

CHRIST CHURCH NEWHAM URC

England & Wales · Charity number 1165032

Details

Other names CHRIST CHURCH

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2016-01-04

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CHARITY IS THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCHEME OF UNION OF THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Activities: Christian worship and teaching, service to the community,

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout London

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£146,510	£124,799	-	-
2023-12-31	£139,387	£106,791	-	-
2022-12-31	£102,020	£87,550	-	-
2021-12-31	£63,584	£51,642	-	-
2020-12-31	£100,503	£68,555	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANNIE ELIZABETH OSEI-TUTU BONSU		2024-05-26
Ann Obatomi		2017-01-01
Blaise Dias		2021-01-01
CHARLES KWABA AH ACHEAMPONG		2017-01-01
JEMIMA MUKANKUSI NKUSI		2009-03-01
MRS BOLA MOSURO		2009-03-01
ROSALIND BURKE		2024-05-26
Temitope Alegbeleye		2017-01-01

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Annual Report and Accounts

For the year ended 31st December 2024.

Christ Church Newham URC

Legal and Administrative Information 2024

Pastor: Reuben John

Current Trustees & Elders:

Charles K. Acheampong

Temitope Alegbeleye

Rosalind Burke

Ann Bonsu

Blaise Dias

Bola Mosuro

Jemima M. Nkusi

Ann Obatomi (Church Secretary)

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION:

Christ Church Newham – URC is a local church of the United Reformed Church in London, Great Britain, and is a member church of North Thames Synod of the Church. It was registered on 4th January 2016 as Charity Number 1165032.

Christ Church Newham is situated at 663 Barking Road, London, E13 9EX.

The members of the Elders' Meeting for the time being are recognised as the charity trustees.

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Elders' Report 2024

The Elders present their report and accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the SORP (FRS102) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" effective from 1st January 2019.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT:

The activities of Christ Church Newham URC are overseen by the Elders' Meeting of the Church in accordance with the provisions of The Structure of the United Reformed Church determined by the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church and supplemented by the rules of Christ Church Newham URC.

The Elders' Meeting is responsible for the financial administration of the Church, and the care and maintenance of Church premises and the manse. The Church Meeting (of all members wishing to attend) gives general guidance on the life and work of the Church. The members of the Elders Meeting are the Pastor, Mr. Reuben John and 8 members of Christ Church Newham – URC nominated and elected by the members of the said Church in the Church Meeting. The members of the Elders' Meeting are the trustees of the registered charity during their period of service as elders. The Elders' Meeting met 23 times during the year, and the Church Meeting met five times.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES:

As a local congregation of the United Reformed Church, Christ Church Newham seeks to advance in Christianity through its activities and the facilities offered to the community by its building, and described more specifically in its mission statement as The Elders' Meeting is aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in "The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit" and has regard to it in the administration of the Church.

The Elders' Meeting believes that the Church provides benefit to the public by:

- Providing resources and facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for the congregation and for anyone else who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers.
- Promoting Christian values and service by members of the congregation to the community for the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Church Ministries

Sunday School:

The Sunday School ministry continues to thrive, with steady growth and participation. Children aged 4-11 form the group, with an average weekly attendance of 24. They actively participate in all-age worship, leading church services and contributing meaningfully to the congregation. A strong curriculum supports their learning, deepening Bible understanding and preparing them for transition to the Youth Ministry. Committed volunteers run the Sunday School, encouraging children in prayer, Bible reading, and worship.

Youth & Young Adults Ministry:

The Youth Ministry operates via Zoom every Monday with nine youth attending, while Wednesday evenings see around eight young adults participating. The ministry focuses on Romans 8:28, emphasising God's purpose. Youth services are dynamic, with youth and children leading praise and worship. The Church aims to empower everyone to use their talents in building God's Kingdom and positively impacting lives.

Hospitality Ministry:

The hospitality ministry at Christ Church continues to grow, aiming to make guests and members feel God's love through friendly and gracious service. A well-organized rota system ensures members serve tea and coffee every Sunday, facilitating socialization and welcoming newcomers. The ministry oversees catering for festive lunches during Christmas and Easter, other key church events, and caters to guest preachers throughout the year.

Bible Study :

Christ Church encourages all families to attend weekly Bible studies, recognizing that prayer and studying God's Word are essential for a healthy Church family and lead to revival and expansion of God's Kingdom on earth.

Welcoming Team:

The newly revised Welcome Team has implemented new welcome cards to capture visitor details. Two rotating helpers provide a godly welcome to all congregants at Sunday morning services. On average, the team welcomes six new visitors per month to Christ Church.

Prayer & Prophetic Ministry:

Prayer meetings are held six days a week (Monday through Friday and Sunday), with an average attendance of 20 to 30 people. These meetings form a strong foundation for the Church's spiritual growth.

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Evangelistic & Discipleship Ministry:

An Evangelism Team continues to work together, with recent evangelism training advertised to the whole Church. Members witness Jesus' love in areas surrounding the Christ Church Newham building. A WhatsApp group facilitates prayer and event planning. Discipleship sessions shape the Church community's growth, resulting in new Church memberships and four adult baptisms.

Men's Group, Women's Group, and Welfare Ministry:

These ministries continue to operate, with the Welfare Ministry extending Christ's love to the needy within the Church Community. A team of six serves church members in various capacities, including supporting the sick, bereaved, discouraged, or depressed, and visiting elderly members.

Building Maintenance:

The Church maintains its building through contracted weekly cleaners and a team of members who handle small manageable tasks. More advanced work is contracted to professionals.

Finance:

The Church is seeking funds to complete its AV systems. The financial position is considered satisfactory. The reserves policy aims to hold sufficient free reserves to cover six months of projected operating costs.

Ayati Mind Event:

Ayati Mind partnered with Christ Church Newham URC to deliver the programme, focusing on mental health support for underserved communities. The project included summer activities for children and youth, wellbeing programs for families, music therapy sessions, and mental health outreach events. These initiatives addressed mental health, social isolation, and inclusivity, aligning with Newham's health and wellbeing priorities.

Safeguarding:

All elders/trustees had their DBS clearance updated or applied for, with all staff and trustees receiving clearance.

Church Office:

The Church Office has an Administrator managing correspondences and an allocated office space for the Pastor to improve work productivity.

Preach Plan:

Elders worked on a preach plan for the year, creating a rota to ensure spiritual care of the church. Despite some last-minute changes, the plan was well-covered.

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Fasting Prayer:

The Church implemented a 7-14 day fasting prayer plan, which was positively received by members. Different types of fasts were observed, with encouraging feedback.

Christ Church Newham URC Church Building Project:

Contractual works are progressing, with site visits by contractors. The PA system and gallery remain incomplete, pending accumulation of funds for new technologies and wireless systems with cutting-edge audiovisuals.

End of Year Festive Season:

Christ Church Newham continues to work towards being a fruitful Christian place of worship, with plans to establish a powerful vision and mission. The church celebrates diversity and oneness in Christ, marking special occasions with decorations and food.

Summer Activities:

For over 10 years, Christ Church Newham has run successful Summer Activities for children and young people. In 2024, the programme extended to involve the local community, addressing mental health through various activities. Funded by Newham Council, the initiative offered free participation for children and engaged families from diverse backgrounds. Activities included trips to the beach, theme parks, cinema, bowling, farms, picnics, BBQs, and music therapy. The program has been consistently successful, benefiting both children and adults in the community.

In summary, 2024 was a year of consolidation and much progress for us as a congregation; we look forward to listening more to God's directions for us as individuals and as a congregation.

Financial Review The Charity's financial transactions during the year and the financial situation at the end of the year are set out in the following accounts. The trustees consider the financial position to be satisfactory.

Reserves policy The Elders' policy on reserves is to hold sufficient free reserves to cover six months projected operating costs for the year ahead (£64,000). The total reserves as of 31st December 2024 are £127,288 of which £24,225 are restricted funds leaving unrestricted fund balances of £ 103,063

Of this £13,955 is held in the book value of fixed assets funded by general funds, leaving free reserves at £ 89,108, which is equivalent to 8 months operating costs.

Elders note that reserves now cover 8 months of operating costs which is just above the target level. Elders note the improvement on the previous year and consider this progress to be satisfactory and will monitor reserves closely to ensure they remain to the required level.

Signed



Date 12/10/25

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Independent Examiner's Report 2024

To the Trustees.

I report on the accounts of Christ Church Newham URC for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out in the following pages.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustee and Examiner

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011, "the 2011 Act", and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act.
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act: and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you the Trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view', and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Brian Dexter

Dated

Chartered Management Accountant
172 Sandford Road
East Ham
London E6 3PX

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
<u>Income and endowments from</u>					
Donations and legacies	3a	£ 74,458	£ -	£ 74,458	£ 70,257
Income from Charitable Activities	3b	£ 68,244	£ -	£ 68,244	£ 66,154
Investment Income	3c	£ 434	£ -	£ 434	£ 102
Other Incoming Resources	3d	£ 3,374	£ -	£ 3,374	£ 2,874
Total Incoming Resources		<u>£ 146,510</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 146,510</u>	<u>£ 139,387</u>
<u>Expenditure on</u>					
Raising funds		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Charitable activities					
Church activities	11a	£ 116,574	£ 1,613	£ 118,187	£ 99,811
Total cost of Charitable activities		<u>£ 116,574</u>	<u>£ 1,613</u>	<u>£ 118,187</u>	<u>£ 99,811</u>
Other costs	11b	£ 6,612	£ -	£ 6,612	£ 6,980
Total resources expended		<u>£ 123,186</u>	<u>£ 1,613</u>	<u>£ 124,799</u>	<u>£ 106,791</u>
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year		<u>£ 24,218</u>	<u>£ (1,613)</u>	<u>£ 21,711</u>	<u>£ 32,596</u>
Transfers between funds	9	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>£ 24,218</u>	<u>£ (1,613)</u>	<u>£ 21,711</u>	<u>£ 32,596</u>
Reconciliation of funds:					
Fund balances 1 st January 2024		£ 79,739	£ 25,838	£ 105,577	£ 72,981
Fund balances 31st December 2024		<u>£ 103,063</u>	<u>£ 24,225</u>	<u>£ 127,288</u>	<u>£105,577</u>

This statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006. All of the organisation's operations are classed as continuing.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	2024	2023
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets	2	<u>£ 27,169</u>	<u>£ 29,611</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors	7	£ 1,106	£ 1,556
Cash at bank and in hand	6	<u>£ 100,980</u>	<u>£ 76,597</u>
		£ 102,086	£ 78,153
Liabilities:			
Creditors: amounts due within			
One year	8	<u>£ 1,967</u>	<u>£ 2,187</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>£ 100,119</u>	<u>£ 75,966</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after			
more than one year.		<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>
Total Net Assets		<u>£ 127,288</u>	<u>£ 105,577</u>
The Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds		£ 24,225	£ 25,838
Unrestricted funds		<u>£ 103,063</u>	<u>£ 79,739</u>
Total Funds		<u>£ 127,288</u>	<u>£ 105,577</u>

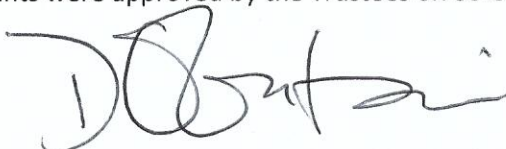
Trustee Responsibilities


The Charities Act 2011 requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the trust for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the trust will continue to exist.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the trust. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and taking reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 30 October 2024.

