CEDAR CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1163570

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Trust
Registered	2015-09-15
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: A) THE PROCLAMATION AND FURTHERANCE OF THE GOSPEL OF GOD CONCERNING HIS SON JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD AND THE PREACHING AND TEACHING OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH THROUGHOUT THE BIRMINGHAM AREA AND ELSEWHEREB) THE FURTHERANCE OF THE CHRISTIAN WORK OF CEDAR CHURCH IN BIRMINGHAM BEING THAT OF THE BELIEVERS HOLDING THE DOCTRINES OF BELIEF SET FORTH IN THE SCHEDULE TO THE DECLARATION OF TRUSTC) THE RELIEF OF HUMAN SUFFERING AND POVERTY CONSEQUENT UPON THE EFFECT OF PERSONAL, LOCAL, NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL DISASTER.

Activities: The proclamation ?and furtherance of the Gospel of God concerning his Son Jesus Christ Our Lord and the preaching and teaching of the Christian Faith throughout the Birmingham area and elsewhere, including Christian work of believers holding the doctrines of belief and objects of the charity set forth in the Schedule to the Declaration of Trust.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£158,978	£127,566	-	-
2024-08-31	£93,911	£103,179	-	-
2023-08-31	£77,503	£111,635	-	-
2022-08-31	£135,530	£107,687	-	-
2021-08-31	£102,657	£84,577	-	-
2020-08-31	£105,804	£87,859	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev ANDREW SSALI KISUMBA	Chair	2015-07-29
CHRIS GREAVES		2015-07-29
COLIN JAMES CAMPBELL		2023-06-14
Jonathan Luke Nichols		2023-06-14
LUKE DANIEL GREAVES		2018-06-17

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The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Objectives and Activities

Aims and Objectives

1. The proclamation and furtherance of the Gospel of God concerning His Son Jesus Christ Our Lord and the preaching and teaching of the Christian Faith throughout the Birmingham area and elsewhere.

2. The furtherance of the Christian work of Cedar Church in Birmingham being that of the believers holding the doctrines of belief set forth in the Schedule to the Declaration of Trust.
Details of this doctrinal basis of belief are as follows: -
a) The divine inspiration and infallibility of Holy Scripture (the Bible) as originally given and its supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
b) The unity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in the Godhead.
c) The universal sinfulness and guilt of human nature since the fall rendering man subject to God's wrath and condemnation.
d) Redemption for the guilt penalty and power of sin only through the sacrificial death (as our representative and substitute) of Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God.
e) The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
f) The necessity of the work of the Holy Spirit to make the death of Christ effective to the individual sinner, granting them repentance towards God and faith in Jesus Christ.
g) The indwelling and work of the Holy Spirit in the believer.
h) The expectation of the personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ

3. The relief of human suffering and poverty consequent upon one effect of personal, local, national or international disaster.

Policies to achieve objectives and aims

The policies of the church are formulated to facilitate the establishment of a local church which acts as a positive influence on the local community, and which seeks to be a benefit to other local churches, both nationally and internationally, in their efforts to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. We have decided that reaching this goal is the best way to ensure the achievement of the above stated objectives/aims. The policies below are designed to assist the church in fulfilling its perceived role.
1) The development of a Children and Youth Programme
2) The expansion of relationships with churches nationally and internationally
3) The financial support of both individuals and religious organisations
4) The facilitation of Community Outreach Opportunities

Significant Activities

During the year the Church continued the preaching and teaching of the Christian Faith.

The trustees are satisfied that all activities undertaken on behalf of the Church are in accordance with the governing document and are in keeping with the aims of the charity. There were no significant changes during the year.

The Church is indebted to the volunteers that make contributions to the running of events and raising funds.

Achievements and Performance

Main Achievements

Charitable activities

Cedar Church has continued its mission to serve both the spiritual, social and practical needs of the church congregation and local community with a wide range of activities across all age groups.

General Worship and Outreach

Weekly services, baptisms, life events, discipleship programmes and pastoral care remained central to church life throughout the year. Alongside regular worship gatherings, Cedar Church sustained a broad programme of prayer meetings, Bible studies, Alpha courses, youth and family activities, community choir initiatives, Hot Topic discussions and outreach events, while the Cedar Impact Series continued to provide accessible cultural and community engagement through concerts, seasonal events and collaborations with guest speakers, musicians and local organisations. Special Sundays included ordinations, baptisms, community days, dedications, weddings, funerals and the Vision Offering service in September 2024. The church continued to function as a multi-generational hub of hope for Kingstanding and the wider Birmingham area.

Children and Youth Programme

The weekly 'Babies into Books' toddler group has continued to meet every Wednesday during term time and saw a fresh wave of engagement with new families. 'Dream Young Dream Big' and 'Get Involved' youth groups have remained active, with weekly Saturday gatherings and Sunday School continuing to support children aged 4 to 11 with Bible learning, games and care. Crèche facilities remain available for babies and toddlers. The 'Revelation' group for young adults has also continued with renewed momentum, offering termly events and ongoing discipleship. Young people from these ministries took part in creative arts, technical production and community outreach events, including participation in musical performances and concerts hosted by the church throughout the year.

Community Outreach and Cedar Impact Series

A total of four Cedar Impact Series events were hosted during this period, combining live music, celebration, community games, school participation, local guest performers and charity fundraising. These included two ceilidhs, jazz concerts, an intergenerational Easter performance featuring the Good News! Singstanding Community Choir. These events offered an affordable and accessible way for families and individuals to enjoy uplifting evenings and combat loneliness. Games nights were added in April and May 2024 to strengthen social bonds. The events consistently attracted 30 to 90 attendees, creating opportunities for local musicians and families to engage.

September 2024 - 10 Year Anniversary

Cedar Church Birmingham marked its 10-Year Anniversary throughout September 2024 with a month-long programme of worship, leadership commissioning, baptisms, live music and vision events celebrating a decade of Christian witness and community impact in North Birmingham. Highlights included Ordination Sunday with Trevor Howard (CIC) and Gordon Tose (HCF) on 15 September, a Cedar Impact Series concert featuring Trio Schmio and the Singstanding Community Choir on 26 September, and a Baptism Celebration with Andrew White (Watoto) on 29 September. The season also included the release of "Christ Is King! (Song Of Our Salvation)," capturing Cedar's gratitude, worship and renewed vision for the years ahead.
Cedar Church, Birmingham 10 Year Anniversary Video:
https://youtu.be/q8JSYa5JbyQ?si=SpECCWt28_1A6FnX
Christ Is King! (Song Of Our Salvation) Lyric Video:
https://youtu.be/ENk25-v7UMk?si=eZiFpytwuPBrCL_9

September 2024

Cedar Impact Series 13 – Trio Shmio – Thursday 26th September 7.30pm. Cedar Church 10 Year Anniversary Concert.
Trio Shmio - A Jazz trio playing a range of pop music and turning it into Jazz. The musicians were Kris Chase-Byrne – Piano, Ben Haimes – Drums, John Parker on Bass Guitar and Good News! Singstanding Community Choir.
Recap - (4min 45) - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LKfnzCFEhd8

October 2024

As part of the Impact Series, Cedar Church hosted the Blisland String Quartet on 31 October 2024 for an evening of live classical music and community engagement in North Birmingham. The quartet featured emerging musicians from the internationally respected Guildhall School of Music & Drama, including local cellist Eryna Kisumba from Guildhall's Orchestral Master's Programme. The concert brought high calibre classical performance into an accessible local setting, creating a rare cultural opportunity for residents, families and young people to experience professional chamber music within their own community.
Cedar Impact Series - Blisland String Quartet Recap – 31st October 2024
https://youtu.be/7BavyTTXR8Y?si=1qtGKuMGDHg59uPM

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Main Achievements - continued

November 2024
This "Cedar Impact Series: Epsilon Brass" brought together the local community for an evening of high-quality live music, hospitality and cultural engagement in Birmingham. Featuring Epsilon Brass Quintet, a group of students from the prestigious Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, the event created an accessible space where artistic excellence, community connection and Christian witness intersected naturally. Feedback from both guests and performers reflected the warmth and sense of belonging experienced throughout the evening, with the musicians describing it as "one of the most fulfilling concerts" they had performed. Cedar Impact Series Epsilon Brass – 28/11/2024:
https://www.youtube.com/live/yqmayYkLmeE?si=a2FMx68S3jHnH8Uz

December 2024
"Carols By Candlelight 2024" brought together church members, community guests and local leaders for a professionally presented evening of worship, music and seasonal reflection in Birmingham. The event featured acclaimed mezzo soprano Samantha Oxborough, pianist Kris Chase Byrne, the Singstanding Community Choir and Cedar Strings, alongside congregational carols, Scripture readings and multimedia presentations. During the evening, Cedar Church also honoured staff from Kingsland Primary, including the retiring Headteacher, reflecting Pastor Kisumba's committed service as LEA Governor at the school's request and the church's ongoing investment in community partnership and public service.
Carols by Candlelight Recap – 22/12/2024 - https://www.youtube.com/live/4AQjfJi2xNg?si=8qvDp54JE5bGMghB

Hope Again and Cedar Church App
The 'Hope Again' platform, designed to help local people find jobs, mentors and training opportunities, has remained active and visible on the Cedar Church App. The app continues to serve as a hub of information, offering updates, notices and connections to local and regional partners including the NHS, West Midlands Combined Authority and Commonwealth Games legacy networks.

