



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 01.01.2024 Period start date To: Period end date 31.12.2024

Charity name: Mount Hermon Community Church, Bentley, Doncaster

Charity registration number: 1169230

## Objectives and Activities

|  | SORP reference     |  |
|--|--------------------|--|
| Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document  | Para 1.17          | <b>The principal purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the principles and doctrines as set out in the Trust Deed. The Church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or the world as the Trustees may think fit.</b>   |
| Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts. | Para 1.17 and 1.19 | <p>The charity meets its purpose through holding weekly services and meetings, and other activities throughout the year.</p> <p>1. Sunday Morning: Worship, prayer, teaching and communion service.</p> <p>2. Sunday Evening: Occasional Meetings in Soul Café (located in the church hall)</p> <p>2. Thursday Morning Fellowship: Worship, Prayer, teaching and fellowship and the promotion of wellbeing and encouragement.</p> <p>4. The charity allows the Pastor to visit the local Primary School to take assemblies as and when asked to do so by the school. (see notes on this been on hold further in the report)</p> <p>5. The charity offers free use of the buildings to the local primary school for concerts etc.</p> |

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|  |           | <p>6. The charity holds events to highlight other charities that require support.</p> <p>7. The charity provides financial and prayer support for overseas mission/ missionaries.</p> <p>8. The charity offers encouragement, spiritual and emotional support to its members and non-members through home/hospital/hospice visitation.</p> |
| Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit | Para 1.18 | <b>In carrying out the above-mentioned activities, we declare that the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.</b>  |

#### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

|  | SORP reference |   |
|--|----------------|---|
| Policy on grant making   | Para 1.38      | <b>Not Applicable</b>   |
| Policy on social investment including program related investment | Para 1.38      | <b>Not Applicable</b>   |
| Contribution made by volunteers                                  | Para 1.38      | <b>We have a number of individuals who whilst not Trustees of the charity, help out in a number of ways including; participating in the meetings, the making of refreshments, visitation of the sick and infirm and helping out in other charitable events. Some of our volunteers also help run a Talking Newspaper for the visually impaired.</b> |
| Other  |                |   |

#### Achievements and Performance

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|  | SORP reference |  |
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| <p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p> | <p>Para 1.20</p> | <p>Mount Hermon Community Church continues its aim of advancing the Christian faith through the provision of buildings and services where worship, teaching, fellowship, mutual encouragement and wellbeing are promoted in accordance with principles and doctrines of the Trust Deed.</p> <p>We seek to support and encourage the promotion of the Christian faith through an 'act local &amp; think global' approach. This means we are very concerned about spreading the 'Good News' of Christianity in practical ways in our local community, through our own ministry and by supporting the ministry of other local churches, by supporting them in prayer and promoting unity, by holding joint services and social and charitable activities. In terms of thinking globally, we also support the wider mission of the global church in whatever ways seem fit.</p> <p>The Pastor continues as Chaplain to Doncaster Retro Rovers, a local community walking football project offering practical and emotional support. The Pastor has also become the Chaplain of Doncaster 'Fit Rovers' and offers friendship &amp; counselling to members of Doncaster Fit Rovers a fitness, health and well-being local community project. The pastor's involvement with these two projects has not been as much as he wishes due to a decline in his own health (and fulfilling his role as full time carer for his disabled wife). Our Pastor had his revision hip surgery that went well but he still has pain and mobility issues and has been waiting over 4yrs for his left hip to be replaced. He also had to have revision shoulder surgery to remove part of his collar bone. This operation wasn't successful and he has had to have another to remove more of the collar bone and more bone in the rotary cuff and detachment of his bicep. He still is having problems and has been told nothing else can be done.</p> <p>After being hospitalised in 2022, tests were carried out and the Pastor was diagnosed as having a debilitating neurological condition called FND. As well as a number of unpleasant symptoms, in his particular case, the FND mimics Multiple Sclerosis and Parkinsons.</p> <p>It is believed that this illness has been brought on by the chronic pain associated with his arthritic conditions, the numerous operations, post-surgery trauma and on-</p> |
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|  |  | <p>going pain as well as being his wife's full time carer (following her strokes in 2019 and a brain bleed in April 2024) whilst trying to keep the church running.</p> <p>The Pastor was seen in Sheffield by a Neurological Psychological Counsellor over 2 sessions which he found helpful. However, these were only an initial screening and he was shocked when he was told that 'if he wanted to continue with this counsellor then there would be a 2 year wait'. He was referred to a Talking Therapy service in Doncaster and has now finished these sessions. Every professional said the same thing: 'How on earth are you coping?'</p> <p>The Pastor started suffering from terrible knee pain and x ray and MRI have revealed arthritis, a meniscal tear, bursitis and tendonitis and is waiting to see a consultant. These were operated on in July 2024, however the pain is still ongoing. The possibility is that the pain may be transferred pain for the left hip that he has been waiting 3.5 yrs for its replacement.</p> <p>The Pastor is in contact with a number of people at Fit Rovers from previous courses and continues to offer ongoing support.</p> <p>Our Harvest project this year was to support the work of Philippine Outreach Christian Fellowship, who run children's homes from babies to teens, offering food, shelter, education and pastoral care. We asked our congregation to make local donations to local foodbanks and to make a financial donation to send to POCF to help feed the children. We raised £300.</p> <p>On Good Friday we were joined by Bentley Pentecostal Church for a joint Easter service and look forward to more joint cooperation between both churches.</p> <p>Since September 2022 our work is on hold currently at the local primary school and at Liberty House Care Home. However, it was great to be able to host the schools Christmas Concert at church in December 2023 &amp; 2024.</p> <p>Our AGM/Member's meeting was held on Sunday 6th October. We did not need to submit a submission in 2023 as we had an income below the £25,000 criteria. Despite</p> |
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|  |  | <p>this, we still had our books externally verified.</p> <p>The Pastor gave a very emotional appraisal of his declining health and questioned his ability to carry on or for how long. He gave the church the option of seeking a new Pastor but also was honest in saying that the church finances wouldn't be able to support a full-time salary. The Pastor also pointed out that it had been several years since his own pay had been reviewed.</p> <p>The church expressed their ongoing support for the Pastor and were happy for him to continue doing whatever he was well enough to do and cope with.</p> <p>The Pastor was also very honest regarding the future viability of the church given that the accounts revealed a negative balance for the third year running.</p> <p>The main reason for these deficits has been the increases in energy bills.</p> <p>A meeting of the 'Holding Trustees' was held where discussion took place regarding options going forward with some kind of plan being put in place for if the church became financially unviable.</p> <p>These discussions included a salary reduction for the Pastor if required.</p> <p>It was decided, however to take up a special offering to boost church finances.</p> <p>This was made known to congregants and members prior to the offering and it took place over a couple of weeks in November raising an additional £3,000.</p> <p>Voting for our church offices took place during the AGM and both church offices (Chief Steward and Acting Church Treasurer) were both re-elected.</p> |
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#### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Achievements against objectives set                          | Para 1.41 |  |
| Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set | Para 1.41 |  |
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## Structure, Governance and Management