Chair 

Secretary. 

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st December 2024.

1 Accounting Policies

a. Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued March 2015 and the Charities Act 2011.

b. Incoming Resources

Incoming resources are credited in the accounts when they are received, except that:

- Grants and Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources, receipt is probable, and the value is known with certainty.
- Performance related Grant income is only included in the SOFA once the related goods and services has been delivered.
- Volunteer Help is not included in the accounts as its value cannot be measured with sufficient reliability, but it is described in the trustees' annual report.

c. Resources expended.

- Liabilities are recognised in the accounts at the time when a commitment to make payment is incurred.

d. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the costs less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures, fittings, and equipment	10% p.a on reducing balance.
General Equipment	25% p.a on reducing balance.
Music Equipment	25% p.a on reducing balance.
Building Improvements	0%

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st December 2024.

2. Tangible Fixed Assets	Fixtures & Fittings	Building Improvements	Office Equipment	Music Equipment	Total
Cost					
As of 1 st January 2024.	£ 24,974	£ 12,509	£ 55,693	£25,264	£ 118,440
Additions	£	£ -	£	£	£
Disposals	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
As of 31st December 2024.	<u>£ 24,974</u>	<u>£ 12,509</u>	<u>£ 55,693</u>	<u>£25,264</u>	<u>£118,440</u>

Accumulated Depreciation

As of 1 st January 2024	£ 12,751	£ -	£ 53,375	£ 22,703	£ 88,829
Charge for year	£ 1,222	£ -	£ 580	£ 640	£ 2,442
On disposals	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
As of 31st December 2024	<u>£ 13,973</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 53,955</u>	<u>£ 23,343</u>	<u>£ 91,271</u>

Net Book Value

As of 31st December 2024.	<u>£ 11,001</u>	<u>£ 12,509</u>	<u>£ 1,738</u>	<u>£ 1,921</u>	<u>£ 27,169</u>
As of 31st December 2023.	<u>£ 12,223</u>	<u>£ 12,509</u>	<u>£ 2,318</u>	<u>£ 2,561</u>	<u>£ 29,611</u>

Of the Net book value as at 31 December 2024 £13,214 is funded from restricted reserves and £13,955 from unrestricted funds.

3. Income and Endowments

	This Year		2024		2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total		
a) Donations and Legacies					
Offering Income	£ 65,133	£ -	£ 65,133		£63,436
Buy a brick	£ -	£ -	£ -		£ -
Grants	£ -	£ -	£ -		£ -
Gift Aid Recoverable	£ 9,325	£ -	£ 9,325		£ 6,821
Total	£ 74,458	£ -	£ 74,458		£ 70,257
b) Income from Charitable Activities					
Rents and Room Lettings	£ 68,244	£ -	£ 68,244		£66,154
Total	£ 68,244	£ -	£ 68,244		£66,154
c) Investment Income					
Interest receivable	£ 434	£ -	£ 434		£ 102
Total	£ 434	£ -	£ 434		£ 102
d) Other Incoming Resources					
Sundry Income	£ 3,374	£ -	£ 3,374		£ 2,874
Refunds	£ -	£ -	£ -		£ -
Total	£ 3,374	£ -	£ 3,374		£ 2,874

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3. Income and Endowments

Prior Year	2023			2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
a) Donations and Legacies				
Offering Income	£ 63,436	£ -	£ 63,436	£44,212
Buy a brick	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Grants	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Gift Aid Recoverable	£ 6,821	£ -	£ 6,821	£ 7,803
Total	£ 70,257	£ -	£ 70,257	£ 52,015
b) Income from Charitable Activities				
Rents and Room Lettings	£ 66,154	£ -	£ 66,154	£ 47,356
Total	£ 66,154	£ -	£ 66,154	£ 47,356
c) Investment Income				
Interest receivable	£ 102	£ -	£ 102	£ 50
Total	£ 102	£ -	£ 102	£ 50
d) Other Incoming Resources				
Sundry Income	£ 2,874	£ -	£ 2,874	£ 2,605
Refunds	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Total	£ 2,874	£ -	£ 2,874	£ 2,605

4. Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year 2024 (2023 : nil). Small reimbursements of normal church expenses were made to them.

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5. Employees

The number of employees at the end of the year was 2 (2023: 2). The monthly average during the year was 3 (2023: 3). The employment costs for the year were: Wages and Salaries £39,020 (2023: £ 39,020) NIC £2,874 (2023: £ 2,874), pension costs, £765 (2023: £765). The £ 2,874 of NIC cost was recovered from HMRC by way of the Employers annual allowance, to which the church was entitled.

6. Cash at Bank and In Hand	31-Dec-2024	31-Dec-2023
Business Premium Account	£ 96,726	£ 74,624
Barclays current account	£ 2,120	£ 441
URC Group account	£ 303	£ 302
Christ Church ministries account	£ 1,230	£ 1,230
Petty cash	<u>£ 601</u>	<u>£ -</u>
Total	<u>£ 100,980</u>	<u>£ 76,597</u>
7. Debtors and Prepayments	31-Dec-2024	31-Dec-2023
Accounts Receivable	£ 965	£ 1,556
Accrued Income and prepayments	<u>£ 141</u>	<u>£ -</u>
Total	<u>£ 1,106</u>	<u>£ 1,556</u>
8. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	31-Dec-2024	31-Dec-2023
Barclays current account	£ -	£ -
Independent Examiner's Fee	£ 600	£ 600
Accrued Utility bills	£ -	£ -
Pension contributions due	£ -	£ -
PAYE/NIC due to HMRC	<u>£ 1,367</u>	<u>£ 1,587</u>
Total	<u>£ 1,967</u>	<u>£ 2,187</u>

9. Restricted Funds.

The Restricted funds relate to gifts, grants and donations raised for the Building fund.

10. Capital commitments.

On 31st December 2024 the Charity had no capital commitments (2023: Nil).

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11. Detail breakdown of Resources Expended.

	2024	2023
a) Cost of Charitable Activities		
Wages and Salaries	£ 43,533	£ 39,020
Employer's NIC	£ 3,374	£ 2,874
Pension Contributions Costs	£ 1,179	£ 765
Donations to Christian Missions	£ 5,877	£ 4,727
Other Charitable Donations	£ 1,000	£ 350
Contribution to URC central Funds	£ 10,000	£ 4,000
Licences and Subscriptions	£ 2,025	£ 1,545
Ministry Expenses	£ 7,271	£ 6,233
IT support	£ 829	£ -
Office Costs	£ 1,788	£ 530
Repairs and Maintenance	£ 7,602	£ 2,677
Cleaning and Waste Management	£ 15,958	£ 17,351
Telephone Costs	£ 1,051	£ 789
Utilities	£ 14,258	£ 15,965
Depreciation	<u>£ 829</u>	<u>£ 1,013</u>
Total General Fund Charitable Activities cost	<u>£ 116,574</u>	<u>£ 97,839</u>
 <u>Restricted Fund cost of Charitable activities</u>		
Depreciation	£ 1,613	£ 1,972
URC North Thames (Building Fund)	£ -	£ -
Total Cost of Charitable Activities	<u>£ 118,186</u>	<u>£ 99,811</u>
b) Other Costs		
Governance: Independent Examination	£ 650	£ 650
Bank Charges	£ 565	£ 629
Insurance Costs	£ 4,870	£ 5,218
Legal & Professional Fees	<u>£ 527</u>	<u>£ 483</u>
Total	<u>£ 6,612</u>	<u>£ 6,980</u>

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Mr. Carey P. Noel

Mr. Raj K. Padala

Mrs. Ann Obatomi

Mr. Flavien Mankulu

Mr. Charles K. Acheampong

Ms. Temitope Alegbeleye

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Mrs. Jemima M. Nkusi

Mr. Mark Freeman

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REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

The Elders report and activities for the year 2023 had a number of events and planning as we continued to settle in the new building. As 2022 was drawing to a close we shared a theme from Isaiah 43:18-19 for 2023. God was encouraging us to forget our former challenges, struggles, and failures. We were preparing to embrace the new opportunities and blessings that God had in store for the Church. The recovery of the Church has been steady since the COVID-19 pandemic. We have remained steadfast all through 2022 to 2023. The Church has continued to offer hybrid sessions of the various Church services, as we attempt to reach many people who are not able to make physical meetings. The elderly have particularly adapted well to these changes. An increase in online counselling sessions and other Church services has mean't that the Church has kept in touch with an ever-increasing digital age. In October, 2023 we applied for funding from Newham Council called; People Powered Places. We were awarded funding in December 2023 for this well-being community support. The start of 2023 began with us planning for the dedication of the Christ Church building which took place on the 12th November, 2023.

The church has continued to have established groups that have settled in the building. The London Black Women's Project, has continued to use the rooms in the church for their staff training, conferences, and counselling sessions on a weekly basis. We have two churches renting the main church hall one group meets on Saturdays and another on Sunday afternoons. There are two other Church congregations that meet in the smaller rooms on Sundays. On a weekly basis during term time, we have the Brownies and Guides with a good number of girls who come into the Church to have some craft activities and develop other skills to aid their development.

Attendance: Overall, elders attended most of the meetings apart from a few occasions when some had travelled or where not available due to work commitments. Year 2023 lived up to it's theme as we have continued to witness steady growth and consistency of Church members in their attendance levels. Everyone's resilience was uplifting and we have by the grace of God seen many families hold on in the difficult economic times we have been going through

Focus for the year: See I am doing a new thing, now it springs up; do you not perceive it? Elders working together in unity and taking the message of this renewed hope to the congregation helped many congregants to find a place where they belong at Christ Church. Every year elders endeavour to focus on our mission statement taken from Jesus' instructions to the Church in Matthew 28:18-20. Christ Church is to go and make disciples of all nations baptising them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything He has commanded us in His Word.

We have baptised a few people in the year. As a Church we seek to work in partnership with others. We had a joint baptismal service with a Church located within a few minutes walk from Christ Church. Though we had the Church dedicated to God we are still looking to have the Church Audio Visual System completed first and afterwards our focus will also be to complete the gallery which is yet to be completed. Elders believe having a fully functioning Church will help the Church make further progression.

