

Charity No: 1168159

NOAH'S ARK SANCTUARY

TRUSTEES REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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Reports and Accounts

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Charity Information

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Introduction

The Church Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 for Noah's Ark Sanctuary ("the Church"). The Church has been registered with the Charity Commission operating as a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) since 11 July 2016.

The Objects of the Church are:

1. The advancement of the Christian faith; and
2. The relief of poverty

Noah's Ark Sanctuary exists exclusively to fulfil the objects above for public benefit. The Church Trustees consider that the Church activities fall under the advancement of religion. One of the key Objects in the Constitution is "the advancement of the Christian faith", which the Church undertakes by the proclamation and furtherance of the Gospel of God concerning his son Jesus Christ the Lord and the preaching and teaching of the Word of God. However, our activities also touch on other charitable purposes such as the prevention/ relief of poverty of those who are in conditions of need or hardship.

Our mission statement is to *"Read the Word [of God], Think the Word, Pray the Word, Live the Word, Speak the Word, Preach the Word and Teach the Word"*. Our Vision is to *"Produce Godly leaders with influence"*. Our ongoing "vision 100" is a vision to see 100 more members of the public come to believe in God. We believe we can achieve this by undertaking the activities below which are open to the general public.

Public benefit

In considering our Objects and in planning future activities, the Church Trustees continue to have regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, updated from time-to-time. Noah's Ark Sanctuary exists exclusively for public benefit. Our activities are conducted in public. We generally hold our activities in the Orchard Community Hall, 150 Broadmead Road, Woodford Green, Essex, IG8 0AG. The hall is in the middle of the Orchard Estate, one of the most deprived estates in the London Borough of Redbridge. People from all walks of life come in, some from a background of different faiths and others with none, some in good health and some in ill health. We provide a place of refuge, relief and rest in Christ.

Our activities generally include:

- Church services, every Sunday, which have preaching and bible studies of the Gospel. We also have a Sunday school where we provide age-related teaching of the Gospel for children
- prayer and bible study meetings
- evangelising
- youth events
- community outreach events
- family fun nights

We offer tea, refreshments, and food at all our activities and events.

Review of our activities

The Church exists as a body of believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. We are a community that seeks to love and support each other to grow in our faith in God, to be there for each other when struggles arise, and to celebrate together when we have good news.

The Church has continued to hold in-person church services every Sunday which have included worship, preaching from the Word of God, and Bible Studies, and throughout the year age-related teaching of the Gospel to children has also been provided. Friday prayer and bible study meetings continued to take place online via 'Zoom', with the last Friday of the month reserved to prayer meetings in-person which are also broadcast simultaneously online. We continue to encourage more people to connect online. The church also broadcasts a weekly programme on Thursdays at 6pm on Faithworld TV (Sky channel 588). This ministry continues to have positive feedback and testimonies.

All meetings remain open to the general public.

The Church celebrated important days in the Christian calendar year including Christmas and Easter, and held a New Years Eve service on 31 December 2024. The church also marked its 23rd anniversary service on 13 July 2024, to remember God's goodness.

Ministry activities spanned across the whole financial year. The Church has been pleased to welcome newcomers on a regular basis, who have attended our events, and the youth continues to meet and grow spiritually within the Church. Church workers groups continued to meet regularly across the year.

We continue to support church members and residents in hardship through welfare assistance. Monthly pre-packed food hampers are being relaunched at the end of April 2025 after the reporting period.

Community Outreach

We have ongoing discussions with Redbridge Housing Office /the Council to ensure we reach out to people in our community. The activities the Church has organised over the year April 2024 to March 2025 include:

Summer Community Fun Day - Saturday 13 July 2024 – 12 noon – 4pm

The Church organised a family fun day on the Orchard Estate open to all members of the public. The Church co-ordinated and ran a number of activities, including bouncy castles, face painter, BBQ, and provided free refreshments (Mears were not able to sponsor this year due to their social value input focusing on estate improvements such as security and reflect tenants' priorities). The bouncy castle, face painter and BBQ were very popular. We would like to thank the men and women in the Church for their time and sacrifice to help with our community outreach.



Bouncy castle



BBQ stand



BBQ stand



Face painter/henna stand

- **Orchard Family Christmas Party - Winter Wonderland - Saturday 14 December 2024 – 12noon – 3pm**

In December 2024, we hosted a Winter Wonderland party for children aged up to 12 years on the Orchard estate and local families. The party was delivered by an external entertainer (DNA Kids). The Church organised a T-cup ride and Santas Grotto for under 11s. Food and refreshments / tea and coffee were provided by the Church on the day and a gift was presented by Santa to each of the families in attendance in the Santas Grotto. A raffle was also organised. People of all ages were invited and it was free entry. The event had a great atmosphere and a marvellous turnout.



