

Charity Number 1165032

Christ Church Newham URC

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.

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		£ 116,574	£ 1,613	£ 118,187	£ 99,811
Other costs	11b	£ 6,612	£ -	£ 6,612	£ 6,980
Total resources expended		£ 123,186	£ 1,613	£ 124,799	£ 106,791
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year		£ 24,218	£ (1,613)	£ 21,711	£ 32,596
Transfers between funds	9	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
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>

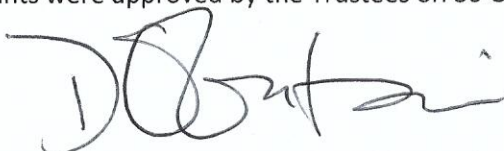
Trustee Responsibilities


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

	2024			
This Year	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2023
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	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
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3. Income and Endowments

Prior Year	2023			
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2022
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>