

FENTON
Church of The Nazarene

**Board of Trustees' Report
and Financial Statements
For the Year Ended
30 September 2024**

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Report of the Board of Trustees for the year ended 30 September 2024

The Board of Trustees presents its report and financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2024

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity name: FENTON Church of The Nazarene
Charity Registration Number: 1160280
Principal Address: Smithpool Road, Fenton, Stoke on Trent ST4 4PB

Board of Trustees

Minister - Rev. T. Hutton	(Chairperson)	(appointed 01.09.2019)
Mrs. Christine Marlow	(Trustee)	(appointed: 31.01.2015)
Mrs. Joan Colclough	(Trustee)	(appointed: 31.01.2015)
Mr. Paul Marlow	(Trustee)	(appointed: 31.01.2015)
Mr. George Harvey	(Treasurer)	(appointed: 10.03.2018)

The Chairperson is ex officio by virtue of his/her office as Pastor of Fenton Church of The Nazarene and the NMI and Children's Ministry representatives are also ex officio by virtue of their office within the Church.

Holding/Custodian Trustee

Church of the Nazarene British Isles South District (A Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee: Company No 7028764)

Website: None

FACEBOOK: [Fenton Nazarene](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100066257723528)

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Bankers: TSB Henry Duncan House, 120 George Street, Edinburgh, EH2 4LH

Independent Examiner: Mr. G. Parkes, Parkes & Co, Temple Street, Fenton, Stoke on Trent

FENTON Church of The Nazarene
Report of the Board of Trustees for the year ended 30 September 2024
Structure, Governance and management

Structure and Organisation

The charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) was set up on 2nd. February 2015 with registration number 1160280.

Trustee Appointments

The Pastor of the church is ex-officio chairperson of the Board of Charity Trustees and his/her position is reviewed after two years and then every four years after that.

The remaining Trustees are elected annually or every two years by the members of Fenton Church of The Nazarene at the annual general meeting held in January/February each year.

Governance and Wider Network

The Board of Trustees meets regularly, normally on a monthly basis to consider the work and management of the church and assess and plan the financial and other aspects of the work and direction of the charity.

The church/CIO is a member of the Church of The Nazarene British Isles South District (a Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee, Company No 7028764; Charity No 1133336) which in turn is a member of The Global Church of The Nazarene which has its headquarters in Lenexa, USA.

The CIO is governed by an approved governing constituting document drawn up by Anthony Collins, Charity Solicitors, Birmingham and approved by the Charity Commission for England and Wales and HMR&C. The governing document is based on the Manual of the Global Church of The Nazarene where UK law permits.

Risk Management

The risk management strategy of the church is in a continual process of formulation in response to the changing circumstances that could impact upon the work of the church.

The Board of Trustees, in considering this important task, take direction from on-going discussions with members both internally and through meetings with the Church of The Nazarene British Isles South District and other advisers, adopting appropriate policies as required or as they become necessary to the ongoing work of the church.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable Objectives

The charity has the following objectives:

- a) The advancement of the Christian faith as part of the Global Church of The Nazarene and the Church of the Nazarene British Isles South District.
- b) To serve and enhance the local community

Public Benefit

The Trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit reporting in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. This report illustrates the activities undertaken to support the public benefit requirement.

Review of the Year

The aims for the year included:

- Working with children and young people to promote the Christian faith and provide local social benefit. This has happened primarily through our weekly Little Lights Toddler Group, Messy Church (for all ages) and our all-age family worship (The Gathering) on Sundays. We have school visits from local primary schools (Heron Cross) and our pastor has been involved with two local schools as a governor, chaplain and visitor in supporting the staff, leading Assemblies, and fostering partnerships with Heron Cross. This has included a number of school visits to the church at Easter and Christmas