Christmas community event – T cup ride

- **Christmas Tesco Vouchers Donation**

The Church also organised 40 £10 Tesco vouchers (administered by Redbridge Council) to give to the Council for administration to people in financial difficulty. Redbridge Council thanks all the church members for the kind offer. They are currently supporting a number of tenants who are struggling with their finances and rent and may be at risk of losing their tenancy. They were given to needy residents in financial difficulty.

Employment and CV Help

We continue to make available help for employment, CV and job applications to support people within our community.

Training

The Church ran training including St Johns First Aid training on 13 April 2024 and Safeguarding training on 2 May 2024.

Leadership

The leaders are entrusted with spiritual oversight of the Church and responsible for worship, prayer, bible teaching, pastoral care and evangelism. The Trustees are very grateful to the leadership team who continue to seek to fulfil their responsibilities. We are grateful to all those involved in the fellowship for their excellent service and witness to the love of God and also for the different ways in which they assist the Church in fulfilling its calling.

Passion 4 Christ Youth Ministry

Passion 4 Christ Youth Ministry is the youth group in the Church. The group's mission is to reach out to youth within the local community, particularly (but not exclusively) those who live in Orchard Estate and preach the Gospel. The group believes that it is of great importance to ensure that younger people of today are inspired and have a bright future to look forward to, as they are the next generation. If there is a high number of demotivated youths now, with nothing to aspire to, and nothing to do, this will have a very negative effect for society.

The Church trustees are encouraged the youth group will continue to grow spiritually this year and will reach out to engage new youth in the area, including those aged 16-25 in activities including events that will make the youth believe they have a career goal to pursue if they trust in God.

Trustee' Responsibilities

The Church Trustees are responsible for:

- completing the annual report and accounts on time every year and submitting to the Charity Commission;
- ensuring the Church is in compliance with charity law and regulation;
- preparing the annual report; and
- ensuring the Church resources are used for the Objects of the Church.

The leadership of the church meet as regularly as time allows at which time reports of the financial position are considered.

Financial Review

Financial statements are attached to this report which will show total income for the year and total expenditure for the year, as well as net assets.

The Church has maintained one operating current account with NatWest (“Natwest Operating Account”) since the closure of the Stewardship Deposit Account in March 2022 (£63630.75). The stewardship deposit account funds were transferred temporarily to the Natwest Operating Account pending set-up of a new deposit account into which the Stewardship funds can be transferred. Due to low interest rates for a deposit account, in January 2025, the Church transferred £120,000 into a Treasury Reserve deposit to earn interest, with the principal plus interest to return back in January 2026.

Gift aid received from HMRC is £10591.01.

Please note the Church hall hire rate set by Redbridge Housing increased for April 2024-March 2025 by 9% on the previous year following the recent meeting of the Council Cabinet and the hire includes regular hours for Fridays (including an extra hour for Friday prayer), Sundays, and additional hours for first aid training and other church activities.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have responsibility to set a Reserves Policy which sets an amount which should be held in the Natwest Operating Account as a minimum to cover expenditure. Given the monthly income of the Church (circa £2000 on average), the Church Trustees consider it prudent to keep a minimum cash balance held in the Natwest Operating Account of a sum equal to six months’ worth of monthly operating costs (i.e. £12000). This is because the Church undertakes a lot of activity, and this amount is sufficient reserve in the account to cover emergency situations which may arise from time to time and covers basic expenses so that if the Church was to suffer significant drop in income, or to stop operating, it would have six months to put a plan in place to cover/manage outgoings and/or manage the orderly winding up of the CIO with the Charity Commission if it came to it. The Reserves Policy stated is recommended on legal advice and Charity Commission guidance. The Reserves policy has been achieved this year.

Signed on behalf of the Church Trustees by

Eric Moffat

Church Trustee

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF NOAH'S ARK SANCTUARY

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the period ended 31 March 2025, which are set out below.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE 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 2012 (the 2012 act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility:

- to examine the account under section 145 of the 2012 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Direction given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2012 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 2012 Act
 - and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2012 Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2025


				2025	2024
	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
<u>Incoming Resources</u>	1				
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds:</i>					
Voluntary income: donations	2	50,635	-	50,635	43,565
		-	-	-	-
<i>Total Incoming Resources</i>		50,635	-	50,635	43,565
<u>Resources Expended</u>					
<i>Charitable expenditure:</i>					
Gifts and Donations- individual	3	8,100	-	8,100	4,703
Gifts and Donations - institutional	4	2,328	-	2,328	3,580
Costs of activities in furtherance of charity's objects	5	25,141	-	25,141	20,869
Management and governance costs:	6	1,626	-	1,626	1,258
<i>Total Resources expended</i>		37,195	-	37,195	30,410
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources for the year		13,440	-	13,440	13,155
<i>Net Movement in Funds</i>	7	13,440	-	13,440	13,155
Balance at 01.04.24		99,914	63,631	163,545	150,390
Balance at 31.03.25		113,354	63,631	176,985	163,545