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REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS(Continued):

Sunday School: Sunday school ministry continues to grow from strength to strength. We have our Children services and a great Sunday school team who lead the sessions with distinction. The commitment from the Sunday school teachers, children and parents was a delight to see. We are reaching about 20 children every week. The children are continuing to engage in public worship. They are learning to play instruments, with some children leading the praise and worship sessions in the Church.

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Youth & Young Adults Ministry: The Youth meet every Monday for a bible study session and fellowship via zoom attracting more than 10 in attendance. Every Sunday the youth meet in person with their leaders. And on Wednesday evenings we have up to eight young adults joining in. **Romans 8:28** - And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. The youth help to lead some of the youth-led services

The Church is working to empower everyone to use their talents to build God's Kingdom and impact people's lives positively.

Women and Men's Ministry Fellowships: The Women and Men meet for weekly bible studies to build healthy families, marriages, and all relationships. As part of our plans for 2024, we would like to use the funding we received from Newham Council to have increased in-person sessions with both women and men. Beyond this, the elders are looking to more active engagement from every age group in the Church.

Preach Plan: The elders worked on a preach plan for the year and shared their availability, this was spearheaded by the church leader Ps. Reuben John. The preach plan is a Rota of elders working on a schedule to ensure that the church is looked after in a spiritual manner. We adopt a flexible approach knowing that people's circumstances can change. We have a wide range of speakers, with some elders taking on some preaching topics and helping to lead different parts of the services. We invite guest speakers and make use of the talents in the Church

Fasting Prayer: The elders embarked on a fasting prayer plan and communicated to all members of Christ Church for participation. The response was positive and was welcomed by all. This was spread over 3 or 7 days. Guidance notes are sent over to all members and the fasting is always welcomed by the Church family.

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS(Continued):

Bible Study and Prayers: Elders lead by example by taking an active role in attending the bible study and prayer sessions. Leaders of all other ministries and Christ Church families are encouraged to attend our weekly Bible studies. To be a healthy Church family, we seek to follow the example Jesus made. Christ Church is a house of prayer to all nations. We seek to build God's Kingdom here in Newham and beyond.

We have a growing team of Evangelist's already witnessing the love of Jesus in our communities. We have 4 online prayer meetings and 2 hybrid meetings a week, with people taking part in leading the sessions

Bible study prayer meetings were held either 6 or 7 times a week online via zoom. We have an average attendance of anything between 20 to 25 people. Prayers around the Easter and Festive season draw in new people or visitors. Prayer requests are sent over via text or email to the Pastor.

Lenwood hall: Lenwood hall has now been sold off and the legacy of God's heritage over the site continues with the new Church maintaining the spread of the gospel

Safeguarding: All elders/trustees had their DBS clearance updated or applied for. All DBS was cleared for all staff and trustees.

Financial Shortfall: Our church is still looking out for funds to complete our AV systems and gallery

Holy week services: Prayer and fasting was observed for the holy week services. The safety and hygiene routines have continued post covid.

Online Safety: Elders discussed online safety via zoom for Sunday services, weekly prayer meetings, Sunday school for children and youth sessions. Children, senior citizens and all other members were cautioned and trained about the advantages and disadvantages of online safety and regulations.

Church Building Project: As the contractual works were progressing, there were site visits by the contractors. The PA system is incomplete, and we look forward to the eventual completion of the AV System, due to the ongoing funding, Elders are planning for the AV System to be built stage by stage as the funds permit. The Church is requiring to be up-to-date with modern technologies and wireless systems with cutting-edge audiovisuals. The Church is still welcoming funding and help to have the Christ Church building completed

A huge part of our fundraising is towards the PA system which involves a bigger amount than what we have raised.

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS(Continued):

End of year festive season: Christ church Newham has worked hard to achieve the results of a fruitful Christian place of worship. Moving further it plans to establish a powerful vision and mission to pave the way for people and the local community through faith.

We have a growing IT Team enabling us to adjust to a digital world. Our vision is to be a beacon of light in Newham, London, and the entire globe and to serve our purpose as a Church.

We have celebrated people's birthday with some outstanding state of the art decorations and excellent food dishes.

Financial Review The Charity's financial transactions during the year and the financial situation at the end of the year are set out in the following accounts. The trustees consider the financial position to be satisfactory.

Reserves policy The Elders' policy on reserves is to hold sufficient free reserves to cover six months projected operating costs. (£54,100). The total reserves as of 31st December 2023 are £105,577 of which £25,838 are restricted funds leaving unrestricted fund balances of £ 79,739

Of this £ 17,469 is held in the book value of fixed assets funded by general funds, leaving free reserves at £ 62,270.

Elders note that reserves now cover 7 months of operating costs which is just above the target level. Elders note the improvement on the previous year and consider this progress to be satisfactory and will monitor reserves closely to ensure they remain to the required level.

Signed

Date 30/10/2024

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Independent Examiner's Report 2023

To the Trustees.

I report on the accounts of Christ Church Newham URC for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out in the following pages.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustee and Examiner

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011, "the 2011 Act", and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act.
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act: and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you the Trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view', and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Brian Dexter

Chartered Management Accountant
172 Sandford Road
East Ham
London E6 3PX

Dated 31 October 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
<u>Income and endowments from</u>					
Donations and legacies	3a	£ 70,257	£ -	£ 70,257	£ 52,015
Income from Charitable Activities	3b	£ 66,154	£ -	£ 66,154	£ 47,356
Investment Income	3c	£ 102	£ -	£ 102	£ 50
Other Incoming Resources	3d	£ 2,874	£ -	£ 2,874	£ 2,605
Total Incoming Resources		<u>£ 139,387</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 139,387</u>	<u>£ 102,026</u>
<u>Expenditure on</u>					
Raising funds		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Charitable activities					
Church activities	11a	£ 97,839	£ 1,972	£ 99,811	£ 80,860
Total cost of Charitable activities		£ 97,839	£ 1,972	£ 99,811	£ 80,860
Other costs	11b	£ 6,980	£ -	£ 6,980	£ 6,694
Total resources expended		£ 104,819	£ 1,972	£ 106,791	£ 87,554
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year		£ 34,568	£ (1,972)	£ 32,596	£ 14,472
Transfers between funds	9	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Net movement in funds		<u>£ 34,568</u>	<u>£ (1,972)</u>	<u>£ 32,596</u>	<u>£ 14,472</u>
Reconciliation of funds:					
Fund balances 1 st January 2023		£ 45,171	£ 27,810	£ 72,981	£ 58,509
Fund balances 31st December 2023		<u>£ 79,739</u>	<u>£ 25,838</u>	<u>£ 105,577</u>	<u>£ 72,981</u>

This statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006. All of the organisation's operations are classed as continuing.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2023	2022
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets	2	<u>£ 29,611</u>	<u>£ 32,596</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors	7	£ 1,556	£ 1,811
Cash at bank and in hand	6	<u>£ 76,597</u>	<u>£ 45,470</u>
		£ 78,153	£ 47,281
Liabilities:			
Creditors: amounts due within			
One year	8	<u>£ 2,187</u>	<u>£ 6,896</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>£ 75,966</u>	<u>£ 40,385</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year.		<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>
Total Net Assets		<u>£ 105,577</u>	<u>£ 72,981</u>
The Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds		£ 25,838	£ 27,810
Unrestricted funds		<u>£ 79,739</u>	<u>£ 45,171</u>
Total Funds		<u>£ 105,577</u>	<u>£ 72,981</u>

Trustee Responsibilities

The Charities Act 2011 requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the trust for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the trust will continue to exist.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the trust. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and taking reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 30 October 2024.

Chair

Secretary.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st December 2023.

1 Accounting Policies

a. Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued March 2015 and the Charities Act 2011.

b. Incoming Resources

Incoming resources are credited in the accounts when they are received, except that:

- Grants and Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources, receipt is probable, and the value is known with certainty.
- Performance related Grant income is only included in the SOFA once the related goods and services has been delivered.
- Volunteer Help is not included in the accounts as its value cannot be measured with sufficient reliability, but it is described in the trustees' annual report.

c. Resources expended.

- Liabilities are recognised in the accounts at the time when a commitment to make payment is incurred.

d. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the costs less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures, fittings, and equipment	10% p.a on reducing balance.
General Equipment	25% p.a on reducing balance.
Music Equipment	25% p.a on reducing balance.
Building Improvements	0%

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st December 2023.

2. Tangible Fixed Assets	Fixtures & Fittings	Building Improvements	Office Equipment	Music Equipment	Total
Cost					
As of 1 st January 2023.	£ 24,974	£ 12,509	£ 55,693	£25,264	£ 118,440
Additions	£	£ -	£	£	£
Disposals	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
As of 31st December 2023.	<u>£ 24,974</u>	<u>£ 12,509</u>	<u>£ 55,693</u>	<u>£25,264</u>	<u>£118,440</u>

Accumulated Depreciation

As of 1 st January 2023	£ 11,393	£ -	£ 52,602	£ 21,849	£ 85,844
Charge for year	£ 1,358	£ -	£ 773	£ 854	£ 2,985
On disposals	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
As of 31st December 2023	<u>£ 12,751</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 53,375</u>	<u>£ 22,703</u>	<u>£ 88,829</u>

Net Book Value

As of 31st December 2023.	<u>£ 12,223</u>	<u>£ 12,509</u>	<u>£ 2,318</u>	<u>£ 2,561</u>	<u>£ 29,611</u>
As of 31st December 2022.	<u>£ 13,581</u>	<u>£ 12,509</u>	<u>£ 3,091</u>	<u>£ 3,415</u>	<u>£ 32,596</u>

Of the Net book value as at 31 December 2023 (£32,596), £14,114 is funded from restricted reserves and £18,482 from unrestricted funds.

3. Income and Endowments

This Year	2023			2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
a) Donations and Legacies				
Offering Income	£ 63,436	£ -	£ 63,436	£44,212
Buy a brick	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Grants	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Gift Aid Recoverable	<u>£ 6,821</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 6,821</u>	<u>£ 7,803</u>
Total	<u>£ 70,257</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 70,257</u>	<u>£ 52,015</u>
b) Income from Charitable Activities				
Rents and Room Lettings	<u>£ 66,154</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 66,154</u>	<u>£ 47,356</u>
Total	<u>£ 66,154</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 66,154</u>	<u>£ 47,356</u>
c) Investment Income				
Interest receivable	<u>£ 102</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 102</u>	<u>£ 50</u>
Total	<u>£ 102</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 102</u>	<u>£ 50</u>
d) Other Incoming Resources				
Sundry Income	£ 2,874	£ -	£ 2,874	£ 2,605
Refunds	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>
Total	<u>£ 2,874</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 2,874</u>	<u>£ 2,605</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st December 2023.