- Links with the local community, to enhance the involvement of the church with relevant local agencies on behalf of the local community have continued. We have run a successful weekly Little Lights Toddler Group, Coffee morning and Lunch with Laughter (lunch club) which are well attended and reach 100 people most weeks in the community. These out-reach ministries provided opportunities for the community to come together for mutual support and wellbeing. Further we have had the opportunity this year to be involved with Fenton Events Association with our pastor secretary of the committee and MC to most of the key events, including the Big Lunch, leading the Remembrance Day Commemorations for Fenton, and facilitating the Christmas Lights Switch on which saw a team from the church provide a craft stall for the families that attended. We have continued to partner with North Staff Carers to run Golden Memories, a twice a month support group for the community for those affected by Alzheimer's and Dementia and their carer's.
- We continued to partner with local agencies seeking to benefit the local community, such agencies include but are not restricted to, The Local Trussell Trust Foodbank, Crafty Lot, Breast Cancer Support Group and North Staffs Carers. We supported the National Macmillan Coffee morning hosting a coffee morning at church which was well attended. We established a Baby Toddler Clothes Bank to help with free clothes and partner with Period Power to provide weekly sanitary products free of charge to women
- We also won community group of the year for Stoke-on-Trent 2023-2024 voted for by an independent panel.
- This year we took 70 people from across all our ministries to Blackpool for a day trip to the seaside and it was a very enjoyable and successful day.
- We continue to support our Nazarene denomination in projects and acts of giving that look overseas to support various forms of mission work broadening our own vision for how the local church can engage with global issues.

Significant activities during the period include:

- Blended use of online and physical services.
- Telephone contact and practical help where possible to support people in the community and physical pastoral care and visitation.
- Updating church policies and premises for community use.
- New improved signage for the church facilities which has enhanced our appeal
- The regular ministries of Little Lights, Messy Church, Golden Memories, Lunch with Laughter and the Coffee Stop continue to do well.
- Developing relationships with local schools with our Pastor invited to serve as a local Governor at Heron Cross from January 2024 and Assemblies at St. Peter's (Fenton)
- Engagement with the community beyond our four walls in community events.
- Partnering with local Community programmes, especially continuing to support Foodbank and the Partnering with North Staffs Carers for Golden Memories, Period Power and our new Baby and Toddler Clothes Bank.
- Local church engagement with and in the local community.
- Telephone and visitation of both members and others in the local community in times of need or by request.
- Became a designated Warm Space in 2023.

Achievements during the period include:

- Updating policies and facilities for public use.
- Many new contacts and frequent visitors across all our work.
- Being recognised and valued by our community for the work we do with others for the benefit of the community.
- Connecting with people of all generations across all we do.
- Continue to enlist new volunteers to help share the ministries.
- Providing a Mature Placement Student from NTC Manchester to support women and families and another ordained Minister to support the ministry one day per week.
- Providing many occasions for people to come together for emotional, spiritual, mental and social wellbeing.

Volunteers

The work planned, activities undertaken and achievements attained would not have been possible without the active involvement and hard work of all of the volunteers, members and friends of the charity without whom the substantial work of the charity could not be realised. The Board of Trustees is grateful for the work and support of all the members and friends of Fenton Church of The Nazarene.

Financial Review

Reserves

The Charity has a policy on reserves as part of our general Finance Policy. The expenditure and work of the charity is reliant upon the ongoing support, tithes and offerings of the members and friends received at the weekly meetings. The Board of Trustees reviews on a monthly basis the anticipated income and expenditure for the next two to three months in order to ensure the ongoing work of the charity.

Financial Review of the Year

The charity has continued throughout the year to meet and tailor the expenditure it incurs to the income received through the tithes, offerings, donations received and through rent for use of the building. There is much more that the Board of Trustees would like to do and we continue to explore these and the use of possible grants/donations that may be available to enable these plans to become a reality.

The receipts and payment account shows that there was a net deficit in cash funds during the year of £4954

Plans for Future Periods

The Board of Trustees meets on a regular basis to plan and look to the future of the charity. We have been reviewing all our denominational, policies to ensure we are compliant with good practice across the church

To build on the community ministries we have started and to create other ministries alongside them that support and help others.

