

MERTON STREET PASTORS

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Charity No. 1166272

**REPORT
AND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

31 DECEMBER 2024

MERTON STREET PASTORS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31 DECEMBER 2024

Trustees

Mr K Vickers
Ms A Mukhtar - resigned 10th September 2024
Mr K Mitchell
Mr G Hack
Mr N Douglas
Mrs G Wildman - appointed 15th October 2024

Independent Examiner

Ryefield Ltd
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Registered Charity Number 1166272

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MERTON STREET PASTORS
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Trustees

The trustees are responsible for the strategic, spiritual and financial oversight of the charity. They delegate much of the operational running to the part-time Coordinator and volunteer team Members.

Report of the Trustees for the year ending 31 December 2024.

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 December 2024.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE

The work in Merton began in 2008 under a Charity Trust deed dated 8th March 2008 and was registered with the Charities Commission. on 14th May 2008. The legal structure of Merton Street Pastors was changed in the period March 2016 to March 2017 to align with a more flexible corporate structure recommended by Ascension Trust for all Street Pastor local teams. From 1st April 2017 Merton Street Pastors moved forward solely as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity commission.

Merton Street Pastors operates under a licence agreement with Ascension Trust (AT) dated 16th December 2015 in which AT make certain commitments in terms of training, licencing, branding and uniform provision; and in return requires conformity with certain behaviours, policies and practices from the approximately 280 local Street Pastor Groups and 12000+ individual Street Pastors currently operating across the UK.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CHARITY

The objectives of Merton Street Pastors are, in the geographic area of the London Borough of Merton and beyond as the trustees may from time to time determine in accordance with Charity Law in England and Wales, as follows:

- (1) To advance the Christian Faith in accordance with the Street Pastor Licence Agreement with the "Ascension Trust" through:
 - (i) the provision of public pastoral care services to help people on the streets and other public places, giving guidance, support and signposting which assist in preserving public order, avoid anti-social behaviour, relieve sickness and preserve health and by
 - (ii) enlightening others about Christianity through raising awareness and understanding of ecclesiastical relevance to community and public life, mobilizing the Church ecumenically to unity of worship and to advance the Christian Faith by carrying out the mission and outreach work of the Gospel for the benefit of the public.
- (2) To develop the capacity and skills of socially disadvantaged groups in our community in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society; in particular but not exclusively through raising awareness, promoting, sustaining and increasing individual and collective knowledge, skills and expertise, through the practical development of individual capabilities, competences, skills and understanding through formal training, informal talks and capacity building in voluntary services, according to Christian principles and the Street Pastor Urban Trinity principle of church, police and local government working together for the benefit of the community.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT continued

REVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR

Merton Street Pastors continued in the past year to 31st December 2024 to serve the Mitcham, Morden and Wimbledon areas. In these three areas Merton Street Pastors has a partnership focus, building strong links with the local Metropolitan Police, Merton Council departments and local shop and pub/club manager groups, and to help tackle issues of anti-social behaviour on the streets, as well as being an influence, and presence for peace, calm, reassurance, help and hope in the local community.

That partnership and engagement with other organisations was recognised during this past year by:

- Our coordinator sitting on Merton's Safer Neighbourhood Board representing Merton Street Pastors and churches in the locality
- Attendance and networking at the Merton 316 Church Leaders Group
- Continuing and strengthening our partnership with Safer Merton in running the Wimbledon Safe Zone outside Wimbledon Station, and setting up a Safe Zone in Mitcham Town Centre
- Attendance and influence at Love Wimbledon and Pub Watch Meetings
- Promotion of MSP by attending at different churches in Merton

2024 has been a year in which our new coordinator has been establishing himself in the role with the team and our stakeholders, and continuing to promote the work and ministry among churches in Mitcham, Morden and Wimbledon. The coordinator's role has needed extra support from Trustees and team Members, and as such there has been a need for further training, and to build capacity among our team, and delegate some responsibilities to others.