3. Income and Endowments

Prior Year	2022			2021
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
a) Donations and Legacies				
Offering Income	£ 44,212	£ -	£ 44,212	£37,516
Buy a brick	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 1,020
Grants	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Gift Aid Recoverable	£ 7,803	£ -	£ 7,803	£ 6,540
Total	£ 52,015	£ -	£ 52,015	£ 45,076
b) Income from Charitable Activities				
Rents and Room Lettings	£ 47,356	£ -	£ 47,356	£ 16,170
Total	£ 47,356	£ -	£ 47,356	£ 16,170
c) Investment Income				
Interest receivable	£ 50	£ -	£ 50	£ 36
Total	£ 50	£ -	£ 50	£ 36
d) Other Incoming Resources				
Sundry Income	£ 2,605	£ -	£ 2,605	£ 2,302
Refunds	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Total	£ 2,605	£ -	£ 2,605	£ 2,302

4. Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year 2023 (2022 : nil). Small reimbursements of normal church expenses were made to them.

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5. Employees

The number of employees at the end of the year was 2 (2022: 2). The monthly average during the year was 3 (2022: 3). The employment costs for the year were: Wages and Salaries £39,020 (2022: £ 36,542) NIC £2,874 (2022: £ 2,605), pension costs, £765 (2022: £765). The £ 2,874 of NIC cost was recovered from HMRC by way of the Employers annual allowance, to which the church was entitled.

6. Cash at Bank and In Hand	31-Dec-2023	31-Dec-2022
Business Premium Account	£ 74,624	£ 43,938
Barclays current account	£ 441	£ -
URC Group account	£ 302	£ 302
Christ Church ministries account	<u>£ 1,230</u>	<u>£ 1,230</u>
Total	<u>£ 76,597</u>	<u>£ 45,470</u>

7. Debtors and Prepayments	31-Dec-2023	31-Dec-2022
Accounts Receivable	£ 1,556	£ 1,811
Accrued Income and prepayments	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>
Total	<u>£ 1,556</u>	<u>£ 1,811</u>

8. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	31-Dec-2023	31-Dec-2022
Barclays current account	£ -	£ 963
Independent Examiner's Fee	£ 600	£ 600
Accrued Utility bills	£ -	£ 3,387
Pension contributions due	£ -	£ 149
PAYE/NIC due to HMRC	<u>£ 1,587</u>	<u>£ 1,797</u>
Total	<u>£ 2,187</u>	<u>£ 6,896</u>

9. Restricted Funds.

The Restricted funds relate to gifts, grants and donations raised for the Building fund.

10. Capital commitments.

On 31st December 2023 the Charity had no capital commitments (2022: Nil).

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st December 2023.

11. Detail breakdown of Resources Expended.

	2023	2022
a) Cost of Charitable Activities		
Wages and Salaries	£ 39,020	£ 36,542
Employer's NIC	£ 2,874	£ 2,605
Pension Contributions Costs	£ 765	£ 765
Donations to Christian Missions	£ 4,727	£ 5,127
Other Charitable Donations	£ 350	£
Contribution to URC central Funds	£ 4,000	£ 4,000
Licences and Subscriptions	£ 1,545	£ 1,656
Ministry Expenses	£ 6,233	£ 1,735
Office Costs	£ 530	£ 872
Repairs and Maintenance	£ 2,677	£ 2,405
Cleaning and Waste Management	£ 17,351	£ 11,035
Removal expenses	£ -	£ 155
Telephone Costs	£ 789	£ 832
Utilities	£ 15,965	£ 9,454
Depreciation	<u>£ 1,013</u>	<u>£ 1,487</u>
Total General Fund Charitable Activities cost	<u>£ 97,839</u>	<u>£ 78,670</u>
<u>Restricted Fund cost of Charitable activities</u>		
Depreciation	£ 1,972	£ 2,190
URC North Thames (Building Fund)	£ -	£ -
Total Cost of Charitable Activities	<u>£ 99,811</u>	<u>£ 80,860</u>
b) Other Costs		
Governance: Independent Examination	£ 650	£ 600
Bank Charges	£ 629	£ 436
Insurance Costs	£ 5,218	£ 5,058
Legal & Professional Fees	<u>£ 483</u>	<u>£ 600</u>
Total	<u>£ 6,980</u>	<u>£ 6,694</u>

CHRIST CHURCH NEWHAM URC

England & Wales - Charity number 1165032

Accounts

Charity Number 1165032

Christ Church
Newham URC

Annual Report and Accounts
For the year ended 31st December 2022.

Pastor:

Mr. Reuben A. S. John

Current Elders / Trustees:

Mr. Blaise Dias (Church Secretary)

Mr. Carey Peter Noel

Mr. Raj Kiran Padala

Mrs. Ann Obatomi

Mr. Flavien Mankulu

Mr. Charles Kwabaah Acheampong

Ms. Temitope Alegbeleye

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION:

Christ Church Newham – URC is a local church of the United Reformed Church in London, Great Britain, and is a member church of North Thames Synod of the Church. It was registered on 4th January 2016 as Charity Number 1165032.

Christ Church Newham is situated at Christ Church Newham, 663 Barking Road, London, E13 9EX.

The members of the Elders' Meeting for the time being are recognised as the charity trustees.

Elders' Report 2022

The Elders present their report and accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022

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Risk

The Elders, who are the Trustees have given due consideration to the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied those systems, policies and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to major risks.

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REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

Elders report and activities for the year 2022 was packed with a lot of discussion and planning as we were gathering at Lenwood Hall on Coronation Road on temporary basis due to our old building being reconstructed. Now we have moved on to the new build along with one other user group.

As 2021 was drawing to a close we sensed 2022 had so much in store for the Church. Our recovery has been progressing well since Covid started. 2022 has been a mixed year so far for the congregation; We thank God for protecting us and others during the difficult Covid. We have had Church members who have lost friends and family members due to various causes. We have remained steadfast all through 2021 to 2022.

The church moved from Lenwood Hall to the new building on 17th April 2022. The London Black Women's Project, who has their office next door, uses the rooms in the church for their staff trainings, conferences and counselling sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We have two churches renting the main church hall on Sunday afternoon and evening for church services: Bethesda Christian fellowship and Igreta Baptista, a Portuguese speaking church. Their services are from 3:30pm - 5:30pm and 6pm to 9pm respectively.

Attendance: Overall, elders attended most of the meetings apart from few falling sick or non-availability due to work commitments. Year 2022 was quite successful in the end as most of our thoughts were discussed, planned and actioned to achieve brilliant resulting in where we stand today.

Focus for the year: And God blessed them, and God said unto them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moved upon the earth." Elders championed to the theme affirming that the Lord will help us to flourish and add to our number. Teamwork and unity has been our prime objective.

We are witnessing people embracing new opportunities and using their gifts and talents to serve God and people around us. God is doing a new thing amongst us.

We baptised few early on this year. This was followed up with others that we baptised in the name of God The Father, God The Son and God The Holy Spirit. We are a diverse Church community from many nations, with more than 30 different nationalities, the cornerstone and foundation of the Church being Jesus Christ our solid rock. The Word of God instructs all that we do for His Kingdom. We seek to carry out our mission statement from Matthew 28:18-19 with Jesus instructing the Church to make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Sunday School: Sunday school moved to f2f at 11am in church from zoom sessions online. We have our Children services and a great Sunday school team who lead the sessions with distinction. The commitment from the children and parents was clear to witness, with up to 20 children attending every week. The children have grown spiritually and in their knowledge of the holy bible. The Sunday school was asked to lead the Sunday Service on several occasions during the year; all the children ranging from age 5 to 11 participated in the service, praying,

reading from the bible and leading praise and worship. The Sunday school and the Youth Ministry work very closely together.

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Romans 8:28 - And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Our dynamic youth services and some of our youth and children are leading our praise and worship services. The Church is seeking to empower everyone to use their talents to build God's Kingdom and impact people's lives positively.

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Bible Study & Prayers: Christ Church families are all encouraged to attend our weekly Bible studies. To be a healthy Church family, prayer and studying God's Word is what will help lead to revival and a great expansion of God's Kingdom here on earth.

We have a growing team of Evangelist's already witnessing the love of Jesus in our communities. Christ Church is a house of prayer. Praying to God helps us keep going. We have prayer meetings 6 days a week, with people meeting virtually and on a Hybrid basis. We are witnessing steady growth. We have been blessed with dynamic preaching, teaching and a great fellowship time.

Bible study prayer meetings were held either 6 or 7 times a week online via zoom. On an average we had around 20 members attending which includes visitors. The weekly prayer meetings were embedded with the Lent prayer meetings. People who can't make it to the meeting are requested to send their prayer request via text or email to the Pastor.

Lenwood hall: Lenwood hall is under offer and final transactions are ongoing.

Safeguarding: All elders/trustees had their DBS clearance updated or applied for. All DBS was cleared for all staff and trustees.

Financial Shortfall: Our church is still looking out for funds to complete our AV systems and the church gallery.

Holy week services: Prayer and fasting was observed for the holy week services. It took some time for people to entrust over safety and hygiene issues post covid.

Online Safety: Elders discussed online safety via zoom for Sunday services, weekly prayer meetings, Sunday school for children and youth sessions. Children, senior citizens and all other members were cautioned and trained about the advantages and disadvantages of online safety and regulations.

Church Building Project: As the contractual works were progressing, there were site visits by the contractors. The PA system is incomplete, and we look forward to funds that will help us

with new technologies and wireless systems with cutting edge audio visuals. We held meetings online to pray about this matter.

The huge part of our fundraising is towards the PA system which involves a bigger amount.

End of year festive season: Christ church Newham has worked hard to achieve the results of a fruitful Christian place of worship. Moving further it plans to establish a powerful vision and mission to pave the way for people and the local community through faith.

We have a growing IT Team helping us adjust to a digital world. Our vision is to be a beacon of light in Newham, London and the entire globe and to serve our purpose as a Church.

We have celebrated people's birthday with some outstanding state of the art decorations and excellent food dishes. We have had a marriage blessing celebration and you have guessed right again with some lovely dishes on the menu. We celebrate our diversity and oneness in Christ.

Financial Review: The Charity's financial transactions during the year and the financial situation at the end of the year are set out in the following accounts. The trustees consider the financial position to be satisfactory.

Reserves policy: The Elders' policy on reserves is to hold sufficient free reserves to cover six months projected operating costs. (£35,100). The total reserves as of 31st December 2022 are £72,981 of which £27,810 are restricted funds leaving unrestricted fund balances of £45,171.

Of this £18,482 is held in the book value of fixed assets funded by general funds, leaving free reserves at £26,689.

Elders note that reserves now cover 4.5 months of operating costs which is just below the target level. Elders note the improvement on the previous year and consider this progress to be satisfactory and will monitor reserves closely to ensure they return to the required level.

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Signed: Blaise Dias

Date: 31/10/2023

Independent Examiner's Report 2022

To the Trustees.

