

# FREEDOM CHURCH CHESTER

England & Wales · Charity number 1154404

## Details

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Other names	NEWFRONTIERS CHESTER
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2013-10-31
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT.TO RELIEVE SICKNESS AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND TO PROMOTE AND PRESERVE GOOD HEALTH BY THE PROVISION OF FUNDS,GOODS OR SERVICES OF ANY KIND,INCLUDING THROUGH THE PROVISION OF COUNSELLING AND SUPPORT IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT.TO ADVANCE EDUCATION IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT.

**Activities:** The primary objectives and aims of the charity are to support the work of the Christian church to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees from time to time may think fit.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Cheshire East
- Cheshire West & Chester

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-05-31	£104,491	£100,773	-	-
2024-05-31	£83,418	£81,004	-	-
2023-05-31	£87,741	£98,325	-	-
2022-05-31	£66,470	£62,849	-	-
2021-05-31	£63,457	£52,476	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Kevin Antony Pearson	Chair	2024-11-07
Christopher Alan Palmer		2025-07-03
Elizabeth Louise Biggs		2025-08-28
KEITH ROBERT COOPER		2013-09-20

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# Accounts

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025**

REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 1154404

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## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

The Trustees present their report with the Financial Statements of the charity for the year ended 31 May 2025

### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS**

Registered Charity No. 1154404

#### **Principal Address**

Freedom Church, Chester City Mission, 6 Hunter Street, Chester, CH1 2AR

#### **Trustees:**

Mr Keith Cooper  
Mrs Hannah Lawrie  
Mr Kevin Pearson  
Dr Emma Beddoes

#### **Independent examiner**

Mr David Scotland (retired FCMA, CGMA), 265 Chester Road, Whitby, Cheshire. CH66 2NZ

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

#### **Constitution**

#### **OBJECTIVES, AIMS AND ACTIVITIES**

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We strive to be a church on a mission, one which reaches the people of Chester with the love of God and which grows by planting more churches.

**INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF NEW TRUSTEES**

The trustees are briefed regarding the Freedom Church, its objectives, aims and obligations in relation to the charity.

**Risk Management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud or error. The charity does not hold a reserves policy at this time however this is under review and a reserves policy is being prepared by the trustees.

**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

The results for the period are set out on pages 6 and 7.

**Charitable activities**

This year we have seen continued growth as well as consolidating our fellowship.

We continue to meet regularly on Sunday mornings at 10.30am with additional weekly & fortnightly prayer meetings. Also we have small group meeting every other Wednesday for teaching, bible reading, discussions and prayer.

We have a strong eldership and leadership team in place to oversee the activities of the church and provide good accountability. We have established broad based leadership teams across all areas of church activity.

**Social action**

We still have a good relationship with the Chester City Mission. Although we no longer work directly with the homeless we operate a FoodBank from our building every Wednesday. In conjunction with FoodBank we run a coffee morning and Warm Space. This is open to everyone and is appreciated by the wider community.

**Youth and Children**

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Outreach into Chester and North Wales continued during the year with regular services in both Chester and Ewloe. We also conduct other outreach activities in Chester city centre and Chester market.

**Future Plans**

Facilities continue to be improved and further development is planned for the coming year to the building structure which relies on the support of the Chester City Mission to grant their consent. During this financial year Dr Emma Beddoes stood down from the trustees and Mr Kevin Pearson was appointed as chair. We plan to expand the trustees to 5 in the coming year.

Approved by order of the trustees on 19th February 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Keith Cooper - Trustee .....



### **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Freedom Church Chester**

I report on the receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities of the Freedom Church Chester for the year ended 31 May 2025 which are set out on pages 6-7.

