



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1-Jul-2021** Period start date To **30-Jun-2022** Period end date

Charity name: **The Church in Manchester**

Charity registration number: **1166488**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The charity's object is the advancement of the Christian faith. Toward this goal, the charity works to facilitate the preaching of the gospel, the spiritual nourishment of the new believers, the perfecting of all believers to be living, functioning members in the Body of Christ, by holding meetings for prayer, for remembrance of the Lord and for prophesying unto mutual encouragement, exhortation and building up, by seeking to raise up and support full time workers, by supporting works to spread the gospel both locally and abroad and by regular and frequent fellowship with other churches throughout the earth for the practical keeping of the oneness of the Body of Christ universally.</p> <p>Please note: The Church in Manchester (capital C) is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) registered with and regulated by the Charity Commission. In contrast, the church in Manchester (small c) is an inclusive description encompassing all believers in Christ residing within the city of Manchester.</p> <p>The Church in Manchester (herein referred to as "the charity") is a legal incorporation in the secular realm which facilitates the outward activities of the church in Manchester, a human and divine incorporation in the spiritual realm.</p>

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The main activities of the charity in relation to the public benefit are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Facilitating the preaching of the gospel, and the cherishing and nourishing of the believers in Christ as well as those seeking to know Him. 2) Organising various meetings for Christian fellowship and edification, both locally and further abroad. 3) Covering the costs of transport and attendance at meetings, conferences and other times of fellowship, where this is deemed necessary and beneficial to the fellowship among the churches and the building up of the believers. 4) Raising up and supporting full-time Christian workers. 5) Supporting the fund-raising efforts of other charities with similar purposes and objects to those of the Church in Manchester.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The trustees have received the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. The trustees have had regard for this guidance in approving all activities and expenditures of the charity.</p>

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The charity's financial support has been instrumental in allowing members of the church in Manchester to participate in larger conferences and gatherings for their perfecting and for maintaining the one fellowship in the one Body of Christ by contributing to transport costs and other expenses. 2) The charity has significantly increased our support for full-time Christian workers – those who work full-time for the advancement of the Christian faith. In addition to our existing coordination with the Church in Ipswich for the support of a Christian worker, we also contribute to the support of other Christian workers through Amanatrust. 3) The charity has provided financial and logistical support to facilitate Christian meetings and events in Manchester and the north of England.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>The charity's income has slightly decreased from the previous fiscal year, but saw a much steeper drop in expenditure. This resulted in a 22% increase in the charity's cash reserves as compared with the previous year.</p> <p>Total funds at the end of the year to 30 June 2021 was £65,082 and total funds at the end of the year to 30 June 2022 was £79,529.</p> <p>The charity's meeting expenses have largely returned to pre-COVID levels, spending £4,080 on meetings and rent, compared to £3,410 in the year ending 30-June 2019.</p> <p>Gifts to support extra-local causes – and associated fund-raising activities - continued to represent a significant activity for the charity. Expenses appear to have fallen because the charity recorded reduced opportunities to give in support of extra-local causes. However, this is actually due to a change in the charity's fundraising practices with fewer funds being collected locally. Instead awareness is raised locally and individuals are advised on how to give directly to a charity involved in the related work.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>Since nearly all income to the charity is from one off donations the Trustees have strived to maintain a high level of reserves – typically around 12 months operating costs. The Trustees believe this level of financial security is important to allow planning for future activities and a buffer for an unanticipated increase in expenses or drop in income.</p> <p>However, the charity is currently exploring the possibility of acquiring a permanent property to support our activities. We are therefore allowing our reserves to increase in anticipation of this large expense in the future. These reserves have grown as a result of the excess of income over expenditure over the last few years, and has now reached a level of nearly 4 years worth of usual operating costs.</p> <p>The charity has already put in place plans to significantly increase our support of full-time Christian workers going forward to avoid further accumulation of cash reserves, until plans to acquire a permanent property can be advanced.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£60,324 in general funds. The charity holds a further £19,205 in restricted funds. The majority of this is our building fund.
Reasons for	Para 1.22	N/A

