

Sorted Church

Charity number 1154436

A company limited by guarantee number 07158478

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024



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Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2024

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position	Dates
Ven. Dr Andrew Jolley	Bishop's nominee & Chair	
Revd Tracy Milne	Leader of the BMO	
Capt Richard Cooke	Church Army nominee	
Vicky Bell	Trustee	
David Heane	Churchwarden	

Church and young peoples council

Revd Canon Tracy Milne	ex-officio
David Heane	ex-officio / Churchwarden
Robert Johnson	ex-officio
Marianne Clough	ex-officio
Jonny Shaw	ex-officio
Natalie Shaw	ex-officio / Churchwarden
Constance Gates	elected
Alenka Hutsul	elected
Lauren Hutsel	elected
Charles Marks	elected
Willow Pheasby	elected
Nick Thornton	elected
Rose Walker	elected

Charity number 1154436 Registered in England and Wales

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Registered and principal address	Bankers
6 Harborough Green	Virgin Money
Apperley Bridge	1 Westgate
Bradford	Shipley
BD10 0UD	BD18 3SD

Independent examiner

Simon Bostrom FCIE

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Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and was formed on 16 February 2010. It is governed by a memorandum and articles of association as amended by special resolution on 3 December 2012 and 22 December 2021. The Company was registered as a charity in November 2013 and took over the operation of a church established under a Bishop's Mission Order on 1 January 2014. The day to day management is delegated to a Church Council comprising ex-officio and elected members. In the event of a winding up each member of the Company must contribute £1 to any deficit.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 December 2024

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are also the directors for the purposes of company law and are appointed by the members at the AGM.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

To advance the Christian religion in the Anglican tradition among young people and young adults (up to age twenty five) who attend or are associated with Immanuel college, Idle and Hanson school, Bradford and among those living in the parishes of Bolton, St James, Eccleshill, St Luke, Greengates, St John, Idle, Holy Trinity; Thorpe Edge, St John and Wrose, St Cuthbert.

To advance education and to provide services in the interests of social welfare for recreation and other leisure time occupations with the objects of improving the conditions of life of the young people and young adults (up to age twenty five), in particular for those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage by providing a range of in school support, out of school social events, small group support, educational and volunteering opportunities, information and advice services and recreational activities.

The prevention or relief of poverty, especially of young people and young adults (up to age twenty five), among those living in the parishes of Bolton, St James, Eccleshill, St Luke, Greengates, St John, Idle, Holy Trinity; Thorpe Edge, St John and Wrose, St Cuthbert, and the immediately surrounding areas by providing items and services to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.

Public benefit statement

The trustees are confident that the objectives and activities comply with the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

The dedication from our dedicated volunteers and small staff team enabled another successful year for Sorted Church. A total of 450 beneficiaries accessed our weekly sessions, including wellbeing support groups, drop-in activity sessions, and inclusion work in our local secondary schools. All beneficiaries accessed one-to-one pastoral support, reflecting the increase in wellbeing challenges faced amongst local young people. In particular, working with young people with mental health issues continues to be an increasing so we continue developing areas where small groups can meet to encourage each other and build confidence.

Our worshipping community saw some growth throughout the year, with 80 individuals attending our Sunday congregation. We have continued to see young people being Baptised and Confirmed.

We held a successful summer programme within the community, which helped us to engage new young people into our support. We gave young people a secure place to explore self-awareness, leadership skills and we gave role models on listening skills and how to mentor each other.

Our Annual 4 day Residential at Scargill House was enjoyed by 37 Young people who experienced outdoor life; walking the Dales; climbing; Art & Craft and archery as some of the activities. The whole experience united diversity within the group and teamwork improved confidence and wellbeing.

Sorted helps and supports young people to lead their sessions with oversight which gives the young people a sense of ownership and a sense of belonging which enables, empowers and encourages our young people. This often has a knock-on effect into other areas of life, home and school and Sorted is instrumental in bringing about life changing opportunities.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 December 2024

Safeguarding Training

All our staff and volunteers have attended the Diocesan Safeguarding Training and DBS checks are up to date.

Financial review

The net expenditure for the year was £1,470, including net expenditure of £5,678 on unrestricted funds and net income of £4,208 on restricted funds after transfers.

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves, excluding fixed assets, at the year end were £9,242.

The trustees aim to have 6 months operating costs in reserve. Fundraising for Sorted's work in 2024 has been even more challenging than in recent years. The Trustees are paying close attention to funding applications and monitoring expenditure closely to ensure Sorted maintains sufficient reserves.

Risk Management

The board and Church Council have identified the major risks and keep their mitigation policy under regular review.