I report on the accounts of the Fellowship for the year ended 31st December 2022, which are set out in the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011, "the 2011 Act", and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- i) Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act.
- ii) To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act: and
- iii) To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (a) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - a. To keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the companies Act 2006; and
 - b. To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the SORP (FRS102) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" effective from 1st January 2019have not been met; or
- (b) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Brian Dexter
Chartered Management Accountant
172 Sandford Road
East Ham
London
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Dated: 31/10/2023

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022:

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
<u>Income and endowments from</u>					
Donations and legacies	3a	£ 52,015	£ -	£ 52,015	£ 45,076
Income from Charitable Activities	3b	£ 16,170	£ 47,356	£ -	£ 47,356
Investment Income	3c	£ 50	£ -	£ 50	£ 36
Other Incoming Resources	3d	£ 2,605	£ -	£ 2,605	£ 2,302
Total Incoming Resources		<u>£ 102,026</u> <u>£ 63,584</u>	<u>£ -</u>		<u>£ 102,026</u>
<u>Expenditure on</u>					
Raising funds		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Charitable activities					
Church activities	11a	£ 78,670	£ 2,190	£ 80,860	£ 110,648
Total cost of Charitable activities		£ 78,670	£ 2,190	£ 80,860	£ 110,648
Other costs	11b	£ 6,694	£ -	£ 6,694	£ 4,578
Total resources expended		£ 85,364	£ 2,190	£ 87,554	£ 115,226
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year		£ 16,662	£ (2,190)	£ 14,472	£ (51,642)
Transfers between funds	9	£ -	£ -		£ -
Net movement in funds		<u>£ 16,662</u>	<u>£ (2,190)</u>	<u>£ 14,472</u>	<u>£ (51,642)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:					
Fund balances 1 st January 2022		£ 28,509	£ 30,000	£ 58,509	£ 110,151
Fund balances 31st December 2022		<u>£ 45,171</u> <u>£ 58,509</u>	<u>£ 27,810</u>		<u>£ 72,981</u>

This statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006. All of the organisation's operations are classed as continuing.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022:

	Note	2022	2021
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets	2	<u>£ 32,596</u>	<u>£ 16,234</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors	7	£ 1,811	£ 141
Cash at bank and in hand	6	<u>£ 45,470</u>	<u>£ 48,461</u>
		<u>£ 47,281</u>	<u>£ 48,602</u>
Liabilities:			
Creditors: amounts due within One year	8	<u>£ 6,896</u>	<u>£ 6,327</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>£ 40,385</u>	<u>£ 42,275</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year.		<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>
Total Net Assets		<u>£ 72,981</u>	<u>£ 58,509</u>
The Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds		£ 27,810	£ 30,000
Unrestricted funds		<u>£ 45,171</u>	<u>£ 28,509</u>
Total Funds		<u>£ 72,981</u>	<u>£ 58,509</u>

Trustee Responsibilities

The Charities Act 2011 requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the trust for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the trust will continue to exist.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the trust. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and taking reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities. The accounts were approved by the Trustees on

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st December 2022.

1 Accounting Policies

a. Basis of preparation:

The accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued March 2015 and the Charities Act 2011.

b. Incoming Resources:

Incoming resources are credited in the accounts when they are received, except that:

- Grants and Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources, receipt is probable, and the value is known with certainty.
- Performance related Grant income is only included in the SOFA once the related goods and services has been delivered.
- Volunteer Help is not included in the accounts as its value cannot be measured with sufficient reliability, but it is described in the trustees' annual report.

c. Resources expended:

- Liabilities are recognised in the accounts at the time when a commitment to make payment is incurred.

d. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation:

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the costs less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures, fittings, and equipment	10% p.a. on reducing balance.
General Equipment	25% p.a. on reducing balance.
Music Equipment	25% p.a. on reducing balance.
Building Improvements	0%

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st December 2022.

2. Tangible Fixed Assets	Fixtures	Building	Office	Music	
Total	& Fittings	Improvements	Equipment	Equipment	
Cost					
As of 1 st January 2022.	£ 12,409	£ 12,509	£ 51,954	£21,529	£
98,401					
Additions	£ 12,565	£ -	£ 3,739	£ 3,735	£ 20,039
Disposals	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£
=					
As of 31st December 2022.	£ 24,974	£ 12,509	£ 55,693	£25,264	
<u>£118,440</u>					
Accumulated Depreciation					
As of 1 st January 2022,	£ 9,884	£ -	£ 51,572	£ 20,711	£
82,167					
Charge for year	£ 1,509	£ -	£ 1,030	£ 1,138	£
3,677 On disposals	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£
=					
As of 31st December 2022,	£ 11,393	£ -	£ 52,602	£ 21,849	£ 85,844
Net Book Value					
As of 31st December 2022.	£ 13,581	£ 12,509	£ 3,091	£ 3,415	£ 32,596
As of 31st December 2021.	£ 2,525	£ 12,509	£ 382	£ 818	£
<u>16,234</u>					

Of the Net book value as of 31 December 2022 (£32,596), £14,114 is funded from restricted reserves and £18,482 from unrestricted funds.

3. **Income and Endowments**

This Year	2022			2021
a) Donations and Legacies	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
Offering Income	£ 44,212	£ -	£ 44,212	
£37,516				
Buy a brick	£ -	£ -	£ -	£
1,020				
Grants	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Gift Aid Recoverable	£ 7,803	£ -	£ 7,803	£ 6,540
Total	£ 52,015	£ -	£ 52,015	£ 45,076
b) Income from Charitable Activities				
Rents and Room Lettings	£ 47,356	£ -	£ 47,356	£ 16,170
Total	£ 47,356	£ -	£ 47,356	£ 16,170
c) Investment Income				
Interest receivable	£ 50	£ -	£ 50	£ 36
Total	£ 50	£ -	£ 50	£ 36

d) Other Incoming Resources

Sundry Income	£	2,605	£	-	£	2,605	£
2,302							
Refunds	£	-	£	-	£	-	£
Total	£	2,605	£	-	£	2,605	£
							2,302

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st December 2022.

3. Income and Endowments

Prior Year	2021			2020
a) Donations and Legacies	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
Offering Income	£ 37,516	£ -	£ 37,516	
£34,384				
Buy a brick	£ -	£ 1,020	£ 1,020	£ 3,209
Grants	£ -	£ -	£ -	£30,000
Gift Aid Recoverable	£ 6,540	£ -	£ 6,540	£ 4,738
Total	£ 44,056	£ 1,020	£ 45,076	£ 72,331
b) Income from Charitable Activities				
Rents and Room Lettings	£ 16,170	£ -	£ 16,170	£ 25,260
Total	£ 16,170	£ -	£ 16,170	£ 25,260
c) Investment Income				
Interest receivable	£ 36	£ -	£ 36	£ 113
Total	£ 36	£ -	£ 36	£ 113
d) Other Incoming Resources				
Sundry Income	£ 2,302	£ -	£ 2,302	£
2,314				
Refunds	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 485
Total	£ 2,302	£ -	£ 2,302	£ 2,799

4. Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year 2022 (2021: nil). Small reimbursements of normal church expenses were made to them.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st December 2022.

5. Employees

The number of employees at the end of the year was 2 (2021: 3). The monthly average during the year was 3 (2021: 3). The employment costs for the year were: Wages and Salaries £36,542 (2021: £ 34,008) NIC £2,605 (2021: £ 2,302), pension costs, £765 (2021: £765). The £ 2,605 of NIC cost was recovered from HMRC by way of the Employers annual allowance, to which the church was entitled.

6. Cash at Bank and In Hand	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2021
Business Premium Account	£ 43,938	£ 47,231
URC Group account	£ 302	£ -
Christ Church ministries account	<u>£ 1,230</u>	<u>£ 1,230</u>
Total	<u>£ 45,470</u>	<u>£ 48,461</u>

7. Debtors and Prepayments	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2021
Accounts Receivable	£ 1,811	£ 141
Accrued Income and prepayments	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>
Total	<u>£ 1,811</u>	<u>£ 141</u>

8. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2021
Barclays current account	£ 963	£ 1,424
Independent Examiner's Fee	£ 600	£ 600
Accrued Utility bills	£ 3,387	£ 2,356
Pension contributions due	£ 149	£ 298
PAYE/NIC due to HMRC	<u>£ 1,797</u>	<u>£ 1,649</u>
Total	<u>£ 6,896</u>	<u>£ 6,327</u>

9. Restricted Funds.

The Restricted funds relate to gifts, grants and donations raised for the building fund. In 2021 £49,761 was transferred to this fund from General reserves. This sum relates to a legacy received in 2017, two grants received in 2018 and the funds transferred from Latimer Christian Fellowship in 2019.

10. Capital commitments.

On 31st December 2022 the Charity had no capital commitments (2021: Nil).

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st December 2022.

11. Detail breakdown of Resources Expended.

	2022	2021
a) Cost of Charitable Activities		
Wages and Salaries	£ 36,542	£ 34,008
Employer's NIC	£ 2,605	£ 2,302
Pension Contributions Costs	£ 765	£ 765
Donations to Christian Missions	£ 5,127	£ 4,602
Contribution to URC central Funds	£ 4,000	£ 4,000
Licences and Subscriptions	£ 1,656	£ 1,054
Ministry Expenses	£ 1,735	£ 886
Office Costs	£ 872	£ 583
Repairs and Maintenance	£ 2,405	£ 411
Cleaning and Waste Management	£ 11,035	£ 2,056
Removal expenses	£ 155	£ -
Telephone Costs	£ 832	£ 752
Utilities	£ 9,454	£ 4,048
Depreciation	<u>£ 1,487</u>	<u>£ 681</u>
Total General Fund Charitable Activities cost	<u>£ 78,670</u>	<u>£ 56,148</u>
<u>Restricted Fund cost of Charitable activities</u>		
Depreciation	£ 2,190	£ -
URC North Thames (Building Fund)	£ -	£ 54,500
Total Cost of Charitable Activities	<u>£ 80,860</u>	<u>£ 110,648</u>
b) Other Costs		
Governance: Independent Examination	£ 600	£ 600
Bank Charges	£ 436	£ 319
Insurance Costs	£ 5,058	£ 2,503
Legal & Professional Fees	<u>£ 600</u>	<u>£ 1,156</u>
Total	<u>£ 6,694</u>	<u>£ 4,578</u>

Dated: 31/12/2023

CHRIST CHURCH NEWHAM URC

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Annual Report and Accounts

For the year ended 31st December 2021.

Christ Church Newham URC

Legal and Administrative Information 2021

Pastor:

Mr. Reuben John

Current Elders / Trustees:

Mr. Blaise Dias (Church Secretary) (appointed 1 January 2021)

Mr. Carey Peter Noel

Mr. Raj Kiran Padala

Mrs. Ann Obatomi

Mr. Flavien Mankulu

Mr. Charles Kwabaah Acheampong

Ms. Temitope Alegbeleye

Mrs. Bola Mosuro

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Christ Church Newham – URC is a local church of the United Reformed Church in London, Great Britain, and is a member church of North Thames Synod of the Church. It was registered on 4th January 2016 as Charity Number 1165032.