holding zero reserves		
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A
Details of Trustee compensation		<p>The Trustees of the Charity are volunteers working free of charge for the public benefit in advancing the objects of the Charity.</p> <p>They are entitled to be reimbursed for legitimate reasonable expenses incurred on behalf of the charity. During the course of this reporting period the Trustees of the charity received reimbursements as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustee Jonathan Ong was reimbursed on 2 occasions totalling £97.95 in purchases made on behalf of the Charity. • Trustee Stephen Frost was reimbursed on 4 occasions totalling £301.14 in purchases made on behalf of the Charity. • Trustee James Moes was reimbursed on 3 occasions in the amount of £154.80 for purchases made on behalf of the Charity. <p>In each case, these expenses were reviewed for approval by two other Trustees and found to be reasonable and in keeping with the Charity's objects.</p>

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		N/A
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	The charity is a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation).
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	In accordance with the charity's constitution: "Trustees must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees." In re-appointing serving Trustees at the end of their tenure, or in appointing new ones the Trustees select and approve individuals who are willing and able to support the charity in the carrying out of its objects, as outlined in its constitution and summarized at the start of this document.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	In accordance with our objective to advance the Christian faith by maintaining and nurturing the one fellowship of the one Body of Christ, The Church in Manchester coordinates many of its activities and meetings with like minded charities and unincorporated community organisations. This includes, but is not limited to, Amana Trust, the Church in London, the Church in Birmingham, the Church in Coventry, the Church in Leeds, the Church in Nottingham, the Church in Glasgow, the Church in Ipswich, and the Church in Sheffield.
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Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Church in Manchester
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1166488
Charity's principal address	17 Mawson Road Manchester M13 9HG

**Names of the charity trustees
who manage the charity**

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Stephen Frost	Chair	Whole year
2	James Moes	Secretary	Whole year
3	Jonathan Ong		Whole year
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

James Moes,
Stephen Frost,
Jonathan Ong

Full name(s)

James Moes,
Stephen Frost,
Jonathan Ong

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Secretary,
Chair,
Trustee

Date

31/12/22

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The Church in Manchester

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Church in Manchester (the Trust) for the year ending 30 June 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

Paul Cowham

Paul Cowham FCA DChA
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Date ...6 March 2023...

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/07/21	To	Period end date 30/06/22
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
General Giving	19,348	-	-	19,348	15,678
Support for Full-timers	-	2,450	-	2,450	2,220
Extra-local Causes	-	330	-	330	-
LSM Training Donations	-	-	-	-	10,534
Local Purposes	-	5,000	-	5,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	19,348	7,780	-	27,128	28,431
A2 Asset and investment sales,					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	19,348	7,780	-	27,128	28,431
A3 Payments					
Meeting	4,086	-	-	4,086	-
Local Gospel Support	-	-	-	-	-
Travel & Transport	297	-	-	297	-
Supporting Full-timers	-	6,800	-	6,800	5,800
Extra-local Causes	-	1,050	-	1,050	6,800
LSM Trainings	-	-	-	-	10,934
Governance & Support	448	-	-	448	984
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	4,830	7,850	-	12,680	24,518
A4 Asset and investment					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	4,830	7,850	-	12,680	24,518
Net of receipts/(payments)	14,517	- 70	-	14,447	3,913
A5 Transfers between funds	- 5,350	5,350	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	51,157	13,925	-	65,082	61,169
Cash funds this year end	60,324	19,205	-	79,529	65,082

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	HSBC Account	60,324	19,205	-
				-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	60,324	19,205	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets				
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				
B5 Liabilities				
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		<i>James Moes</i>	James Moes	04/09/2022
		<i>Stephen Frost</i>	Stephen Frost	04/09/2022