

**CHURCH OF GOD (SEVENTH DAY) CROYDON
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

CHARITY REGISTRATION NO: 1165441

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION
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CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1165441

REGISTERED OFFICE: Church of God (Seventh Day)
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**CHURCH OF GOD (SEVENTH DAY) CROYDON
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number : 1165441

Registered address

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Trustees

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) governed according to the Constitution dated 4th February 2016.

Recruitment and Appointment of New Trustees

Trustees are recruited by way of nomination by a member of the Board of Trustees (the 'Board') and the securing of a majority. Upon recruitment, the new trustees are inducted through the issuing of a trustee handbook, which includes the relevant Charity Commission material, the Church's governance, structure, management, strategy and key policies. Full criteria can be found in our governing document.

Church Management

The pastors, officers and church committee are responsible for the day-to-day management and control of the church and meets with the trustees on a quarterly basis. The church works with a number of partners who are supportive to its mission and works in conjunction with them to provide spiritual guidance and support to the community in which it operates. At present, the Church has two Pastors, five Deacons, one Missionary and seven Church Committee members.

Risk Management

The Board of Trustees is ultimately responsible for the system of internal control and for reviewing its effectiveness. However, such a system is designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve business objectives, and can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement of loss.

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The Board has reviewed the effectiveness of the system of internal control. In particular, it has reviewed and updated the process for identifying and evaluating the major risks affecting the business and the policies and procedures by which these risks are managed.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT

Objectives and Aims

The advancement of the Christian religion for the public benefit in particular but not exclusively by:

- 1) coordinating the work of the church in preaching the gospel
- 2) teaching the Christian faith and promoting and supporting principles of morality, benevolence and charity through community initiatives
- 3) supporting projects dealing with humane causes; and
- 4) providing facilities with a Christian ethos for the benefit of the local community (including but not restricted to: women, men, the elderly, the young and other groups with special needs or requirements).

Weekly Services

Services were held in person with online access as the UK came out of lockdowns. Service times were modified to meet the needs of changing circumstances. Online services reached both local and international audiences and international speakers were incorporated without the burden of associated travel costs.

Sabbath (Saturday)	Worship services Departmental ministry activities Bible studies and discussions
Sunday	First Sunday fasting service
Monday	Baby Bank project
Tuesday	Community Coffee Morning Online evening bible study
Wednesday	Morning prayer and fasting meeting

Children's Ministry/ Seekers Ministry

Provides fun, education, spiritual and stimulating activities for the following age ranges:

3 to 5's, 6 to 8's, 9 to 12's, 13 to 15's and 16 to 18's. It's activities include biblical studies, children's choirs, musical tuition, day trips and sight-seeing, socials, sports, etiquette training, life skills, dance ministry, arts and crafts, quizzes, educational support and holiday summer school. Its volunteers are all DBS checked and are passionate about children's development and well being.

Youth Ministry (FYC – Faithful Youth Challengers)

Weekly meetings providing spiritual development, alongside other activities including music and a youth choir, mentoring, careers advice, sports days, other social activities and outings, youth camp that provides yearly residential weeks in various parts of the United Kingdom and annual youth conventions.

Women's Ministry

The Women's ministry (WM) department aims to support, instruct, develop and encourage women of all ages with meetings at least once per month. They identify areas of benevolence and seek to meet those needs.

Men's Ministry

A forum to support men and boys in developing all the areas and aspects of their lives to become godly in their nature, relationship and demeanour. To provide encouragement to help identify and develop their personal ministries and to get involved in missions.

Teaching, Sabbath School, New Christian Studies

Weekly Sabbath School and Tuesday evening bible studies.

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Pastoral Counselling and Visitation

Pastoral support is provided to members who need encouragement. Specific areas of need of provision include pre and post marital, bereavement and funeral, pre and post baptism, spiritual and relational counselling. Where issues fall out of the church's remit of experience then referral is made as required. Hospital and home visitation are made by the Pastoral and deacon teams as need arises. The church is licensed for weddings and undertakes funerals and baby blessings.

Food and Clothes Bank

A project providing essential baby products and clothing for families in the community.

Evangelism and Community Outreach

Spreading the gospel of Salvation through Jesus Christ through one to one personal evangelism, leafleting, home visits and studies.

Coffee Morning

Provides an open door to the community on a weekly basis where coffee, tea, biscuits, conversation, advice, prayer, games and a warm lunch are made available.

Online Evangelism

The online evangelism initiative provides the structure and processes required to promote the delivery of a high-quality evangelism programme that is available for and to meet the needs of all. The purpose of the ministry is to spread and teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Learning and Development

- Musical instruments tuition
- Theological courses

Investment Property Renovation

In 2015 Croydon Church entered into a 50% joint venture project to purchase and renovate a house into 2 flats. Both flats are rented and a 50% share of the property income is being donated back to the Church charity.

