

Cheltenham & Gloucester Unitarians

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st December 2023

The Trustees present their Report along with the Accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2023. The Accounts have been prepared in accordance with the the Charity's Trust Deed and with applicable law.

1) Constitution & Object

The Governing Document is the Constitution adopted on 7 April, 2013. The Object of the Charity is the promotion of religion in accordance with the principles of the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches.

2) Public Benefit Statement

In pursuit of the Objects of the Trust, the Trustees provide a place of worship for all to attend.

3) Organisation

The names of the Managing Trustees who have served during the year are set out on the front cover of the Report and Accounts.

4) Financial Review

The operating surplus before revaluation of the Stock Market investments was £17319.05 (2022: deficit £1925.41). The revaluation of the investments showed a surplus of £401007.31 (2022: deficit of £9269.69) to show an overall surplus of £418326.36 (2022: deficit £11195.10).

5) Risk Management

The Trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the Charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps may be taken to lessen these risks.

6) Management & Governance

The Governing Document provides for a maximum of eight Managing Trustees. The Trustees are empowered to fill any vacancies in their ranks. The Chairman of the Trustees is responsible for the induction of any new Trustees including awareness of the duties of a Trustee, and awareness of the Governing Document, administrative procedures, and the historical and philosophical approach of the Charity.

7) Achievement & Performance

During the year, the Trust has continued to pursue the Objectives of the Charity.

8) Reserves

The Trustees have pursued a policy of maintaining the property of the Trust and of supporting the religious and other charitable work of Unitarians in Gloucestershire.

C Pryor

Chairperson

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52027.08 Lloyds Bank Cheltenham - deposit a/c	0.00	62542.43	62542.43
<u>5121.85</u> Triodos Deposit account 20315791	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5207.29</u>	<u>5207.29</u>
93126.96	37462.85	69088.75	106551.60
-3345.00 Less: Creditors	0.00	0.00	0.00
768616.66	490922.86	696020.16	1186943.02
REPRESENTING			
General Fund			
779811.76 Funds at start of the year	405390.54	363226.12	768616.66
0.00 Revaluations	76307.31	324700.00	401007.31
-11195.10 Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	<u>9225.01</u>	<u>8094.04</u>	17319.05
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Responsibilities of the Trustees

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, for safeguarding the assets of the Charity, for taking reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and any other irregularities, and for preparing annual financial statements which both accord with the accounting records and which comply with both the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting by Charities and with the relevant governing documents and which give a true and fair view of the affairs of the the Charity. To the best of our knowledge and belief these obligations have been met and accordingly these Accounts were approved at a meeting of the Trustees held 10 March 2024.

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Members of Cheltenham and Gloucester Unitarians

Having carried out an examination under Section 43 of the Charities Act, 1993 in accordance with any applicable directions given by the Commissioners under Subsection (7)(b) thereof, of the information supplied by the Trustees of The Cheltenham and Gloucester Unitarians, I believe that proper accounting records have been kept in respect of the Charity in accordance with Section 41 thereof, and that the Accounts set out on pages 1-3 in respect of the funds administered by the Cheltenham and Gloucester Unitarians during the year and the resources available as at 31 December 2023 accord with those records. I have detected no other matters during my examination to which your attention should be drawn to enable you to reach a proper understanding of the accounts.

S K BHATT Chartered Accountant
178 Stroud Road, Gloucester, GL1 5JX
Membership no. 7743993

CHELTENHAM & GLOUCESTER UNTARIANS

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT - YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

