

NIGHT CHURCH CHESTER

England & Wales · Charity number 1167728

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-06-20

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

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THROUGH THE OPERATION AND RUNNING OF A NIGHT TIME CHURCH, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF FAITH ATTACHED HERETO.

Activities: Night Church Chester operates out of St Peter's Church in the centre of the city of Chester. We are open to the public from 9.30pm to 2.00am on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month, except August. Our aim is to offer a sacred space, open to everyone, where people of all faiths and none are welcomed to experience something of God's presence. We offer free hot drinks and live music.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Cheshire West & Chester

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-10-31	£1,731	£1,489	-	-
2024-10-31	£3,047	£2,703	-	-
2023-10-31	£2,343	£3,844	-	-
2022-10-31	£2,058	£3,365	-	-
2021-10-31	£3,528	£2,896	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ewoud Gerard Bos		2024-11-01
Gareth Vaughan Griffiths		2026-04-13
LIZZIE JEWKES		2016-06-14
Rev Robert Charles Toan		2024-11-01

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Trustees' Annual Report

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As the Charity's income is well below the £25,000 level to require an Independent Examination, the trustees have agreed that they do not require an Independent Examination.

Who we are: Structure, Governance & Management

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The current Trustees are :

Rev Robert Toan	appointed 1 November 2024 for 3 years
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Rev Robert Toan was appointed as a trustee on 1 November 2024 for a term of 3 years and took over as Chair of Trustees from John Green who stood down from 31st October 2025.. This means that we still only have the minimum number of trustees. New trustees are needed and this is being explored. The Trustees regularly meet quarterly and receive update reports from the Leadership Team. The Leadership Team, itself meets quarterly before Trustee meetings. Night Church Chester is not part of any wider network but is supported by some of the Churches in Chester.

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Our policies cover values, appointment of Trustees, strategic plan, safeguarding, volunteer policy and role, dealing with drugs and alcohol, health and safety, dealing with incidents, risk assessment, prayer policy, and complaints policy which is on our website. They ensure that the Charity and its operations are on a secure basis and equip volunteers for ensuring a safe and friendly environment. We have re-introduced a programme for reviewing the policies since being closed by Covid19. Volunteers will continue to be regularly reminded of the Safeguarding policy.

We continue to be careful to make it clear that we are rooted gently and deeply in the Christian spiritual tradition, but offer a safe hospitable space where people of any faith or none who are enjoying their night out in Chester can feel completely at ease.

Our success: Achievements and Performance including Public Benefit

For a number of reasons, we have only been able to open on seven occasions in this last year. The building that we meet in, St Peter's Chester, was closed for building work in January and February. There were two occasions when there were insufficient volunteers to meet our safe opening procedures. On the evenings we were able to open:

Number of visitors:

- Average of 136. Lowest night 110 visited. Highest number was 188.

Prayer requests: Visitors have the opportunity to give is requests for prayer.

- Average number was 11. The lowest was 6 with the highest being 21.

Candles lit: Visitors have the opportunity to light a candle. This is usually because of the death of a family member or friend.

- Average number lit was 25. The lowest being 12 and the highest 33.

The trustees and Leadership team met in May to review how Night Church was functioning. It was recognized that the volunteer base was low and needed expanding.

It was agreed that the leadership team would encourage volunteers to promote Night Church through their churches and other contacts. This would include using the promotional video that had been recorded.

There was a clear consensus that Night Church still had a positive place to serve people in the city night time economy.

Whenever we open, we get very encouraging comments thanking us for offering hospitality and being a safe, peaceful space. At the end of each night that we are open we have a review of the service provided. There are always encouraging



stories of conversations and reactions of members of the public for which we are most thankful. So often people leaving after a visit are thankful and say that it was a very good occasion for them and that there was something special in the Church. One comment was “Thank you for being open tonight. It is so noisy outside and it is lovely to have a restful place to just sit and enjoy the quietness.”

Here's a few recent stories of encounters with visitors from a member of the leadership team:

1) We have three gents who come in almost every time we're open now and love to see Night Church open. They talk about their life stories and experiences/views on church, and clearly think we are offering something very valuable in the night life.

2) I remembered once speaking with two ladies who'd come in whilst waiting for their boyfriends. Ended up having a very good chat about their experience of church and questions about God. When their boyfriends turned up, they made a few mocking comments but ultimately the whole group was open to me praying for all of them at the end, to be able to find Jesus clearly and be restored from difficult situations.

3) At the candles we continue to get many people who value the time to pray and speak about grief. We recently had a waitress come in who had very sadly lost her baby and we were able to pray with her and help her process her loss.

Our volunteers, 24 in all including 3 musicians/singers come from a range of local churches and we are so thankful for the many who have been with us for some years and for any new volunteers. It has also been good to continue the good relationships with the staff in the pub next door. They are mostly so thankful when we are open on a Saturday night.

Financial review

Night Church Chester's main sources of funding are from donations from churches in Chester, individual regular giving and donations received on the night.

Reserves at the end of the financial year stood at £2,783 (Oct 2024: £2,541), and the bank/cash balance was £2,664 (Oct 2024: £2,424). The charity does not have sufficient funds to merit an Investment Policy and funds are held in a Co-operative Bank account. As at the date of the report the Trustees do not have any uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.



Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature:

Full Name: Ewoud G Bos

Position: Trustee

Date: 21 Jan 2026

Signature:

Full Name: Robert Toan

Position: Trustee (Chair)

Date: 22 Jan 2026

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees recognise their responsibility under the Charities Act 2011 to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and its surplus or deficit for that period. In preparing those financial statements we are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue.

We are also responsible for:

- keeping proper accounting records;
- safeguarding the charity's assets;
- taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud.
- ensuring the charity complies with relevant laws and regulations including Health and Safety, Safeguarding, Employment and Charity legislation.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published on 16 July 2014.



Statement of Financial Activities for the 12 months ended 31st October 2025

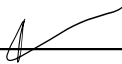


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Recommended categories by activity	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year funds
	£	£	£	£	£
	F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Incoming resources (Note 2)					
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	1,731	-	-	1,731	3,047
Charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Separate material item of income	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1,731	-	-	1,731	3,047
Resources expended (Note 3)					
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	1,489	-	-	1,489	2,703
Separate material item of expense	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1,489	-	-	1,489	2,703
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	242	-	-	242	344
Net gains/(losses) on investments	-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)	242	-	-	242	344
Extraordinary items	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):					
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	242	-	-	242	344
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	2,259	282	-	2,541	2,197
Total funds carried forward	2,501	282	-	2,783	2,541