Good News! Singstanding Community Choir
Formed in September 2023, this choir has met weekly during term time, welcoming singers aged 7 to over 70. It has delivered multiple community performances including Carols by Candlelight, the Easter Concert and the church's 10-Year Anniversary Celebration. Led by professional musicians, the choir has brought together families, individuals and volunteers in a consistent expression of unity, joy and intergenerational fellowship.
https://youtu.be/ixIXQ6Xoajw?si=v3d_Sw-yzHgzHn5e

January - March 2025, Cedar Vision Project: Proposed Purchase & Redevelopment of the Lambeth Road Premises
The Cedar Vision Project proposed the purchase and long-term redevelopment of the Lambeth Road premises in Kingstanding, Birmingham, securing the future of a site that Cedar Church has occupied and maintained since 2014. Following an independent valuation process in April 2024, the freehold was valued at £75,000, reflecting both the substantial improvements already undertaken by the church and the significant repair liabilities attached to the ageing buildings.
Over more than a decade, Cedar independently carried major maintenance and upgrade costs, investing an estimated £75,000 to £125,000 plus considerable volunteer labour into roofing works, rewiring, replacement windows and doors, heating systems, accessibility ramps, flooring, decoration and wider structural improvements.
The proposal outlined a wider 895m² redevelopment vision, including a café, resource centre, expanded auditorium and flexible community spaces designed to support worship, youth work, education, wellbeing initiatives and wider social outreach, with preliminary construction estimates exceeding £3.7 million. Alongside the redevelopment vision, Cedar initiated a range of fund sourcing and fundraising initiatives, including the Vision Offering service held during the church's 10 Year Anniversary celebrations in September 2024.
Rooted in Cedar Church's mission of "Connecting Christ with Community through Courage, Care and Compassion," the project represented both responsible stewardship and a future investment in the spiritual, social and cultural renewal of North Birmingham.

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Main Achievements - continued

April 2025 - Leadership Development and Global Leadership Summit (GLS) Taster Evening
On 6 April 2025, Cedar Church hosted a Global Leadership Summit (GLS) Taster Evening, bringing together 26 attendees from church, education and community settings for an evening of leadership development, discussion and reflection. The event, organised by under 30s in the church, combined leadership teaching, live music and facilitated conversation, creating a welcoming environment in which participants could explore purpose, service and personal growth. Feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive, with the majority rating the evening as either excellent or good. Educators in particular responded enthusiastically to the content and its practical application within schools, workplaces and community organisations. Participants highlighted the quality and delivery of the leadership talks, particularly the presentation by Will Guidara, whose story and leadership principles resonated strongly with those present. Key themes that emerged included purposeful leadership, humility, authenticity, compassion and valuing people intentionally. Participants reflected on memorable challenges such as, "What would you do if you could not fail?" and "People forget what you say and do, but they never forget how you made them feel." Many reported being inspired to listen more actively, care more intentionally for others, and lead with greater clarity and focus. The evening also generated interest in future leadership development opportunities, with several attendees expressing a desire to attend the full Global Leadership Summit and to invite colleagues, friends and members of their wider networks to future events. The positive response demonstrated the value of creating accessible spaces where leadership principles, personal development and community engagement can be explored together. GLS Recap – https://youtu.be/4qNv6JVkJQ8

May 2025 - Transition to Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
On 15 May 2025, Cedar Church was formally registered by the Charity Commission as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) under Charity Number 1213000, transitioning from its previous charitable structure, Registered Charity No. 1163570. These accounts relate to Registered Charity No. 1163570 and cover the final reporting period prior to the operational transition into the CIO structure.
The transition was undertaken in connection with the proposed purchase and redevelopment of the Lambeth Road premises. The CIO structure provided an incorporated charitable entity through which any future property acquisition and associated liabilities could be held and managed. The change also strengthened the church's governance and long term operational structure as the ministry and its associated community initiatives continued to expand.
The incorporation process involved the preparation and registration of a new CIO constitution, the establishment of updated trustee and membership registers, and the planned transfer of assets and liabilities into the new legal entity. The transition also included registration preparations with HMRC and the implementation of updated governance and compliance procedures in line with Charity Commission and CIO regulatory requirements.

Financial Review

Financial Position
Principal funding sources
The Church raises most of the funds it needs to carry on its activities from within its own membership and congregation. The Church is also heavily dependent on its membership and congregation working as volunteers in all aspects of the Church's activities, many of which run with little or no impact on the Church's expenditure but nevertheless contribute substantially to the achievement of the Church's objectives.

Financial review of the year
Although the year saw a general improvement in the overall UK economy, it would appear that the general church sector continued to face some difficult challenges with regards to resources due to number of factors. However, trustees continue to be confident that the church's cash flow is such that it is able to meet it short-term and medium-term commitments.

Reserves Policy
The Trustees do not have a formal reserves policy, but income from Offerings and Donations are received on a weekly and monthly cash basis with the intention and hope that this will sufficiently meet the day to day running cost of the charity

Plans for future period
Future plans are basically 'more of the same'. There is, of course, the need to be financially prudent given the level income and resources and our current financial commitments. On the other hand, however, it would be short-sighted to cut back on our core activities as it is these that have raised the church out of the ashes as we aim to take the 'good news' far and wide.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document
The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust dated 29th July 2015, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Trustee Selection Methods
Policies & procedures adapted for the introduction and training of new trustees
New trustees are trained very much 'on the job' initially by close supervision and personal input from credible sources with the relevant practical experience. All work undertaken, especially by new trustees, is closely monitored with regular reporting back to the chairman of the Trust.

Method adapted for the recruitment and appointment of new trustees
New church trustees have been selected by the founding trustees from within the church's membership. The criteria for choosing trustees are their commitment to the church and the usefulness to the church of their professional expertise.

Structure and management
Overall responsibility for the church lies with the trustees of whom there are four including the Minister who along with his wife are responsible for overseeing the church and day to day running of the church. These two entities, trustees and Minister and Minister's wife, while being two distinct groups, have a common goal between them and are responsible for the formulating and implementation of policies designed to further the objectives of the church. The power for the appointment or removal of trustees lies with the Trustees themselves.

Risk management
The trustees have considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those relating to the operations and finances, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate their exposure to these.

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees
Mr Andrew Kisumba - Chairman & Secretary
Mr Christopher Greaves - Safeguarding Lead
Mr Luke Greaves - Digital & Technical Lead
Mr Philip Green - Building Caretaker (resigned 26/08/2025)
Mr Colin Campbell - Pastoral & Wellbeing
Mr Jonathan Nichols - Finance support

Charity Number
1163570

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The trustees' report was approved by the board of trustees and signed on its behalf by:



Mr Andrew Kisumba
Trustee
12th June 2026

Cedar Church
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Cedar Church
For The Year Ended 31 August 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Cedar Church (the Trust) for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report
As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents 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.

PK Accountancy & Business Services Limited

Pk Accountancy & Business Services Limited
12th June 2026
2 Bentons Court
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Cedar Church
Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31 August 2025

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Unrestricted funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:			
Donations and legacies	3	101,850	39,035
Charitable activities:			
Preaching and teaching of the Christian Faith		57,128	54,874
		158,978	93,909
EXPENDITURE ON:			
Raising funds	5	(127,566)	(103,177)
Charitable activities:	5		
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		31,412	(9,268)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		31,412	67,313
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:			
Total funds brought forward		67,313	-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	15	98,725	67,313

The notes on pages 11 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

Cedar Church
Statement of Financial Position
As At 31 August 2025

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Assets	10	10,670	13,206
Heritage Assets	11	1,642	2,279
		12,312	15,485
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	12	18,185	14,355
Cash at bank and in hand		70,606	39,468
		88,791	53,823
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	13	**(2,378)**	**(1,995)**
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)		**86,413**	**51,828**
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**98,725**	**67,313**
NET ASSETS		**98,725**	**67,313**
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Unrestricted Funds		98,725	67,313
TOTAL FUNDS	15	98,725	67,313

On behalf of the board

Mr Andrew Kisumba
Trustee
12th June 2026

The notes on pages 11 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

1. General Information

Cedar Church is an unincorporated charity registered with the Charity Commission, registered charity number 1163570 . The principal address is Lambeth Road, Kingstanding, Birmingham, West Midlands, B44 9NR.

2. Accounting Policies

2.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to 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)", Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

2.2. Incoming Resources

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

2.3. Resources Expended

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

2.4. Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of the fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Plant & Machinery	25% on cost
Fixtures & Fittings	25% on cost
Computer Equipment	25% on cost

2.5. Heritage Assets

Improvements to property 10% on cost

2.6. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and are readily convertible to a known amount of cash with insignificant risk of change in value, and bank overdrafts.

2.7. Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax as all its income is charitable and applied for charitable purposes.

2.8. Pensions

The charity operates a defined pension contribution scheme. Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

3. Income from Donations and Legacies

	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Unrestricted funds £
Donations and gifts	101,850	39,035

4. Net Income/(Expenditure)

The net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets - owned	2,536	2,873
Depreciation of heritage assets	637	637

5. Analysis of Expenditure

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs (see note 6)	2025 Total
	£	£	£
Raising funds	1,289	126,277	127,566

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs (see note 6)	2024 Total
	£	£	£
Raising funds	323	102,854	103,177

6. Support Costs

	2025 Raising funds
	£
Employee costs	70,109
Premises expenses	14,656
General administration	38,339
Depreciation	3,173
	126,277

	2024 Raising funds
	£
Employee costs	53,022
Premises expenses	7,830
General administration	38,492
Depreciation	3,510
	102,854

7. Independent Examiner's Remuneration

	2025	2024
	£	£
Independent examination of the financial statements	660	600

8. Staff Costs

Staff costs were as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	66,503	50,850
Social security costs	229	-
Other pension costs	3,377	2,172
	70,109	53,022

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000.

