

## **True Jesus Church Sunderland Annual Report 1st October 2022–30th September 2023**

Charity Name: True Jesus Church Sunderland

Registered Charity Number: 1155691

Charity's Principal Address: Dundas Street, Monkwearmouth, Sunderland, SR6 0AY

### **Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity (elected and approved by the Members General Meeting - MGM):**

- Mr Sam Tai Chan - Religious Affairs Officer (2023–2025)
- Mr Yee Shing Ho - Financial Affairs Officer (2023–2025)
- Mr Eddie Yuk Wa Chan - Religious Affairs Officer (2023–2025)

The church consists of 206 congregational members of these there are 5 deacons, 9 church board members, 4 of whom are UKGA church representatives.

### **Objectives and Activities**

To advance the gospel of Jesus Christ for the benefit of the public in accordance with the following doctrines of the Holy Bible:

- One True God
- One True Church
- Water Baptism
- Receiving the Holy Spirit
- Footwashing
- Holy Communion
- The Holy Sabbath

### **Activities in support**

- Providing services of worship, prayer and fellowship
- Religious Education teaching
- Facilities to allow believers to practice their faith and follow the doctrines
- Providing and mailing available literature explaining doctrines

### **Main activities undertaken during 2022–2023**

#### **Service Arrangements**

- Sunday Prayer
- Sunday Service
- Religious Education Classes
- Harmony and Unity Choir
- Sisters Fellowship
- Interpretation Training
- Evangelical Planning Group Training
- Tuesday Hymnal and Prayer Session
- Wednesday Service
- Youth Fellowship

- Sabbath Services
- Sabbath Fellowship

These regular events are open to all who would like to participate, we welcome visitors to join and observe the Sabbath with us throughout the year as well as in attending fellowships and other activities.

#### **Other church events and activities**

- Spiritual & Evangelical Convocation\*
- Evangelical Service\*
- Member's Annual General Meeting
- New Year Service
- RE Teachers Seminar
- RE End of Year Service

\*Leaflets, posters and invites were made available for congregational members to distribute to friends and relatives prior to the event and also given out to members of the public during leafleting sessions.

The other events were for the encouragement and cultivation of members. Visitors and truth seekers however have also participated in these events with positive feedback.

#### **Church Hosting**

- UKGA & Delegates Conference 20–22 November 2022
- Annual General Meeting 25 December 22, Extraordinary General Meeting 11 March 2023
- New Year Service 1 January 2023
- National Brothers fellowship 6 March 2023
- Choir exchange with True Jesus Church Newcastle on 19 March 2023
- Evangelical Service\* 1 April 2023
- National RE Teacher Training for English Speakers 21–23 April 2023 (online attendees from local church)
- National Youth Fellowship May 2023
- Central Region RE Teacher Training in person/online 25 June 2023
- Local Spiritual Convocation & Evangelical services 2–4 July 2023
- National Student's Spiritual Convocation Junior Class 23 – 27 July 2023
- RE Teachers Seminar – Chinese online/Sunderland September 2023
- RE End of Year Service 10 September 2023

#### **Visits by Divine Workers**

- Preacher Nissi Chin (current resident pastor)
- Preacher Daniel Liwsupporting NSSC July 2023 in person
- Preacher FF Chong for UKGA meetings, pastoral care and support to YCC fellowships
- Preacher Raymond Leacock for UKGA meetings, support to YCC fellowships
- Preacher Steven Shek for UKGA meetings, pastoral care and support to YCC fellowships/Central Region RE Teacher Training

These divine workers may take the opportunity to undertake home visits to members as well as regular truth seekers during the course of their stay.

**Continuation of 2020–2022 Church Board for term (last term in office) and new term 2023-2025**

- Eddie Chan
- Sam Tai Chan
- Shui Ying Chan
- Tony Chan
- Winston Chan
- Norma Ho
- Yee-Shing Ho
- Justin Leung
- Sonny Shek

**Maintenance of the church building**

The maintenance agreed by the MGM continued into this financial year. The maintenance and renewals costs was £28,433.86 (which is detailed in the enclosed financial statement)

**Financial Review**

All monies are from the donation of the members and visitors. Please also see enclosed financial statement for the year 2022-2023.

**Brief Statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

There is no actual policy on reserve funding. There is a backup fund (savings account) where money can be drawn from if needed. Transfers from the savings account to the church current account require agreement by the church board.

It is within the church board's ability to agree transactions up to £15,000 (agreed in AGM 2023) as necessary without consultation with the MGM. Any use of funds over this value needs agreement by the MGM.

**Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature:



Full Name: Sam Tai Chan

**True Jesus Church Sunderland**  
**Statement of Accounts for Year Ended 30 Sept 2023**

	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>		
FREEWILL	78511.80	
TITHES	36180.67	
THANKSGIVING	1960.00	
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	1633.00	
SISTERS FELLOWSHIP		
SPECIAL MEETINGS	1740.00	
SPIRITUAL CONVO	1946.00	
BOOKS		
Others	30000.00	
PHOTOCOPIER/ others	145.00	
LIBRARY		
INTEREST RECEIVED	2587.80	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>154704.27</b>

	£	£
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
FOOD	5546.55	
TRANSPORT	3405.45	
CONSUMABLES	758.41	
STATIONERY	1221.98	
HIRE	826.64	
EQUIPMENT	38.99	
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION		
BOOKS	449.50	
GAS	6310.27	
ELECT	2908.10	
TELEPHONE	1327.30	
WATER	3388.58	
MAINTENANCE	28433.86	
INSURANCE	5407.46	
CHURCH OFFERINGS		
CONTRIBUTION TO GA	46237.69	
SPECIAL MEETINGS		
PRIEST EXPENSES	321.00	
CHARITIES		
PROFESSIONAL FEES		
REPAIRS & RENEWALS.		
GROUND RENT/others	451.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>107032.78</b>

**NET SURPLUS/ DEFICITS FUND**

**47671.49**

**True Jesus Church Sunderland**  
**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 Sept 2023**

<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	£	£
CHURCH BUILDINGS	500,000.00	
ADJ BUILDINGS	267,350.00	
		767,350.00
 CURRENT ASSETS		
LOAN CARDIFF		
Loan Leicester		
Loan to Dubai	30,000.00	
Loan to Cambridge	20,000.00	
Cash	2,885.72	
others	11,571.08	
Manchester Fund		
Current account	95,141.36	
Saving Account	276,593.48	
		436,191.64
 <b>Total Assets</b>		<b>1,203,541.64</b>
 <b>Creditor</b>		
Funds	150.00	
Africa Fund		
Online Ministry		
Essex Fund		
GA	398.50	
Other Creditor		
		548.50
 <b>Net Assets</b>		<b>1,202,993.14</b>
 Fund B/Forwards	1,155,321.65	
Current Yr Surplus	47,671.49	
 <b>Total Fund as at 30 Sept 2023</b>		<b>1,202,993.14</b>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name  
True Jesus Church Sunderland

On accounts for the year  
ended

30 Sept 2023

Charity no  
(if any) 1155691

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **30 / 09 / 2023**.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's  
statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [ ] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: *Joie Leung*

Date: 10 July 2024

Name: Joie C Y Leung

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

ACCA

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.