Balance Sheet as at 31st October 2025

	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total this year £ F04	Total last year £ F05
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	-	-	-	-	-
Tangible assets	-	-	-	-	-
Heritage assets	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-
Current assets					
Stocks	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors (Note 4)	120	-	-	120	141
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 6)	2,381	282	-	2,663	2,424
Total current assets	2,501	282	-	2,783	2,565
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 5)	-	-	-	-	24
Net current assets/(liabilities)	2,501	282	-	2,783	2,541
Total assets less current liabilities	2,501	282	-	2,783	2,541
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities	2,501	282	-	2,783	2,541
Funds of the Charity					
Endowment funds	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted income funds	-	282	-	282	282
Unrestricted funds	2,501	-	-	2,501	2,259
Revaluation reserve	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds	2,501	282	-	2,783	2,541
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature		Print Name		Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy
			R. IGAN		22/10/26



Notes to the accounts

1 Accounting Policies

a) Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

b) Going Concern

The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis. Reserves at 31st October 2025 represent approximately one year's expenditure and the trustees are of the view that the charity is a going concern.

c) Change of accounting policy

There has been no change of accounting policy during the year to 31 October 2025.

d) Changes to accounting estimates

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred during the reporting period (3.46 FRS 102 SORP).

e) Material prior year errors

No material prior year errors have been identified in the reporting period (3.47 FRS 102 SORP).

f) Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations and collections are recognised when received by or on the behalf of the charity.

g) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. The charity is not registered for VAT and all VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure as incurred.



h) Stocks

There is no stock on the balance sheet.

i) Debtors

Debtors, which consist of Gift Aid reclaims and card donations collected by St Peter's Church on behalf of Night Church, are recognised at the settlement amount due.

j) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and a current account at Co-operative Bank.

k) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.



2 Analysis of income

	Analysis	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year
					£	£
Donations and legacies:	Donations and gifts	1,553	-	-	1,553	2,858
	Gift Aid	178	-	-	178	189
	Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
	General grants provided by government/other charities	-	-	-	-	-
	Membership subscriptions and sponsorships which are in substance donations	-	-	-	-	-
	Donated goods, facilities and services	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	1,731	-	-	1,731	3,047
TOTAL INCOME		1,731	-	-	1,731	3,047

3 Analysis of expenditure

	Analysis	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year
					£	£
Expenditure on charitable activities	Contribution to St Peter's Church Chester	1,320	-	-	1,320	1,320
	Insurance costs	157	-	-	157	96
	Consumables, equipment & other running costs	12	-	-	12	1,287
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total expenditure on charitable activities	1,489	-	-	1,489	2,703
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		1,489	-	-	1,489	2,703

4 Debtors and Prepayments

	This year	Last year
	£	£
Trade debtors	0	0
Prepayments and accrued income	120	141
Other debtors	0	0
Total	120	141



5 Creditors and Accruals

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
Accruals for grants payable	-	-	-	-
Bank loans and overdrafts	-	-	-	-
Trade creditors	-	24	-	-
Payments received on account for contracts or performance-related grants	-	-	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	-	-	-	-
Taxation and social security	-	-	-	-
Other creditors	-	-	-	-
Total	-	24	-	-

6 Cash at bank and in hand

	This year £	Last year £
Short term cash investments (less than 3 months maturity date)	-	-
Short term deposits	-	-
Cash at bank and on hand	2,664	2,424
Other	-	-
Total	2,664	2,424

7 Transactions with trustees and related parties

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity.

No trustee expenses have been incurred.

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period.

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Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature: *J Green*

Signature: *E Jones*

Full Name: JOHN TERENCE GREEN

Full Name: Elizabeth Jones

Position: Chair Trustees

Position: trustee

Date: 14-02-25

Date: 14-02-2025



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31 OCTOBER 2024

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Date 14/02/2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the 12 months ended 31st October 2024

Recommended categories by activity	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total funds £ F04	Prior year funds £ F05
Incoming resources (Note 2)					
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3,047	-	-	3,047	2,343
Charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Separate material item of income	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	3,047	-	-	3,047	2,343
Resources expended (Note 3)					
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	1,985	718	-	2,703	3,844
Separate material item of expense	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1,985	718	-	2,703	3,844
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	1,062	- 718	-	344	- 1,501
Net gains/(losses) on investments	-	-	-	-	-
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Extraordinary items	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):					
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	1,062	- 718	-	344	- 1,501
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	1,197	1,000	-	2,197	3,698
Total funds carried forward	2,259	282	-	2,541	2,197



Balance Sheet as at 31st October 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total this year	Total last year
	£	£	£	£	£
	F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	-	-	-	-	-
Tangible assets	-	-	-	-	-
Heritage assets	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-
Current assets					
Stocks	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors (Note 4)	141	-	-	141	37
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 6)	2,142	282	-	2,424	2,160
Total current assets	2,283	282	-	2,565	2,197
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 5)	24	-	-	24	-
Net current assets/(liabilities)	2,259	282	-	2,541	2,197
Total assets less current liabilities	2,259	282	-	2,541	2,197
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities	2,259	282	-	2,541	2,197
Funds of the Charity					
Endowment funds	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted income funds	-	282	-	282	-
Unrestricted funds	2,259	-	-	2,259	2,197
Revaluation reserve	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds	2,259	282	-	2,541	2,197
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy		
		John T Green	14/02/25		
		Elizabeth Jewell	14/02/25		



Notes to the accounts

1 Accounting Policies

a) Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

b) Going Concern

The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis. Reserves at 31st October 2024 represent approximately one year's expenditure and the trustees are of the view that the charity is a going concern.

c) Change of accounting policy

There has been no change of accounting policy during the year to 31 October 2024.

d) Changes to accounting estimates

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred during the reporting period (3.46 FRS 102 SORP).

e) Material prior year errors

No material prior year errors have been identified in the reporting period (3.47 FRS 102 SORP).

f) Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Donations and collections are recognised when received by or on the behalf of the charity.



g) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. The charity is not registered for VAT and all VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure as incurred.

h) Stocks

There is no stock on the balance sheet.

i) Debtors

Debtors, which consist of Gift Aid reclaims and card donations collected by St Peter's Church on behalf of Night Church, are recognised at the settlement amount due.

j) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and a current account at Co-operative Bank.

k) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.



2 Analysis of income

	Analysis	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total funds	Prior year
		funds	income	funds	£	£
Donations and legacies:	Donations and gifts	2,858	-	-	2,858	2,174
	Gift Aid	189	-	-	189	169
	Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
	General grants provided by government/other charities	-	-	-	-	-
	Membership subscriptions and sponsorships which are in substance donations	-	-	-	-	-
	Donated goods, facilities and services	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	3,047	-	-	3,047	2,343
TOTAL INCOME		3,047	-	-	3,047	2,343

£1,000 of income in the prior year was restricted.

