

**FREEDOM CHURCH CHESTER**

**ALSO KNOWN AS NEW FRONTIERS CHESTER**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024**

REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 1154404

## FREEDOM CHURCH CHESTER

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## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024

The Trustees present their report with the Financial Statements of the charity for the year ended 31 May 2024

### **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**

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 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 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 2024 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 2025

## INCOME &amp; EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 MAY 2024

	2023/24			2022/23		
	Unrestrict ed funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Unrestrict ed funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
RECEIPTS						
DIRECT GIVING						
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
	£ 83,418	£ -	£ 83,418	£ 87,741	£ -	£ 87,741
PAYMENTS						
Giving: Devoted	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
other Charitable activities	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Charity Shop	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
<u>Overheads</u>						
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
	£ 81,004	£ -	£ 81,004	£ 98,325	£ -	£ 98,325
Total payments	£ 81,004	£ -	£ 81,004	£ 98,325	£ -	£ 98,325
Accumulated funds/(losses)	£ 2,414	£ -	£ 2,414	-£ 10,584	£ -	-£ 10,584
Cash funds as of 31 May 2023	£ 50,904	£ -	£ 50,904			
Cash funds as of 31 May 2024	£ 53,254	£ -	£ 53,254			

# STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MAY 2024

	2023/24			2022/23		
	Unrestrict ed funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Unrestrict ed funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
CASH FUNDS						
Bank - CAF	£ 53,254	£ -	£ 53,254	£ 50,885	£ -	£ 50,885
Cash in Hand	£ 19	£ -	£ 19	£ 19	£ -	£ 19
Trade Debtors	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
	£ 53,273	£ -	£ 53,273	£ 50,904	£ -	£ 50,904
LIABILITIES						
Trade Creditors	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
PAYE	0	£ -	£ -	0	£ -	£ -
Net Wages	0	£ -	£ -	0	£ -	£ -
	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
	£ 53,273	£ -	£ 53,273	£ 50,904	£ -	£ 50,904



Signed: K R Cooper - Trustee

Dated: 21-Jan-25

## **FREEDOM CHURCH CHESTER**

### **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**

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