Statement of Financial Activities

2022

<u>Total</u>		<u>Glos</u>	<u>Chelt</u>	<u>Total</u>
INCOME				
Rental income				
19072.15	Rent	6099.60	20000.04	26099.64
-3348.66	Less: Agent's fees	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-2175.00</u>	<u>-2175.00</u>
15723.49		6099.60	17825.04	23924.64
<u>8101.20</u>	Hall lettings	<u>0.00</u>	<u>7152.00</u>	<u>7152.00</u>
<u>23824.69</u>		<u>6099.60</u>	<u>24977.04</u>	<u>31076.64</u>
<u>8876.15</u>	Investment Income	<u>9143.50</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>9143.50</u>
Raised by the Congregation				
3178.00	Members subscriptions and offerings	0.00	3222.06	3222.06
100.00	Donation	0.00	0.00	0.00
<u>580.75</u>	Gift Aid reclaim	<u>0.00</u>	<u>743.75</u>	<u>743.75</u>
<u>3858.75</u>		<u>0.00</u>	<u>3965.81</u>	<u>3965.81</u>
Sundry receipts				
0.00	Cotswold Group refunds	3598.71	6500.00	10098.71
<u>0.00</u>	Hibbert Trust Grant	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1000.00</u>	<u>1000.00</u>
<u>0.00</u>		<u>3598.71</u>	<u>7500.00</u>	<u>11098.71</u>
<u>5187.49</u>	Covid Grants	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Bank Interest				
<u>358.99</u>	Bank interest received	<u>228.31</u>	<u>1090.20</u>	<u>1318.51</u>
<u>42106.07</u>	TOTAL INCOME	<u>19070.12</u>	<u>37533.05</u>	<u>56603.17</u>
EXPENDITURE				
19690.60	Cost of holding services	0.00	4628.00	4628.00
18038.54	Premises expenses	0.00	21962.80	21962.80
1974.64	Manse costs	9695.11	0.00	9695.11
1355.00	Subscriptions	0.00	115.00	115.00
287.00	Donations made	0.00	125.00	125.00
<u>2685.70</u>	Other expenses	<u>150.00</u>	<u>2608.21</u>	<u>2758.21</u>
<u>44031.48</u>		<u>9845.11</u>	<u>29439.01</u>	<u>39284.12</u>
-1925.41	OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	9225.01	8094.04	17319.05
	Unrealised profit/(loss)on revaluation of investments			
<u>-9269.69</u>	and property	<u>76307.31</u>	<u>324700.00</u>	<u>401007.31</u>
<u>-11195.10</u>	NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	<u>85532.32</u>	<u>332794.04</u>	<u>418326.36</u>

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Details of expenditure - year to 31 December 2023

<u>2022</u>		<u>Glos</u>	<u>Chelt</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cost of holding services				
19500.00	Contribution to Cotswold Group Ministry	0.00	0.00	0.00
<u>190.00</u>	Lay preachers	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4628.00</u>	<u>4628.00</u>
<u>19690.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>	<u>4628.00</u>	<u>4628.00</u>
Premises expenses				
4547.20	Insurance: Church and Hall	0.00	4652.72	4652.72
<u>-2444.12</u>	Less paid by Church tenant	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-2500.83</u>	<u>-2500.83</u>
2103.08		0.00	2151.89	2151.89
0.00	Rent -Gloucester services	0.00	0.00	0.00
9695.11	Manse expenses	9695.11	0.00	9695.11
1133.10	Lighting and heating	0.00	5946.95	5946.95
13700.20	Maintenance and repairs: Cheltenham Church Building and Hall	0.00	4045.96	4045.96
0.00	Professional fees	0.00	8724.00	8724.00
<u>892.18</u>	Cleaning services	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1094.00</u>	<u>1094.00</u>
<u>27523.67</u>		<u>9695.11</u>	<u>21962.80</u>	<u>31657.91</u>
Subscriptions				
0.00	Midland Unitarian Association affiliation fee	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	Midland Unitarian Association personal subscriptions	0.00	115.00	115.00
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700.00	The Inquirer	0.00	370.00	370.00
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340.00	Youth Course - Great Hucklow	0.00	0.00	0.00
145.00	GA Representative	0.00	475.00	475.00
50.00	Book Token for Minister's retirement	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	Wi-fi	0.00	208.58	208.58
0.00	Audio equipment	0.00	1067.80	1067.80
143.92	Notice Board	0.00	0.00	0.00
<u>133.69</u>	Sundries	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
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