</u>
	<u>1,020</u>	<u>660</u>

## 10 Movement in funds

	At January 2023	Incoming resources (including other gains/losses)	Resources expended	At 31 December 2023
<b>Restricted Funds:</b>	£	£	£	£
Restricted income funds:	95,718	2,135	-	97,853
Total	<u>95,718</u>	<u>2,135</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>97,853</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>				
General funds	83,873	70,128	(39,015)	114,986
<b>Revaluation Reserves:</b>				
Total funds	<u>179,591</u>	<u>72,263</u>	<u>(39,015)</u>	<u>212,839</u>

## 11 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Net Current Assets	212,899	(60)	212,839
	<u>212,899</u>	<u>(60)</u>	<u>212,839</u>

## 12 Reconciliation of net debt

	At 1 January 2023	Cash flows	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>180,251</u>	<u>15,663</u>	<u>195,914</u>
	<u>180,251</u>	<u>15,663</u>	<u>195,914</u>
Net debt	<u>180,251</u>	<u>15,663</u>	<u>195,914</u>

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities For  
the year ended 31 December 2023**

	<b>Unrestrict ed funds 2023</b>	<b>Restricted funds 2023</b>	<b>Total funds 2023</b>	<b>Total funds 2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>				
Donations and legacies				
General weekly giving	62,246		62,246	48,551
Donation	5,040		5,040	2,706
Preacher special contributions	2,842		2,842	1,770
Gift aid reclaims	-		-	18,744
	<u>70,128</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>70,128</u>	<u>71,771</u>
Other				
Bank interest receivable		2,135	2,135	212
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,135</u>	<u>2,135</u>	<u>212</u>
<b>Total income and endowments</b>	<b>70,128</b>	<b>2,135</b>	<b>72,263</b>	<b>71,983</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Charitable activities				
Benevolence	11,427		11,427	8,998
Worship	1,620		1,620	810
Evangelism	581		581	724
Support for India	1,200		1,200	1,200
	<u>14,828</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,828</u>	<u>11,732</u>
Governance costs				
Accountancy fees	660		660	660
	<u>660</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>660</u>	<u>660</u>
<b>Total of expenditure on charitable activities</b>	<b>15,488</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,488</b>	<b>12,392</b>



## Stratford Church of Christ

### Other expenditure

Rent and rates	11,008		11,008	11,569
Administration	9,393		9,393	7,071
	20,401	-	20,401	18,640
Motor and travel costs				
Vehicles - General costs	1,071		1,071	591
	1,071	-	1,071	591
General administrative costs, including depreciation and amortisation				
Sundry expenses			-	113
Depreciation	2,055		2,055	
	2,055	-	2,055	113
<b>Total of expenditure of other costs</b>	23,527	-	23,527	19,344
<b>Total expenditure</b>	39,015	-	39,015	31,736
Net gains on investments	-	-	-	-
<b>Net income</b>	31,113	2,135	33,248	40,247
<b>Net income before other gains/(losses)</b>	31,113	2,135	33,248	40,247
Other Gains	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	31,113	2,135	33,248	40,247
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>				
Total funds brought forward	83,873	95,718	179,591	139,344
Total funds carried forward	114,986	97,853	212,839	179,591