

ALEXANDRIA LIGHTHOUSE

England & Wales · Charity number 1154327

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2013-10-24

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

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH/RELIGION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENTS OF BELIEF WITHIN THE CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE.TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH/RELIGION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENTS OF BELIEF WITHIN THE CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE THROUGH EDUCATION AND TRAINING, THE HOLDING OF PRAYER MEETINGS, LECTURES, PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF RELIGIOUS FESTIVALS, PRODUCING AND/OR DISTRIBUTING LITERATURE, INCLUDING THAT ON CHRISTIAN TEXT AND DOCTRINES TO ENLIGHTEN OTHERS ABOUT THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION .

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£81,772	£77,583	-	-
2024-03-31	£88,509	£85,341	-	-
2023-03-31	£55,973	£101,231	-	-
2022-03-31	£72,727	£58,561	-	-
2021-03-31	£73,766	£39,338	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Chee Weng Yong		2024-08-01
Chung Yin Joanie Yeung		2017-12-07
Dr TAREK IBRAHIM		2013-10-14
Fiona Lorraine Harniess		2025-06-01
Grace Margaret Robinson		2022-06-01
Harpje Streng		2024-10-01
Magdy Mounier Youssef Mansour		2024-08-01
Rev JOHN BRETT		2013-10-14

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Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	1	April	2024		31	March	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

247 Wilmslow Road	
Manchester	
Postcode	M14 5LW

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

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2	Grace Robinson	Secretary		Holy Trinity Platt
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5	Pablo Pascoe		Until August 2024	
6	Ramprasad Shresta			
7	Magdi Monier			Arabic Church
8	Harmienke Jerphanion			Grace Church
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

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Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

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Trustees are appointed from the founding group of churches and leaders. One significant participating trust has also been represented. Given that the project is ecumenical, some care is taken to ensure that the trustee group is ecumenical.

Four of the eight trustees represent important donors to the charity.

Funding levels have remained constant and the reserves policy has also been followed. However the Alexandria relies on funding that is committed by partner churches, usually annually and policy can change. The charity takes steps to palliate these risks, including investing time in communication, and maintaining relationships with supporting churches.

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To advance the Christian faith/religion for the benefit of the public in accordance with the statements of belief within the Christian doctrine through education and training, the holding of prayer meetings, lectures, public celebration of religious festivals, producing and/or distributing literature, including that on Christian text and doctrines to enlighten others about the Christian religion.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

1. Public contact and communication

During 2024–2025 the charity continued public-facing activity across its sites, with a primary focus on the Rusholme venue. Public contact took place mainly through the bookshop and activities based there, enabling engagement with a wide range of people. Referrals continued from other agencies for spiritual or emotional support, English classes, and practical help. Churches using the premises also acted as points of contact, inviting people into the space. The charity's digital platforms remained an effective means of communication and engagement, helping to connect new individuals with church and religious activities.

2. Bible Studies

Bible studies were held throughout the year. In Manchester, studies were usually held around three times a week, with more limited or occasional provision outside Manchester. Studies were openly advertised and accessible to all, with some offered in languages other than English. A range of trained volunteers continued to support and lead these studies.

3. Supporting Churches

The charity continued to provide a venue and facilities for churches, charities, and community groups, primarily in Manchester, enabling partner churches to run services, Bible studies, and outreach activities within the premises.

4. Other services to the local community

The charity continued to offer informal support to people in need during the year. This included signposting, listening support, and practical advice, as well as referrals from job centres and other public and community support networks.

5. Free English lessons and cultural activities

Free English classes continued in Manchester throughout the year. These classes regularly attracted between 25 and 40 students per week and remained an important point of contact for people from a wide range of cultural and language backgrounds.

6. Continuing work on structure, shop, and set-up costs

The physical structure and day-to-day functioning of the shop remained generally sound throughout the year, with ongoing attention given to maintenance, operational needs, and managing running costs.

7. Fundraising

Fundraising during 2024–2025, including support from churches, private individuals, and grant-making bodies, continued at a level sufficient to enable the charity to operate effectively and sustain its core activities.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Volunteers continued to play a vital role in the charity throughout 2025. They served in the bookshop during opening hours as the primary point of contact for visitors, supporting day-to-day operations and welcoming people from a wide range of backgrounds. Volunteers assisted with English language practice, offered practical help and informal advice, shared information about Christianity with the wider public, helped organise prayer gatherings and public events, and contributed to the preparation and distribution of literature.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The key achievements of the charity during 2024–2025 continued to flow from its stated objectives and built on work established in previous years, with developments reflecting current capacity and focus.