3 Analysis of expenditure

	Analysis	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total funds	Prior year
		funds	income	funds	£	£
Expenditure on charitable activities	Contribution to St Peter's Church Chester	1,320	-	-	1,320	2,400
	Insurance costs	96	-	-	96	382
	Consumables, equipment & other running costs	569	718	-	1,287	1,062
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total expenditure on charitable activities	1,985	718	-	2,703	3,844
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		1,985	718	-	2,703	3,844

4 Debtors and Prepayments

	This year	Last year
	£	£
Trade debtors	0	0
Prepayments and accrued income	141	37
Other debtors	0	0
Total	141	37



5 Creditors and Accruals

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	This year	Last year	This year	Last year
	£	£	£	£
Accruals for grants payable	-	-	-	-
Bank loans and overdrafts	-	-	-	-
Trade creditors	24	-	-	-
Payments received on account for contracts or performance-related grants	-	-	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	-	-	-	-
Taxation and social security	-	-	-	-
Other creditors	-	-	-	-
Total	24	-	-	-

6 Cash at bank and in hand

	This year	Last year
	£	£
Short term cash investments (less than 3 months maturity date)	-	-
Short term deposits	-	-
Cash at bank and on hand	2,424	2,160
Other	-	-
Total	2,424	2,160

7 Transactions with trustees and related parties

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity.

No trustee expenses have been incurred.

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period.

NIGHT CHURCH CHESTER

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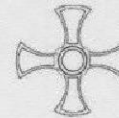


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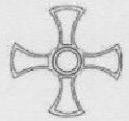
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Trustees who served during the year

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A Williams

Independent Examiner

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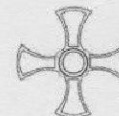
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Trustees' Annual Report

Background

Night Church Chester was launched in December 2010 as a project by The Light Project, an evangelical charity based in Chester. In September 2015 Night Church Chester separated from The Light Project and became an independent small charity. Then in June 2016, as resources exceeded £5,000, it registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with the Charities Commission. It operates from St Peter's Church, Chester.

Who we are: Structure, Governance & Management

Night Church Chester is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) governed by Constitution. Trustees are appointed by serving trustees, in accord with the Constitution and good practice set out in the Charities Commission.

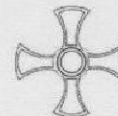
The current Trustees are :

Mr John Terence Green	re-appointed 14 June 2021 for 3 years
Mrs Elizabeth Jewkes	re-appointed 14 June 2021 for 3 years
Mr Michael Johnson	re-appointed 27 September 2021 for 3 years

In September 2023 Anne Williams stood down as a trustee, leaving the charity with 3 trustees, the minimum number permitted in the charity's constitution. New trustees are needed and this is being actively pursued by the charity. The Trustees regularly meet quarterly and receive update reports from the Leadership Team. The Leadership Team, itself meets quarterly before Trustee meetings. Night Church Chester is not part of any wider network but is supported by some of the Churches in Chester.

We are delighted that Night Church re-opened in November 2021 following closure due to the Covid Pandemic. We have been open once a month rather than twice a month because our team of volunteers had reduced. Night Church did not open in August 2023 due to holidays and was unable to open in September and October due to an insufficient number of volunteers being available. The Charity has overall therefore still been able to fulfil its Constitutional objective this year. Trustees have met regularly by Zoom to review the situation.

We still have a Memorandum of Understanding with St Peter's Church which was signed in 2017 and has not been amended since other than updating the amounts we pay. This is the basis of our working relationship with St Peter's Church, what they provide for us and what we pay them. Night Church Chester has a very close working relationship with St Peter's Church and a representative of Night Church is



invited to attend their PCC Meetings. We greatly value the support we receive from St Peter's.

The structure of Night Church Chester is the Board of Trustees: a Project Leader and a Leadership Team. We clarify, from time to time, what Trustees are responsible for and how governance is exercised. The Project Leader works with the Leadership Team to plan and operate Night Church Chester at St Peter's Church. The Project Leader Gemma Sheridan, continues in post. The Treasurer, Nev Kite, is a member of the Leadership Team and both he and Gemma Sheridan prepare reports for Trustees and attend Trustee Meetings

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The Charity does not make gifts other than to St Peter's Church and a policy on social investment including programme related investment is not applicable. The Charity does not have sufficient funds to merit an investment policy. Funds are held in a Co-operative Bank current account. No payments are made to Trustees and they do not receive any non-cash benefits: we do not have any overseas income or expenditure and we do not have professional fundraising. We do not have any employees.

Alongside our grassroots nature and independence, we believe in the importance of networks and collaboration. We have networked locally with Churches in Chester, with Cheshire West and Chester Council, with the Police and with other organisations involved in the night time economy. Street Angels are currently establishing themselves in Chester, and will also be operating out of St Peter's Church. This should give further opportunities for collaboration in the future.

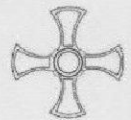
What we do and why: Objectives and Activities (see our website www.nightchurchchester.org)

The objective of the CIO is to advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public through the operation and running of a night time Church, in accordance with the statement of faith.

(from our Constitution)

This objective is developed through our values, see our website, and through our procedures, especially in our Policy Documents which are now available to Trustees on Microsoft Teams. Our objectives are summarised in our Mission Statement:

"Night Church a sacred space in the centre of Chester open to everyone: where anyone in town on a Saturday night can experience something of God's presence.



We welcome people of all faiths and none. We are seed sowers, participants in God's mission; trusting that God has planned our visitors' next step, knowing that we are not likely to see it"

We continue to have an illuminated sign above the front door with the words "Night Church" which is very visible and so important in indicating our presence. Inside we have tables at a safe distance from each other and serve coffee and tea. There is a prayer corner where visitors can light a candle, pray or leave a prayer request; there is also background Christian music, at times with live music and song. Lighting in the Church is subdued. We have a minimum of 9 team members including 2 team leaders each night, along with musicians and a prayer team. (These numbers are based on a risk assessment.) One or two of the volunteers each night will have had first aid training. Our objective is to ensure that volunteers and visitors are safe. This has been even more important in the post Covid times.

In October 2022 we had 20 volunteers and in October 2023 we had 21 volunteers. We currently have sufficient volunteers to open one night per month and our hope is to reach a sufficient number in 2024 to enable us to open twice per month. The Trustees are so thankful for our volunteers and greatly value the time and many skills that our volunteers give: they are key to the high quality service which we provide. We have Trustee Liability and Employer and Public and Products Liability Insurance. Buildings insurance is covered by St Peter's Church.

We begin each evening by setting up facilities for Night Church and then having a time of preparation when volunteers are reminded of safety procedures, safeguarding and possible risks. We then will have a time of quietness, prayer and introductory words. This is good preparation for visitors to Night Church.

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Our success: Achievements and Performance including Public Benefit

On the nights we have been open this year we have had an average of 76 visitors per occasion and we receive very encouraging comments thanking us for offering hospitality and a safe space. At the end of each night we have a review of the service provided. There are always encouraging stories of conversations and reactions of members of the public for which we are most thankful. So often people leaving after a visit are thankful and say that it was a very good occasion for them and that there was something special in the Church.