9. Average Number of Employees

Average number of employees during the year was: 3 (2024: 2)

10. Tangible Assets

	Plant & Machinery	Fixtures & Fittings	Computer Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
As at 1 September 2024	2,195	4,112	25,492	31,799
As at 31 August 2025	2,195	4,112	25,492	31,799
Depreciation				
As at 1 September 2024	2,195	4,098	12,300	18,593
Provided during the period	-	14	2,522	2,536
As at 31 August 2025	2,195	4,112	14,822	21,129
Net Book Value				
As at 31 August 2025	-	-	10,670	10,670
As at 1 September 2024	-	14	13,192	13,206

11. Heritage Assets

	Buildings
	£
Cost	
As at 1 September 2024	6,370
As at 31 August 2025	6,370

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Depreciation	
As at 1 September 2024	4,091
Provided during the period	637
As at 31 August 2025	4,728
Net Book Value	
As at 31 August 2025	1,642
As at 1 September 2024	2,279

12. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Due within one year		
Other debtors	18,185	14,355

13. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	2,378	1,995

14. Pension Commitments

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

During the year the charge to the statement of financial activities in respect of defined contribution schemes was £3,377 (2024: £2,172).

At the statement of financial position date contributions of £NIL were due to the fund and are included in creditors.

15. Movement in Funds

	As at 1 September 2024	Income	Expenditure	As at 31 August 2025
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	67,313	158,978	(127,566)	98,725
Total funds	67,313	158,978	(127,566)	98,725

	As at 1 September 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	As at 31 August 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General:					
General unrestricted fund	-	93,909	(103,177)	76,581	67,313
Total funds	-	93,909	(103,177)	76,581	67,313

16. Transactions with Trustees

None of the trustees received any remuneration or any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity during the current or previous year.
No trustee expenses have been incurred.

17. Related Party Disclosures

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period that require disclosure.

	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	101,850	39,035
	101,850	39,035
Charitable Activities:		
Preaching and teaching of the Christian Faith		
Tithes	25,330	23,794
Offerings	6,922	4,098
Other income	24,876	26,982
	57,128	54,874
	158,978	93,909
EXPENDITURE ON:		
Raising funds		
Purchases	(1,289)	-
Travel and subsistence expenses	-	(323)
Wages and salaries	(66,503)	(50,850)
Employers NI	(229)	-
Employers pensions - defined contributions scheme	(3,377)	(2,172)
Light and heat	(13,716)	(3,000)
Rates & water	(216)	(191)
Repairs and maintenance	(724)	(4,639)
Vehicle fuel costs	(10)	-
Computer software costs	(5,209)	(1,429)
Insurance	(2,433)	(2,387)
Office supplies	(45)	(184)
Advertising and marketing costs	(2,374)	(1,486)
Community outreach event	(2,476)	(4,026)
Media	(2,589)	(546)
Telephone	(541)	(502)
Independent examiner's fees	(660)	(600)
Legal & Professional	(9,612)	(10,447)
Honorarium	(3,450)	(1,787)
Hospitality	(1,611)	(2,054)
Misc.	(975)	(3,018)
Internet	(813)	(157)
Gifts	(4,072)	(6,607)
Equipment	(1,469)	(3,247)
Petty cash transfer	-	(15)

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Depreciation of fixtures and fittings	(14)	(317)
Depreciation of computer equipment	(2,522)	(2,556)
Depreciation of heritage buildings	(637)	(637)
	(127,566)	(103,177)
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NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	**31,412**	**(9,268)**

CEDAR CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1163570

Accounts

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Cedar Church has continued its mission to serve both the spiritual, social and practical needs of the church congregation and local community with a wide range of activities across all age groups.

General Worship and Outreach

Weekly services, baptisms, life events, discipleship programmes and pastoral care have remained central. Special Sundays have included ordinations, baptisms, community days, family dedications and the Vision Offering service in September 2024. The church has maintained its emphasis on Scripture, worship and community service throughout the year, and continues to function as a multi-generational hub of hope for Kingstanding and the wider Birmingham area.

Children and Youth Programme

The weekly 'Babies into Books' toddler group has continued to meet every Wednesday during term time and saw a fresh wave of engagement during the Music Month initiative. This included folk, jazz and classical performances by professional musicians and music students from the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire. 'Dream Young Dream Big' and 'Get Involved' youth groups have remained active, with weekly Saturday gatherings and Sunday School continuing to support children aged 4 to 11 with Bible learning, games and care. Crèche facilities remain available for babies and toddlers. The 'Revelation' group for young adults has also continued with renewed momentum, offering termly events and ongoing discipleship. Young people from these ministries took part in creative arts, technical production and community outreach events, including participation in musical performances and concerts hosted by the church throughout the year.

Community Outreach and Cedar Impact Series

A total of eleven Cedar Impact Series events were hosted during this period, combining live music, celebration, community games, school participation, local guest performers and charity fundraising. These included two ceilidhs, jazz concerts, an intergenerational Easter performance featuring the Good News! Singstanding Community Choir. These events offered an affordable and accessible way for families and individuals to enjoy uplifting evenings and combat loneliness. Games nights were added in April and May 2024 to strengthen social bonds. The events consistently attracted 30 to 90 attendees, creating opportunities for local musicians and families to engage.

Hope Again and Cedar Church App

The 'Hope Again' platform, designed to help local people find jobs, mentors and training opportunities, has remained active and visible on the Cedar Church App. The app continues to serve as a hub of information, offering updates, notices and connections to local and regional partners including the NHS, West Midlands Combined Authority and Commonwealth Games legacy networks.

Good News! Singstanding Community Choir

Formed in September 2023, this choir has met weekly during term time, welcoming singers aged 7 to over 70. It has delivered multiple community performances including Carols by Candlelight, the Easter Concert and the church's 10-Year Anniversary Celebration. Led by professional musicians, the choir has brought together families, individuals and volunteers in a consistent expression of unity, joy and intergenerational fellowship. In summer 2024, school outreach efforts introduced nearly 600 pupils and staff to the choir's ethos and values.

Your Love Lifts Me Up Project and BSL Community Engagement

The British Sign Language community chorus project Your Love Lifts Me Up continued to have wide impact during this period. Its performance as the finale to a Christmas concert at the Royal Albert Hall in December 2023 celebrated Cedar Church's creative commitment to community outreach and impact. The Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, a key partner, hosted a showcase at Bradshaw Hall and secured £70,000 for a secondary school music programme. Longwill School for Deaf Children, closely involved in the project, received an Outstanding Ofsted rating affirming its inclusive ethos. The project's resources remain accessible online via the designated website www.yourloveliftsmeup.com, the Cedar Church App and other platforms, continuing to inspire schools, churches and families with a message of unity, hope and joy.

Personal Testimony 1
My husband and I began our lives together by both attending the John Bunyan Baptist Church Youth Club in 1963. We had both attended Sunday School, Boys and Girls Brigade since being young children. The church has witnessed our Wedding, dedication of our two children, Mark and Helen, their weddings and the dedications of their children (our grandchildren). Our memories scan many pastors and ministers including Rev. Bury (twice), Rev. Hill, Rev. Tyrol and many more. Sir Donald Finnemore, the founder, had a mighty influence on two scruffy Kingstanding kids and this set us a moral and Christian foundation for our lives which has stretched even to our great grandchildren through us. Despite several changes of names, this Christian witness, a legacy of those no longer living, has been passed on to the current users of the building, the members and community known as Cedar Church, who continue to bear witness of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ by meeting in and reaching out to the community of Kingstanding.
(Sue & Bryan, 70+ & 80+)

Personal Testimony 2
My name is Deborah (better known as Debbie) and I am a member of Cedar Church. I have watched a lot of changes happen over the years and all for the good. Cedar Church is a wonderful place for us to come and worship the Lord and be together as a church family. I love my brothers and sisters dearly and the support they have given me where needed. I thank God always for a great building and great people. In the time I have been coming to Cedar Church, I have experienced God's love and faithfulness in my life. I have got married. I have beautiful children that I encourage and bring up in the right way knowing the Lord. I have been blessed in many ways and had answers to my prayers. I thank Pastor Andrew Kisumba and his wife Sarah for all the support and encouragement they have given my family when we've needed it. I am so grateful to be able to call Cedar Church my home and love that I have a wonderful relationship with our Lord Jesus. (Deborah, 40+)

Personal Testimony 3
We would like to thank Andrew and his wife Sarah for the sacrifices they and others have made over the years to build up Cedar Church as a place for everyone to worship and praise the Lord. It has reached out to and been there for the community by offering support when needed in times of joy and sorrow, both of which we have experienced, opportunities to take part and be involved in events, such as being a baton bearer in the Commonwealth Games. Providing food during times of shortages such as COVID, Christmas food parcels for the needy, a clothes bank and toiletries for the elderly in Care homes who would not normally receive anything. There have been outreach events such as music evenings, a jazz night and dancing all involving the community who enjoyed everything. Carols by candlelight was great. As it says on the leaflets 'welcome home' - there is a place for everyone at Cedar Church. (Trevor & Ann, 70+)

Financial support: -
The church's policy is that support is generally only given to recipients who are known to us, thereby ensuring, as much as possible, that the money is well spent. Financial gifts to individuals and religious organisations have been carefully considered and reflective of the heart of the church to be as charitable as possible in line with Cedar Church's objectives and aims.

Community outreach opportunities:-
Community outreach events and opportunities are classed as high priority with a high degree of commitment from all those involved. Not only do they provide a variety of positive bridges between the community and the church, introducing the church to the wider society, but they also provide a wonderful opportunity for people to serve others and encourage social interaction and community cohesion. In this period, Cedar Church has opened up the doors of the church, for example, for special services, including planning for funerals and weddings; discussion groups like Tuesday morning Hot Topic; community activities; musical programmes including the publishing of original material and new songs; life skills; community clothes giveaways; playgroup activities; children's parties; local Pastors Days; student and youth gatherings; internship experience opportunities for visiting groups; other community outreach events with fun activities; etc.