- The Christian message continued to be promoted primarily through the Manchester bookshop and related activities, alongside ongoing online contact with individuals seeking to use the charity’s facilities or explore Christian faith. Digital engagement remained strong and continued to be an effective means of connecting with new people and church-related activities.
- Christian literature continued to be distributed throughout the year, both through sales and free provision. Hundreds of individuals purchased or received Bibles and other Christian books in multiple languages, many encountering Christian resources for the first time.
- Regular and publicly accessible prayer and worship opportunities continued, with some changes in format and location over the year. Prayer meetings and informal worship gatherings remained central to the life of the charity and its outreach.
- Church groups continued to use the premises, particularly in Manchester, providing services, Bible studies, and pastoral support for people from vulnerable backgrounds, including refugees and those new to the UK.
- The charity continued to share learning and experience with a wide network of partner churches and supporters, particularly around Christian witness and discipleship in a multi-cultural and multi-religious urban context marked by rapid social change.
- Strategic refocusing and closure of the Rochdale site (“4 the Walk”): During the year, the trustees made the considered decision to close the Rochdale outreach known as *4 the Walk*, following prayerful review of its outcomes, staffing capacity, and financial sustainability. While meaningful gospel conversations and individual journeys took place, the level of ongoing resource required could not be sustained alongside the charity’s other commitments. The closure has enabled the charity to focus limited staff, volunteer capacity, and funding on its primary strategic location in Rusholme, where footfall, demand, and engagement with people from Middle Eastern, North African, and South Asian backgrounds are higher and more consistent. This refocusing supports the charity’s objects by strengthening public-facing Christian witness, supporting partner churches, and stewarding resources responsibly. Prior to closure, steps were taken to signpost individuals and contacts to local churches and Christian organisations in Rochdale.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity trustees aim to have three months' operating costs held in reserve or firmly committed by supporting churches.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Fundraising has been undertaken through four principal means.

- (1) Support from partner churches – Grace Church Manchester, the Arabic Church in Manchester, the Manchester Chinese Church, Holy Trinity Platt (Church of England) and the Antioch Network Church. Other churches also supported the work of the trust in the year under review.
- (2) Individual gifts.
- (3) Income from the shop and ancillary premises.
- (4) Grants from Christian bodies for specific areas of ministry.

Expenditure was in five main cost centres—

- (1) Personnel costs,
- (2) Costs related to the property, including rent,
- (3) Stock purchase, and
- (4) Other running costs.
- (5) Property renovation costs, particularly in Rochdale.

The closure of the Rochdale site also reduced ongoing property and staffing liabilities, contributing to improved financial resilience.

Section F**Other optional information**



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Section G**Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Chung Yin Joanie Yeung	Chee Weng Yong
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair	Treasurer
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Date

20/1/2026

Independent Examiner's Report

To the Trustees of Alexandria Lighthouse,

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the period ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 9 to 11, and which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on page 12.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply but that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- (1) Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Act;
- (2) Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act;
- (3) State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

This report is in respect of an examination carried out under Section 145 of the Act, and in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity, and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes a review of the accounts and making such enquiries as are necessary for the purpose of this report. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

Based on my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, accounting records have not been kept in accordance with Section 130 of the Act, or that the accounts presented do not accord with those records, or comply with the accounting requirement of the Act. No matter has come to my notice in connection with my examination to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts.



16th January 2026

Lorna Haines BSc FCA
Chartered Accountant
139 Rosebery Street
Manchester
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Alexandria Lighthouse

Statement of Financial Activities

1 April 2024 – 31 Mar 2025	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Last year	
	£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:					
Donations & grants	39,405	12,582	51,987	56,131	
Charitable activities	19,540		19,540	25,129	
Other trading activities: shop income					
Investments: Bank interest					
Other: rental income	10,245		10,245	7,250	
Total	69,190	12,582	81,772	88,510	
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds					
Charitable activities	65,001	12,582	77,583	85,341	
Other					
Total	65,001	12,582	77,583	85,341	
Net gains/(losses) on investments					
Net income/(expenditure)	4,189	0	4,189	3,169	
Total funds carried forward	32,641	0	32,641	28,452	
Other recognised gains/ (losses):					
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets					
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes					

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Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

1 Apr 2024 – 31 Mar 2025

Activity or programme	Activities undertaken directly	Grant funding of activities	Support costs	Total
	£	£	£	£
Rent costs	19,140	7,920		27,060
Maintenance	0	0		0
Rates	2,225	0		2,225
Utilities	5,021	0		5,021
Other operations	4,862	0		4,862
Stock purchased	8,563	0		8,563
Employment costs	24,913	4,662		29,576
Accountancy fees	275	0		275
Total	65,001	12,582		77,583

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Balance sheet

31 Mar 2025

Note ref.		Total funds (Unrestricted)
		£
	Fixed assets:	
	<i>Total fixed assets</i>	
	Current assets:	
	Stocks	
	Debtors Prepayment of rent	
	Investments	
	Cash at bank and in hand	35,050
	<i>Total current assets</i>	35,050
	Liabilities:	
	Creditors (Credit card, reviewer's fee)	2,409
	<i>Net current assets or liabilities</i>	32,641
	<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>	32,641
	Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	<i>Net assets</i>	32,641

1. Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention, in accordance with applicable accounting standards and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (Charities SORP FRS 102).

The following are the accounting policies which have been applied in dealing with material items.

(a) Donated and grant income:

Donated income and grants receivable are taken into account when received by the charity.

(b) Other income and expenditure

Investment income is taken into account when receivable and expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, when incurred by the charity, regardless of when payment is made.

(c) Funds

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income received or generated for the objects of the charity without specified purpose and are available for purposes as directed by the trustees.