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

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
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07th February 2026

## INCOME &amp; EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 MAY 2025

	2024/25			2023/24		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
<b>DIRECT GIVING</b>						
General Donations	£ 80,370	£ -	£ 80,370	£ 63,241	£ -	£ 63,241
Devoted/Charity Shop	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Other Income (includes Gift Aid)	£ 9,798	£ -	£ 9,798	£ 7,854	£ -	£ 7,854
Rental Income	£ 14,323	£ -	£ 14,323	£ 12,323	£ -	£ 12,323
	<u>£ 104,491</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 104,491</u>	<u>£ 83,418</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 83,418</u>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>						
Giving: Devoted	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
other Charitable activities	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Charity Shop	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>
<b>Overheads</b>						
Rent & Rates	£ 16,950	£ -	£ 16,950	£ 20,128	£ -	£ 20,128
Salaries	£ 28,008	£ -	£ 28,008	£ 15,785	£ -	£ 15,785
Utilities	£ 10,728	£ -	£ 10,728	£ 8,653	£ -	£ 8,653
Travel	£ 1,364	£ -	£ 1,364	£ -	£ -	£ -
Print & Stationery	£ 738	£ -	£ 738	£ 385	£ -	£ 385
Sunday Meeting Costs	£ 8,477	£ -	£ 8,477	£ 7,313	£ -	£ 7,313
Telephone & Computers	£ 2,177	£ -	£ 2,177	£ 1,132	£ -	£ 1,132
Equipment Hire	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Maintenance	£ 7,029	£ -	£ 7,029	£ 10,993	£ -	£ 10,993
Training	£ 1,137	£ -	£ 1,137	£ 682	£ -	£ 682
Mission & Evangelism	£ 21,601	£ -	£ 21,601	£ 12,849	£ -	£ 12,849
Bank Charges	£ 85	£ -	£ 85	£ 49	£ -	£ 49
Professional fees	£ 2,479	£ -	£ 2,479	£ 3,133	£ -	£ 3,133
	<u>£ 100,773</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 100,773</u>	<u>£ 81,004</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 81,004</u>
Total payments	<u>£ 100,773</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 100,773</u>	<u>£ 81,004</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 81,004</u>
Accumulated funds/(losses)	£ 3,718	£ -	£ 3,718	£ 2,414	£ -	£ 2,414
Cash funds as of 31 May 2024	<u>£ 53,254</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 53,254</u>			
Cash funds as of 31 May 2025	<u>£ 54,698</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 54,698</u>			

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## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MAY 2025

	2024/25			2023/24		
	Unrestrict ed funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Unrestrict ed funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>						
Bank - CAF	£ 54,698	£ -	£ 54,698	£ 53,254	£ -	£ 53,254
Cash in Hand	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 19	£ -	£ 19
Trade Debtors	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
				£ -		
	<u>£ 54,698</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 54,698</u>	<u>£ 53,273</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 53,273</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>						
Trade Creditors	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
PAYE	0	£ -	£ -	0	£ -	£ -
Net Wages	0	£ -	£ -	0	£ -	£ -
	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>£ 54,698</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 54,698</u>	<u>£ 53,273</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 53,273</u>



Signed: K R Cooper - Trustee

Dated: 21-Jan-26

**FREEDOM CHURCH CHESTER**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025**

**RESTRICTED FUNDS**

There was no restricted funds received in the current tax year, all funds received are classed as non-restricted

**ACCOUNTING BASIS ADOPTED**

Accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis .

**SIGNIFICANT VALUES SHOWING UNDER LIABILITIES**

No significant costs have been accrued for. PAYE liabilities deemed insignificant at year end as all employees do not fall under PAYE requirements as they are part-time in nature

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**Future Plans**

Facilities continue to be improved and further development is planned for the coming year to the building structure which relies on the support of the Chester City Mission to grant their consent.

Approved by order of the trustees on 6th February 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Keith Cooper - Trustee .....