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The charity was delighted to receive a grant of £1,000 from the Safer Streets project run by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire in September 2023 in recognition of the work that Night Church does in providing a safe space in the centre of Chester. The money will be used to improve our lighting and signage as well as to refresh and extend the first-aid equipment we hold. We are very grateful to the Safer Streets project for this generous grant.



Financial review

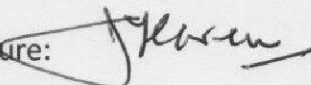
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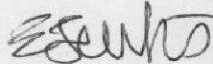
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Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature: 
Full Name: John Terence
Green
Position: Chair Trustees
Date: 21 March 2024

Signature: 
Full Name: Elizabeth Jewkes
Position: Trustee
Date: 21st March 2024



Statement of Trustees 'Responsibilities

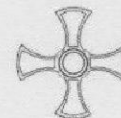
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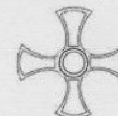
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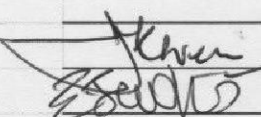
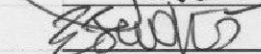


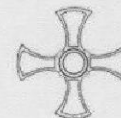
Statement of Financial Activities for the 12 months ended 31st October 2023

Recommended categories by activity	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year funds
	£	£	£	£	£
	F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Incoming resources (Note 2)					
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	1,343	1,000	-	2,343	2,058
Charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Separate material item of income	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1,343	1,000	-	2,343	2,058
Resources expended (Note 3)					
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	3,844	-	-	3,844	3,365
Separate material item of expense	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	3,844	-	-	3,844	3,365
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	- 2,501	1,000	-	- 1,501	- 1,307
Net gains/(losses) on investments	-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)	- 2,501	1,000	-	- 1,501	- 1,307
Extraordinary items	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):					
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	- 2,501	1,000	-	- 1,501	- 1,307
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	3,698	-	-	3,698	5,005
Total funds carried forward	1,197	1,000	-	2,197	3,698



Balance Sheet as at 31st October 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total this year	Total last year
	£	£	£	£	£
	F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	-	-	-	-	-
Tangible assets	-	-	-	-	-
Heritage assets	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-
Current assets					
Stocks	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors (Note 4)	37	-	-	37	12
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 6)	1,160	1,000	-	2,160	3,686
Total current assets	1,197	1,000	-	2,197	3,698
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 5)	-	-	-	-	-
Net current assets/(liabilities)	1,197	1,000	-	2,197	3,698
Total assets less current liabilities	1,197	1,000	-	2,197	3,698
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities	1,197	1,000	-	2,197	3,698
Funds of the Charity					
Endowment funds	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted income funds	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted funds	1,197	1,000	-	2,197	3,698
Revaluation reserve	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds	1,197	1,000	-	2,197	3,698
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy		
		John F. Fisher Chairman	21/3/24		
		Elizabeth Sewthorn	21/3/24		



Notes to the accounts

1 Accounting Policies

a) Basis of preparation

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The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

b) Going Concern

The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis. Unrestricted reserves at 31st October 2023 represent approximately six months' expenditure and the trustees are of the view that the charity is a going concern.

c) Change of accounting policy

There has been no change of accounting policy during the year to 31 October 2023.

d) Changes to accounting estimates

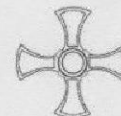
No changes to accounting estimates have occurred during the reporting period (3.46 FRS 102 SORP).

e) Material prior year errors

No material prior year errors have been identified in the reporting period (3.47 FRS 102 SORP).

f) Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Donations and collections are recognised when received by or on the behalf of the charity.



g) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. The charity is not registered for VAT and all VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure as incurred.

h) Stocks

There is no stock on the balance sheet.

i) Debtors

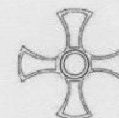
Debtors, which consist solely of Gift Aid reclaims, are recognised at the settlement amount due.

j) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and a current account at Co-operative Bank.

k) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.



2 Analysis of income

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds £	Prior year £
Analysis						
Donations and legacies:	Donations and gifts	1,174	1,000	-	2,174	1,886
	Gift Aid	169	-	-	169	172
	Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
	General grants provided by government/other charities	-	-	-	-	-
	Membership subscriptions and sponsorships which are in substance donations	-	-	-	-	-
	Donated goods, facilities and services	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	1,343	1,000	-	2,343	2,058
TOTAL INCOME		1,343	1,000	-	2,343	2,058

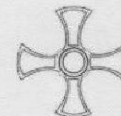
All income in the prior year was unrestricted.

3 Analysis of expenditure

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds £	Prior year £
Analysis						
Expenditure on charitable activities	Contribution to St Peter's Church Chester	2,400	-	-	2,400	2,400
	Insurance costs	382	-	-	382	384
	Consumables, equipment & other running costs	1,062	-	-	1,062	581
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total expenditure on charitable activities	3,844	-	-	3,844	3,365
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		3,844	-	-	3,844	3,365

4 Debtors and Prepayments

	This year £	Last year £
Trade debtors	0	0
Prepayments and accrued income	37	12
Other debtors	0	0
Total	37	12



5 Cash at bank and in hand

	This year £	Last year £
Short term cash investments (less than 3 months maturity date)	-	-
Short term deposits	-	-
Cash at bank and on hand	2,160	3,686
Other	-	-
Total	2,160	3,686

6 Transactions with trustees and related parties

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity.

No trustee expenses have been incurred.

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period.

NIGHT CHURCH CHESTER

England & Wales - Charity number 1167728

Accounts



Night Church Chester
Annual Report and Financial Statements for year ended 31 October 2022

NIGHT CHURCH CHESTER

ANNUAL REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 31 October 2022

Charity No: 1167728



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Trustees' Annual Report

Background

Night Church Chester was launched in December 2010 as a project by The Light Project, an evangelical charity based in Chester. In September 2015 Night Church Chester separated from The Light Project and became an independent small charity. Then in June 2016, as resources exceeded £5,000, it registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with the Charities Commission. It operates from St Peter's Church, Chester.

Who we are: Structure, Governance & Management

Night Church Chester is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) governed by Constitution. Trustees are appointed by serving trustees, in accord with the Constitution and good practice set out in the Charities Commission.

The current Trustees are :

Mr John Terence Green	re-appointed 14 June 2021 for 3 years
Mrs Elizabeth Jewkes	re-appointed 14 June 2021 for 3 years
Mr Michael Johnson	re-appointed 27 September 2021 for 3 years
Mrs Anne Williams	re-appointed 27 September 2022 for 1 year

In June 2022 Anne Williams' appointment was extended by one year to September 2023. New trustees are needed and now that Night Church is regularly opening again this is now being explored. The Trustees regularly meet quarterly and receive update reports from the Leadership Team. The Leadership Team, itself meets quarterly before Trustee meetings. Night Church Chester is not part of any wider network but is supported by some of the Churches in Chester.