Restricted funds are funds which are subject to specific conditions imposed by the donor. These funds may only be used for the purposes for which they were given.

During the financial period, the charity received restricted funds totalling £12,582 which have been applied in accordance with the donors' instructions.

2. Trustees

No trustee received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year.

ALEXANDRIA LIGHTHOUSE

England & Wales - Charity number 1154327

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From

Period start date

To

Period end date

Day	Month	Year
1	April	2023

Day	Month	Year
31	March	2024

Charity name

Alexandria Lighthouse

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1154327

Charity's principal address

247 Wilmslow Road

Manchester

Postcode

M14 5LW

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
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4	Revd John Brett			
5	Pablo Pascoe			
6	Ramprasad Shresta			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Description of the charity's trusts

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Four of the nine trustees represent important donors to the charity.

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Summary of the objects of the

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charity set out in its governing document

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1. Public contact and communication

Over this year the charity increased activity at two of its sites, but closed its activities in Longsight market due to lower contact numbers.

Public contact continued directly through the shops and activities based at the shops. This allows contact with a wide range of people. Other agencies refer to us for psychological support, English classes and practical help. Churches using the premises also acted as public contact points, inviting people into the spaces. The charity's digital platforms continue to be an effective way of attracting new people, including church and religious activities.

Prayer Meetings

These continued throughout the year, in Manchester and in Rochdale, where they were also held regularly. Normally, we would expect three prayer meetings per week to be held at the premises or organised by partner churches or the charity's volunteers.

2. Bible Studies

These were held in both spaces throughout the year – studies are usually held about three times a week in Manchester and once or twice in Rochdale. They are widely advertised, open to all, and in some cases, available in languages other than English. There is a range of volunteer leadership for these studies.

3. Supporting Churches

The charity continued to provide a venue and facilities for charities, churches and community groups, in both Rochdale and Manchester. These include churches and community groups, such as a reading group.

Other services to the local community

The charity has continued to offer support to those in need. For example, the charity has offered space to a network supporting Ethiopians in the city.

4. English lessons, cultural activities.

English courses have continued in Manchester, and are run at least twice a week. In Rochdale, there are one or two English classes. These draw in about 50 students per week.

5. Continuing work on structure, shop, set up costs.

The structure of the shop was generally sound throughout the year, although both venues require or required work on the roof.

6. Fundraising

Fundraising, including that from churches, private individuals and grants continued to be adequate for the charity's good functioning.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

The charity is built largely on volunteers, who play a role at all levels: leading, staffing the shop, conducting outreach, running discussion events, community support and English teaching. The shop has a good cross-section of volunteers from different backgrounds who contribute to the attraction of the venues and towards the achievement of the charity's goals.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The key achievements of the charity follow from the objectives noted above. Those noted in previous years continue to be the main focus of the charity:

- The promotion of the Christian message both directly through the shops, through digital platforms, and through partners, particularly churches.
- As in previous years, Christian literature has continued to be distributed, both through gift and sale over the course of the year. Hundreds of people have bought or received Christian literature.
- Regular and publicly accessible prayer and worship has developed in Rochdale and new events have begun in Manchester.
- Church groups have continued to use both premises, and these have recently expanded to include new groups, including non-English speaking communities and refugees.
- We have continued to influence churches and other Christian bodies by disseminating our experience.

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Details of any funds materially in deficit

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Expenditure was in five main cost centres—

- (1) Personnel costs,
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- (5) Property costs, although these were lower this year. .

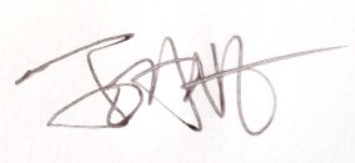

Section F**Other optional information**

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The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Chung Yin Joanie Yeung	Chee Weng Yong
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Acting Chair	Treasurer
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Date

16/12/2024

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10th December 2024

Lorna Haines BSc FCA
Chartered Accountant
139 Rosebery Street
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Statement of Financial Activities

1 April 2023 – 31 Mar 2024	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Last year	Further details	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:						
Donations & grants	41,529	14,602	56,131	29,216		A1
Charitable activities	25,129		25,129	19,387		A2
Other trading activities: shop income						A3
Investments Bank interest				0		A4
Other rental income	7,250		7,250	7,370		A5
Total	73,908	14,602	88,510	55,973		
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds						B1
Charitable activities	70,739	14,602	85,341	101,231		B2
Other						B3
Total	70,739	14,602	85,341	101,231		
Net gains/(losses) on investments						B4
Net income/(expenditure)	3,169	0	3,169	-45,258		
Total funds carried forward	28,452	0	28,452	25,283		C
Other recognised gains/ (losses):						
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets						D1
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes						D2

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Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

1 Apr 2023 – 31 Mar 2024

Activity or programme	Activities undertaken directly	Grant funding of activities	Support costs	Total
	£	£	£	£
Rent costs	17,920	7,800		25,720
Maintenance	320	0		320
Rates	742	0		742
Utilities	5,870	3,550		9,420
Other operations	5,482	0		5,482
Stock purchased	12,182	165		12,347
Employment costs	27,973	3,087		31,060
Accountancy fees	250	0		250
Total	70,739	14,602		85,341

- No remuneration was paid to any trustee during the financial period, nor to any person connected to them.