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07th February 2025

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<b>DIRECT GIVING</b>						
General Donations	£ 63,241	£ -	£ 63,241	£ 64,256	£ -	£ 64,256
Devoted/Charity Shop	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Other Income (includes Gift Aid)	£ 7,854	£ -	£ 7,854	£ 8,712	£ -	£ 8,712
Rental Income	£ 12,323	£ -	£ 12,323	£ 14,773	£ -	£ 14,773
	<u>£ 83,418</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 83,418</u>	<u>£ 87,741</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 87,741</u>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>						
Giving: Devoted	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
other Charitable activities	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Charity Shop	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>
<b>Overheads</b>						
Rent & Rates	£ 20,128	£ -	£ 20,128	£ 23,374	£ -	£ 23,374
Salaries	£ 15,785	£ -	£ 15,785	£ 10,868	£ -	£ 10,868
Utilities	£ 8,653	£ -	£ 8,653	£ 6,973	£ -	£ 6,973
Travel	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 1,492	£ -	£ 1,492
Print & Stationery	£ 385	£ -	£ 385	£ 1,710	£ -	£ 1,710
Sunday Meeting Costs	£ 7,313	£ -	£ 7,313	£ 2,934	£ -	£ 2,934
Telephone & Computers	£ 1,132	£ -	£ 1,132	£ 1,460	£ -	£ 1,460
Equipment Hire	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Maintenance	£ 10,993	£ -	£ 10,993	£ 32,503	£ -	£ 32,503
Training	£ 682	£ -	£ 682	£ 742	£ -	£ 742
Mission & Evangelism	£ 12,849	£ -	£ 12,849	£ 14,396	£ -	£ 14,396
Bank Charges	-£ 49	£ -	-£ 49	£ 6	£ -	£ 6
Profession	£ 3,133	£ -	£ 3,133	£ 1,867	£ -	£ 1,867
	<u>£ 81,004</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 81,004</u>	<u>£ 98,325</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 98,325</u>
Total payments	<u>£ 81,004</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 81,004</u>	<u>£ 98,325</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 98,325</u>
Accumulated funds/(losses)	<u>£ 2,414</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 2,414</u>	<u>-£ 10,584</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>-£ 10,584</u>
Cash funds as of 31 May 2023	<u>£ 50,904</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 50,904</u>			
Cash funds as of 31 May 2024	<u>£ 53,254</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 53,254</u>			

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## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MAY 2024

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	Unrestrict ed funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Unrestrict ed funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>						
Bank - CAF	£ 53,254	£ -	£ 53,254	£ 50,885	£ -	£ 50,885
Cash in Hand	£ 19	£ -	£ 19	£ 19	£ -	£ 19
Trade Debtors	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
					£ -	
	<u>£ 53,273</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 53,273</u>	<u>£ 50,904</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 50,904</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>						
Trade Creditors	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
PAYE	0	£ -	£ -	0	£ -	£ -
Net Wages	0	£ -	£ -	0	£ -	£ -
	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>
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Signed: K R Cooper - Trustee

Dated: 21-Jan-25

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

**RESTRICTED FUNDS**

Restricted funds for Crewe & Nantwich have now been re-classified as Non-Restricted after the donors towards this fund agreed in writing for these funds to be released for Crewe and Nantwich into the general Cheshire district to support the work into Chester and North Wales.

**ACCOUNTING BASIS ADOPTED**

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**SIGNIFICANT VALUES SHOWING UNDER LIABILITIES**

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**Charitable activities**

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We continue to meet regularly on Sunday mornings at 10.30am with additional weekly & fortnightly prayer meetings. Also we have small group meeting every other Wednesday for teaching, bible reading, discussions and prayer.

We have a strong eldership and leadership team in place to oversee the activities of the church and provide good accountability. We have established a broad based leadership teams across all areas of church activity.

**Social action**

We still have a good relationship with the Chester City Mission. Although we no longer work directly with the homeless we operate a FoodBank from our building every Wednesday. In conjunction with FoodBank we run a coffee morning and Warm Space. This is open to everyone and is appreciated by the wider community.

**Youth and Children**

Youth meet regularly during term times and we also hold activities for children. This involves appropriate age related teaching, singing and fun activities.

**Outreach and Evangelism**

Outreach into Chester and North Wales continued during the year with regular services in both Chester and Mancott. We also conduct other outreach activities in Chester city centre and Chester market.

**Future Plans**

Facilities continue to be improved and further development is planned for the coming year to the building structure which relies on the support of the Chester City Mission to grant their consent.

Approved by order of the trustees on 6th February 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Keith Cooper - Trustee .....



### **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Freedom Church Chester**

I report on the receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities of the Freedom Church Chester for the year ended 31 May 2023 which are set out on pages 6-7.

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

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

#### **Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. This included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records.