Completed projects during the year

- Completion of the community hall 1st floor and new bathroom facilities
- Hiring out of the newly renovated community hall
- Increase of users of Baby Bank and successful fundraising initiatives.
- The Bridge Evangelism online program progressed.
- One Week children's summer school
- Windrush Seminars and support for individuals completing applications

Future Plans

- Keep fit classes and health awareness sessions
- Life coaching and careers advice
- Homework club supporting children with their education.
- Telephone support and referral line
- Children's community gospel choir with vocal training and confidence building activities
- Long term plan for the establishment of a nursery to provide services to the community
- Social community trips and events

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Major future initiative - COG7D Listen and Speak Advisory Service

The aim and objective of this project is to provide a safe non-judgemental edifying environment to share mutual concerns with regards to real-life issues, serving both internal and community needs. The service will cover issues around youth engagement, mentoring, mediation with the Metropolitan Police, tackle issues around mental health, parental advice, real talk discussions for all demographics and work with a list of specialist counsellors and agencies to which participants will be referred.

Public Benefits Statement

In the planning of activities for the year, and having given due consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion in particular, the Charity has been committed in its efforts of supporting its Network of Churches in general and in providing training for Pastors, Ministers and Leaders in Ministry on both Pastoral and Governance matters.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Charity's financial statement for the year ended 31st December 2023 shows Income of £142,261 (2022: £150,298). Expenditure was £136,731 (2022: £132,952) and the Church made a net surplus in funds of £5,530 (2022: £17,346). Restricted reserves at 31st December 2023 is £1,090,005 (2022: £1,124,630), whilst unrestricted funds are £162,434 (2022: 122,279).

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each (Accounts and Reports) financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report is prepared in accordance with the special provision of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the Board of Trustees on 21st October 2024 and signed:

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:


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Pastor Reuben Harris (Trustee)

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER
CHURCH OF GOD (SEVENTH DAY) CROYDON
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023 set out on pages six to eleven.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's Trustees (who are also the Directors for the purposes of Company Law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

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 the independent examiners 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 as trustees concerning any such matter. 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 statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accountings requirement of Sections 394 and 395 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 22/10/2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

		Unrestricted 2023	Unrestricted 2022
INCOMING RESOURCES	Notes		
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds</i>			
Tithes and offerings	2	142,261	150,298
 RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Charitable Activities	3	61,770	64,477
Governance Costs	4	2,160	2,160
Support Costs	5	<u>72,801</u>	<u>66,315</u>
 TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		<u>136,731</u>	<u>132,952</u>
 NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR		5,530	17,346
 Movement in restricted funds		<u>1,246,909</u>	<u>1,229,563</u>
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>£1,252,439</u>	<u>£1,246,909</u>

None of the charity's activities were acquired or discontinued during the year and there were no recognised gains and losses for 2023 other than those included in the statement of financial activities.

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form part of these accounts.

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TANGIBLE ASSETS	Notes	2023	2022
Tangible fixed assets	6	928,112	968,572
Investment property	7	<u>235,647</u>	<u>235,647</u>
		1,163,759	1,204,219
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	8	12,140	12,740
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>83,700</u>	<u>57,110</u>
		95,840	69,850
CREDITORS: due within one year	9	<u>(2,160)</u>	<u>(2,160)</u>
CREDITORS: due within one year	10	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>(25,000)</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>£88,680</u>	<u>£42,690</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>£1,252,439</u>	<u>£1,246,909</u>
FUNDS:		2023	2022
Restricted funds	11	1,090,005	1,124,630
Unrestricted Funds	11	<u>£162,434</u>	<u>£122,279</u>
		<u>£1,252,439</u>	<u>£1,246,909</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 21st OCTOBER 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



Pastor Reuben Harris (Trustee)

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form part of these accounts.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with FRS 102 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Section 1A applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006.

The Church of God (Seventh Day) Croydon meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Donations and other incoming resources -Represents income from tithes and offerings from members and visitors of the Church recorded when they are receivable.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Charitable activities

Costs of charitable activities are those costs relating to the activities carried out to meet the objectives of the Church. These include both directly attributable costs and apportioned support costs.

Governance costs

Governance costs are the costs associated with the strategic direction of the organisation and with meeting regulatory responsibilities including apportioned support costs.

Tangible fixed assets

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

Freehold property	2.5%
Furniture and equipment	25%

Revaluation of freehold property

Freehold property was revalued during the year to reflect carrying values, near to its fair values. There were no depreciation charged during the year of revaluation.

The investment property is undergoing renovation and have not been brought into use and therefore was depreciated during the current year.