We are delighted that Night Church re-opened in November 2021 following closure due to the Covid Pandemic. We have been open once a month rather than twice a month because our team of volunteers had reduced. The Charity has therefore been able to fulfil its Constitutional objective this year. Trustees have met regularly by Zoom to review the situation.

We still have a Memorandum of Understanding with St Peter's Church which was signed in 2017 and has not been amended since other than updating the amounts we pay. This is the basis of our working relationship with St Peter's Church, what they provide for us and what we pay them. Night Church Chester has a very close working relationship with St Peter's Church and a representative of Night Church is invited to attend their PCC Meetings. We greatly value the support we receive from St Peter's.



The structure of Night Church Chester is the Board of Trustees: a Project Leader and a Leadership Team. We clarify, from time to time, what Trustees are responsible for and how governance is exercised. The Project Leader works with the Leadership Team to plan and operate Night Church Chester at St Peter's Church. The Project Leader Gemma Sheridan, continues in post. The Treasurer, Nev Kite, is a member of the Leadership Team and both he and Gemma Sheridan prepare reports for Trustees and attend Trustee Meetings

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The Charity does not make gifts other than to St Peter's Church and a policy on social investment including programme related investment is not applicable. The Charity does not have sufficient funds to merit an investment policy. Funds are held in a Co-operative Bank current account. No payments are made to Trustees and they do not receive any non-cash benefits: we do not have any overseas income or expenditure and we do not have professional fundraising. We do not have any employees.

Alongside our grassroots nature and independence, we believe in the importance of networks and collaboration. We have networked locally with Churches in Chester, with Cheshire West and Chester Council, with the Police and with other organisations involved in the night time economy. Sadly Street Pastors Chester was unable to re-start after the Covid Pandemic. We miss our working relationship with them and they are missed in the Chester Night Time economy.

What we do and why: Objectives and Activities (see our website www.nightchurchchester.org)

The objective of the CIO is to advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public through the operation and running of a night time Church, in accordance with the statement of faith.

(from our Constitution)

This objective is developed through our values, see our website, and through our procedures, especially in our Policy Documents which are now available to Trustees on Microsoft Teams. Our objectives are summarised in our Mission Statement:

"Night Church a sacred space in the centre of Chester open to everyone: where anyone in town on a Saturday night can experience something of God's presence. We welcome people of all faiths and none. We are seed sowers, participants in God's mission; trusting that God has planned our visitors' next step, knowing that we are not likely to see it"



Following closure because of Covid-19 we were able to re-open Night Church at St Peter's Church, Chester in November 2021 on one Saturday night a month rather than two nights per month and for shorter hours. Volunteers wore face masks for the first months of re-opening.

We continue to have an illuminated sign above the front door with the words "Night Church" which is very visible and so important in indicating our presence. Inside we have tables at a safe distance from each other and serve coffee and tea. There is a prayer corner where visitors can light a candle, pray or leave a prayer request; there is also background Christian music, at times with live music and song. Lighting in the Church is subdued. We have a minimum of 8 team members including 2 team leaders each night, along with musicians and a prayer team. (These numbers are based on a risk assessment.) One or two of the volunteers each night will have had first aid training. Our objective is to ensure that volunteers and visitors are safe. This has been even more important in the post Covid times.

In October 2021 we had 18 volunteers and in October 2022 we had 20 volunteers. Following re-opening we have recruited more volunteers to replace those who were unable to return after Covid19. The Trustees are so thankful for our volunteers and greatly value the time and many skills that our volunteers give: they are key to the high quality service which we provide. We have Trustee Liability and Employer and Public and Products Liability Insurance from Unity Insurance Services. Buildings insurance is covered by St Peter's Church.

We begin each evening by setting up facilities for Night Church and then having a time of preparation when volunteers are reminded of safety procedures, safeguarding and possible risks. We then will have a time of quietness, prayer and introductory words. This is good preparation for visitors to Night Church.

Two volunteers stand at the door to greet people passing by and invite people into Night Church. Other volunteers are at various places inside the Church. We are a place of hospitality and visitors are free to have a drink or sit quietly listening to music or chatting among themselves. Volunteers are always available to help or to have conversations on topics raised by the visitor. Each time we are open there are always amazing conversations. Very occasionally we have a difficult visitor, usually drink or drug related and we help as necessary, liaising with the police if needed. We are also aware that the toilet can be used for taking or leaving drugs. We will continue to take precautions and inspect the toilets regularly as required by our drugs policy.

We plan to continue with Night Church intercessors spending the evening in prayer. We believe that this is very important to the safe and effective functioning of Night Church. The leader of the intercessors states "We pray for Night Church during the preceding week. God gives us a message to give to the other intercessors.



Sometimes it is a message for everyone. We come expecting to hear from God and we do. Sometimes He gives us situations for prayer, which may be local, national or international. We want to encourage people to come and sit in God's presence. Just being there, waiting on God, we have a sense of doing God's will"

Our policies cover values, appointment of Trustees, strategic plan, safeguarding, volunteer policy and role, dealing with drugs and alcohol, health and safety, dealing with incidents, risk assessment, prayer policy, and complaints policy which is on our website. They ensure that the Charity and its operations are on a secure basis and equip volunteers for ensuring a safe and friendly environment. We have re-introduced a programme for reviewing the policies since being closed by Covid19. Volunteers will continue to be regularly reminded of the Safeguarding policy.

We continue to be careful to make it clear that we are rooted gently and deeply in the Christian spiritual tradition, but offer a safe space where people of any faith or none who are enjoying their night out in Chester can feel completely at ease. We plan to open twice a month from March 2023 which will bring us back to providing the same level of service as before the Covid pandemic. In our Strategic Plan we still have the aim to open more Saturday nights a month, but this is a big challenge and unlikely to happen in the near future because of the closure due to Covid19 as it depends on our having significantly more volunteers.

Our success: Achievements and Performance including Public Benefit

The significant step for this year has been to re-open Night Church after the closure due to Covid19 and that has touched a good number of members of the public, and from what they tell us that has been for their benefit. At the end of each night that we are open we have a review of the service provided. There are always encouraging stories of conversations and reactions of members of the public for which we are most thankful. So often people leaving after a visit are thankful and say that it was a very good occasion for them and that there was something special in the Church.

Our volunteers come from a range of local churches and we are so thankful for the many still available when we re-opened and for the new volunteers who have joined us this year. It has also been good to re-connect again with the staff in the pub next door. They are mostly so thankful when we are open on a Saturday night.



Financial review

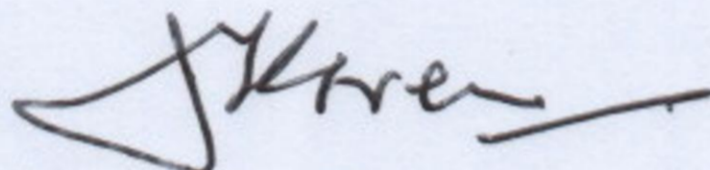
Night Church Chester's main sources of funding are from donations from churches in Chester, individual regular giving and donations received on the night.