Consideration of any unusual items or disclosure in the accounts are also recorded upon and presenting these for explanation to the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for a full audit and consequently no opinion is given whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

2. To which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

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07th February 2024

## FREEDOM CHURCH CHESTER

**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR T**

	2022/23		
RECEIPTS	Unrestrict ed funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
<b>DIRECT GIVING</b>			
General Donations	£ 64,256	£ -	£ 64,256
Devoted/Charity Shop	£ -	£ -	£ -
Other Income (includes Gift Aid)	£ 8,712	£ -	£ 8,712
Rental Income	£ 14,773	£ -	£ 14,773
	<u>£ 87,741</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 87,741</u>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
Giving: Devoted	£ -	£ -	£ -
other Charitable activities:	£ -	£ -	£ -
Charity Shop	£ -	£ -	£ -
	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>
<u>Overheads</u>			
Rent & Rates	£ 23,374	£ -	£ 23,374
Salaries	£ 10,868	£ -	£ 10,868
Utilities	£ 6,973	£ -	£ 6,973
Travel	£ 1,492	£ -	£ 1,492
Print & Stationery	£ 1,710	£ -	£ 1,710
Sunday Meeting Costs	£ 2,934	£ -	£ 2,934
Telephone & Computers	£ 1,460	£ -	£ 1,460
Equipment Hire	£ -	£ -	£ -
Maintenance	£ 32,503	£ -	£ 32,503
Training	£ 742	£ -	£ 742
Mission & Evangelism	£ 14,396	£ -	£ 14,396
Bank Charges	£ 6	£ -	£ 6
Profession	£ 1,867	£ -	£ 1,867
	<u>£ 98,325</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 98,325</u>
Total payments	<u>£ 98,325</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 98,325</u>
Accumulated funds/(losses)	<u>-£ 10,584</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>-£ 10,584</u>
Cash funds as of 31 May 2022	<u>£ 182</u>	<u>£ 3,439</u>	<u>£ 3,621</u>
Cash funds as of 31 May 2023	<u>£ 50,904</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 50,904</u>

## THE PERIOD ENDING 31 MAY 2023

2021/22		
Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
£ 53,733	£ 5,852	£ 59,585
£ -	£ -	£ -
£ 6,735	£ -	£ 6,735
£ 150	£ -	£ 150
<u>£ 60,618</u>	<u>£ 5,852</u>	<u>£ 66,470</u>
£ -	£ -	£ -
£ -	£ -	£ -
£ -	£ -	£ -
<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>
£ 22,522	£ 655	£ 23,177
£ 7,525	£ -	£ 7,525
£ 3,799	£ -	£ 3,799
£ 655	£ -	£ 655
£ 499	£ 117	£ 616
£ 2,085	£ 33	£ 2,118
£ 4,051	£ 717	£ 4,768
£ -	£ -	£ -
£ 6,773	£ -	£ 6,773
£ 635	£ 585	£ 1,220
£ 9,315	£ 306	£ 9,621
£ -	£ -	£ -
£ 2,577	£ -	£ 2,577
<u>£ 60,436</u>	<u>£ 2,413</u>	<u>£ 62,849</u>
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<u>£ 182</u>	<u>£ 3,439</u>	<u>£ 3,621</u>

FREEDOM CHURCH CHESTER

**STATEMENT C  
AS AT 31 MAY**

	Unrestrict ed funds
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>	
Bank - CAF	£ 50,885
Cash in Hand	£ 19
Trade Debtors	£ -
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	£ 50,904
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<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Trade Creditors	£ -
PAYE	0
Net Wages	0
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	£ -
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	£ 50,904



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Signed: K R Cooper - Trustee

Dated: 21-Jan-24

## OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES 2023

2022/23		2021/22		
Restricted funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
£ -	£ 50,885	£ 41,269	£ 12,752	£ 54,021
£ -	£ 19	£ 19	£ -	£ 19
£ -	£ -	£ 596	£ -	£ 596
			£ -	
£ -	£ 50,904	£ 41,884	£ 12,752	£ 54,636
£ -	£ -	-£ 121	£ -	-£ 121
£ -	£ -	0	£ -	£ -
£ -	£ -	0	£ -	£ -
£ -	£ -	-£ 121	£ -	-£ 121
£ -	£ 50,904	£ 42,005	£ 12,752	£ 54,757

**FREEDOM CHURCH CHESTER**

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

**RESTRICTED FUNDS**

Restricted funds for Crewe & Nantwich have now been re-classified as Non-Restricted after the donors towards this fund agreed in writing for these funds to be released for Crewe and Nantwich into the general Cheshire district to support the work into Chester and North Wales.