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Balance sheet

31 Mar 2024

Note ref.		Total funds (Unrestricted)
		£
	Fixed assets:	
	<i>Total fixed assets</i>	
	Current assets:	
	Stocks	
	Debtors Prepayment of rent	
	Investments	
	Cash at bank and in hand	31,688
	<i>Total current assets</i>	31,688
	Liabilities:	
	Creditors (Credit card, reviewer's fee)	3,236
	<i>Net current assets or liabilities</i>	28,452
	<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>	28,452
	Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	-
	<i>Net assets</i>	28,452

1. Accounting Policies

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Investment income is taken into account when receivable and expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, when incurred by the charity, regardless of when payment is made.

(c) Funds

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income received or generated for the objects of the charity without specified purpose and are available for purposes as directed by the trustees. No restricted funds were received during the financial period covered by these accounts.

ALEXANDRIA LIGHTHOUSE

England & Wales - Charity number 1154327

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 1	Month April	Year 2022		Day 31	Month March	Year 2023

Charity name

Alexandria Lighthouse

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1154327

Charity's principal address

247 Wilmslow Road

Manchester

Postcode

M14 5LW

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Revd Phil Rawlings	Chairman	01/06/2022	
2	Revd Kim Lau		To 07/09/2022	
3	Grace Robinson		From 01/06/2022	
4	Maxim Lakissa		To 05/12/2022	
5	Revd John Brett			
6	Dr Isabel Turley	Secretary		
7	Dr Tarek Ibrahim			
8	Joanie Yeung			
9	Ramprasad Shresta		From 01/06/2022	
10	Pablo Pascoe		From 7/12/2022	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution

How the charity is constituted
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CIO

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Appointed from participating churches and charities.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Trustees are appointed from the founding group of churches and leaders. One significant participating trust has also been represented. Given that the project is ecumenical, some care is taken to ensure that the trustee group is ecumenical.

Four of the nine trustees represent important donors to the charity.

Funding levels have remained constant and the reserves policy has also been followed. However the Alexandria relies on funding that is committed by partner churches, usually annually and policy can change. The charity takes steps to palliate these risks, including investing time in communication, and maintaining relationships with supporting churches.



Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To advance the Christian faith/religion for the benefit of the public in accordance with the statements of belief within the Christian doctrine through education and training, the holding of prayer meetings, lectures, public celebration of religious festivals, producing and/or distributing literature, including that on Christian text and doctrines to enlighten others about the Christian religion.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

1. Public contact and communication

During the course of the year, the charity opened a second site in Rochdale and this report includes information related to both of these sites. Public contact came through three principal avenues. The firstly was contact through the shops and the market stall, where Christian literature was made available to the public. The second was referrals from other agencies – this related particularly to the service elements of the charity’s work, including English classes and to a lesser extent other forms of support. Churches using the premises also acted as public contact point, inviting people into the spaces. Thirdly, effective digital platforms allowed the charity to contact potential beneficiaries, both for service activities and more specifically religious activities.

Prayer Meetings

These continued throughout the year, in Manchester and began in Rochdale, where they were also held regularly. Normally, we would expect four prayer meetings per week to be held at the premises or organised by the charity’s volunteers.

2. Bible Studies

These were held in both spaces throughout the year – studies are usually held about three times a week in Manchester and once or twice in Rochdale. They are widely advertised, open to all, and in some cases, available in languages other than English. There is a range of volunteer leadership for these studies.

3. Supporting Churches

The charity continued to provide a venue and facilities for charities, churches and community groups, in both Rochdale and Manchester.

Other services to the local community

The charity has continued to offer support to those in need. This support is informal, and included referrals from a job centre and other networks of public support.

4. English lessons, cultural activities.

English courses have continued in Manchester and have begun in Rochdale. These draw in a large number of students, ranging from 30 or 40 per week.

5. Continuing work on structure, shop, set up costs.

The structure of the shop was generally sound throughout the year.

6. Fundraising

Fundraising, including that from churches, private individuals and grants continued to be adequate for the charity’s good functioning.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Volunteers continue to play a key role in the charity. These volunteers assist in the shop, when it is open, as the first point of contact, help with English language teaching, offer practical advice, provide information to a wider public about Christianity, organise prayer meetings and public meetings and produce literature. The charity relies largely on volunteers. There is now a volunteer group in Rochdale as well as in Manchester.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The key achievements of the charity follow from the objectives noted above. Briefly, these include those noted in previous years:

- The promotion of the Christian message through visits to both shops, the market stall in Longsight, and online contact with those seeking to use the charity's facilities. Online contact has increased, through a highly effective digital platform.
- As in previous years, Christian literature has continued to be distributed, both through gift and sale over the course of the year. Hundreds of people have bought or received Christian literature.
- Regular and publicly accessible prayer and worship has continued, although the patterns have changed, with new meetings in Rochdale and some in Manchester.
- Church groups have continued to use both premises, particularly offering services for vulnerable members of the community, such as refugees.
- We have continued to disseminate our experience through a wide network of churches, particularly focusing on a multi-cultural, multi-religious environment in rapid flux.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity trustees aim to have three months' operating costs held in reserve or firmly committed by supporting churches.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Fundraising has been undertaken through four principal means.