Reserves at the end of the financial year stood at £3,698 (Oct 2021: £5,005), and the bank/cash balance was £3,686 (Oct 2021: £5,076). The charity does not have sufficient funds to merit an Investment Policy and funds are held in a Co-operative Bank account. As at the date of the report the Trustees do not have any uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

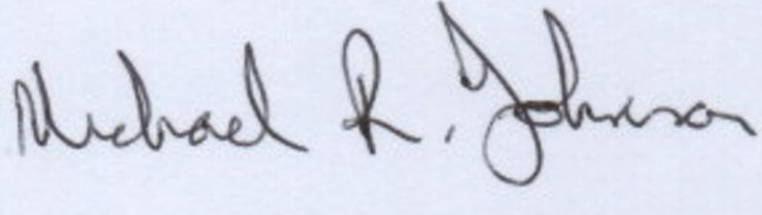
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature: 

Full Name: JOHN TERENCE

Position: Chair ^{GREEN} Trustees

Date: 30/3/23

Signature: 

Full Name: Michael Russell Johnson

Position: Trustee

Date: 30/03/23



Statement of Trustees 'Responsibilities

The Trustees recognise their responsibility under the Charities Act 2011 to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and its surplus or deficit for that period. In preparing those financial statements we are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue.

We are also responsible for:

- keeping proper accounting records;
- safeguarding the charity's assets;
- taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud.
- ensuring the charity complies with relevant laws and regulations including Health and Safety, Safeguarding, Employment and Charity legislation.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published on 16 July 2014.



Independent Examiner's Report

TO THE TRUSTEES OF NIGHT CHURCH CHESTER FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 OCTOBER 2022

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 October 2022 which are set out on pages 9 to 14.

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);
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- 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;

Or 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

Date 30/03/2023

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Statement of Financial Activities for the 12 months ended 31st October 2022

Recommended categories by activity	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total funds £ F04	Prior year funds £ F05
Incoming resources (Note 2)					
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2,058	-	-	2,058	3,528
Charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Separate material item of income	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2,058	-	-	2,058	3,528
Resources expended (Note 3)					
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	3,365	-	-	3,365	2,896
Separate material item of expense	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	3,365	-	-	3,365	2,896
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	- 1,307	-	-	- 1,307	632
Net gains/(losses) on investments	-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)	- 1,307	-	-	- 1,307	632
Extraordinary items	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):					
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	- 1,307	-	-	- 1,307	632
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	5,005	-	-	5,005	4,373
Total funds carried forward	3,698	-	-	3,698	5,005



Balance Sheet as at 31st October 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total this year	Total last year
	£	£	£	£	£
	F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	-	-	-	-	-
Tangible assets	-	-	-	-	-
Heritage assets	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-
Current assets					
Stocks	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors (Note 4)	12	-	-	12	44
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 6)	3,686	-	-	3,686	5,076
Total current assets	3,698	-	-	3,698	5,120
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 5)	-	-	-	-	115
Net current assets/(liabilities)	3,698	-	-	3,698	5,005
Total assets less current liabilities	3,698	-	-	3,698	5,005
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities	3,698	-	-	3,698	5,005
Funds of the Charity					
Endowment funds	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted income funds	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted funds	3,698	-	-	3,698	5,005
Revaluation reserve	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds	3,698	-	-	3,698	5,005
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy		
		John T. Green	30/3/23		
		Michael R. Johnson	30/3/23		



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The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

b) Going Concern

The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis. Reserves at 31st October 2022 represent over one year's expenditure and the trustees are of the view that the charity is a going concern.

c) Change of accounting policy

There has been no change of accounting policy during the year to 31 October 2022.

d) Changes to accounting estimates

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred during the reporting period (3.46 FRS 102 SORP).

e) Material prior year errors

No material prior year errors have been identified in the reporting period (3.47 FRS 102 SORP).

f) Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Donations and collections are recognised when received by or on the behalf of the charity.



g) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. The charity is not registered for VAT and all VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure is incurred.

h) Stocks

There is no stock on the balance sheet.

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Debtors, which consist solely of Gift Aid reclaims, are recognised at the settlement amount due.

j) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and current accounts at Lloyds Bank and Co-operative Bank.

k) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.



2 Analysis of income

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year
Analysis					£	£
Donations and legacies:	Donations and gifts	1,886	-	-	1,886	3,420
	Gift Aid	172	-	-	172	108
	Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
	General grants provided by government/other charities	-	-	-	-	-
	Membership subscriptions and sponsorships which are in substance donations	-	-	-	-	-
	Donated goods, facilities and services	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	2,058	-	-	2,058	3,528
TOTAL INCOME		2,058	-	-	2,058	3,528

All income in the prior year was unrestricted.

3 Analysis of expenditure

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year
Analysis					£	£
Expenditure on charitable activities	Contribution to St Peter's Church Chester	2,400	-	-	2,400	2,400
	Insurance costs	384	-	-	384	381
	Consumables, equipment & other running costs	581	-	-	581	115
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total expenditure on charitable activities	3,365	-	-	3,365	2,896
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		3,365	-	-	3,365	2,896

4 Debtors and Prepayments

	This year	Last year
	£	£
Trade debtors	0	0
Prepayments and accrued income	12	44
Other debtors	0	0
Total	12	44



5 Creditors and Accruals

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	This year	Last year	This year	Last year
	£	£	£	£
Accruals for grants payable	-	-	-	-
Bank loans and overdrafts	-	-	-	-
Trade creditors	-	115	-	-
Payments received on account for contracts or performance-related grants	-	-	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	-	-	-	-
Taxation and social security	-	-	-	-
Other creditors	-	-	-	-
Total	-	115	-	-

6 Cash at bank and in hand

	This year	Last year
	£	£
Short term cash investments (less than 3 months maturity date)	-	-
Short term deposits	-	-
Cash at bank and on hand	3,686	5,076
Other	-	-
Total	3,686	5,076

7 Transactions with trustees and related parties

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity.

No trustee expenses have been incurred.

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period.

NIGHT CHURCH CHESTER

England & Wales - Charity number 1167728

Accounts



NIGHT CHURCH CHESTER

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 October 2021

Charity No: 1167728



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Charity Information

Registered Charity Name

Night Church Chester

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W J Webb ACMA

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Trustees' Annual Report



Background

Night Church Chester was launched in December 2010 as a project by The Light Project, an evangelical charity based in Chester. In September 2015 Night Church Chester separated from The Light Project and became an independent small charity. Then in June 2016, as resources exceeded £5,000, it registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with the Charities Commission. It operates from St Peter's Church, Chester.

Who we are: Structure, Governance & Management

Night Church Chester is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) governed by Constitution. Trustees are appointed by serving trustees, in accord with the Constitution and good practice set out in the Charities Commission.