- To develop new partnerships with other local organisations that can help address needs we cannot do on our own.
- To develop our links with local schools
- To explore the possibility of adding to the team through fundraising and other financial resources
- To support local and global compassionate ministries where possible
- To develop new work to address needs and explore opportunities in our community
- To upskill our volunteers and community with practical training and workshops
- To have a balanced budget for the year ahead
- To upgrade our facilities where necessary and practicable

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees on 20th January 2025

(Secretary)

Trevor Hutton
(Chairperson)

FENTON Church of The Nazarene

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees for the year ended 30 September 2024

I report on the accounts for the year ended 30 September 2024, which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of 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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- 1* examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- 2* to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- 3* to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

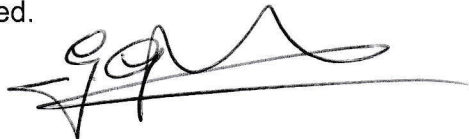
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

4* to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and

5* to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

1. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Independent Examiner GLENN GERALD PARKES MBE

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any) CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

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Date 31/1/2025

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**FENTON CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

		Unrestricted Funds	
		Year Ended	Year Ended
	Note	30th September 2024	30th September 2023
Income			
Offerings		14269.26	13069.03
Gift Aid Tax Received		3789.37	3810.22
Rents Received	1	8326.35	8372.10
Gifts to Church		550.00	
NMI		1130.40	1211.39
Activities Income	2	8369.66	4688.12
Building Fund	3	2330.00	290.00
Other Income	3	3004.04	2197.44
		<u>41769.08</u>	<u>33638.30</u>
Expenditure			
Pastor's Salary (inc NI)		14383.07	13196.58
Church Office & Admin	5	4417.57	3837.48
Utilities Church		3446.51	2315.73
Repairs	4	3936.33	1805.13
Building Project		4947.16	6055.68
Activities Expenditure	2	8840.77	5485.21
Insurance Church, & 50 Smithpool Rd		1871.3	1642.88
Courses & Training		258.46	468.20
Miscellaneous	5	1894.30	1470.36
NMI		1042.72	1435.42
District Budgets		1685.00	2318.00
		<u>46723.19</u>	<u>40030.67</u>
Excess Income over Expenditure for the year			
Deficit Expenditure over Income for the year		-4954.11	-6392.37
Balance Brought Forward		28150.14	34542.51
Balance Carried Forward		23196.03	28150.14

FENTON CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Assets & Liabilities as at 30 September 2024

	Note	2024	2023
Cash Funds			
Bank Account		22754.02	27994.30
Petty Cash Balance		458.62	155.84
Total Funds Held		<u>23212.64</u>	<u>28150.14</u>
Freehold Property			
		270000.00	270000.00
Total Assets		293212.64	298150.14
Current Liabilities			
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Long Term Liabilities			
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total Liabilities			
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Net Assets		<u>293212.64</u>	<u>298150.14</u>
Represented by:			
Funds			
Unrestricted Fund		293212.64	298150.14

All interests in Real property are held in the sole name of the Church of the Nazarene British Isles South District as Holding Trustees in the Model Trusts.

FENTON CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**Notes to the accounts for the year ended 30 September 2024**

	Year Ended 30/09/24	Year Ended 30/09/23
Note 1		
Summary of Rental Income		
Rent – 50 Smithpool Road	6150.35	5852.60
Rent – Hire of Hall	2176.00	2519.50
Total	<u>8326.35</u>	<u>8372.10</u>
Note 2		
Activities Income		
Balance Brought Forward	3452.55	4249.64
Donations Received	8369.66	4688.12
Activities Expenditure		
Equipment & Activity	8840.77	5485.21
Cash balance carried fwd	<u>2981.44</u>	<u>3452.55</u>
Note 3		
Summary of other income		
Building Fund	2330.00	290.00
Salary Reserve	80.00	210.00
Sundry Items	2924.04	5742.98
Total	<u>5334.04</u>	<u>6242.98</u>
Note 4		
Summary of Repairs		
Church Repairs inc. services	3498.14	1490.14
50 Smithpool Rd. inc. services	2309.49	314.99
Total	<u>5807.63</u>	<u>1805.13</u>

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	Year Ended 30/09/24	Year Ended 30/09/23
Note 5		
Miscellaneous/Church Admin		
Central Salary Scheme	84.00	84.00
CCLI	243.40	232.42
Phone	857.46	805.24
Office admin Copier Postage & Stationer	1000.41	794.64
Visiting Speakers & Travel exp	1629.99	1394.93
Cleaning Materials & Windows	602.31	526.25
Other	3503.29	1470.36
Posters/Publicity		
Gifts to local community charity	334.47	
Total	<u>8255.33</u>	<u>5307.84</u>