Plans for the future

We have developed a clear strategy to engage new supporters of our work, with an aspiration to diversify our offer, reaching more young people and young adults. This response will enable us to respond to the cost-of-living crisis and worsening mental health within our local community. We recognise that services must remain free to access, reducing barriers for those most vulnerable.

Sorted works in partnership with Church Army. A key aspect of this partnership is that Church Army employs and funds two key staff who support Sorted's activities, as well as some in kind expenses.

After the end of Sorted's financial year, Church Army announced that it would have to severely cut back its overall work and significantly reduce its number of partnerships. We are pleased that we have now been told that Church Army will continue to partner with Sorted. However, the level of Church Army's contribution to the partnership will be substantially reduced.

The Directors of Sorted are committed to seeking increased grant funding to take on the activity which will no longer be undertaken by the Church Army partner staff. Thereby we intend to maintain the current level of delivery to our beneficiaries as much as possible, while ensuring that Sorted remains financially sustainable in the long term.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 December 2024

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees report and the financial statements in accordance with the applicable law and UK Accounting Standards.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for the year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;

- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

- prepare the accounts on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (Charities SORP (FRS102)), and in accordance with the special provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the board of trustees on 8/5/2025

Andrew Jolley (Trustee)

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Sorted Church

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 7 to 12.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the charitable company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charitable company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Simon Bostrom FCIE

3/6/2025

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Statement of Financial Activities

(including summary income and expenditure account)

for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Income from:					
Grants and donations	(2)	5,964	21,500	27,464	27,262
Fees and charges		1,354	-	1,354	1,341
Other income		5	-	5	50
Total income		<u>7,323</u>	<u>21,500</u>	<u>28,823</u>	<u>28,653</u>
Expenditure on:					
Salaries and NI	(3)	1,054	2,860	3,914	9,134
Freelance project workers		3,653	1,063	4,716	3,091
Freelance development workers		-	2,100	2,100	3,500
Freelance finance worker		506	494	1,000	1,342
Staff expenses		704	440	1,144	1,596
Staff and volunteer training		100	46	146	271
Activity materials and resources		1,410	954	2,364	5,285
Equipment and office consumables		313	274	587	799
Diocesan share		500	-	500	500
Mission giving		2,028	-	2,028	400
Insurance		255	273	528	512
Independent examination		-	660	660	660
Other admin costs		-	-	-	13
Grant repayment		-	-	-	1,372
Depreciation		468	-	468	467
Rent		2,010	1,694	3,704	3,950
Residential costs		-	6,434	6,434	4,349
Total expenditure		<u>13,001</u>	<u>17,292</u>	<u>30,293</u>	<u>37,241</u>
Net income / (expenditure)		<u>(5,678)</u>	<u>4,208</u>	<u>(1,470)</u>	<u>(8,588)</u>
Fund balances brought forward		<u>14,920</u>	<u>8,459</u>	<u>23,379</u>	<u>31,967</u>
Fund balances carried forward	(4)	<u>9,242</u>	<u>12,667</u>	<u>21,909</u>	<u>23,379</u>

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

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Balance sheet
as at 31 December 2024

		2024	2024	2024	2023
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	(5)	-	-	-	468
Total fixed assets		-	-	-	468
Current assets					
Debtors and prepayments	(6)	1,206	-	1,206	1,133
Cash at bank and in hand	(7)	8,696	12,667	21,363	22,438
Total current assets		9,902	12,667	22,569	23,571
Current liabilities:					
amounts falling due within one year					
Accruals		660	-	660	660
Total current liabilities		660	-	660	660
Net assets		9,242	12,667	21,909	23,379
Funds					
Unrestricted funds		9,242	-	9,242	14,920
Restricted funds		-	12,667	12,667	8,459
Total funds		9,242	12,667	21,909	23,379

For the year ending 31 December 2024 the charitable company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476. The trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and with FRS 102 (effective January 2019).