Christ Church Newham is situated at Christ Church Newham, 663 Barking Road, London, E13 9EX.

The members of the Elders' Meeting for the time being are recognised as the charity trustees.

Elders' Report 2021

The Elders present their report and accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the SORP (FRS102) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" effective from 1st January 2019.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT:

The activities of Christ Church Newham – URC are overseen by the Elders' Meeting of the Church in accordance with the provisions of The Structure of the United Reformed Church determined by the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church, and supplemented by the rules of Christ Church Newham – URC.

The Elders' Meeting is responsible for the financial administration of the Church, and the care and maintenance of Church premises and the manse. The Church Meeting (of all members wishing to attend) gives general guidance on the life and work of the Church. The members of the Elders Meeting are the minister in pastoral charge Mr. Reuben John and up to 10 members of Christ Church Newham – URC nominated and elected by the members of the said Church in Church Meeting. Elders serve for 03 years, retire by rotation and are eligible for re-election. There is no limit on the number of consecutive periods of service. The members of the Elders' Meeting are the trustees of the registered charity during their period of service as elders. The Elders' Meeting met 19 times during the year and the Church Meeting met twice.

Risk

The Elders, who are the Trustees have given due consideration to the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied those systems, policies and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to major risks.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES:

As a local congregation of the United Reformed Church, Christ Church Newham seeks to advance in Christianity through its activities and the facilities offered to the community by its building, and described more specifically in its mission statement as The Elders' Meeting is aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in "The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit" and has regard to it in the administration of the Church.

The Elders' Meeting believes that, the Church provides benefit to the public by:

- Providing resources and facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for the congregation and for anyone else who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers;
- Promoting Christian values and service by members of the congregation to the community for the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

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Focus for the year: Psalms 115:14 – The Lord shall increase you more and more, you and your children. Elders championed to the theme that the Lord would help us to flourish and add to our number. Team work and unity was our prime objective. We started off the year with reflections from 2020 which was a major move from our old build to the temporary location at Lenwood Hall. Working together to move items manually to the appropriate storage and empowering a Building committee team to look after the construction project of our new building.

Sunday School: Sunday school continued to operate online via zoom on a Saturday afternoon. The dedication and commitment from the children and parents was clear to witness, with up to 20 children attending every week. The children have grown spiritually and in their knowledge of the holy bible. The Sunday school was asked to lead the Sunday Service on a number of occasions during the year; all the children ranging from age 5 to 11 participated in the service, praying, reading from the bible and leading praise and worship. The Sunday school and the Youth Ministry work very closely together, ensuring the smooth transition of four of our children as they moved from Sunday school into the Youth Group.

Youth Ministry: The Youth Ministry operated via zoom for a short time on Wednesday evenings. The day and time was chosen by the youth as it best suited majority of them. There were up to 10 youths joining every Wednesday and the number reduced to 2 dedicated youth per session. This was simply because majority of them preferred to meet in person rather than online. Youth sessions was put on hold for short period of time until government restrictions were eased. During this period, the youth were always encouraged by including them in the Sunday services program. This was a great opportunity for them to grow in certain areas of their faith. The results is that some are now praise and worship leaders, some lead prayers and others have become more confident in public speaking (reading the Bible and preaching).

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Bible Study: Bible study prayer meetings were held either once or twice a week on a quarterly basis online via zoom. On an average we had around 20 members attending which included visitors. During Lent, elders came up with suggestions of having a verse shared to all members of the church to encourage them into prayer. This was well received. Ps. Reuben sent out emails and text messages over the 40days lent period, so people were encouraged to pray for themselves and for the world around them. The weekly prayer meetings were embedded with the Lent prayer meetings.

Lenwood hall: As Christ church members gathered at Lenwood Hall temporarily while the new building is being constructed, there was a minor burglary at Lenwood with few essential items missing or stolen from the storage area in our absence. A police complaint was made, however; there was very little evidence to reach to a conclusion. As a corrective method, Lenwood hall storage was made even secure than before with locks and clamps. Elders discussed about the proceedings with the sale of Lenwood hall, this is currently in discussion with the URC. While we gathered in Lenwood Hall, we assigned a cleaner to upkeep the church and premises including adhering to Covid standards. The user groups that gathered with us at the old build joined us at Lenwood hall and plan to move back with us into the new build. Plans to revise rentals and contract renewals were discussed at the time.

Safeguarding: All elders/trustees had their DBS clearance updated or applied for. All DBS was cleared for all staff and trustees.

Financial Shortfall: Midway into the construction project of our new church building, we faced an unforeseen financial shortfall to complete the gallery on the upper level. As a church we had already stretched ourselves in obtaining grants and securing funds, therefore, the church gallery remained incomplete, we hope to have this completed at a future date, once we secure funds. Elders highlighted the complexity faced by the church in managing the development of Christ Church's re-building. Elders put on record their appreciation to the building committee, who faced challenges in seeing the project through to the end, and in communicating the ever-changing completion dates and financial setbacks. The church had to be addressed about the progressing building updates and the changes.

Elders discussed about financial implications as the cost of delays in the building project meant increase in the projected final amount. Christ Church is currently negotiating with the same, through church meetings, and legal advisers. Moving forward, the church is seeking for the right direction and a win-win scenario. Simultaneously, we prepared a plan to create a 'transition team' to help us plan a seamless move into the new building while it reached to the final phase of completion.

Holy week services: Prayer and fasting was observed for the holy week services. Easter was welcomed with events such as 'Focus on Jesus and many more, however due to covid anxiousness doing the rounds, most families did not want to meet physically, therefore resulted in cancelling all events.

Online Safety: Elders discussed online safety via zoom for Sunday services, weekly prayer meetings, Sunday school for children and youth sessions. Children, senior citizens and all other members were cautioned and trained about the advantages and disadvantages of online safety and regulations.

Church Building Project: As the contractual works were progressing to the final stage in September, there were site visits conducted for elders and members to book in their slots to see how the church progressed from scratch into a beautiful building and most importantly a place of worship. The project completion date was confirmed for October 2021, however that was not the case and the date progressed into the following year. The PA system was discussed with the worship ministry to see how we could adapt to new technologies and wireless systems with cutting edge audio visuals. We held meetings online to discuss the same. This was very productive, and a list was created to specify the items required, the make, the model, and an estimate for all works.

All ministries in the church were relooked into, with regards to manpower, equipment required, and what new ways improvise. During Q4, elders sought for fundraisers, blessings, and donations toward church items for the new build, including grants to purchase new items. This is still ongoing as the huge part of our fundraising is towards the PA system which involves a bigger amount.

For fire regulations and policies, our church introduced fire training for fire wardens and fire marshals which was conducted at a later stage. We now have people on site for the safety of our attendees and our neighbours. Internal lighting completed along with few interior decorations. BT & Thames water were contacted to reconnect our services during completion of construction.

Ministry & Mission funds: The church through all its financial hardship decided to continue committing to the M&M funds, which was 4000GBP.

End of year festive season: While we were still at Lenwood Hall we planned Christmas concert on 18th December 2021 followed by a Midnight Communion event on 25th December 2021. The events had to be cancelled as people were still not ready to meet physically post covid. The New Year's Eve on 31st December as well was cancelled. This was then conducted via zoom.

Christ church Newham has worked hard to achieve the results and reap the benefits of a fruitful Christian place of worship. Moving further it plans to establish a powerful vision and mission to pave the way for people and the local community through faith.

Financial Review The Charity's financial transactions during the year and the financial situation at the end of the year are set out in the following accounts. The trustees consider the financial position to be satisfactory.

Reserves policy The Elders' policy on reserves is to hold sufficient free reserves to cover six months projected operating costs. (£30,100). The total reserves as of 31st December 2021 are £58,509 of which £30,000 are restricted funds leaving unrestricted fund balances of £ 28,509 Of this £ 16,234 is held in the book value of fixed assets, leaving free reserves at £ 12,275. Elders note that reserves now cover 2 months of operating costs which is just below the target level. Elders consider this to be a good position given the re-building works and the situation concerning the Covid-19 pandemic over the last two years. But will monitor reserves closely to ensure they return to the required level.

Signed [Blaise Dias](#)

Date [31/10/2022](#)

Independent Examiner's Report 2021

To the Trustees.

I report on the accounts of the Fellowship for the year ended 31st December 2021, which are set out in the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011, "the 2011 Act", and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

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Basis of independent examiner's report

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

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Dated: [31/10/2022](#)

Christ Church Newham URC

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
<u>Income and endowments from</u>					
Donations and legacies	3a	£ 44,056	£ 1,020	£ 45,076	£ 72,331
Income from Charitable Activities	3b	£ 16,170	£ -	£ 16,170	£ 25,260
Investment Income	3c	£ 36	£ -	£ 36	£ 113
Other Incoming Resources	3d	£ 2,302	£ -	£ 2,302	£ 2,799
Total Incoming Resources		<u>£ 62,564</u>	<u>£ 1,020</u>	<u>£ 63,584</u>	<u>£ 100,503</u>
<u>Expenditure on</u>					
Raising funds		£ 0	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0
Charitable activities					
Church activities	11a	£ 56,148	£ 54,500	£ 110,648	£ 63,518
Total cost of Charitable activities		£ 56,148	£ 54,500	£ 110,648	£ 63,518
Other costs	11b	£ 4,578	£ -	£ 4,578	£ 5,037
Total resources expended		£ 60,726	£ 54,500	£ 115,226	£ 68,555
Net movement in funds		£ 1,838	£ (53,480)	£ (51,642)	£ 31,948
Transfers between funds	9	£ (49,761)	£ 49,761	£ -	£ -
Net movement in funds		<u>£ (47,923)</u>	<u>£ (3,719)</u>	<u>£ (51,642)</u>	<u>£ 31,948</u>
Reconciliation of funds:					
Fund balances 1 st January 2021		£ 76,432	£ 33,719	£ 110,151	£ 78,203
Fund balances 31st December 2021		<u>£ 28,509</u>	<u>£ 30,000</u>	<u>£ 58,509</u>	<u>£ 110,151</u>

This statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006. All of the organisation's operations are classed as continuing.

Christ Church Newham URC

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	2021	2020
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets	2	<u>£ 16,234</u>	<u>£ 16,915</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors	7	£ 141	£ 141
Cash at bank and in hand	6	<u>£ 48,461</u>	<u>£ 97,435</u>
		£ 48,602	£ 97,576
Liabilities:			
Creditors: amounts due within			
One year	8	<u>£ 6,327</u>	<u>£ 4,340</u>
Net Current Assets			
		<u>£ 42,275</u>	<u>£ 93,236</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after			
more than one year.			
		£ 0	£ 0
Total Net Assets		<u>£ 58,509</u>	<u>£ 110,151</u>
The Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds		£ 30,000	£ 33,719
Unrestricted funds		<u>£ 28,509</u>	<u>£ 76,432</u>
Total Funds		<u>£ 58,509</u>	<u>£ 110,151</u>

Trustee Responsibilities

The Charities Act 2011 requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the trust for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the trust will continue to exist

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the trust. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and taking reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on [29/09/2022](#)

Chair [Ps. Reuben John](#)

Secretary. [Blaise Dias](#)

Christ Church Newham URC

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st December 2021.