Achievements & performance
Cedar Church continues to aim to be a positive influence locally, nationally and internationally as it works to fulfil its objectives and aims spiritually, socially and practically with the maintenance and upkeep of the various programmes and premises.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The Church raises most of the funds it needs to carry on its activities from within its own membership and congregation. The Church is also heavily dependent on its membership and congregation working as volunteers in all aspects of the Church's activities, many of which run with little or no impact on the Church's expenditure but nevertheless contribute substantially to the achievement of the Church's objectives.

Financial review of the year

Although the year saw a general improvement in the overall UK economy, it would appear that the general church sector continued to face some difficult challenges with regards to resources due to number of factors. However, the trustees continue to be confident that the church's cash flow is such that it is able to meet it short term and medium term commitments.

Reserves policy

The Trustees do not have a formal reserves policy, but income from Offerings and Donations are received on a weekly and monthly cash basis with the intention and hope that this will sufficiently meet the day to day running cost of the charity.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIOD

Future plans are basically 'more of the same'. There is, of course, the need to be financially prudent given the level income and resources and our current financial commitments. On the other hand, however, it would be short-sighted to cut back on our core activities as it is these that have raised the church out of the ashes as we aim to take the 'good news' far and wide.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust dated 29th July 2015, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Structure and management

Overall responsibility for the church lies with the trustees of whom there are four including the Minister who along with his wife are responsible for overseeing the church and day to day running of the church. These two entities, trustees and Minister and Minister's wife, while being two distinct groups, have a common goal between them and are responsible for the formulating and implementation of policies designed to further the objectives of the church. The power for the appointment or removal of trustees lies with the Trustees themselves.

Policies & procedures adapted for the introduction and training of new trustees

New trustees are trained very much 'on the job' initially by close supervision and personal input from credible sources with the relevant practical experience. All work undertaken, especially by new trustees, is closely monitored with regular reporting back to the chairman of the Trust.

Method adapted for the recruitment and appointment of new trustees

New church trustees have been selected by the founding trustees from within the church's membership. The criteria for choosing trustees are their commitment to the church and the usefulness to the church of their professional expertise.

Risk management

The trustees have considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those relating to the operations and finances, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate their exposure to these.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1163570

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Trustees
Mr ANDREW KISUMBA CHAIRMAN & SECRETARY
Mr CHRISTOPHER GREAVES
Mr LUKE GREAVES
Mr PHILIP WILLIAM GREEN
Mr COLIN JAMES CAMPBELL
Mr JONATHAN LUKE NICHOLS

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 6 June 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr ANDREW KISUMBA - Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Cedar Church

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Cedar Church (the Trust) for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

PK Accountancy & Business Services

Peter Killey

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6 June 2025

Cedar Church

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

	Notes	31.8.24 Unrestricted fund £	31.8.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		93,911	77,503
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds		103,179	111,635
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(9,268)	(34,132)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		76,581	110,713
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		67,313	76,581

The notes form part of these financial statements

Cedar Church

Balance Sheet
31 August 2024

	Notes	31.8.24 Unrestricted fund £	31.8.23 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	5	15,485	16,691
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	6	14,355	11,240
Cash at bank and in hand		39,468	50,062
		53,823	61,302
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(1,995)	(1,412)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		51,828	59,890
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		67,313	76,581
NET ASSETS		67,313	76,581
FUNDS	8		
Unrestricted funds		67,313	76,581
TOTAL FUNDS		67,313	76,581

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 6 June 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to 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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Improvements to property	- 10% on cost
Plant and machinery	- 25% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on cost
Computer equipment	- 25% on cost

Taxation
The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

General fund
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits
The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Volunteer help
The value of voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

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2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2024 nor for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2024 nor for the year ended 31 August 2023.

3. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.8.24	31.8.23
Minister	1	1
Administrator	1	1
	2	2

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
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5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Improvements to property	Plant and machinery	Fixtures and fittings	Computer equipment	Totals
	£	£	£	£	£
COST					
At 1 September 2023	6,370	2,195	4,112	23,188	35,865
Additions	-	-	-	2,304	2,304
At 31 August 2024	6,370	2,195	4,112	25,492	38,169
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 September 2023	3,454	2,195	3,781	9,744	19,174
Charge for year	637	-	317	2,556	3,510
At 31 August 2024	4,091	2,195	4,098	12,300	22,684
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 August 2024	2,279	-	14	13,192	15,485
At 31 August 2023	2,916	-	331	13,444	16,691

6. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.8.24	31.8.23
	£	£
Other debtors	14,355	11,240

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.8.24	31.8.23
	£	£
Other creditors	1,995	1,412

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.23	Net movement in funds	At 31.8.24
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	76,581	(9,268)	67,313
TOTAL FUNDS	76,581	(9,268)	67,313

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Comparatives for movement in funds

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A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.9.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	110,713	(43,400)	67,313
TOTAL FUNDS	110,713	(43,400)	67,313

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8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	171,414	(214,814)	(43,400)
TOTAL FUNDS	171,414	(214,814)	(43,400)

9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

	31.8.24 £	31.8.23 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Gifts	2	-
Donations	39,035	24,525
Grants	-	6,913
Tithes	23,794	25,511
Offerings	4,098	4,042
Other income	26,982	16,112
Room hire	-	400
	93,911	77,503
Total incoming resources	93,911	77,503
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Wages	50,850	49,058
Pensions	2,172	-
Rates and water	191	167
Insurance	2,387	2,237
Light and heat	3,000	14,207
Telephone	502	487
Internet	157	539
Gifts	6,607	4,181
Equipment	3,247	2,935
MFG	15	-
Community outreach events	4,026	4,400
Hospitality	2,054	4,048
Maintenance	4,639	2,370
Misc.	3,019	4,654
Travel	323	1,300
Cost of sales-Goods	-	8
Marketing	1,486	1,885
Software costs	1,429	1,654
Legal & professional	11,047	787
Office supplies	184	614
Honorarium	1,787	3,000
Credit card & bank charges	-	163
Media expenses	546	1,947
Training expense	-	7,280
Improvements to property	637	571
Fixtures and fittings	318	546
Computer equipment	2,556	2,597
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Charitable activities (before the COVID-19 pandemic)

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Church relationships: -

Cedar Church was birthed out of a relationship with other independent churches to provide ministerial support and accountability without control. Cedar Church has received support in various ways ranging from physical visits, practical gifts and efforts, to moral and spiritual wisdom, advice and encouragement. This has not only strengthened relationships within the church, but has connected the members to a wider family of churches. This has provided the opportunity to give something back to other churches by way of hosting and facilitating ministry days for church leaders.

Financial support: -

The church's policy is that support is generally only given to recipients who are known to us, thereby ensuring, as much as possible, that the money is well spent. Financial gifts to individuals and religious organisations have been carefully considered and reflective of the heart of the church to be as charitable as possible in line with Cedar Church's objectives and aims.

Community outreach opportunities:-

Community outreach events and opportunities are classed as high priority with a high degree of commitment from all those involved. Not only do they provide a variety of positive bridges between the community and the church, introducing the church to the wider society, but they also provide a wonderful opportunity for people to serve others and encourage social interaction and community cohesion. In this period, Cedar Church has opened up the doors of the church, for example, for special services, including planning for funerals and weddings; discussion groups like Tuesday morning Hot Topic; community activities; musical programmes including the publishing of original material and new songs; life skills; community clothes giveaways; playgroup activities; children's parties; local Pastors Days; student and youth gatherings; internship experience opportunities for visiting groups; other community outreach events with fun activities; etc.

Achievements & performance

Cedar Church continues to aim to be a positive influence locally, nationally and internationally as it works to fulfil its objectives and aims spiritually, socially and practically with the maintenance and upkeep of the various programmes and premises.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Cedar Impact Series

One of the objects of our charity from our Trust Deed is: "The relief of human suffering and poverty consequent upon one effect of personal, local, national or international disaster." The global pandemic brought this to the fore much more than in previous years. Currently, the biggest issue in our area is that of loneliness. This is over and above the cost-of-living crisis. As such we put together a Cedar Impact Series starting in 2023 to help alleviate this by providing a warm and welcoming atmosphere with an opportunity for people to meet others, whilst providing something that is good for the soul and general wellbeing, music and song. The benefits of singing are well known, scientifically backed and widely recommended by health experts. In so doing, we want to also provide an opportunity for up-and-coming musicians and artists to hone their craft and earn something in the process even as they introduce new genres of music to our community that would otherwise necessitate a journey into the city centre and all the challenges and expense that would entail. We put on the very first event for free to test the waters, but subsequently we have been charging a modest fee of £5 per head with 16s and under free to make it accessible for families. Here is a summary of the evenings we had in this period:

January 2023 -

Cedar Impact Series 1 - A Candlelight Concert with Deputy Lieutenant Elizabeth Foster, Kingsland School Representatives, Anvil Chorus & Father Calvin Robinson celebrating the Christian roots of British Values.

March 2023 -

This evening featured the National Anthem soloist from the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games, Samantha Oxborough and her accompanist Kris Chase-Byrne, with special guest, West Midlands Mayor, Andy Street.

April 2023 -

The third evening featured the Saorsa Quartet and a special rendition of the National Anthem. Mezzo Soprano Samantha Oxborough, who was the last person to sing the National Anthem for the late Queen at the opening ceremony of the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games, became the first person in 2023 to sing the National Anthem, ahead of the Coronation of King Charles III, in Kingstanding, where Charles I is believed to have stood in October 1642.