- (1) Support from partner churches – Grace Church Manchester, the Arabic Church in Manchester, the Manchester Chinese Church, Holy Trinity Platt (Church of England) and the Antioch Network Church. Other churches also supported the work of the trust in the year under review.
- (2) Individual gifts.
- (3) Income from the shop and ancillary premises.
- (4) Grants from Christian bodies for specific areas of ministry, particularly in Rochdale.

Expenditure was in five main cost centres—

- (1) Personnel costs,
- (2) Costs related to the property, including rent,
- (3) Stock purchase, and
- (4) Other running costs.
- (5) Property renovation costs, particularly in Rochdale.

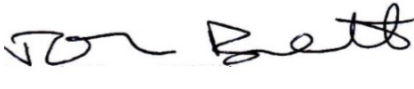

Section F**Other optional information**

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The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

John Brett	Joanie Yeung
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Acting Chair	(Acting Treasurer 2022-23)
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Date

29/01/2024

Independent Examiner's Report

To the Trustees of Alexandria Lighthouse,
I report on the accounts of the Trust for the period ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 9 to 11, and which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on page 12.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply but that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- (1) Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Act;
- (2) Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act;
- (3) State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

This report is in respect of an examination carried out under Section 145 of the Act, and in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity, and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes a review of the accounts and making such enquiries as are necessary for the purpose of this report. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

Based on my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, accounting records have not been kept in accordance with Section 130 of the Act, or that the accounts presented do not accord with those records, or comply with the accounting requirement of the Act. No matter has come to my notice in connection with my examination to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts.



29th January 2024

Lorna Haines BSc FCA
Chartered Accountant
139 Rosebery Street
Manchester
M14 4UU

Alexandria Lighthouse

Statement of Financial Activities

1 April 2022 – 31 Mar 2023	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Last year
	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:				
Donations & grants	17,471	11,745	29,216	51,894
Charitable activities				
Other trading activities shop income	19,387		19,387	15,683
Investments Bank interest	0		0	0
Other rental income	7,370		7,370	5,150
Total	44,228	11,745	55,973	72,727
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds				
Charitable activities	77,741	23,490	101,231	58,561
Other				
Total	77,741	23,490	101,231	58,561
Net gains/(losses) on investments				
Net income/(expenditure)	-33,513	-11,745	-45,258	14,166
Total funds carried forward	25,283	0	25,283	70,541
Other recognised gains/ (losses):				
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets				
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes				

Alexandria Lighthouse

Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

1 Apr 2022 – 31 Mar 2023

Activity or programme	Activities undertaken directly	Grant funding of activities	Support costs	Total
	£	£	£	£
Rent costs	17,920	7,800		25,720
Maintenance	7,108	0		7,108
Rates	0	0		0
Utilities	8,008	1,600		9,608
Other operations	10,613	1,979		12,592
Stock purchased	14,563	0		14,563
Employment costs	19,279	12,111		31,390
Accountancy fees	250	0		250
Total	77,741	23,490		101,231

- No remuneration was paid to any trustee during the financial period, nor to any person connected to them.

Alexandria Lighthouse

Balance sheet

31 Mar 2023

Note ref.		Total funds (Unrestricted)
		£
	Fixed assets:	
	<i>Total fixed assets</i>	
	Current assets:	
	Stocks	
	Debtors Prepayment of rent	
	Investments	
	Cash at bank and in hand	26,773
	<i>Total current assets</i>	26,773
	Liabilities:	
	Creditors (Credit card, reviewer's fee)	1,490
	<i>Net current assets or liabilities</i>	25,283
	<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>	25,283
	Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	

1. Accounting Policies

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(c) Funds

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income received or generated for the objects of the charity without specified purpose and are available for purposes as directed by the trustees. No restricted funds were received during the financial period covered by these accounts.

ALEXANDRIA LIGHTHOUSE

England & Wales - Charity number 1154327

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From

Period start date

To

Period end date

Day
1

Month
April

Year
2021

Day
31

Month
March

Year
2022

Charity name

Alexandria Lighthouse

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1154327

Charity's principal address

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7 Dr Tarek Ibrahim			
8 Joanie Yeung			
9 Dan Challis		to 30/6/21	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Trustees are appointed from the founding group of churches and leaders. One significant participating trust has also been represented. Given that the project is ecumenical, some care is taken to ensure that the trustee group is ecumenical.

Four of the nine trustees represent important donors to the charity.

Significant risks include managing the relationship with donor churches and individuals, with a view to maintaining the cash flow necessary for the working model of the charity. The involvement of those representing donor churches and organisations with similar aims is a way of managing those risks. The charity continues to benefit from the significantly lower rent payable to a sympathetic landlord, who bought the building housing its bookshop at 247 Wilmslow Road in the 2018/19 financial year.

The operational risk represented by the Covid-19 pandemic reduced significantly over the financial year, although face to face activities returned only gradually.



Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

1. Public contact and communication

Public contact continued both directly through the charity's shop and its market stall in Longsight, as in previous years. Footfall and contacts increased after the end of covid restrictions.