1 Accounting Policies

a. Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued March 2015 and the Charities Act 2011.

b. Incoming Resources

Incoming resources are credited in the accounts when they are received, except that:

- Grants and Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources, receipt is probable, and the value is known with certainty.
- Performance related Grant income is only included in the SOFA once the related goods and services has been delivered
- Volunteer Help is not included in the accounts as its value cannot be measured with sufficient reliability, but it is described in the trustees' annual report.

c. Resources expended

- Liabilities are recognised in the accounts at the time when a commitment to make payment is incurred.

d. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the costs less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures, fittings, and equipment	10% p.a on reducing balance.
General Equipment	25% p.a on reducing balance.
Music Equipment	25% p.a on reducing balance.
Building Improvements	0%

Christ Church Newham URC

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st December 2021.

2. Tangible Fixed Assets	Fixtures & Fittings	Building Improvements	Office Equipment	Music Equipment	Total
Cost					
As of 1 st January 2021.	£12,409	£ 12,509	£51,954	£21,529	£ 98,401
Additions	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Disposals	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
As of 31st December 2021.	<u>£ 12,409</u>	<u>£ 12,509</u>	<u>£ 51,954</u>	<u>£ 21,529</u>	<u>£ 98,401</u>
Accumulated Depreciation					
As of 1 st January 2021,	£ 9,604	£ -	£ 51,444	£ 20,438	£ 81,486
Charge for year	£ 280	£ -	£ 128	£ 273	£ 681
On disposals	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
As of 31st December 2021,	<u>£ 9,884</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 51,572</u>	<u>£ 20,711</u>	<u>£ 82,167</u>
Net Book Value					
As of 31st December 2021.	<u>£ 2,525</u>	<u>£ 12,509</u>	<u>£ 382</u>	<u>£ 818</u>	<u>£ 16,234</u>
As of 31st December 2020.	<u>£ 2,805</u>	<u>£ 12,509</u>	<u>£ 510</u>	<u>£ 1,091</u>	<u>£ 16,915</u>

3. Income and Endowments

This Year

a) Donations and Legacies	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2020
Offering Income	£ 37,516	£ -	£ 37,516	£34,384
Buy a brick	£ -	£ 1,020	£ 1,020	£ 3,209
Grants	£ -	£ -	£ -	£30,000
Gift Aid Recoverable	<u>£ 6,540</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 6,540</u>	<u>£ 4,738</u>
Total	<u>£ 44,056</u>	<u>£ 1,020</u>	<u>£ 45,076</u>	<u>£ 72,331</u>
b) Income from Charitable Activities				
Rents and Room Lettings	<u>£ 16,170</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 16,170</u>	<u>£ 25,260</u>
Total	<u>£ 16,170</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 16,170</u>	<u>£ 25,260</u>
c) Investment Income				
Interest receivable	<u>£ 36</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 36</u>	<u>£ 113</u>
Total	<u>£ 36</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 36</u>	<u>£ 113</u>
d) Other Incoming Resources				
Sundry Income	£ 2,302	£ -	£ 2,302	£ 2,314
Refunds	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 485</u>
Total	<u>£ 2,302</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 2,302</u>	<u>£ 2,799</u>

Christ Church Newham URC

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st December 2021.

3. Income and Endowments

Prior Year

a) Donations and Legacies	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2019
Offering Income	£ 33,874	£ -	£ 33,874	£ 43,931
Buy a brick donations	£ -	£ 3,719	£ 3,719	£ 1,284
Grants	£ -	£ 30,000	£ 30,000	£ -
Gift Aid Recoverable	£ 4,738	£ -	£ 4,738	£ 7,391
Total	£ 38,612	£ 33,719	£ 72,331	£ 52,606
b) Income from Charitable Activities				
Rents and Room Lettings	£ 25,260	£ -	£ 25,260	£ 43,507
Total	£ 25,260	£ -	£ 25,260	£ 43,507
c) Investment Income				
Interest receivable	£ 113	£ -	£ 113	£ 99
Total	£ 113	£ -	£ 113	£ 99
d) Other Incoming Resources				
Sundry Income	£ 2,314	£ -	£ 2,314	£ 0
Refunds	£ 485	£ -	£ 485	£ 0
Total	£ 2,799	£ -	£ 2,799	£ 0

4. Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year 2021 (2020: nil). Small reimbursements of normal church expenses were made to them.

Christ Church Newham URC

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st December 2021.

5. Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 3(2020: 3). The employment costs for the year were: Wages and Salaries £34,008 (2020: £ 33,473) NIC £2,302 (2020: £ 2,314), pension costs, £765 (2020: £765). The £ 2,302 of NIC cost was recovered from HMRC by way of the Employers annual allowance, to which the church was entitled.

6. Cash at Bank and In Hand	31-Dec-2021	31-Dec-2020
Business Reserve Account	£ 47,231	£ 96,205
Christ Church ministries account	<u>£ 1,230</u>	<u>£ 1,230</u>
Total	<u>£ 48,461</u>	<u>£ 97,435</u>

7. Debtors and Prepayments	31-Dec-2021	31-Dec-2020
Accounts Receivable	£ 141	£ 141
Accrued Income and prepayments	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>
Total	<u>£ 141</u>	<u>£ 141</u>

8. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	31-Dec-2021	31-Dec-2020
Barclays current account	£ 1,424	£ 679
Independent Examiner's Fee	£ 600	£ 600
Accrued Utility bills	£ 2,356	£ 935
Net Pay due	£ -	£ 38
Pension contributions due	£ 298	£ -
PAYE/NIC due to HMRC	<u>£ 1,649</u>	<u>£ 2,088</u>
Total	<u>£ 6,327</u>	<u>£ 4,340</u>

9. Restricted Funds.

The Restricted funds relate to gifts, grants and donations raised for the Building fund.

In 2021 £49,761 was transferred to this fund from General reserves. This sum relates to: a legacy received in 2017, two grants received in 2018 and the funds transferred from Latimer Christian Fellowship in 2019.

10. Capital commitments

At 31st December 2021 the Charity had no capital commitments (2020: Nil).

Christ Church Newham URC

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st December 2021.

11. Detail breakdown of Resources Expended.

	2021	2020
a) Cost of Charitable Activities		
Wages and Salaries	£ 34,008	£ 33,419
Employer's NIC	£ 2,302	£ 2,314
Pension Contributions Costs	£ 765	£ 765
Children and Youth work	£ -	£ -
Donations to Christian Missions	£ 4,602	£ 4,602
Contribution to URC central Funds	£ 4,000	£ 10,000
URC North Thames	£ -	£ -
Licences and Subscriptions	£ 1,054	£ 158
Ministry Expenses	£ 886	£ 266
Office Costs	£ 583	£ 750
Outreach and Evangelism	£ -	£ -
Repairs and Maintenance	£ 411	£ 1,477
Cleaning and Waste Management	£ 2,056	£ 1,111
Removal expenses	£ -	£ 2,148
Telephone Costs	£ 752	£ 677
Utilities	£ 4,048	£ 4,985
Depreciation	<u>£ 681</u>	<u>£ 846</u>
Total General Fund Charitable Activities cost	<u>£ 56,148</u>	<u>£ 63,518</u>
<u>Restricted Fund cost of Charitable activities</u>		
URC North Thames (Building Fund)	£ 54,500	£ -
Total Cost of Charitable Activities	<u>£ 110,648</u>	<u>£ 63,518</u>
b) Other Costs		
Governance: Independent Examination	£ 600	£ 600
Bank Charges	£ 319	£ 329
Insurance Costs	£ 2,503	£ 2,948
Legal & Professional Fees	<u>£ 1,156</u>	<u>£ 1,160</u>
Total	<u>£ 4,578</u>	<u>£ 5,037</u>

CHRIST CHURCH NEWHAM URC

England & Wales - Charity number 1165032

Accounts

Christ Church Newham URC

Annual Report and Accounts

For the year ended 31st December 2020.

Christ Church Newham URC

Legal and Administrative Information 2020

Minister of Word and Sacrament:

Elders/Trustees who served during the year were:

Current Elders/trustees

Mr Charles Kweabaah Acheampong

Ms Temutope Alegbeleye

Mr Mark Freeman

Mr Flavien Mankulu

Mrs Bola Mosuro

Mrs Jemima Mukankusi Nkusi

Mr Carey Peter Noel

Mrs Ann Obatomi

Mr Blaise Diaz appointed (secretary)

Mr Raj Kiran Padala

Assistant Pastor: Mr Ruben John.

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Legal Status as Christ Church Newham URC, registered with the Charity Commission on 4th January 2016 with number 1165032.

Christ Church Newham URC

Elders' Report 2020

The Elders present their report and accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the SORP (FRS102) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2015.

Structure and Governance

Christ Church URC Newham is governed and managed by its minister and Elders who meet eight times a year

Risk

The trustees have given due consideration to the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems, policies and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to major risks.

Objectives

The objectives of Christ Church URC Newham are to advance the Christian religion in the local community of Newham for the benefit of the public through the holding of prayer meetings, lectures, public celebration of religious festivals, producing and/or distributing literature on Christianity to enlighten others about the Christian religion.

Elders' report on the achievements and activities progressed in the year

To say that 2020 was rather strange would be an understatement. In February we held our final service at the old building on Barking Road before moving to Lenwood Hall. Then the demolition crew moved in and flattened the site in preparation for the rebuild.

The move to Lenwood presented us with the physical challenge of getting the contents of Christ Church into a much smaller space. Hard decisions were made on what to keep and what to throw away. We owe a great deal to the small number of people who worked tirelessly to make sure all the essential items were moved safely.

Only a few weeks after the move, the country was brought to a standstill by the coronavirus pandemic. Lenwood Hall was closed and all activities at the church came to a halt, but the members of Christ Church continued to meet online via Zoom. The URC gave us a detailed risk assessment to go through before the church could re-open. Over the summer, the Elders made detailed plans to meet government guidelines and take all necessary precautions to prevent an outbreak of the pandemic in church. After the country went into a second lockdown at the start of November, Lenwood eventually re-opened for worship on 13th December. Services have continued to be broadcast on Zoom since then, giving members the opportunity to attend online if they are unable to come to the church building.

During the lockdown, Christ Church has continued to hold Sunday School lessons, moving to a weekly session on a Saturday afternoon via Zoom. The sessions have been very well attended with up to 15 children attending each week. The children have flourished during this time, becoming more involved in the Sunday services, demonstrating the commitment that both the children and parents have to Christ Church. Our youth sessions have also moved online and our young people taking a more active role in

leading worship. The Pastor and Elders have continued to offer pastoral support through phone calls and home visits where possible.