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 8/5/2025

Andrew Jolley (Trustee)

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Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2024

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Going concern

The trustees are satisfied that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the resources, if it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Where grants are related to performance and specific deliverables, they are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

Expenditure and liabilities

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out the resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Taxation

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised and included at cost including any incidental expenses of acquisition. Gifted assets are shown at the value to the charity on receipt. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost on a straight line basis over their expected useful economic lives as follows:

Project and office equipment: over 4 years

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

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Notes to the accounts continued

for the year ended 31 December 2024

2 Grants and donations	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Mayor's Safer Communities Fund		9,845	9,845	-
The Macaulay Moat Foundation	-	5,000	5,000	-
City of Bradford Met. District Council (CBMDC)	-	-	-	5,760
Garfield Weston Foundation	-	-	-	3,500
Sir George Martin Trust	-	-	-	3,000
The Souter Charitable Trust	-	-	-	3,000
HMRC Gift aid	1,118	-	1,118	1,046
Other donations	4,846	6,655	11,501	10,956
	<u>5,964</u>	<u>21,500</u>	<u>27,464</u>	<u>27,262</u>

3 Staff costs and numbers	2024 £	2023 £
Gross salaries	3,914	9,134
Social security costs	-	10
Employment allowance	-	(10)
	<u>3,914</u>	<u>9,134</u>

The average number of employees during the year was 1, being an average of 0.2 full time equivalent (2023: 2, 0.5 FTE). There were no employees with emoluments above £60,000.

4 Restricted funds	Balance b/f £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	Balance c/f £
Residential / Camps	6,060	6,655	6,444	-	6,271
Sir George Martin	860	-	860	-	-
Garfield Weston	1,539	-	1,539	-	-
Macaulay Moat Foundation	-	5,000	5,000	-	-
WYM Safer Communities	-	9,845	3,449	-	6,396
	<u>8,459</u>	<u>21,500</u>	<u>17,292</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,667</u>

Fund name	Purpose of restriction
Residential / Camps	Donations for annual residential events.
Sir George Martin	Towards core costs.
Garfield Weston	Towards core costs.
Macaulay Moat Foundation	Towards core costs.
WYM Safer Communities	Towards core costs.

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Notes to the accounts continued

for the year ended 31 December 2024

5 Tangible assets	Office equipment	Total
Cost	£	£
At 1 January 2024	1,869	1,869
Additions	-	-
At 31 December 2024	<u>1,869</u>	<u>1,869</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 January 2024	1,401	1,401
Charge for year	468	468
At 31 December 2024	<u>1,869</u>	<u>1,869</u>
Net book value		
At 31 December 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>468</u>	<u>468</u>
6 Debtors and prepayments	2024	2023
	£	£
Prepayments	88	87
Accrued income	1,118	1,046
	<u>1,206</u>	<u>1,133</u>
7 Cash at bank and in hand	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash at bank	21,360	22,438
Cash in hand	3	-
	<u>21,363</u>	<u>22,438</u>

8 Related party transactions

Donations from trustees and related parties

The total aggregate value of unconditional donations to the charity from the trustees or related parties was £2,280 (2023: £1,834).

Trustee expenses

No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

Trustee remuneration and benefits

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.

Other transactions with trustees or related parties

			2024 £	2023 £
Name of trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of transaction		
Sam Milne	Son of Tracy Milne (Trustee)	Worked as a Youth Worker	443	-
			<u>443</u>	<u>-</u>

The payment is authorised by the terms of the charity's governing document.

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Statement of Financial Activities including comparatives for all funds (including summary income and expenditure account) for the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	2023 Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Income						
Grants and donations	5,964	4,953	21,500	22,309	27,464	27,262
Fees and charges	1,354	1,341	-	-	1,354	1,341
Other income	5	-	-	50	5	50
Total income	7,323	6,294	21,500	22,359	28,823	28,653
Expenditure						
Salaries and NI	1,054	3,039	2,860	6,095	3,914	9,134
Freelance project workers	3,653	3,091	1,063	-	4,716	3,091
Freelance development workers	-	2,450	2,100	1,050	2,100	3,500
Freelance finance worker	506	880	494	462	1,000	1,342
Staff expenses	704	1,177	440	419	1,144	1,596
Staff and volunteer training	100	232	46	39	146	271
Activity materials and resources	1,410	1,170	954	4,115	2,364	5,285
Equipment and office consumables	313	179	274	620	587	799
Diocesan share	500	500	-	-	500	500
Mission giving	2,028	400	-	-	2,028	400
Insurance	255	512	273	-	528	512
Independent examination	-	180	660	480	660	660
Other admin costs	-	13	-	-	-	13
Grant repayment	-	-	-	1,372	-	1,372
Depreciation	468	467	-	-	468	467
Rent	2,010	430	1,694	3,520	3,704	3,950
Residential costs	-	-	6,434	4,349	6,434	4,349
Total expenditure	13,001	14,720	17,292	22,521	30,293	37,241
Net movement in funds	(5,678)	(8,426)	4,208	(162)	(1,470)	(8,588)
Fund balances brought forward	14,920	23,346	8,459	8,621	23,379	31,967
Fund balances carried forward	9,242	14,920	12,667	8,459	21,909	23,379