The charity's work has continued to be supported financially by key participating churches and, when the shop has been open, has been assisted by volunteers drawn mainly from those churches and others in contact with them. Where feasible in light of the pandemic restrictions, churches have also used the ancillary space in a number of different ways, which strengthens the partnership between them and the charity.

Prayer Meetings

These continued throughout the year, increasing as the covid pandemic ended. .

2. Bible Studies

A number of Bible studies have been held every week in the premises of the charity. These include studies in Arabic, and English. These studies are advertised and are open to all. The team in the Alexandria Library publicise these meetings locally and through the bookshop.

3. Supporting Churches

The charity continued to provide a venue and facilities for charities, churches and community groups during those periods when the shop premises could be opened.

4. Other services to the local community

The charity has continued to offer support to Syrian and other Arab refugees through the advice and guidance of staff within the limitations imposed by government restrictions during the pandemic. These included Arabic lessons.

5. English lessons, cultural activities.

English courses have continued where possible both through online facilities and, face to face meetings. These are generally run by partner churches.

6. Continuing work on structure, shop, set up costs.

The structure of the shop was generally sound throughout the year.

7. Fundraising

Fundraising, including that from churches, private individuals and grants continued to be adequate for the charity's good functioning.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Volunteers continue to play a key role in the charity. These volunteers assist in the shop, when it is open, as the first point of contact, help with English language teaching, offer practical advice, provide information to a wider public about Christianity, organise prayer meetings and public meetings and produce literature. The charity relies largely on volunteers. During the year under review, the charity took on a second part time worker to promote contact with Arabic speakers, in particular.

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- policy on grantmaking;
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- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The key achievements of the charity follow from the objectives noted above. Briefly, these include those noted in previous years:

- The promotion of the Christian message through visits to the shop, the market stall in Longsight, and online contact with those seeking to use the charity's facilities.
- Christian literature has continued to be distributed, both through gift and sale over the course of the year. Hundreds of people have bought or received Christian literature.
- Regular and publicly accessible prayer and worship has continued.
- Church groups have continued to use the premises, particularly offering services for vulnerable members of the community, such as refugees.
- We have continued to disseminate our experience through a wide network of churches, particularly focusing on a multi-cultural, multi-religious environment in rapid flux.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity trustees aim to have three months' operating costs held in reserve or firmly committed by supporting churches.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

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- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
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Fundraising has been undertaken through three principal means.

- (1) Support from partner churches – Grace Church Manchester, the Arabic Church in Manchester, the Manchester Chinese Church, Holy Trinity Platt (Church of England) and the Antioch Network Church. Other churches also supported the work of the trust in the year under review.
- (2) Individual gifts.
- (3) Income from the shop and ancillary premises.
- (4) Government support grants made available to businesses affected by the pandemic restrictions through the local council and, in relation to the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme, HMRC.

Expenditure was in four main cost centres—

- (1) Personnel costs,
- (2) Costs related to the property, including rent,
- (3) Stock purchase, and
- (4) Other running costs.

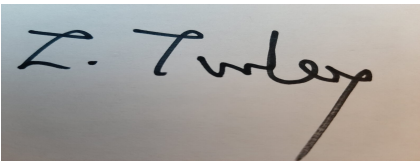

These reflect the structure of the charity, based as it is in a publicly accessible building, with a single part-time worker, and based largely on the support and work of volunteers.

Section F Other optional information

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The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
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Full name(s)	Isabel Turley	John Brett
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Acting Chair	Acting Treasurer
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Date	5/12/2022
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Independent Examiner's Report

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RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

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- (1) Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Act;
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BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

Based on my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, accounting records have not been kept in accordance with Section 130 of the Act, or that the accounts presented do not accord with those records, or comply with the accounting requirement of the Act. No matter has come to my notice in connection with my examination to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts.



9th December 2022

Lorna Haines BSc FCA
Chartered Accountant
139 Rosebery Street
Manchester
M14 4UU

Alexandria Lighthouse
Statement of Financial Activities

1 April 2021 – 31 Mar 2022	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Last year
	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:				
Donations & grants	51,894		51,894	63,246
Charitable activities				
Other trading activities <i>shop income</i>	15,683		15,683	5,186
Investments <i>Bank interest</i>	0		0	0
Other <i>rental income</i>	5,150		5,150	5,334
Total	72,727		72,727	73,766
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds				
Charitable activities	58,561		58,561	39,338
Other				
Total	58,561		58,561	39,338
Net gains/(losses) on investments				
Net income/(expenditure)	14,166		14,166	34,428
Total funds carried forward	70,541		70,541	56,375
Other recognised gains/ (losses):				
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets				
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes				

Alexandria Lighthouse
Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities
1 Apr 2021 – 31 Mar 2022

Activity or programme	Activities undertaken directly	Grant funding of activities	Support costs	Total
	£	£	£	£
Rent costs	17,780			17,780
Maintenance	6,331			6,331
Rates	0			0
Utilities	996			996
Other operations	10,182			10,182
Stock purchased	8,099			8,099
Employment costs	14,924			14,924
Accountancy fees	250			250
Total	58,561			58,561

- No remuneration was paid to any trustee during the financial period, nor to any person connected to them.