We have seen 3 new recruits trained this year and join the overall team. We have also tried out more afternoon patrols in Mitcham where the need has been, and this has worked well with some of our older and less mobile Street Pastors, but keeps what we do sustainable. Overall, we have seen an average of 25 of our team Members active during the year.

Reviewing our aims from last year, we have recruited one new Trustee, whilst at the same time one has stepped down. We are still looking to recruit a new Treasurer/book-keeper. Our relationships with stakeholders is healthy, and we are blessed and encouraged by our faithful and dedicated volunteers, many who have been serving for many years. We have created more opportunities for daytime patrols and these have been received well. There is a need to increase our presence and awareness among the local churches and recruit more volunteers to pray, give and serve. We are thankful to God for his grace, his provision, and the lives of people our team have affected, encouraged and changed!

We remain massively grateful to our financial support base of regular donors and church donations, but realise that we need to increase these sources of income support in order to be sustainable, and without relying too heavily on external grant funding. This year our expenditure exceeded income by £5,598 and was met by our reserves carried forward. This is an area for us to focus on going forward.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT continued

REVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR Cont..

We remain encouraged at this great work of the Church walking the streets of Merton, listening, caring, and helping, and remain committed to being an agent of good news and transformation for the long term. All the above activity and the funding of our part-time Coordinator is enabled by our generous donors, to whom the Trustees would like to express their thanks.

A LOOK AHEAD TO THE COMING YEAR

Our aims for the coming year include continuing to:

1. Recruit more Trustees, and a treasurer/Book Keeper
2. Consolidate our position with stakeholders, and prepare our structures for growth
3. To actively promote MSP as an extension and outreach team of every local church, and encourage prayer, financial, and volunteer support
4. Strengthen and encourage our teams through pastoral support, training, and fellowship
5. Increase our fundraising activities

HOW OUR ACTIVITIES DELIVER PUBLIC BENEFIT

Our main activities and who we try to help are outlined above. All our charitable activities focus on giving assistance to people in need in the community in many ways including:

- Caring, listening, and helping on the streets
- Referring vulnerable and needy people to other agencies as and when required
- Being a presence for light, and good in public places
- Practically getting involved in people's lives, pastorally, practically and spiritually
- Working in partnership with other agencies towards community cohesion
- Motivating the Christian community through social action in the community

When planning our activities for the period, the trustees have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our community.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT continued

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the Charities Act 2011, the trustees are required to prepare a statement of accounts for each accounting year which gives a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity.

They are required to:

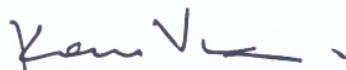
1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
2. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
3. State whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed
4. Prepare the financial statement on an ongoing basis

They are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time
They also have the responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to detect fraud

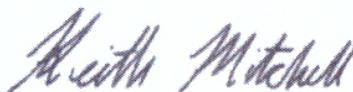
This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf on:

Date: 25th September 2025

Date: 25th September 2025



.....
Mr. Kevin Vickers



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Keith Mitchell

Trustee

Trustee

**MERTON STREET PASTORS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the period ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 7 and 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

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.



Name: Leslie John Tasker FCCA

Relevant professional qualification or body: Association of Chartered Certified Accountants
Address: Ryefields Ltd. Airport House, Purley Way, Croydon. Surrey CR0 0XZ

Date: 25/09/2025

MERTON STREET PASTORS
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

		<u>Unrestricted</u>		<u>Restricted</u>		
	Notes	General	Other	Fund	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
		Fund £	Funds £	£	£	£
<u>INCOMING RESOURCES</u>						
Donations and legacies		15,585		-	15,585	20,473
Total incoming resources		15,585	-	-	15,585	20,473
<u>RESOURCES EXPENDED</u>						
Charitable expenditure					-	-
Activity costs to further charity's objectives		3,663			3,663	6,569
Support costs		17,520		-	17,520	16,922
Total resources expended		21,183	-	-	21,183	23,491
Special write back			-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	6	(5,598)		-	(5,598)	(3,018)
At 1 January 2024		33,685		-	33,685	36,703
Fund transfers					-	
Balance at 31 December 2024		28,087	-	-	28,087	33,685