Taxation

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

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees. Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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2. VOLUNTARY INCOME	2023	2022
Tithes and offerings	92,084	97,645
Donations and pledges		2,173
Grants	7,917	19,999
Gift Aid	19,443	18,705
Fundraising and others	<u>22,817</u>	<u>11,777</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>£142,261</u>	<u>£150,298</u>
3. CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE		
Ministry expenses	3505	3039
British conference contribution	20400	27153
Training and outreach projects	27629	20331
Charitable Donations	3847	6031
Books & periodicals	391	2586
Hospitality	5397	3867
Welfare	<u>601</u>	<u>1470</u>
	<u>£61,770</u>	<u>£64,477</u>
4. MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT COST		
Insurance	1940	1481
Light and heat	4687	4357
Repairs, maintenance & cleaning	8433	5824
Travel and subsistence	8348	7113
Printing, postage and stationery	2321	2328
Internet	2387	2308
Telephone	606	757
Professional Fees	200	2427
Premises Expenses	871	863
Bank charges	571	589
Depreciation	<u>42,437</u>	<u>38,268</u>
	<u>£72,801</u>	<u>£66,315</u>

5. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Trustees' expenses

There are no paid staff. All tasks are carried out by Trustees who are not remunerated and do not receive any expenses or benefits for their activities.

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6. FIXED ASSETS	<u>Freehold Property</u>	<u>Office & Musical Equipment</u>	<u>Total</u>
COST			
At 1st January 2023	1,097,008	58,070	1,155,078
Additions	=	<u>1,977</u>	<u>1,977</u>
As at 31st December 2023	<u>1,097,008</u>	<u>60,047</u>	<u>1,157,055</u>
DEPRECIATION			
Opening Balance	142,500	44,006	186,506
Charge for the year	<u>27,425</u>	<u>15,012</u>	<u>42,437</u>
	<u>169,925</u>	<u>59,018</u>	<u>228,943</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
As at 31st December 2023	<u>£927,083</u>	<u>£1,029</u>	<u>£928,112</u>
As at 31st December 2022	<u>£954,508</u>	<u>£14,064</u>	<u>£968,572</u>
7. INVESTMENT PROPERTY		<u>2023</u>	<u>2,022</u>
COST - Croydon portion of purchase cost			
Investment brought forward		235,647	235,647
Contributions to repairs during the year		=	=
As at 31st December		<u>£235,647</u>	<u>£235,647</u>
<p>Investment property represents a 50% joint venture project with Deptford Church of God (Seventh Day) to purchase and renovate a house (21 Derby Rd.) into 2 flats. The aim of the project is that once the renovation is completed by the end of 2018, 50% share of the property income will be donated back into the Church Charity. The asset is valued at its purchase cost and repairs to date and was funded by restricted donations from members of both churches and the British Conference.</p> <p>There are no mortgage loans or any other restrictions on the Church's ability to realise the premises other than that of the joint owner.</p>			
8. DEBTORS		<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Loans to members		4,690	5,290
Other Debtors - Deptford		<u>7,450</u>	<u>7,450</u>
Other Debtors		<u>£12,140</u>	<u>£12,740</u>
9. CREDITORS : Amounts falling due within one year		<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Accruals		<u>£2,160</u>	<u>£2,160</u>

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10. CREDITORS : Amounts falling due within one year	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Accruals	<u>£5,000</u>	<u>£25,000</u>

11. MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS	<u>Incoming</u>	<u>Resources</u>	
	<u>Resources</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Movement in Funds</u>
Unrestricted Funds			
General Fund	<u>£142,261</u>	<u>£136,731</u>	<u>£5,530</u>
		<u>Movement and</u>	
	<u>01/01/2022</u>	<u>transfer of</u>	<u>31/12/2023</u>
		<u>Funds</u>	
Unrestricted Funds	<u>£122,279</u>	<u>£40,155</u>	<u>£162,434</u>
Restricted Funds			
General fund for the year	155,472	-	155,472
Freehold property	954,508	(27,425)	927,083
Deptford church	<u>14,650</u>	<u>(£7,200)</u>	<u>7,450</u>
	<u>£1,124,630</u>	<u>(£34,625)</u>	<u>£1,090,005</u>
Total funds	<u>£1,246,909</u>	<u>£5,530</u>	<u>£1,252,439</u>

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
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	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Incoming Resources:	£	£
Voluntary income:		
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Donations and pledges	-	2,173
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GOVERNANCE COSTS		
Examiner fees	<u>£2,160</u>	<u>£2,160</u>
SUPPORT COSTS: MANAGEMENT		
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	<u>£72,801</u>	<u>£66,315</u>
Total resources expended	<u>£136,731</u>	<u>£132,952</u>
Total Income over expenditure	<u>£5,530</u>	<u>£17,346</u>