Alexandria Lighthouse

Balance sheet

31 Mar 2022

Note ref.		Total funds (Unrestricted)
		£
	Fixed assets:	
	<i>Total fixed assets</i>	
	Current assets:	
	Stocks	
	Debtors Prepayment of rent	
	Investments	
	Cash at bank and in hand	72,305
	<i>Total current assets</i>	72,305
	Liabilities:	
	Creditors (Credit card, staff pay & reviewer's fee)	1,764
	<i>Net current assets or liabilities</i>	70,541
	<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>	70,541
	Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	

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ALEXANDRIA LIGHTHOUSE

England & Wales - Charity number 1154327

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From

Period start date

To

Period end date

Day	Month	Year
1	April	2020

Day	Month	Year
31	March	2021

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Other names charity is known by

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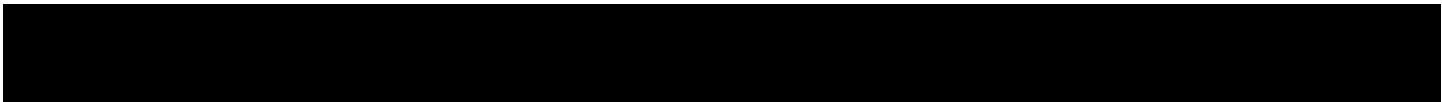
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Trustees are appointed from the founding group of churches and leaders. One significant participating trust has also been represented. Given that the project is ecumenical, some care is taken to ensure that the trustee group is ecumenical.

Four of the nine trustees represent important donors to the charity.

Significant risks include managing the relationship with donor churches and individuals, with a view to maintaining the cash flow necessary for the working model of the charity. The involvement of those representing donor churches and organisations with similar aims is a way of managing those risks. The charity continues to benefit from the significantly lower rent payable to a sympathetic landlord, who bought the building housing its bookshop at 247 Wilmslow Road in the 2018/19 financial year.

The operational risk represented by the Covid-19 pandemic was substantial throughout the financial year with the consequential lockdowns and reduced footfall when the shop was open.

However, the strategy of placing the employed shop manager on furlough and claiming the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme grant during closures, and obtaining business support grants from Manchester City Council, more than offset the adverse effects financially, and moving various services on-line allowed some services provided to be maintained.



Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To advance the Christian faith/religion for the benefit of the public in accordance with the statements of belief within the Christian doctrine through education and training, the holding of prayer meetings, lectures, public celebration of religious festivals, producing and/or distributing literature, including that on Christian text and doctrines to enlighten others about the Christian religion.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

1. Public contact and communication

Public contact continued both directly through the charity's shop and its market stall in Longsight, as in previous years. Numbers of contacts were inevitably substantially reduced compared to the previous year due to the pandemic, which required closure of the shop during lockdown periods and reduced footfall when the shop was open in other periods. However, some services, such as English classes, were able to continue by being moved online.

The charity's work has continued to be supported financially by key participating churches and, when the shop has been open, has been assisted by volunteers drawn mainly from those churches and others in contact with them. Where feasible in light of the pandemic restrictions, churches have also used the ancillary space in a number of different ways, which strengthens the partnership between them and the charity. Prayer Meetings Public prayer continued through the year, with special events as well as regular meetings connected to different networks such as Mahabba. Other prayer meetings are organised directly by partner churches. These meetings are generally held in Urdu, English and Kurdish, and Arabic.

2. Bible Studies

A number of Bible studies have been held every week in the premises of the charity. These include studies in Arabic, Kurdish and English. These studies are advertised and are open to all. The team in the Alexandria Library publicise these meetings locally and through the bookshop.

3. Supporting Churches

The charity continued to provide a venue and facilities for charities, churches and community groups during those periods when the shop premises could be opened. However, the public events in previous years, involving charity staff and volunteers to publicise the work of the charity, generally had to be suspended due to the pandemic restrictions.

4. Other services to the local community

The charity has continued to offer support to Syrian and other Arab refugees through the advice and guidance of staff within the limitations imposed by government restrictions during the pandemic.

5. English lessons, cultural activities.

English courses have continued where possible both through online facilities and, where permitted, and with appropriate safeguards such as masks and social distancing, on the charity's premises. These are publicised through its website and social media feeds. The classes range from beginners' to advanced levels, and attract students from a number of different backgrounds. These lessons are provided free of charge.

6. Continuing work on structure, shop, set up costs.

The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic resulted in a reduction in shop income coupled with a reduction in normal running costs. An ingress of storm water to the first floor of the shop building resulted in unexpected repair costs but these were largely covered by an insurance claim.