**ACCOUNTING BASIS ADOPTED**

Accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis .

**SIGNIFICANT VALUES SHOWING UNDER LIABILITIES**

No significant costs have been accrued for. PAYE liabilities deemed insignificant at year end as all employees do not fall under PAYE requirements as they are part-time in nature

**FREEDOM CHURCH CHESTER**

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**FREEDOM CHURCH CHESTER**

**ALSO KNOWN AS NEW FRONTIERS CHESTER**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2022**

FREEDOM CHURCH CHESTER

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## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2022

The Trustees present their report with the Financial Statements of the charity for the year ended 31 May 2021

### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS**

Registered Charity No. 1154404

#### **Principal Address**

Chester City Mission, 6 Hunters Street, Chester, CH1 2AR

#### **Trustees:**

Mr Keith Cooper  
Mrs Hannah Lawrie  
Dr Emma Beddoes

#### **Independent examiner**

Mr David Scotland (retired FCMA, CGMA), 265 Chester Road, Whitby, Cheshire. CH66 2NZ

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

#### **Constitution**

#### **OBJECTIVES, AIMS AND ACTIVITIES**

The primary aim of the trust is to support the work of the Christian church to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees from time to time may think fit. To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and to preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees from time to time may think fit. To advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees from time to time may think fit.

Freedom Church is based on the teaching of the Bible. We strive to be a worshipping, spirit-filled community where the evidence is lives being changed. We value home, church and work life equally and view all of these as valuable in God's Kingdom. Together we want to love and bless the city and beyond, we feel the best way to achieve this is to be God's hands, feet and mouth, empowered by the Holy Spirit and doing the things that Jesus Christ would do if He were physically here in Chester.

We strive to be a church on a mission, one which reaches the people of Chester with the love of God and which grows by planting more churches.

**INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF NEW TRUSTEES**

The trustees are briefed regarding the Freedom Church, its objectives, aims and obligations in relation to the charity.

**Risk Management**

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

**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

The results for the period are set out on pages 4 and 5.

**Charitable activities**

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We continue to meet regularly on Sunday mornings at 10.30am with additional weekly & fortnightly prayer meetings. Also the disciple group which meets on a Tuesday for teaching and discussions has been established to convey the word of God.

We meet in person and stream services online.

We have established a broad based leadership team across all areas of church activity. Four Elders were appointed in September 2021.

**Food Bank**

The Food Bank was started in November 2021 to provide food but also support to those in need in the community.

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**Youth and Children**

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**Outreach and Evangelism**

Outreach into Crewe and Nantwich continued during the year with regular services.

We also conduct other outreach activities in Chester market and run the Alpha training course which is open to all.

**Future Plans**

Facilities continue to be improved but further development is planned for the coming year to the building structure which relies on the support of the Chester City Mission to grant their consent.

Approved by order of the trustees on 13th December 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Keith Cooper - Trustee .....



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23rd November 2022

**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 MAY 2022**

	2021/22			2020/21		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
<b>DIRECT GIVING</b>						
General Donations	£ 53,733	£ 5,852	£ 59,585	£ 45,324	£ 5,292	£ 50,616
Devoted/Charity Shop	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Other Income (includes Gift Aid)	£ 6,735	£ -	£ 6,735	£ 9,720	£ -	£ 9,720
Rental Income	£ 150	£ -	£ 150	£ 3,121	£ -	£ 3,121
	£ 60,618	£ 5,852	£ 66,470	£ 58,165	£ 5,292	£ 63,457
<b>PAYMENTS</b>						
Giving: Devoted	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
other Charitable activities	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Charity Shop	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
<b>Overheads</b>						
Rent & Rates	£ 22,522	£ 655	£ 23,177	£ 21,199	£ -	£ 21,199
Salaries	£ 7,525	£ -	£ 7,525	£ 9,059	£ -	£ 9,059
Utilities	£ 3,799	£ -	£ 3,799	£ 3,842	£ -	£ 3,842
Travel	£ 655	£ -	£ 655	£ -	£ -	£ -
Print & Stationery	£ 499	£ 117	£ 616	£ 190	£ -	£ 190
Sunday Meeting Costs	£ 2,085	£ 33	£ 2,118	£ 1,654	£ -	£ 1,654
Telephone & Computers	£ 4,051	£ 717	£ 4,768	£ 876	£ 144	£ 1,020
Equipment Hire	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Maintenance	£ 6,773	£ -	£ 6,773	£ 7,735	£ -	£ 7,735
Training	£ 635	£ 585	£ 1,220	£ 734	£ 895	£ 1,629
Mission & Evangelism	£ 9,315	£ 306	£ 9,621	£ 3,461	£ 342	£ 3,803
Bank Charges	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Professional fees	£ 2,577	£ -	£ 2,577	£ 2,345	£ -	£ 2,345
	£ 60,436	£ 2,413	£ 62,849	£ 51,095	£ 1,381	£ 50,822
Total payments	£ 60,436	£ 2,413	£ 62,849	£ 51,095	£ 1,381	£ 52,476
Accumulated funds/(losses)	£ 182	£ 3,439	£ 3,621	£ 7,070	£ 3,911	£ 10,981
Cash funds as of 31 May 2021	£ 7,070	£ 3,911	£ 10,981			
Cash funds as of 31 May 2022	£ 182	£ 3,439	£ 3,621			