The Notes to the Accounts form part of these Financial Statements

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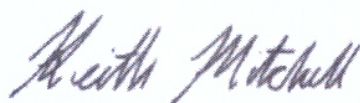
BALANCE SHEET - 31 December 2024

			2024	2023
	Notes	£	£	£
Current Assets				
Cash at bank and investments	4	28,087		33,685
Stock, Debtors and prepayments	5	-		-
		<u>28,087</u>		<u>33,685</u>
Net Current Assets			<u>28,087</u>	<u>33,685</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>28,087</u>	<u>33,685</u>
Capital and Reserves				
Share Capital	6	-	-	-
General fund	7		<u>28,087</u>	<u>33,685</u>
CHARITY'S FUNDS			<u>28,087</u>	<u>33,685</u>

Signed:



Chairman



Secretary

MERTON STREET PASTORS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006. The Selsdon Centre Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Reconciliation with previous Generally Accepted Accounting Practice In preparing the accounts, the trustees have considered whether in applying the accounting policies required by FRS 102 and the Charities SORP FRS 102 the restatement of comparative items was not required.

(b) Income

Income is credited to the Statement of Financial Activities generally on the date it is received.

(c) Donations in kind

Donations in kind are valued at nil cost to the Trust. A record of such assets is kept by the Trustees. When such assets are sold the proceeds are brought in as donation income in the Statement of Financial Activities.

(d) Expenditure

Expenditure is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities inclusive of Value Added Tax.

(e) Realised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and opening market value (purchase date if later). Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the market value at the year end opening market value (or purchase date if later). Realised and unrealised gains are not separated in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2 EMPLOYEES REMUNERATION

1 part time staff were employed by the Charity. The total of employees remuneration (including employers national insurance contributions) for the year amounted to £14,547)

3 TRUSTEE'S REMUNERATION

No remuneration or benefits were received by the trustees during the year. Any expenses paid were re-imbursement for costs incurred.

MERTON STREET PASTORS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024	2023		
	£	£		
4. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND				
Treasurers Accounts	28,013	33,610		
Treasurers Accounts	74	75		
	<u>28,087</u>	<u>33,685</u>		
5. STOCK, DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS				
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>		
6. SHARE CAPITAL				
The company has no share capital issued.				
7. FUNDS				
	Unrestricted	Restricted		
	Capital	General	Other Funds	Total
	Reserve	Fund		
	£	£	£	£
At 1 January 2024	-	33,685	-	33,685
Restricted items in year	-	-	-	-
Surplus for the year	-	(5,598)	-	(5,598)
31st December 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>28,087</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,087</u>
8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS				
No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.				
9. TAXATION				
As a charity, THE MERTON STREET PASTOR is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the Charity.				

**MERTON STREET PASTORS
DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	2024		2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
<u>Incoming Resources -Income</u>				
Donations				
Donations	15,585		15,585	20,473
Grants			-	-
Other Income			-	-
	15,585	-	15,585	20,473
			-	-
<u>Total income</u>	15,585	-	15,585	20,473
<u>Resources expended - Expenditure</u>				
Charitable expenditure				
Activity costs to further charity's activities			-	-
Uniforms	263		263	-
General Operational Costs	826		826	1,187
Licence fees	2,574		2,574	5,382
			-	-
	3,663	-	3,663	6,569
Support costs				
Staff salaries and national insurance	14,547		14,547	14,188
Pension costs	633		633	552
Rent	-		-	-
Repairs and Maintenance	-		-	-
DBS Checks	150		150	145
Insurance	184		184	369
Telephone	243		243	312
Training	424		424	-
Accountancy costs	1,109		1,109	173
Social Media costs			-	-
Office admin	158		158	1,116
Other expenses	72		72	67
	17,520	-	17,520	16,922
<u>Total expenditure</u>	21,183	-	21,183	23,491
		-	-	-
<u>Surplus/(Deficit) for the period</u>	(5,598)	-	(5,598)	(3,018)