In August, Christ Church began preparations to start a food bank, initially to meet the needs of members struggling financially through the pandemic, with the aim of opening it up to the wider community.

In November, our Church Secretary stepped down having served a full term of three years. In January 2021 we were delighted to appoint Blaise Dias as our new Church Secretary following the membership's vote for Blaise onto the Eldership. We wish him every success and offer him our full support in his new role.

2021 promises a new beginning for Christ Church. The pandemic has shown us new ways of working and meeting. The church has already seen a strengthening in its prayer life, with members meeting online throughout the week for morning and evening prayer and fellowship. Attendance on Sundays has remained strong and online services have attracted fellow Christians from around the world. With the prospect of moving into the new building in September 2021, Christ Church looks set to make a greater impact on the community of Newham at a time of great need. In God we trust.

Financial Review

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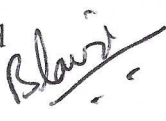
Reserves policy

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Of this £16,915 is held in the book value of fixed assets, leaving free reserves at £59,517.

Elders note that reserves now cover eight months of operating costs which exceeds the required level. Elders consider this to be prudent given the re-building works and the situation concerning the Covid-19 pandemic.

Signed

pp: 

Date

26/07/21

Carey Noel
(Outgoing Secretary)

24th July 2021

Christ Church Newham URC

Independent Examiner's Report 2020

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Christ Church Newham URC

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Donations and legacies	3a	£ 39,122	£ 33,209	£ 72,331	£ 52,606
Other trading activities	3b	£ 25,260	£ 0	£ 25,260	£ 43,507
Investment Income	3c	£ 113	£ 0	£ 113	£ 99
Other Incoming Resources	3d	£ 2,799	£ 0	£ 2,799	£ 0
Total Incoming Resources		<u>£ 67,294</u>	<u>£ 33,209</u>	<u>£ 100,503</u>	<u>£ 96,212</u>
<u>Expenditure on</u>					
Raising funds		£ 0	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0
Charitable activities					
Church activities	11a	£ 63,518	£ 0	£ 63,518	£ 74,399
Total cost of Charitable activities		<u>£ 63,518</u>	<u>£ 0</u>	<u>£ 63,518</u>	<u>£ 74,399</u>
Other costs	11b	£ 5,037	£ 0	£ 5,037	£ 7,289
Total resources expended		<u>£ 68,555</u>	<u>£ 0</u>	<u>£ 68,555</u>	<u>£ 81,689</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>£ (1,261)</u>	<u>£ 33,209</u>	<u>£ 31,948</u>	<u>£ 14,524</u>
Reconciliation of funds:					
Fund balances 1 st January 2020		£ 77,693	£ 510	£ 78,203	£ 63,679
Fund balances 31st December 2020		<u>£ 76,432</u>	<u>£ 33,719</u>	<u>£ 110,151</u>	<u>£ 78,203</u>

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Christ Church Newham URC

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	2020	2019
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets	2	<u>£ 16,915</u>	<u>£ 17,761</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors	7	£ 141	£ 645
Cash at bank and in hand	6	<u>£ 97,435</u>	<u>£ 64,640</u>
		£ 97,576	£ 65,285
Liabilities:			
Creditors: amounts due within			
One year	8	<u>£ 4,340</u>	<u>£ 4,843</u>
Net Current Assets			
		<u>£ 93,236</u>	<u>£ 60,442</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after			
more than one year.			
		<u>£ 0</u>	<u>£ 0</u>
Total Net Assets			
		<u>£ 110,151</u>	<u>£ 78,203</u>
The Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds		£ 33,719	£ 510
Unrestricted funds		<u>£ 76,432</u>	<u>£ 77,693</u>
Total Funds			
		<u>£ 110,151</u>	<u>£ 78,203</u>

Trustee Responsibilities

The Charities Act 2011 requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the trust for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the trust will continue to exist

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the trust. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and taking reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on

Chair

T. A. Judge 26/09/21

Secretary.

B. Law 26/09/21

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st December 2020.

1 Accounting Policies

a. Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued March 2015 and the Charities Act 2011.

b. Incoming Resources

Incoming resources are credited in the accounts when they are received, except that:

- Grants and Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources, receipt is probable, and the value is known with certainty.
- Performance related Grant income is only included in the SOFA once the related goods and services has been delivered
- Volunteer Help is not included in the accounts as its value cannot be measured with sufficient reliability, but it is described in the trustees' annual report.

c. Resources expended

- Liabilities are recognised in the accounts at the time when a commitment to make payment is incurred.

d. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the costs less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	10% p.a on reducing balance.
General Equipment	25% p.a on reducing balance.
Music Equipment	25% p.a on reducing balance.
Building Improvements	0%

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2. Tangible Fixed Assets	Fixtures & Fittings	Building Improvements	Office Equipment	Music Equipment	Total
Cost					
As at 1 st January 2020	£12,409	£ 12,509	£51,954	£21,529	£ 98,401
Additions	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0
Disposals	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0
As at 31st December 2020	<u>£ 12,409</u>	<u>£ 12,509</u>	<u>£ 51,954</u>	<u>£ 21,529</u>	<u>£ 98,401</u>
Accumulated Depreciation					
As at 1 st January 2020	£ 9,292	£ 0	£ 51,274	£ 20,074	£ 80,640
Charge for year	£ 312	£ 0	£ 170	£ 364	£ 846
On disposals	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0
As at 31st December 2020	<u>£ 9,604</u>	<u>£ 0</u>	<u>£ 51,444</u>	<u>£ 20,438</u>	<u>£ 81,486</u>
Net Book Value					
As at 31st December 2020	<u>£ 2,805</u>	<u>£ 12,509</u>	<u>£ 510</u>	<u>£ 1,091</u>	<u>£ 16,915</u>
As at 31st December 2019	<u>£ 3,117</u>	<u>£ 12,509</u>	<u>£ 680</u>	<u>£ 1,455</u>	<u>£ 17,761</u>

3. Income and Endowments

This Year

a) Donations and Legacies	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2019
Offering Income	£ 34,384	£ 33,209	£ 67,593	£45,215
Grants	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Gift Aid Recoverable	£ 4,738	£ -	£ 4,738	£ 7,391
Total	£ 39,122	£ 33,209	£ 72,331	£ 52,606
b) Trading Income				
Rents and Room Lettings	£ 25,260	£ 0	£ 25,260	£43,507
Total	£ 25,260	£ 0	£ 25,260	£43,507
b) Investment Income				
Interest receivable	£ 113	£ 0	£ 113	£ 99
Total	£ 113	£ 0	£ 113	£ 99
d) Other Incoming Resources				
Sundry Income	£ 2,314	£ 0	£ 2,314	£ 0
Refunds	£ 485	£ 0	£ 485	£ 0
Total	£ 2,799	£ 0	£ 2,799	£ 0

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3. Income and Endowments

Prior Year

a) Donations and Legacies	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2018
Offering Income	£ 44,705	£ 510	£ 45,215	£57,435
Grants	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0	£ -
Gift Aid Recoverable	£ 7,391	£ 0	£ 7,391	£ 8,550
Total	£ 52,096	£ 510	£ 52,606	£65,985
b) Trading Income				
Rents and Room Lettings	£ 43,507	£ 0	£ 43,507	£52,415
Total	£ 43,507	£ 0	£ 43,507	£52,415
b) Investment Income				
Interest receivable	£ 99	£ 0	£ 99	£ 71
Total	£ 99	£ 0	£ 99	£ 71
d) Other Incoming Resources				
Sundry Income	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0
Refunds	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0
Total	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0

4. Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year 2020 (2019: nil). Small reimbursements of normal church expenses were made to them.

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5. Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 3(2019: 3). The employment costs for the year were: Wages and Salaries £33,473 (2019: £ 33,657) NIC £2,314 (2019: £ 2,337), pension costs, £765 (2019: £734). The £2,314 of NIC cost was recovered from HMRC by way of the Employers annual allowance, to which the church was entitled.

6. Cash at Bank and In Hand	31-Dec-2020	31-Dec-2019
Community Account	£ -	£ -
Business Reserve Account	£ 96,205	£ 63,410
Debit Card Account	£ -	£ -
URC Group Account	£ -	£ -
Christ Church ministries account	£ 1,230	£ 1,230
Brickfields Current Account	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>
Total	<u>£ 97,435</u>	<u>£ 64,640</u>

7. Debtors and Prepayments	31-Dec-2020	31-Dec-2019
Loan to member	£ -	£ 200
Accounts Receivable	£ 141	£ 298
Expenses to be refunded	£ -	£ -
Accrued Income and prepayments	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 147</u>
Total	<u>£ 141</u>	<u>£ 645</u>

8. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	31-Dec-2020	31-Dec-2019
Barclays current account	£ 679	£ 1,921
Uncleared expired cheques	£ -	£ 851
Independent Examiner's Fee	£ 600	£ 600
Accrued Utility bills	£ 935	£ 195
Net Pay due	£ 38	£ -
Pension contributions due	£ -	£ 148
PAYE/NIC due to HMRC	<u>£ 2,088</u>	<u>£ 1,128</u>
Total	<u>£ 4,340</u>	<u>£ 4,843</u>

9. Capital commitments

At 31st December 2020 the Charity had no capital commitments (2019: Nil).

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10 .Detail breakdown of Resources Expended.

	2020	2019
a) Cost of Charitable Activities		
Wages and Salaries	£ 33,419	£ 33,657
Employer's NIC	£ 2,314	£ -
Pension Contributions Costs	£ 765	£ 734
Children and Youth work	£ -	£ 1,356
Donations to Christian Missions	£ 4,602	£ 4,902
Contribution to URC central Funds	£ 10,000	£ 10,000
Conference Costs	£ -	£ 60
Licences and Subscriptions	£ 158	£ 3,157
Ministry Expenses	£ 266	£ 1,556
Office Costs	£ 750	£ 501
Outreach and Evangelism	£ -	£ 578
Repairs and Maintenance	£ 1,477	£ 2,362
Cleaning and Waste Management	£ 1,111	£ 8,148
Removal expenses	£ 2,148	£ -
Telephone Costs	£ 677	£ 1,011
Utilities	£ 4,985	£ 5,319
Depreciation	<u>£ 846</u>	<u>£ 1,058</u>
Total General Fund Charitable Activities cost	<u>£ 63,518</u>	<u>£ 74,399</u>
<u>Restricted Fund Cost of Charitable Activities</u>		
Youth Worker Expenses	£ 0	£ 0
Total Cost of Charitable Activities	<u>£ 63,518</u>	<u>£ 74,399</u>
b) Other Costs		
Governance: Independent Examination	£ 600	£ 600
Bank Charges	£ 329	£ 357
Insurance Costs	£ 2,948	£ 5,632
Legal & Professional Fees	<u>£ 1,160</u>	<u>£ 700</u>
Total	<u>£ 5,037</u>	<u>£ 7,289</u>