



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From

Period start date

Day
1

Month
April

Year
2023

To

Period end date

Day
31

Month
March

Year
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)

1 Chung Yin Joanie Yeung

Chair

2 Grace Robinson

Secretary

from 29/6/23

Holy Trinity Platt

3 Chee Weng Yong

Treasurer

From 3/7/23

MCCC

4 Revd John Brett

5 Pablo Pascoe

6 Ramprasad Shresta

7 Magdi Monier

From 3/7/23

Arabic Church

8 Harmienke Jerphanion

From 29/6/23

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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Description of the charity's trusts

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

Constitution

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

CIO

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

Appointed from participating churches and charities.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- 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

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charity set out in its governing document

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)

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.

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)

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

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

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.

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.

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 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,
- (4) Other running costs.
- (5) Property costs, although these were lower this year. .

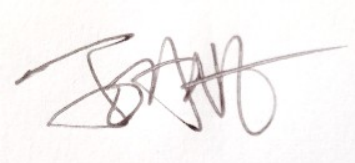

Section F**Other optional information**

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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

Independent Examiner's Report

To the Trustees of Alexandria Lighthouse,
I report on the accounts of the Trust for the period ended 31 March 2024, 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.



10th December 2024

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

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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

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.