

Activities and Achievements

Weekly Saturday & Sunday Meetings

All of our weekly meetings in 2023 have been growing steadily. With our weekly attendances in London, Bristol and Edinburgh growing in numbers. Our service in London continues to be live-streamed on to Youtube for members living outside the areas of our outreach or face challenges with accessibility.

By the end of the year our weekly physical attendance was averaging about 110 people every weekend. We continue to have success ministering to a growing number of international students who are new to the UK. We were able to reach out to students from Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Brunei, Philippines, Hong Kong, China and Mauritius through our booths at the Fresher's Fair. We also have more students getting jobs and graduating into young working adults in our church, some even naturalising into permanent residents.

Our weekly meetings are open to all and feature a lively contemporary Christian worship experience with modern hymns, prayers being offered, preaching and teaching from the Bible and inter-personal community building over meals.

Our aim is to provide an avenue for Christians to worship and grow their faith. And members of the public curious about faith to discover and learn more about Jesus and the hope that Jesus promises in this life and for eternity. We encourage our members to make positive contributions to society by living out the teachings of Christ daily. Many have reported the Christian faith as a key factor in them thriving spiritually, mentally and emotionally in life.

Audio recordings of our weekly sermons are available for free public listening on websites like Sound Cloud and mobile apps like Apple Podcast and Spotify.

This has been very helpful in our outreach of those living in UK who are unable to find local Christian support.

Small Group Meetings

In order, to give members a better understanding of the Bible and create a closer bond with each other, we host small mid-week meetings in 10 locations across our cities on Wednesday nights, where questions on faith can be asked and answered in a relaxed environment. Our small groups usually take place in the flats and houses of our church members.

The small groups usually start with a meal together, followed by a Bible study lead by our lay-leaders and ending in prayer.

Members in all locations also meet fortnightly for Prayer Meetings on Tuesday nights, we meet to pray for each other. As well as God's peace, blessing and protection over the UK, governmental institutions and other current events happening nationally or internationally.

Public Evangelism

To raise awareness of Christianity among the public, our church launched a series of talks online using materials from "Alpha", a widely used evangelism resource. We ran this 10-week course twice in 2023 and it lead to many new friends discovering Christianity. In total, this course was attended by about 30 people.

We also set up booths at the Fresher's Fair at King's College, Imperial College and City University to engage with new students about issues on faith and life.

Helping The Homeless

With homelessness on the rise in the UK, our church has been actively helping those in need by lending them our ears, praying with them and giving out parcels with food, toiletries, socks and gloves. This was a coordinated work across our locations in London, Bristol and Edinburgh during Easter and the winter months.

Helping Young Couples

Our church has also started running relationship enrichment sessions for dating and married couples. To help strengthen relationships and encouraging healthy marriages.

Welcoming New Students

In our commitment to reach young lives with the gospel, the church has organised free lunches and dinners after our weekly worship services during the start of new semesters in September and October to welcome students from all backgrounds. Creating healthy and wholesome environments for them to make new friends and integrate into UK life.

Church Weekend Away

We organised an annual combined church weekend away called the Acts UK Getaway at the Dalesdown Christian Centre in Horsham, West Sussex from the 10th to 12th November 2023. This year we had a total of 98 members joining, including young working adults and university students from London, Bristol, Edinburgh, Southampton and Nottingham.

The aim of the getaway was to take a step back from the hustle and bustle of our daily routines in order to breathe and deepen our faith in God, where we can grow in our love for Jesus and our compassion for others. We also encourage bonding over various sport activities in the afternoons to foster better teamwork and friendship among participants.

Easter and Christmas Celebrations

For 21-days leading up to the Easter weekend, the church enters into a season of prayer and fasting. We encourage people to give to Christian Missionary needs in countries outside of the UK. Good Friday was celebrated by ministering to the poor and our Easter Sunday service was open to all.

Our usual in-person Christmas Service on the 24th of December was done online this year due to our meeting venue (which belongs to the Quakers) being closed due to the Bank Holidays.

Water Baptisms

Our efforts in sharing the gospel and making disciples in accordance to the teachings of Jesus continue to bear good fruit. We had 6 adult baptisms in 2023.

Volunteers

Except for Pastor David Yeow's involvement, all our activities are supported by volunteers who give of their time and talents freely. We encourage all our members to volunteer at our weekly meetings as an expression of our Christian witness.

Registered Charity No: 1159704

Acts London

Financial Statement for the year
Ended 31st January 2024

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Acts London
Income and Expenditure Statement
for the year ended 31.01.2024

	General Fund	Total
	£	£
Income		
General Offering & Donations	146,130	146,130
Total	146,130	146,130
Expenses		
Rent & Rates	32,275	32,275
Light and Heat	1,378	1,378
Salaries, NI and payroll costs	23,000	23,000
Meeting venue hire cost	41,915	41,915
Telephone	1,166	1,166
Travelling	9,471	9,471
Refreshment at meetings	10,410	10,410
Insurance	235	235
Campsite fees	5,180	5,180
Sundry Expenses	4,065	4,065
Accountancy	675	675
Payroll costs	341	341
	130,111	130,111
Bank Charges	63	63
Depreciation - Fixtures & fittings	265	265
Total	130,439	130,439
Tax payable	2,834	2,834
Surplus for the year	12,857	12,857

Acts London
Balance Sheet as at 31st January 2024

	31.01.2024	31.01.2023
	£	£
Fixed Assets		
Fixtures & Fittings - Net Book Value	1,059	283
	<u>1,059</u>	<u>283</u>
Current Assets		
Other Debtors	771	550
Prepayments	2,683	2,458
Cash at bank	108,521	96,925
	<u>111,975</u>	<u>99,933</u>
Current Liabilities		
Directors' current accounts	250	250
Tax Payable	2,834	1,650
Accrued Expenses	2,963	686
Amounts due to Acts Malaysia	7,564	11,063
	<u>13,611</u>	<u>13,650</u>
Net Liabilities	<u>99,423</u>	<u>86,566</u>
General Fund		
Balance Brought Forward	86,566	79,602
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	<u>12,857</u>	<u>6,964</u>
Balance Carries Forward	<u>99,423</u>	<u>86,566</u>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
ACTS LONDON

On accounts for the year
ended

31ST January 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1159704

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/01/2024.

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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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:

Date:

18/09/2024

Name:

MR MEHBOOB KESHANI

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

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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.