May 2023 -

We had a Ceilidh on this evening with folk band Juniper who comprised of five musicians and a caller.

General Church Services & Other Community Events

Cedar Church is a Bible-based church established in September 2014. Our heart is to reach all generations and communities in the city of Birmingham and beyond with the joyful message of hope for each individual soul. We actively believe the evidence that shows how eternal hope begins with the acceptance of God's unconditional love and forgiveness through His Son Jesus Christ. From our first service on 14th September 2014, where two individuals made the life-changing decision to embrace the Gospel truth of the Lord Jesus Christ and commit to personally follow Him and live in obedience to His Word and our first baptism that November (the first in the building for a couple of years prior to that), we have witnessed close to a hundred people make similar decisions to follow Christ with nearly fifty choosing to openly declare their faith by way of water baptism. It is difficult to adequately state and document the far reaching effects of those personal encounters, but what is clear is that the outcome of the lives of those who embark on that new life journey not only positively transforms the lives of the individuals involved, but their influence for the betterment of their families and communities is clearly evident as they are enabled to make better choices and aim towards maximising their opportunities in life and their potential for good. Through weekly services and other midweek activities and programmes, there is plenty of opportunity to get involved in all kinds of community outreach efforts and church work covering discipleship, parents, infants, toddlers, youth, teenagers, young adults, marriage, seniors, nations, missions, worship, music, schools, careers and more. Over the years it is difficult to calculate the actual cost of all the blood, sweat, tears, work and money that has been poured into the community and the premises, however, the continued progress of seeing the church's aims and objectives fulfilled is inspiring and makes it all worthwhile as testified below:

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Community Involvement, Social Support and Mental Health

Throughout the year, Cedar Church has continued to support the local community. This has included activities as diverse as organised litter picking in the local area by church members; restarting several face-to-face groups at the church building for young people, from toddlers to teenagers to young adults; an evening of fireworks; an outdoor Carol Service and a Nativity service featuring children from the local community.

Cedar Church Community App - Radio Interview: https://youtu.be/0kzgZotxAuc

A Cedar Church Community App which was developed during the pandemic as a means of connecting with church members and the wider community, has continued to be a valuable tool to aid communication. It provides information for church members and the wider community via various sections including Hope Again (as detailed below), the latest public notices, health updates, etc. The app is free to download on the major digital platforms.
Apple App Store - https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/cedar-church-birmingham/id1534036713
Google Play - https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.subsplashconsulting.s_F2Q5CR&hl=en_US&gl=GB

Hope Again

This website, also accessible from the Cedar Church App, was launched in October 2020 and continues to be a useful tool for local people in the West Midlands area looking for work, training and other opportunities. It is a digital noticeboard for people to advertise, invest, train, hire and find jobs and mentors as featured in the articles linked directly below. It includes some partnership working with local businesses and other notable organisations including, amongst others, West Midlands Combined Authority, Commonwealth Games 2022, HS2 and the NHS.

BSL Project - Birmingham Commonwealth Games Cultural Festival - www.yourloveliftsmeup.com

In September 2021, Cedar Church was awarded funding for a project connected with the Birmingham 2022 Cultural Festival, a six-month celebration of creativity surrounding the Commonwealth games. A British Sign Language (BSL) Community Chorus entitled Your Love Lifts Me Up was launched. This production involves over 150 different people from the West Midlands and the Commonwealth, featuring children from Longwill School - Birmingham's only school for deaf children - and includes a brand new verse specially written and signed in BSL and interpreted into English. The BSL project continued in September 2022 with a release of a review of the Your Love Lifts Me Up journey and the long awaited DocuFilm. A Creative City Celebration Event was held on Thursday 6 October, 6-9pm in the Banqueting Suite, Birmingham Council House, Victoria Square, Birmingham, B1 1BB to celebrate over 100 incredible Creative City Projects that were a vital part of Birmingham 2022 Festival. Co-Hosted by Birmingham City Council and Birmingham 2022 Festival, entertainment ran throughout the course of the evening including Break Mission, Cedar Church, Culture Spectrum and Friction Arts to mark the culmination of the Creative City programme. As a massive 'Thank You' to all involved in the 'Your love lifts me up!' project, a Celebrating Communities Award was received at a reception held in the Banqueting Suite at the Council House, Victoria Square, Birmingham on Thursday 10th November 2022. In addition, since their involvement with the BSL Community Chorus (Your Love Lifts Me Up), Longwill School for Deaf Children, who were at the heart of the project, received their most recent OFSTED (government school inspection) report in January 2023 and overall were deemed to be Outstanding! The project continues to feature on their website. An official CWG 2022 book entitled 'Birmingham 2022 Our Story'. It is a memorable collection of images from last Summer and mentions the BSL Community Chorus (Your Love Lifts Me Up) project on page 81. On Thursday 30th March, 7:30pm Mezzo-Soprano Samantha Oxborough who sang the National Anthem for the start of the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games was in concert at Cedar Church's building in Kingstanding. Samantha was the last person to sing the anthem solo for the Late Queen Elizabeth II. All recaps can be found on the official website www.yourloveliftsmeup.com.

Babies into Books (BiB) Music Month

From 25th January to 15th February 2023, a final year cellist at Royal Birmingham Conservatoire (RBC) proposed a Music Month programme for her Final Project. Her vision was to introduce 'forgotten' communities (like those in Kingstanding) to the quality benefits of classical chamber music and other genres in their local area. Thus she arranged sessions over four weeks to include folk, string quartet, piano trio and jazz music. This included: Session 1 (folk) and Session 2 (string quartet) and Session 3 (a Teddy Bear Picnic with a Piano Trio), and Session 4 (jazz).

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Personal Testimony

"When Phil and I came back to Cedar Church in 2016, I said to Andrew and Sarah, "I want God back in my life! I am spiritually dry and physically dry." We came back to church that Sunday and the first song was 'When The Saints Go Marching In'. It took a while, but I could feel God's presence in Cedar Church and things began to happen. God was with us. He heard our cry for help. My children came back to church. Three of my grandchildren got baptised. We kept praying that God would bring my daughter, who was bringing up six children on her own, a partner and God did! They got married at Cedar Church and her husband got baptised. My son and his wife were baptised and married at Cedar Church. My husband, Phil, retired from work at the age of 66. We didn't know how we were going to cope. We just kept trusting God. Then one day we had a letter come through from the pension. Phil had a private pension that he forgot he had. In the time that we have been back at Cedar Church God has done amazing things in our lives and is still blessing us now. Phil is now a caretaker at the church and on occasion he speaks to the congregation. I lead and supervise a community play and stay toddler group at church called Babies Into Books and serve in other ways too. I am so thankful to my God and to Cedar Church. Our God is always faithful and keeps his promises." (Vicky, aged 60+)

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The Church raises most of the funds it needs to carry on its activities from within its own membership and congregation. The Church is also heavily dependent on its membership and congregation working as volunteers in all aspects of the Church's activities, many of which run with little or no impact on the Church's expenditure but nevertheless contribute substantially to the achievement of the Church's objectives.

Financial review of the year

Although the year saw a general improvement in the overall UK economy, it would appear that the general church sector continued to face some difficult challenges with regards to resources due to number of factors. However, the trustees continue to be confident that the church's cash flow is such that it is able to meet it short term and medium term commitments.

Reserves policy

The Trustees do not have a formal reserves policy, but income from Offerings and Donations are received on a weekly and monthly cash basis with the intention and hope that this will sufficiently meet the day to day running cost of the charity.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIOD

Future plans are basically 'more of the same'. There is, of course, the need to be financially prudent given the level income and resources and our current financial commitments. On the other hand, however, it would be short-sighted to cut back on our core activities as it is these that have raised the church out of the ashes as we aim to take the 'good news' far and wide.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust dated 29th July 2015, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Structure and management

Overall responsibility for the church lies with the trustees of whom there are four including the Minister who along with his wife are responsible for overseeing the church and day to day running of the church. These two entities, trustees and Minister and Minister's wife, while being two distinct groups, have a common goal between them and are responsible for the formulating and implementation of policies designed to further the objectives of the church. The power for the appointment or removal of trustees lies with the Trustees themselves.

Policies & procedures adapted for the introduction and training of new trustees

New trustees are trained very much 'on the job' initially by close supervision and personal input from credible sources with the relevant practical experience. All work undertaken, especially by new trustees, is closely monitored with regular reporting back to the chairman of the Trust.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Method adapted for the recruitment and appointment of new trustees

New church trustees have been selected by the founding trustees from within the church's membership. The criteria for choosing trustees are their commitment to the church and the usefulness to the church of their professional expertise.

Risk management

The trustees have considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those relating to the operations and finances, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate their exposure to these.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1163570

Principal address

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B44 9NR

Trustees

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 25 June 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr ANDREW KISUMBA - Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Cedar Church
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Cedar Church (the Trust) for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

PK Accountancy & Business Services Limited

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25 June 2024

Cedar Church

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

	Notes	31.8.23 Unrestricted fund £	31.8.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		77,503	135,530
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds		111,635	107,687
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(34,132)	27,843
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		110,713	82,870
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		76,581	110,713

The notes form part of these financial statements

Cedar Church

Balance Sheet
31 August 2023

	Notes	31.8.23 Unrestricted fund £	31.8.22 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	5	16,691	18,425
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	6	11,240	15,769
Cash at bank and in hand		50,062	77,960
		61,302	93,729
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(1,412)	(1,441)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		59,890	92,288
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		76,581	110,713
NET ASSETS		76,581	110,713
FUNDS	8		
Unrestricted funds		76,581	110,713
TOTAL FUNDS		76,581	110,713

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 25 June 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to 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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Improvements to property	- 10% on cost
Plant and machinery	- 25% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on cost
Computer equipment	- 25% on cost

Taxation
The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

General fund
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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

Volunteer help
The value of voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

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2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2023 nor for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2023 nor for the year ended 31 August 2022.

3. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.8.23	31.8.22
Minister	1	1
Administrator	1	1
	2	2

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
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EXPENDITURE ON	
Raising funds	107,687
NET INCOME	27,843
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	82,870
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	110,713

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5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Improvements to property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 September 2022	4,390	2,195	4,112	23,188	33,885
Additions	1,980	-	-	-	1,980
At 31 August 2023	6,370	2,195	4,112	23,188	35,865
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 September 2022	2,883	2,195	3,235	7,147	15,460
Charge for year	571	-	546	2,597	3,714
At 31 August 2023	3,454	2,195	3,781	9,744	19,174
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 August 2023	2,916	-	331	13,444	16,691
At 31 August 2022	1,507	-	877	16,041	18,425

6. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.8.23 £	31.8.22 £
Other debtors	11,240	15,769

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.8.23 £	31.8.22 £
Other creditors	1,412	1,441

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	110,713	(34,132)	76,581
TOTAL FUNDS	110,713	(34,132)	76,581

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8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	77,503	(111,635)	(34,132)
TOTAL FUNDS	77,503	(111,635)	(34,132)

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	82,870	27,843	110,713
TOTAL FUNDS	82,870	27,843	110,713

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	135,530	(107,687)	27,843
TOTAL FUNDS	135,530	(107,687)	27,843

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.9.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	82,870	(6,289)	76,581
TOTAL FUNDS	82,870	(6,289)	76,581

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8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	213,033	(219,322)	(6,289)
TOTAL FUNDS	213,033	(219,322)	(6,289)

9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

	31.8.23 £	31.8.22 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Gifts	-	(3)
Donations	24,525	41,986
Grants	6,913	30,963
Tithes	25,511	30,608
Offerings	4,042	4,346
Other income	16,112	27,630
Room hire	400	-
	77,503	135,530
Total incoming resources	77,503	135,530
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Wages	49,058	46,658
Social security	-	27
Rates and water	167	95
Insurance	2,237	2,236
Light and heat	14,207	5,957
Telephone	487	487
Internet	539	871
Gifts	4,181	1,389
Equipment	2,935	2,818
Community outreach events	4,400	28,771
Hospitality	4,048	2,292
Maintenance	2,370	319
Misc.	4,654	2,717
Travel	1,300	81
Cost of sales-Goods	8	109
Marketing	1,885	880
Software costs	1,654	1,627
Legal & professional	787	3,163
Office supplies	614	369
Honorarium	3,000	250
Credit card & bank charges	163	-
Media expenses	1,947	2,613
Training expense	7,280	-
Improvements to property	571	439
Fixtures and fittings	546	672
Computer equipment	2,597	2,847
	111,635	107,687
Total resources expended	111,635	107,687
Net (expenditure)/income	(34,132)	27,843

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements

CEDAR CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1163570

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1163570

Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

for

Cedar Church

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Cedar Church

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for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

1. The proclamation and furtherance of the Gospel of God concerning His Son Jesus Christ Our Lord and the preaching and teaching of the Christian Faith throughout the Birmingham area and elsewhere.

2. The furtherance of the Christian work of Cedar Church in Birmingham being that of the believers holding the doctrines of belief set forth in the Schedule to the Declaration of Trust.
Details of this doctrinal basis of belief are as follows: -
a) The divine inspiration and infallibility of Holy Scripture (the Bible) as originally given and its supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
b) The unity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in the Godhead.
c) The universal sinfulness and guilt of human nature since the fall rendering man subject to God's wrath and condemnation.
d) Redemption for the guilt penalty and power of sin only through the sacrificial death (as our representative and substitute) of Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God.
e) The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
f) The necessity of the work of the Holy Spirit to make the death of Christ effective to the individual sinner, granting them repentance towards God and faith in Jesus Christ.
g) The indwelling and work of the Holy Spirit in the believer.
h) The expectation of the personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ

3. The relief of human suffering and poverty consequent upon one effect of personal, local, national or international disaster.

Policies to achieve objectives and aims

The policies of the church are formulated to facilitate the establishment of a local church which acts as a positive influence on the local community and which seeks to be a benefit to other local churches, both nationally and internationally, in their efforts to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. We have decided that reaching this goal is the best way to ensure the achievement of the above stated objectives/aims. The policies below are designed to assist the church in fulfilling its perceived role.
1) The development of a Children and Youth Programme
2) The expansion of relationships with churches nationally and internationally
3) The financial support of both individuals and religious organisations
4) The facilitation of Community Outreach Opportunities

Review of activities

During the year the Church continued the preaching and teaching of the Christian Faith.
The trustees are satisfied that all activities undertaken on behalf of the Church are in accordance with the governing document and are in keeping with the aims of the charity. There were no significant changes during the year.
The Church is indebted to the volunteers that make contributions to the running of events and raising funds.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities (before the COVID-19 pandemic)

Children and youth programme: -

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Cedar Church Community App - Radio Interview: https://youtu.be/0kzgZotxAuc

A Cedar Church Community App which was developed during the pandemic as a means of connecting with church members and the wider community, has continued to be a valuable tool to aid communication. It provides information for church members and the wider community via various sections including Hope Again (as detailed below), the latest public notices, health updates, etc. The app is free to download on the major digital platforms.
Apple App Store - https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/cedar-church-birmingham/id1534036713
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BSL Project - Birmingham Commonwealth Games Cultural Festival - www.yourloveliftsmeup.com

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Media Coverage

In September 2021, the church was featured in a radio interview to promote a community cohesion event called Singstanding. In November 2021, Premier Christian Radio featured Cedar Church's Christmas Giveaway, providing necessary quality toiletries to residents in several local nursing homes. February 2022 saw the release of a teaser video for our BSL Community Chorus project which was finally launched in March 2022. Visit www.yourloveliftsmeup.com for details, follow the journey and see the official video and project outcomes.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

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Reserves policy

The Trustees do not have a formal reserves policy, but income from Offerings and Donations are received on a weekly and monthly cash basis with the intention and hope that this will sufficiently meet the day to day running cost of the charity.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIOD

Future plans are basically 'more of the same'. There is, of course, the need to be financially prudent given the level income and resources and our current financial commitments. On the other hand, however, it would be short-sighted to cut back on our core activities as it is these that have raised the church out of the ashes as we aim to take the 'good news' far and wide.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust dated 29th July 2015, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Structure and management

Overall responsibility for the church lies with the trustees of whom there are four including the Minister who along with his wife are responsible for overseeing the church and day to day running of the church. These two entities, trustees and Minister and Minister's wife, while being two distinct groups, have a common goal between them and are responsible for the formulating and implementation of policies designed to further the objectives of the church. The power for the appointment or removal of trustees lies with the Trustees themselves.

Policies & procedures adapted for the introduction and training of new trustees

New trustees are trained very much 'on the job' initially by close supervision and personal input from credible sources with the relevant practical experience. All work undertaken, especially by new trustees, is closely monitored with regular reporting back to the chairman of the Trust.

Method adapted for the recruitment and appointment of new trustees

New church trustees have been selected by the founding trustees from within the church's membership. The criteria for choosing trustees are their commitment to the church and the usefulness to the church of their professional expertise.

Risk management

The trustees have considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those relating to the operations and finances, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate their exposure to these.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1163570

Principal address

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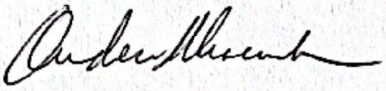
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 28 June 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr ANDREW KISUMBA - Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Cedar Church
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Cedar Church (the Trust) for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

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28 June 2023

Cedar Church

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

	Notes	31.8.22 Unrestricted fund £	31.8.21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		135,530	102,657
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds		107,687	84,577
NET INCOME		27,843	18,080
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		82,870	64,790
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The notes form part of these financial statements

Cedar Church

Balance Sheet
31 August 2022

	Notes	31.8.22 Unrestricted fund £	31.8.21 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	5	18,425	20,259
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	6	15,769	15,220
Cash at bank and in hand		77,960	48,782
		93,729	64,002
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(1,441)	(1,391)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		92,288	62,611
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		110,713	82,870
NET ASSETS		110,713	82,870
FUNDS	8		
Unrestricted funds		110,713	82,870
TOTAL FUNDS		110,713	82,870

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 28 June 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

Trustee

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to 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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Improvements to property	- 10% on cost
Plant and machinery	- 25% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on cost
Computer equipment	- 25% on cost

Taxation
The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

General fund
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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

Volunteer help
The value of voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

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2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2022 nor for the year ended 31 August 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2022 nor for the year ended 31 August 2021.

3. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.8.22	31.8.21
Minister	1	1
Administrator	1	1
	2	2

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	102,657
EXPENDITURE ON	
Raising funds	84,577
NET INCOME	18,080
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	64,790
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5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Improvements to property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 September 2021	4,390	2,195	4,112	21,064	31,761
Additions	-	-	-	2,124	2,124
At 31 August 2022	4,390	2,195	4,112	23,188	33,885
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 September 2021	2,444	2,195	2,562	4,301	11,502
Charge for year	439	-	673	2,846	3,958
At 31 August 2022	2,883	2,195	3,235	7,147	15,460
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 August 2022	1,507	-	877	16,041	18,425
At 31 August 2021	1,946	-	1,550	16,763	20,259

6. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.8.22 £	31.8.21 £
Other debtors	15,769	15,220

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.8.22 £	31.8.21 £
Trade creditors	-	(1)
Other creditors	1,441	1,392
	1,441	1,391

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	82,870	27,843	110,713
TOTAL FUNDS	82,870	27,843	110,713

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8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	135,530	(107,687)	27,843
TOTAL FUNDS	135,530	(107,687)	27,843

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	64,790	18,080	82,870
TOTAL FUNDS	64,790	18,080	82,870

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	102,657	(84,577)	18,080
TOTAL FUNDS	102,657	(84,577)	18,080

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.9.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	64,790	45,923	110,713
TOTAL FUNDS	64,790	45,923	110,713

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8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	238,187	(192,264)	45,923
TOTAL FUNDS	238,187	(192,264)	45,923

9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

	31.8.22 £	31.8.21 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Gifts	(3)	1
Donations	41,986	36,196
Grants	30,963	-
Tithes	30,608	32,658
Offerings	4,346	13,267
Other income	27,630	20,535
	135,530	102,657
Total incoming resources	135,530	102,657
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Wages	46,658	45,176
Social security	27	34
Rates and water	95	35
Insurance	2,236	1,667
Light and heat	5,957	5,721
Telephone	487	485
Internet	871	923
Gifts	1,389	2,187
Equipment	2,818	1,548
MFG	-	275
Community outreach events	28,771	3,005
Hospitality	2,292	1,119
Maintenance	319	1,252
Misc.	2,717	185
Travel	81	-
Cost of sales-Goods	109	-
Marketing	880	10,720
Software costs	1,627	1,337
Legal & professional	3,163	2,647
Office supplies	369	133
Honorarium	250	2,550
Bad debts	-	500
Media expenses	2,613	-
Improvements to property	439	439
Fixtures and fittings	672	659
Computer equipment	2,847	1,980
	107,687	84,577
Total resources expended	107,687	84,577
Net income	27,843	18,080

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CEDAR CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1163570

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1163570

Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

for

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Cedar Church

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for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

1. The proclamation and furtherance of the Gospel of God concerning His Son Jesus Christ Our Lord and the preaching and teaching of the Christian Faith throughout the Birmingham area and elsewhere.

2. The furtherance of the Christian work of Cedar Church in Birmingham being that of the believers holding the doctrines of belief set forth in the Schedule to the Declaration of Trust.
Details of this doctrinal basis of belief are as follows: -
a) The divine inspiration and infallibility of Holy Scripture (the Bible) as originally given and its supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
b) The unity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in the Godhead.
c) The universal sinfulness and guilt of human nature since the fall rendering man subject to God's wrath and condemnation.
d) Redemption for the guilt penalty and power of sin only through the sacrificial death (as our representative and substitute) of Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God.
e) The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
f) The necessity of the work of the Holy Spirit to make the death of Christ effective to the individual sinner, granting them repentance towards God and faith in Jesus Christ.
g) The indwelling and work of the Holy Spirit in the believer.
h) The expectation of the personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ

3. The relief of human suffering and poverty consequent upon one effect of personal, local, national or international disaster.

Policies to achieve objectives and aims

The policies of the church are formulated to facilitate the establishment of a local church which acts as a positive influence on the local community and which seeks to be a benefit to other local churches, both nationally and internationally, in their efforts to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. We have decided that reaching this goal is the best way to ensure the achievement of the above stated objectives/aims. The policies below are designed to assist the church in fulfilling its perceived role.
1) The development of a Children and Youth Programme
2) The expansion of relationships with churches nationally and internationally
3) The financial support of both individuals and religious organisations
4) The facilitation of Community Outreach Opportunities

Review of activities

During the year the Church continued the preaching and teaching of the Christian Faith.
The trustees are satisfied that all activities undertaken on behalf of the Church are in accordance with the governing document and are in keeping with the aims of the charity. There were no significant changes during the year.
The Church is indebted to the volunteers that make contributions to the running of events and raising funds.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities (before the COVID-19 pandemic)

Children and youth programme: -

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities (During the COVID-19 pandemic)

Covid Champions

Cedar Church continued community outreach work to support people facing an uncertain time in the second year of the pandemic.

As Covid Champions, the church provided information and assistance to local families. When in-person meeting restrictions were lifted, socially distanced face-to-face gatherings and activities resumed from September 2020. Additional safety measures, such as antiviral cleaning and preregistration for church attendance, were implemented. Services were also streamed online for those unable to meet in person. Furthermore, the building was used as a hub for other local community initiatives.

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Community Involvement, Social Support, Mental Health and Media Coverage

In April 2021, church activities were featured by Pam Rhodes on Premier Radio's Easter Programme. In June 2021, Cedar Church was featured again by Pam Rhodes on her Sunday Night Live radio programme, bringing a Message of Hope following the tragic death of a young man in the community. In August 2020, we also produced a video, Enjoy Keeping Safe, which was requested by the local council. Their intention was to partner with local organisations like Cedar Church to ensure community safety whilst coming out of national restrictions imposed during lockdown. In October 2020, the Cedar Church App with links to activities, online services, media, community events, contact details, and more was launched. The app is constantly updated and is a useful resource for both church members and the local community. Also in October 2020, Cedar Church created a new website called cedarhope.com to help local people find local jobs and opportunities with local businesses. This was featured in the October newsletters of The Voice Online and the West Midlands Combined Authority. The project was also featured on the BBC Radio WM Sunday Breakfast Show on 01/11/2020. On 12/11/2020, a Christmas CD featuring an original song '2U+U' was featured on the BBC Radio WM Henry Liston Show. Cedar Church also featured on the Premier Radio Digital Celebration which premiered on 14/11/2020. December 2020 saw the installation of two large LED screens on the front of the building. These are clearly visible from the footpath and to passing traffic. The screens have been used to advertise church events and activities, to display words for outdoor carol services, details about the Hope Again website, covid related advice and updates, etc. Throughout the year, Cedar Church has continued to support the local community. This has included activities as diverse as restarting several socially distanced face-to-face meetings at the church building, a virtual on-line Fireworks Party for Bonfire Night, a digital Nativity Service and an outdoor Carol Service to launch Hope Again.

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Cedar Church

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INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		102,657	105,804
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds		84,577	87,859
NET INCOME		18,080	17,945
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		64,790	46,845
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Cedar Church

Balance Sheet
31 August 2021

	Notes	31.8.21 Unrestricted fund £	31.8.20 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	5	20,259	5,306
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	6	15,220	21,767
Cash at bank and in hand		48,782	39,111
		64,002	60,878
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(1,391)	(1,394)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		62,611	59,484
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		82,870	64,790
NET ASSETS		82,870	64,790
FUNDS	8		
Unrestricted funds		82,870	64,790
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Trustees' expenses

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3. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.8.21	31.8.20
Minister	1	1
Administrator	1	1
	2	2

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

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5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Improvements to property	Plant and machinery	Fixtures and fittings	Computer equipment	Totals
	£	£	£	£	£
COST					
At 1 September 2020	4,390	2,195	3,462	3,683	13,730
Additions	-	-	650	17,381	18,031
At 31 August 2021	4,390	2,195	4,112	21,064	31,761
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 September 2020	2,005	2,195	1,903	2,321	8,424
Charge for year	439	-	659	1,980	3,078
At 31 August 2021	2,444	2,195	2,562	4,301	11,502
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 August 2021	1,946	-	1,550	16,763	20,259
At 31 August 2020	2,385	-	1,559	1,362	5,306

6. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.8.21	31.8.20
	£	£
Other debtors	15,220	21,767

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.8.21	31.8.20
	£	£
Trade creditors	(1)	1
Other creditors	1,392	1,393
	1,391	1,394

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.20	Net movement in funds	At 31.8.21
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	64,790	18,080	82,870
TOTAL FUNDS	64,790	18,080	82,870

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8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	102,657	(84,577)	18,080
TOTAL FUNDS	102,657	(84,577)	18,080

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
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Unrestricted funds			
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TOTAL FUNDS	105,804	(87,859)	17,945

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.9.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	46,845	36,025	82,870
TOTAL FUNDS	46,845	36,025	82,870

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	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	208,461	(172,436)	36,025
TOTAL FUNDS	208,461	(172,436)	36,025

9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2021.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

	31.8.21 £	31.8.20 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Gifts	1	-
Donations	36,196	30,572
Tithes	32,658	27,241
Offerings	13,267	22,294
Community outreach events	-	5
Miscellaneous	20,535	25,692
	102,657	105,804
Total incoming resources	102,657	105,804
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Wages	45,176	45,508
Social security	34	943
Rates and water	35	83
Insurance	1,667	1,899
Light and heat	5,721	3,775
Telephone	485	475
Internet	923	435
Gifts	2,187	5,160
Equipment	1,548	1,499
MFG	275	5,315
Community outreach events	3,005	1,693
Hospitality	1,119	1,774
Maintenance	1,252	685
Misc.	185	2,958
Travel	-	452
Marketing	10,720	8,311
Software costs	1,337	1,026
Legal & professional	2,647	716
Office supplies	133	439
Honorarium	2,550	2,735
Bad debts	500	-
Improvements to property	439	439
Fixtures and fittings	659	668
Computer equipment	1,980	871
	84,577	87,859
Total resources expended	84,577	87,859
Net income	18,080	17,945

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England & Wales - Charity number 1163570

Accounts

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

1. The proclamation and furtherance of the Gospel of God concerning His Son Jesus Christ Our Lord and the preaching and teaching of the Christian Faith throughout the Birmingham area and elsewhere.