All disclosures relate to the continuing operations. There are no recognised gains or losses other than those disclosed above

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Balance sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	£	2025 £	£	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Fixed Assets	8		<u>4,670</u>		<u>3,104</u>
			4,670		3,104
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	10,592		6,801	
Cash in Bank/Investment		<u>162,324</u>		<u>154,216</u>	
		172,916		161,017	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Amount falling due within a year	10	(600)		(576)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>172,316</u>		<u>160,441</u>
			176,985		163,545
LONG TERM LIABILITIES					
Amount falling due more than a year	11		-		-
NET ASSETS			<u>176,985</u>		<u>163,545</u>
Unrestricted			113,354		99,914
Restricted			<u>63,631</u>		<u>63,631</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	12		<u>176,985</u>		<u>163,545</u>

Approved by the Trustees and Signed on their behalf:

Signature: 

Name: Eric Moffat

Date: 23/1/26

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Notes to the financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2025

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005) issued in March 2005 as modified for smaller charities.

1. INCOMING RESOURCES

These are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which they are received. Included are income from tithes, offerings and interest received during the year from investments and accounted for as unrestricted funds.

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total Fund	Total Fund
2. Voluntary Income: Donations	2025	2025	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Tithes & Offerings	40,044	-	40,044	36,764
Gift Aid	10,591		10,591	6,801
	<u>50,635</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,635</u>	<u>43,565</u>

3. Gifts and Donations- individual

	£	£	£	£
Welfare and hospitality	8,100	-	8,100	4,703
	<u>8,100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,100</u>	<u>4,703</u>

4. Evangelism and other charitable expenses

	£	£	£	£
Evangelism	-	-	-	-
Evangelical Alliance	80	-	80	80
Other Charities Donations				
(4.1)	2,248	-	2,248	3,500
	<u>2,328</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,328</u>	<u>3,580</u>

4.1 Other Charitable expenses

	£	£	£	£
Teens Challenge	562	-	562	500
Webber Street Mission	562	-	562	500
Redbridge Food Bank	-	-	-	500
Mercyship	562	-	562	500
Branches	-	-	-	500
Salvation Army	562	-	562	500
Christian Kitchen	-	-	-	500
	<u>2,248</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,248</u>	<u>3,500</u>

5. COST OF ACTIVITIES IN FURTHERANCE OF CHARITY'S OBJECTS

These are expenditures directly related to the objects of the of the charity. They also include expenditures incurred in support of that activity were material.

			2025	2024
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
Christmas Outreach	2,160	-	2,160	-
Music Licence	532	-	532	289
Safeguarding training	750	-	750	-
Community and youth outreach	1,619	-	1,619	657
Subscriptions	40	-	40	40
Rent & Rates	5,855	-	5,855	6,715
Website Development	627	-	627	434
Religious & children Sunday school resources	55	-	55	228
Telephone & fax & internet	728	-	728	665
Insurance	-	-	-	238
Hall maintenance and cleaning	665	-	665	430
Pastor's Allowance	3,300	-	3,300	3,600
Media and stationery expenses	8,810	-	8,810	7,574
	25,141	-	25,141	20,869

			2025	2024
	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total Fund £	Total Fund £
6. GOVERNANCE COSTS				
Legal & professional fees	600	-	600	576
Depreciation	1,026	-	1,026	682
	1,626	-	1,626	1,258

7. NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
The net movement in funds for the year is stated after charging		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	1,026	682
Legal & professional fees	600	576
Bank charges & interest	-	-
	1,626	1,258

8. FIXED ASSETS

	Instruments £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 April 2024	7,460	7,460
Additions in the year	2,593	2,593
At 31 March 2025	<u>10,053</u>	<u>10,053</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2024	4,356	4,356
Charge for the year	1,027	1,027
At 31 March 2025	<u>5,383</u>	<u>5,383</u>
Net Book Value		
At 31 March 2025	<u>4,670</u>	<u>4,670</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>3,104</u>	<u>3,104</u>

8a. DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis.

Church Equipment 18% reducing balance

9. DEBTORS	2025 £	2024 £
Gift Aid Receivable	10,591	6,801
	<u>10,591</u>	<u>6,801</u>

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Professional Fee	600	576
	<u>600</u>	<u>576</u>

11.CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
	-	-
	-	-

12. FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
At 1 April	99,914	63,631	163,545	150,390
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	13,440	-	13,440	13,155
At 31 March	113,354	63,631	176,985	163,545

12.1 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

These are grants and donations received or receivable for the objects of the charity without restrictions as to purpose but are available as general funds.

12.2 RESTRICTED FUNDS

Restricted funds are used for the purpose as specified by the donor. Expenditure that meets these criteria is identified to the fund.

13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTION

Pastor Ade Oyejobi, the father to a member of the board of trustees received an income of £3,300 during the year as the resident pastor of the Church.