The current Trustees are :

Mr John Terence Green	re-appointed 14 June 2021 for 3 years
Mrs Elizabeth Jewkes	re-appointed 14 June 2021 for 3 years
Mr Michael Johnson	re-appointed 27 September 2021 for 3 years
Mrs Anne Williams	re-appointed 27 September 2021 for 1 year

Julian Annison's term as a Trustee ended on 14 December 2020. The terms of office for Michael Johnson and Anne Williams were extended by 3 years to September 2024 and by 1 year to September 2022 respectively. New trustees are needed but we did not consider this should be done whilst Night Church was not opening due to Covid-19. The Trustees meet quarterly and receive update reports from the Leadership Team. The Leadership Team itself meets quarterly before Trustee meetings. Night Church Chester is not part of any wider network but is supported by some of the Churches in Chester.

This year has again been extraordinary due to Covid-19 as we have had to remain closed for the whole year. The Charity has therefore been unable to fulfil its Constitutional objective this year. Trustees have met regularly by Zoom to review the situation and to plan for re-opening with risk assessments.

We have a Memorandum of Understanding with St Peter's Church which was signed in 2017 and has not been amended since other than updating the amounts we pay. This is the basis of our working relationship with St Peter's Church, what they provide for us and what we pay them.

Night Church Chester has a very close working relationship with St Peter's Church and a representative of Night Church is invited to attend PCC Meetings. We greatly value the support we receive from St Peter's.



The structure of Night Church Chester is the Board of Trustees: a Project Leader and a Leadership Team. We clarify, from time to time, what Trustees are responsible for and how governance is exercised. The Project Leader works with the Leadership Team to operate Night Church Chester at St Peter's Church. The Project Leader Gemma Sheridan, continues in post. The Treasurer, Nev Kite, is a member of the Leadership Team and both he and Gemma Sheridan prepare reports for Trustees and attend Trustee Meetings

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The Charity does not make gifts other than to St Peter's Church and a policy on social investment including programme related investment is not applicable. The Charity does not have sufficient funds to merit an investment policy. Funds are held in a Co-operative Bank current account. No payments are made to Trustees and they do not receive any non-cash benefits: we do not have any overseas income or expenditure and we do not have professional fundraising. We do not have any employees.

Alongside our grassroots nature and independence, we believe in the importance of networks and collaboration. We have networked locally with Churches in Chester, with Street Pastors; with Cheshire West and Chester Council, with the Police and with other organisations involved in the night time economy. In practice this has been almost impossible this year due to Covid-19.

What we do and why: Objectives and Activities (see our website www.nightchurchchester.org)

The objective of the CIO is to advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public through the operation and running of a night time Church, in accordance with the statement of faith.

(from our Constitution)

This objective is developed through our values, see our website, and through our procedures, especially in our Policy Documents. Our objectives are summarised in our Mission Statement:

“Night Church a sacred space in the centre of Chester open to everyone: where anyone in town on a Saturday night can experience something of God's presence.



We welcome people of all faiths and none. We are seed sowers, participants in God's mission; trusting that God has planned our visitors' next step, knowing that we are not likely to see it"

Despite having to be closed because of Covid-19 we have worked through this period to ensure that we are in as good a state as possible to re-open Night Church at St Peter's Church, Chester. Initially, on re-opening, it is likely that we would open only once a month and for shorter hours. We would continue to have an illuminated sign above the front door with the words "Night Church" which is very visible to people passing by. There would be tables inside for coffee/tea at a safe distance from each other, and a prayer corner where visitors can light a candle and pray; with Christian music, usually live music with song, and subdued lighting in the Church. We would have a minimum of 2 leaders and 8 volunteers each night along with musicians and a prayer team. (These numbers are based on a risk assessment.) One or two of the volunteers each night would have had first aid training. Our objective is to ensure that volunteers and visitors are safe and that a volunteer need only be at Night Church once a month. This is even more important in the Covid and post Covid times.

In October 2020 we had 27 volunteers and in October 2021 we had 18 volunteers. This reduction is significant and largely due to the long time that Night Church was closed due to Covid-19. Following re-opening we will need to recruit more volunteers. The Trustees are so thankful for the volunteers and greatly value the time and many skills that our volunteers give: they are key to the high quality service which we provide. We have Trustee Liability and Employer and Public and Products Liability Insurance from Unity Insurance Services. Buildings insurance is covered by St Peter's Church.

When we re-open we will begin each evening by setting up facilities for Night Church and then having a time of preparation when volunteers are reminded of safety procedures, safeguarding and possible risks. We then have a time of quietness, prayer and introductory words. This prepares us for visitors to Night Church.

Volunteers work in the kitchen, stand at the door to greet people passing by and invite them into Night Church. Other volunteers are at various places inside the Church. We are a place of hospitality and visitors are free to have a drink or sit quietly listening to music or chatting among themselves. Volunteers are always available to help or to have conversations on topics raised by the visitor. Each time we are open there are always amazing conversations – see below for some examples. Occasionally we have a difficult visitor, usually drink or drug related and we help as necessary, liaising with the police if needed. We are also aware that the toilet can be used for taking or leaving drugs. We will continue to take precautions and inspect the toilets regularly as required by our drugs policy.



We plan to continue with Night Church intercessors spending the evening in prayer. We believe that this is very important to the safe and effective functioning of Night Church. The leader of the intercessors states "We pray for Night Church during the preceding week. God gives us a message to give to the other intercessors. Sometimes it is a message for everyone. We come expecting to hear from God and we do. Sometimes He gives us situations for prayer, which may be local, national or international. We have seen people healed. Mostly we want to encourage people to come and sit in God's presence. Just being there, waiting on God, we have a sense of doing God's will"

Our policies cover values, appointment of Trustees, strategic plan, safeguarding, volunteer policy and role, dealing with drugs and alcohol, health and safety, dealing with incidents, risk assessment, prayer policy, and complaints policy which is on our website. They ensure that the Charity and its operations are on a secure basis and equip volunteers for ensuring a safe and friendly environment. We have a programme for reviewing the policies. Volunteers will continue to be regularly reminded of the Safeguarding policy.

We will continue to be careful to make it clear that we are rooted gently and deeply in the Christian spiritual tradition, but offer a safe space where people of any faith or none who are enjoying their night out in Chester can feel completely at ease. In our Strategic Plan we aim to open more Saturday nights a month, but this is a big challenge and unlikely to happen in the near future because of the closure due to Covid19 as it depends on our having significantly more volunteers. With being unable to open due to Covid19, a key objective has been to keep in touch with our volunteers and have plans ready for re-opening. This is ongoing and the Project Leader and Leadership team have spent time on this in discussion with Trustees.

Our success: Achievements and Performance including Public Benefit

Sadly we have nothing to report about our operational achievements due to being closed due to Covid-19. But a number of people coming in to St Peter's Church, particularly the Cafe, have said that Night Church is greatly missed and one man came in and made a donation of £1,000 to help Night Church continue and he would not leave his name.