2. The furtherance of the Christian work of Cedar Church in Birmingham being that of the believers holding the doctrines of belief set forth in the Schedule to the Declaration of Trust.
Details of this doctrinal basis of belief are as follows: -
a) The divine inspiration and infallibility of Holy Scripture (the Bible) as originally given and its supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
b) The unity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in the Godhead.
c) The universal sinfulness and guilt of human nature since the fall rendering man subject to God's wrath and condemnation.
d) Redemption for the guilt penalty and power of sin only through the sacrificial death (as our representative and substitute) of Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God.
e) The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
f) The necessity of the work of the Holy Spirit to make the death of Christ effective to the individual sinner, granting them repentance towards God and faith in Jesus Christ.
g) The indwelling and work of the Holy Spirit in the believer.
h) The expectation of the personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ

3. The relief of human suffering and poverty consequent upon one effect of personal, local, national or international disaster.

Policies to achieve objectives and aims

The policies of the church are formulated to facilitate the establishment of a local church which acts as a positive influence on the local community and which seeks to be a benefit to other local churches, both nationally and internationally, in their efforts to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. We have decided that reaching this goal is the best way to ensure the achievement of the above stated objectives/aims. The policies below are designed to assist the church in fulfilling its perceived role.
1) The development of a Children and Youth Programme
2) The expansion of relationships with churches nationally and internationally
3) The financial support of both individuals and religious organisations
4) The facilitation of Community Outreach Opportunities

Review of activities

During the year the Church continued the preaching and teaching of the Christian Faith.
The trustees are satisfied that all activities undertaken on behalf of the Church are in accordance with the governing document and are in keeping with the aims of the charity. There were no significant changes during the year.
The Church is indebted to the volunteers that make contributions to the running of events and raising funds.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities (before the COVID-19 pandemic)

Children and youth programme: -

Every Wednesday morning, the church runs a parent and toddler group, 'Babies into Books', that caters for preschool children in the community. A Youth group called 'Dream Young Dream Big' that is aimed at 7 - 13 year olds runs on Saturday evenings. In addition, the church facilitates two Sunday School groups every Sunday morning during the service covering an age range of 4 - 11, with crèche facilities available for younger children and babies. Revelation, which is held on average once a month, is a gathering of young adults (from 14 years of age) and focuses on addressing issues appropriate to that age group. These groups are classed as high priority with a high degree of commitment from those involved in their operation seeing this work as a vital investment in the future adults and leaders of community and country. Their purpose is to provide a safe, inspiring environment where young people can find genuine purpose, friendship and encouragement to be productive in their lives and have positive fun along the way. This particular aspect of the church's work is currently predominantly run by the minister and his wife and a small team of volunteers. These groups allow the church to engage in community through various outward-looking initiatives throughout the year such as Easter & Christmas events, including a community carols event called 'Singstanding' with West Midlands Mayor, Andy Street, reading challenges, memory book creation, birthday parties, a group for Seniors, and so on.

Church relationships: -

Cedar Church was birthed out of a relationship with Ministers Fellowship Global (MFG). MFG is a non-denominational charitable organisation based on genuine relationships. MFG focuses on supporting ministers and leaders as part of a worldwide family of churches, providing, amongst other things, accountability without control. Cedar Church has received support from the MFG family in various ways ranging from physical visits, practical gifts and efforts, to moral and spiritual wisdom, advice and encouragement. This has not only strengthened relationships within the church, but has connected the members to a wider family of churches. This has provided the opportunity to give something back to other churches by way of hosting and facilitating ministry days for church leaders.

Financial support: -

The church's policy is that support is generally only given to recipients who are known to us, thereby ensuring, as much as possible, that the money is well spent. Financial gifts to individuals and religious organisations like MFG have been carefully considered and reflective of the heart of the church to be as charitable as possible in line with Cedar Church's objectives and aims.

Community outreach opportunities:-

Community outreach events and opportunities are classed as high priority with a high degree of commitment from all those involved. Not only do they provide a variety of positive bridges between the community and the church, introducing the church to the wider society, but they also provide a wonderful opportunity for people to serve others and encourage social interaction and community cohesion. In this period, Cedar Church has opened up the doors of the church, for example, for special services, including planning for funerals and weddings; discussion groups like Tuesday morning Hot Topic; community activities; musical programmes including the publishing of original material and new songs; life skills; community clothes giveaways; playgroup activities; children's parties; local Pastors Days; student and youth gatherings; internship experience opportunities for visiting groups; other community outreach events with fun activities; etc.

Achievements & performance

Cedar Church continues to aim to be a positive influence locally, nationally and internationally as it works to fulfil its objectives and aims spiritually, socially and practically with the maintenance and upkeep of the various programmes and premises.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities (During the COVID-19 pandemic)

Covid Champions

At the start of the pandemic Cedar Church transferred its main activities online and became involved in community outreach work to help provide support to people facing an uncertain time. Although the church building could not be used as a hub for face to face activity, there was a recognition that other initiatives could be launched in a safe and supportive way to the benefit the community.

Cedar Food & Essentials Bank

This was established in March 2020 to provide emergency support during the COVID-19 pandemic for vulnerable households and frontline NHS workers. The message "Sow A Seed - See Da Love" was used to help Cedar Church promote this initiative. It operated (between March-June, October half term and at Christmas) through the University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust, and has supported approximately 400 - 500 NHS staff across five major hospitals - Queen Elizabeth, Good Hope, Heartlands, Walsall & Solihull. The May 2020 Edition of their Newsletter published an article about this initiative.
This is available across the City Health Trust with a circulation of 15,000 copies.

Media Coverage

The Food and Essentials bank was highlighted by West Midlands regional radio a number of times as part of their 'Make A Difference' campaign. They have over 180,000 listeners every week. Premier Christian Radio, which broadcasts nationally, also featured this community effort on their weekly YouTube broadcast 'Sunday Night Live with Pam Rhodes'. In addition, the Local Council's Neighbourhood Network Scheme published this community outreach in one of their weekly bulletins. Other WM radio interviews have helped to promote the public health messages from the NHS which Cedar Church have incorporated in its multi-media communication channels available online.

Music with a Message

Cedar Church has written and recorded a number of songs in response to the pandemic to offer a positive message, boost morale and nurture courage to address tough mental health issues across the spectrum including suicide: Love is Good (Horizon 2020), True Love, Hope and Glory. A community anthem called 'Singstanding' has also helped to raise funds that have been reinvested into items for the food bank.

'In Safe Hands'

The charity outreach work by Cedar church sparked a young people led communication project called 'In Safe Hands'. This aims to build on the good community spirit generated during the pandemic. One project example sought to promote some important public health and good neighbour messages for families with the straplines of "wash your hands, mind your personal space and show acts of kindness and love". Two winning entries from Cedar church were acknowledged and commended by the WM Mayor's Office.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

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2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2020 nor for the year ended 31 August 2019.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2020 nor for the year ended 31 August 2019.

3. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.8.20	31.8.19
Minister	1	1
Administrator	1	1
	2	2

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	96,677
EXPENDITURE ON	
Raising funds	78,422
NET INCOME	18,255
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	28,590
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	46,845

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5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Improvements to property	Plant and machinery	Fixtures and fittings	Computer equipment	Totals
	£	£	£	£	£
COST					
At 1 September 2019	4,390	2,195	1,974	3,683	12,242
Additions	-	-	1,488	-	1,488
At 31 August 2020	4,390	2,195	3,462	3,683	13,730
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 September 2019	1,566	2,195	1,235	1,450	6,446
Charge for year	439	-	668	871	1,978
At 31 August 2020	2,005	2,195	1,903	2,321	8,424
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 August 2020	2,385	-	1,559	1,362	5,306
At 31 August 2019	2,824	-	739	2,233	5,796

6. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.8.20	31.8.19
	£	£
Other debtors	21,767	-

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.8.20	31.8.19
	£	£
Trade creditors	1	-
Other creditors	1,393	1,373
	1,394	1,373

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.19	Net movement in funds	At 31.8.20
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	46,845	17,945	64,790
TOTAL FUNDS	46,845	17,945	64,790

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8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	105,804	(87,859)	17,945
TOTAL FUNDS	105,804	(87,859)	17,945

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.18 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.19 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	28,590	18,255	46,845
TOTAL FUNDS	28,590	18,255	46,845

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	96,677	(78,422)	18,255
TOTAL FUNDS	96,677	(78,422)	18,255

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.9.18 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	28,590	36,200	64,790
TOTAL FUNDS	28,590	36,200	64,790

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8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	202,481	(166,281)	36,200
TOTAL FUNDS	202,481	(166,281)	36,200

9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2020.

Cedar Church

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

	31.8.20 £	31.8.19 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	30,572	23,204
Tithes	27,241	33,387
Offerings	22,294	17,288
Community outreach events	5	-
Miscellaneous	25,692	22,798
	105,804	96,677
Total incoming resources	105,804	96,677
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Wages	45,508	44,228
Social security	943	802
Rates and water	83	137
Insurance	1,899	1,993
Light and heat	3,775	3,079
Telephone	475	481
Internet	435	480
Petrol	-	70
Gifts	5,160	1,755
Equipment	1,499	927
MFG	5,315	4,551
Community outreach events	1,693	2,065
Hospitality	1,774	4,409
Maintenance	685	391
Misc.	2,958	4,478
Travel	452	871
Marketing	8,311	1,803
Software costs	1,026	324
Legal & professional	716	805
Office supplies	439	170
Honorarium	2,735	2,350
Improvements to property	439	439
Plant and machinery	-	549
Fixtures and fittings	668	482
Computer equipment	871	783
	87,859	78,422
Total resources expended	87,859	78,422
Net income	17,945	18,255

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