7. Fundraising

The charity continued to undertake the necessary work to raise funds through grants and contributions from churches and individuals, both in the UK and abroad. Funds of £63,246 were raised during the year, aside from revenue from the charity's

shop and market stall. The bulk of these funds derived from business support grants made by/via Manchester City Council and furlough grants made by HMRC under the Coronavirus Job Support Scheme.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Volunteers continue to play a key role in the charity. These volunteers assist in the shop, when it is open, as the first point of contact, help with English language teaching, offer practical advice, provide information to a wider public about Christianity, organise prayer meetings and public meetings and produce literature. The charity relies largely on volunteers. During the year under review, the charity retained its single part-time worker who functioned as manager of the bookshop and, with a trustee, assisted in organising the volunteers. In addition to directing and supporting volunteers, the charity continues to focus on its partnership with churches, offering spaces for church and community volunteers to run activities related to the charity's aims.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The key achievements of the charity follow from the objectives noted above. Briefly, these include (with compliance as necessary with the national restrictions made necessary by the Covid-19 pandemic):

- The promotion of the Christian message through visits to the shop, the market stall in Longsight, and online contact with those seeking to use the charity's facilities.
- Christian literature has continued to be distributed, both through gift and sale over the course of the year. Hundreds of people have bought or received Christian literature.
- Regular and publicly accessible prayer and worship has continued.
- Church groups have continued to use the premises, particularly offering services for vulnerable members of the community, such as refugees.
- We have continued to disseminate our experience through a wide network of churches, particularly focusing on a multi-cultural, multi-religious environment in rapid flux.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity trustees aim to have three months' operating costs held in reserve or firmly committed by supporting churches.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Fundraising has been undertaken through three principal means.

- (1) Support from partner churches - Grace Church Manchester, the Arabic Church in Manchester, the Manchester Chinese Church, Holy Trinity Platt (Church of England) and its affiliate Trinity Community Church. Other churches also supported the work of the trust in the year under review.
- (2) Individual gifts.
- (3) Income from the shop and ancillary premises.
- (4) Government support grants made available to businesses affected by the pandemic restrictions through the local council and, in relation to the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme, HMRC.

Expenditure was in four main cost centres—

- (1) Personnel costs,
- (2) Costs related to the property, including rent,
- (3) Stock purchase, and
- (4) Other running costs.

These reflect the structure of the charity, based as it is in a publicly accessible building, with a single part-time worker, and based largely on the support and work of volunteers.

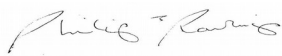

Section F**Other optional information**

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The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Philip Rawlings	Richard Fearnley
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair	Treasurer
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Date

21 January 2022

Independent Examiner's Report

To the Trustees of Alexandria Lighthouse,
I report on the accounts of the Trust for the period ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on pages 10 to 12, and which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on page 13.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply but that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- (1) Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Act;
- (2) Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act;
- (3) State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

This report is in respect of an examination carried out under Section 145 of the Act, and in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity, and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes a review of the accounts and making such enquiries as are necessary for the purpose of this report. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

Based on my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, accounting records have not been kept in accordance with Section 130 of the Act, or that the accounts presented do not accord with those records, or comply with the accounting requirement of the Act. No matter has come to my notice in connection with my examination to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts.



21st January 2022

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Alexandria Lighthouse

Statement of Financial Activities

1 April 2020 - 31 Mar 2021	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Last year
	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:				
Donations, grants & insurance claim	63,246		63,246	36,108
Charitable activities				
Other trading activities <i>shop income</i>	5,186		5,186	12,697
Investments <i>Bank interest</i>	0		0	0
Other <i>rental income & insurance claim</i>	5,334		5,334	4,350
Total	73,766		73,766	53,154
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds				
Charitable activities	39,338		39,338	61,021
Other				
Total	39,338		39,338	61,021
Net gains/(losses) on investments				
Net income/(expenditure)	34,428		34,428	(7,867)
Total funds carried forward	56,375		56,375	21,947
Other recognised gains/ (losses):				
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets				
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes.				

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Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

1 Apr 2020 - 31 Mar 2021

Activity or programme	Activities undertaken directly	Grant funding of activities	Support costs	Total
	£	£	£	£
Rent costs	16,000			16,000
Maintenance	3,857			3,857
Rates	0			0
Utilities	2,057			2,057
Other operations	5,625			5,625
Stock purchased	1,161			1,161
Employment costs	10,439			10,439
Accountancy fees	200			200
Total	39,338			39,338

- No remuneration was paid to any trustee during the financial period, nor to any person connected to them.

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Balance sheet
31 Mar 2021**

Note ref.		Total funds (Unrestricted)
		£
	Fixed assets:	
	Intangible assets	
	Tangible assets	
	Heritage assets	
	Investments	
	<i>Total fixed assets</i>	
	Current assets:	
	Stocks	
	Debtors Prepayment of rent	4,000
	Investments	
	Cash at bank and in hand	52,575
	<i>Total current assets</i>	56,575
	Liabilities:	
	Accruals (Accountancy fees)	200
	<i>Net current assets or liabilities</i>	56,375
	<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>	56,375
	Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

31 March 2021

1. Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention, in accordance with applicable accounting standards and follow the *Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting for Charities 2015*. The following are the accounting policies which have been applied in dealing with material items.

(a) Donated and grant income:

Donated income and grants receivable are taken into account when received by the charity.

(b) Other income and expenditure

Investment income is taken into account when receivable and expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, when incurred by the charity, regardless of when payment is made.

(c) Funds

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income received or generated for the objects of the charity without specified purpose and are available for purposes as directed by the trustees. No restricted funds were received during the financial period covered by these accounts.