Our volunteers come from a range of local churches and we are so thankful for the many available for when we can open again on a regular basis



We are greatly missed by staff in the pub next door. In the previous year one of the shift leaders at the neighbouring pub commented that when Night Church is open it changes the atmosphere on the streets and they experience less aggression.

Financial review

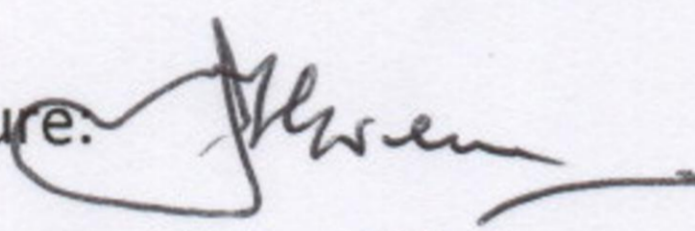
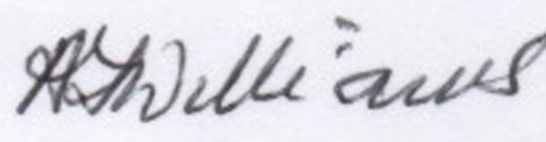
Night Church Chester's main sources of funding are from donations from churches in Chester, individual regular giving and donations received on the night. Due to the continuing Covid-19 pandemic this year Night Church was unable to open between November 2020 and October 2021.

Reserves at the end of the financial year stood at £5,005 (Oct 2020: £4,373), and the bank/cash balance was £5,076 (Oct 2020: £4,608). The charity does not have sufficient funds to merit an Investment Policy and funds are held in a Co-operative Bank account. As at the date of the report the Trustees do not have any uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature: 	Signature: 
Full Name: John Terence Green	Full Name: ANNE JENNIFER WILLIAMS
Position: Chair Trustees	Position: Trustee
Date: 8-3-22	Date: 8/3/22



Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees recognise their responsibility under the Charities Act 2011 to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and its surplus or deficit for that period. In preparing those financial statements we are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue.

We are also responsible for:

- keeping proper accounting records;
- safeguarding the charity's assets;
- taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud.
- ensuring the charity complies with relevant laws and regulations including Health and Safety, Safeguarding, Employment and Charity legislation.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published on 16 July 2014.

John Lawrence
Chair Trustees
31/10/21



Independent Examiner's Report

TO THE TRUSTEES OF NIGHT CHURCH CHESTER FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 OCTOBER 2021

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 October 2021 which are set out on pages 9 to 14.

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);
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- 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;

Or 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

Date 10/3/2022

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Statement of Financial Activities for the 12 months ended 31st October 2021

Recommended categories by activity	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year funds
	£	£	£	£	£
	F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Incoming resources (Note 2)					
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3,528	-	-	3,528	2,477
Charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Separate material item of income	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	3,528	-	-	3,528	2,477
Resources expended (Note 3)					
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	2,896	-	-	2,896	3,113
Separate material item of expense	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2,896	-	-	2,896	3,113
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	632	-	-	632	636
Net gains/(losses) on investments	-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)	632	-	-	632	636
Extraordinary items	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):					
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	632	-	-	632	636
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	4,373	-	-	4,373	5,009
Total funds carried forward	5,005	-	-	5,005	4,373



Balance Sheet as at 31st October 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total this year	Total last year
	£	£	£	£	£
	F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	-	-	-	-	-
Tangible assets	-	-	-	-	-
Heritage assets	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-
Current assets					
Stocks	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors (Note 4)	44	-	-	44	80
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 6)	5,076	-	-	5,076	4,608
Total current assets	5,120	-	-	5,120	4,688
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 5)	115	-	-	115	315
Net current assets/(liabilities)	5,005	-	-	5,005	4,373
Total assets less current liabilities	5,005	-	-	5,005	4,373
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities	5,005	-	-	5,005	4,373
Funds of the Charity					
Endowment funds	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted income funds	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted funds	5,005	-	-	5,005	4,373
Revaluation reserve	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds	5,005	-	-	5,005	4,373
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature		Print Name		Date of approval
			J. T. GREEN		dd/mm/yyyy
			A. J. WILLIAMS		08/03/2022
					08/03/2022



Notes to the accounts

1 Accounting Policies

a) Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

b) Going Concern

The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis. Reserves at 31st October 2021 represent one to two years expenditure and the trustees are of the view that the charity is a going concern.

c) Change of accounting policy

There has been no change of accounting policy during the year to 31 October 2021.

d) Changes to accounting estimates

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred during the reporting period (3.46 FRS 102 SORP).

e) Material prior year errors

No material prior year errors have been identified in the reporting period (3.47 FRS 102 SORP).

f) Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Donations and collections are recognised when received by or on the behalf of the charity. Income tax recoverable (Gift Aid) is accounted for once the donation to which it relates has been received by the charity.



g) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. The charity is not registered for VAT and all VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure is incurred.

h) Stocks

There is no stock on the balance sheet.

i) Debtors

Debtors, which consist solely of Gift Aid reclaims, are recognised at the settlement amount due.

j) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and current accounts at Lloyds Bank and Co-operative Bank.

k) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.



2 Analysis of income

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds £	Prior year £
Analysis						
Donations and legacies:	Donations and gifts	3,420	-	-	3,420	2,249
	Gift Aid	108	-	-	108	228
	Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
	General grants provided by government/other charities	-	-	-	-	-
	Membership subscriptions and sponsorships which are in substance donations	-	-	-	-	-
	Donated goods, facilities and services	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	3,528	-	-	3,528	2,477
TOTAL INCOME	3,528	-	-	3,528	2,477	

All income in the prior year was unrestricted.

3 Analysis of expenditure

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds £	Prior year £
Analysis						
Expenditure on charitable activities	Contribution to St Peter's Church Chester	2,400	-	-	2,400	1,491
	Insurance costs	381	-	-	381	361
	Consumables, equipment & other running costs	115	-	-	115	1,261
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total expenditure on charitable activities	2,896	-	-	2,896	3,113
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	2,896	-	-	2,896	3,113	

4 Debtors and Prepayments

	This year £	Last year £
Trade debtors	0	0
Prepayments and accrued income	44	80
Other debtors	0	0
Total	44	80



5 Creditors and Accruals

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
Accruals for grants payable	-	-	-	-
Bank loans and overdrafts	-	-	-	-
Trade creditors	115	315	-	-
Payments received on account for contracts or performance-related grants	-	-	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	-	-	-	-
Taxation and social security	-	-	-	-
Other creditors	-	-	-	-
Total	115	315	-	-

6 Cash at bank and in hand

	This year £	Last year £
Short term cash investments (less than 3 months maturity date)	-	-
Short term deposits	-	-
Cash at bank and on hand	5,076	4,608
Other	-	-
Total	5,076	4,608

7 Transactions with trustees and related parties

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity.

No trustee expenses have been incurred.

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period.