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
AS AT 31 MAY 2022**

	2021/22			2020/21		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>						
Bank - CAF	£ 41,269	£ 12,752	£ 54,021	£ 41,653	£ 9,314	£ 50,967
Cash in Hand	£ 19	£ -	£ 19	£ 19	£ -	£ 19
Trade Debtors	£ 596	£ -	£ 596	£ 30	£ -	£ 30
					£ -	
	<u>£ 41,884</u>	<u>£ 12,752</u>	<u>£ 54,636</u>	<u>£ 41,702</u>	<u>£ 9,314</u>	<u>£ 51,016</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>						
Trade Creditors	-£ 121	£ -	-£ 121	-£ 121	£ -	-£ 121
PAYE	0	£ -	£ -	0	£ -	£ -
Net Wages	0	£ -	£ -	0	£ -	£ -
	<u>-£ 121</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>-£ 121</u>	<u>-£ 121</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>-£ 121</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>£ 42,005</u>	<u>£ 12,752</u>	<u>£ 54,757</u>	<u>£ 41,823</u>	<u>£ 9,314</u>	<u>£ 51,137</u>



Signed: K R Cooper - Trustee

Dated: 13-Dec-22

**FREEDOM CHURCH CHESTER**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2022**

**RESTRICTED FUNDS**

Restricted funds for Crewe & Nantwich received in prior year have been assessed and now shown as separate funds  
Prior year balance of £9,314 has been carried over into the current year and added to the current year surplus of £3,438  
results in a end of year balance of £12,752 for Crewe

**ACCOUNTING BASIS ADOPTED**

Accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis .

**SIGNIFICANT VALUES SHOWING UNDER LIABILITIES**

No significant costs have been accrued for. PAYE liabilities deemed insignificant at year end as all employees  
do not fall under PAYE requirements as they are part-time in nature

**FREEDOM CHURCH CHESTER**

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**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

The results for the period are set out on pages 4 and 5.

**Charitable activities**

This year we have been looking for continued growth, consolidate our fellowship and provide support for those who struggling as a result of the

We have continue to meet regularly on Sunday mornings at 10.30am in person and on Zoom.

There are additional weekly & fortnightly prayer meetings.

Small discipleship groups also provide a more informal way to provide teaching and discussions to convey the word of God, which meet across

We have strived to follow the up to date Government guidelines relating to the COVID 19 pandemic to reduce the spread of COVID.

We have established a broad based leadership team across all areas of church activity.

**Homeless Work in Parnership with Chetser City Mission**

This work stopped in late March 2020 as a result of the pandemic, and has not retarted.

**Youth and Children**

Youth meet regularly during term times and we also hold activities for children. This involves appropriate age related teaching, singing and fun activities. Again these activities have moved online.

**Outreach and Evangelism**

Outreach into Crewe and Nantwich continued during the year with regular services.

We also conduct other outreach activities in Chester market and run the Alpha training course which is open to all.

**Future Plans**

Facilities continue to be improved but further development is planned for the coming year to the building structure which relies on the support of the Chester City Mission to grant their consent.

Approved by order of the trustees on 12th January 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Keith Cooper - Trustee .....