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|---|-----------|---|
| Description of charity's trusts:  |           |   |
| Type of governing document  | Para 1.25 | <b>Trust Deed</b>   |
| How is the charity constituted?   | Para 1.25 | <b>Unincorporated</b>   |
| Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees | Para 1.25 | <b>The Charity Trustees (Church Members) are recommended to the Charity Trustees</b> by the Pastor having been convinced that an applicant meets the criteria for membership as detailed in the Trust Deed, but the decision as to appoint is by the Charity Trustees (Church Members). |

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees                | Para 1.51 |  |
| The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works | Para 1.51 |  |
| Relationship with any related parties   | Para 1.51 |  |
| Other   |           |  |

### Reference and Administrative details

|                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Charity name                | Mount Hermon Community Church  |
| Other name the charity uses |  |
| Registered charity number   | 1169230  |
| Charity's principal address | Bentley Road, Bentley, Doncaster, South Yorkshire<br>DN5 9TG<br>c/o<br>30 Somersby Avenue, Sprotbrough, Doncaster, South<br>Yorkshire, DN5 8HB |
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**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

|    | Trustee name          | Office (if any)                             | Dates acted if not for whole year |
|----|-----------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1  | David Sturdy          | Pastor/Custodian Trustee                    |                                   |
| 2  | Alison Sturdy         | Trustee/Custodian Trustee                   |                                   |
| 3  | Mr Phillip Doy        | Deacon/ Chief Steward/<br>Custodian Trustee |                                   |
| 4  | Mrs Moira Doy         | Custodian Trustee                           |                                   |
| 5  | Mrs Joy Clifford      | Custodian Trustee                           |                                   |
| 6  | Mrs Joan Hughes       | Custodian Trustee                           |                                   |
| 7  | Mrs Jean Oliphant     | Custodian Trustee                           |                                   |
| 8  | Mrs Lynn Roberts      |   |                                   |
| 9  | Mrs Rachael Bradley   | Acting Treasurer                            |                                   |
| 10 | Mr Malcolm Hemingway  |   |                                   |
| 11 | Mrs Victoria Allen    |   |                                   |
| 12 | Mrs Cheryl Harris     |   |                                   |
| 13 |                       |   |                                   |
| 14 | Mrs Lisa Frost Milson |   |                                   |
| 15 | Mrs Doris Green       |   |                                   |
| 16 | Mrs Margaret Ede      |   |                                   |
| 17 | Mrs Milcah Walusimbi  |   |                                   |
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| 20 |                       |   |                                   |

**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

| Director name |  |  |
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**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity Custodian Trustees**

| Trustee name  | Dates acted if not for whole year |  |
|---|-----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Mr David Sturdy</b><br><b>Mrs Alison Sturdy</b><br><b>Mrs Joy Clifford</b><br><b>Mr Philip Doy</b><br><b>Mrs Moira Doy</b><br><b>Mrs Jean Oliphant</b><br><b>Mrs Joan Hughes</b> |                                   |  |
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### **Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others**

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| Description of the assets held in this capacity   | No funds are held by the custodian trustees |
| Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects | Not Applicable                              |
| Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets                         | Not Applicable                              |

### **Additional information (optional)**

#### **Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

| Type of adviser               | Name  |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Independent Financial Advisor | Not Required This year. However books were checked by Miss Ann Hughes |
|                               |   |
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#### **Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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| David Sturdy (Chair) |
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### **Exemptions from disclosure**

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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| None |
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### **Other optional information**

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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

R Bradley

Full name(s)

RACHAEL ELIZABETH BRADLEY

Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)

ACTING TREASURER

Date

08.10.25



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| Investment performance against objectives | Para 1.41 |  |
| Other                                     |           |  |

## Financial Review

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| Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period              | Para 1.21 | <b>Income 28,670.00<br/>Expenditure 29,403.00<br/>Balance – 733.00</b>   |
| Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held   | Para 1.22 | <b>The Trustees are vigilant in retaining reserves sufficient for the current and ongoing foreseeable needs of the charity. The level of reserves is not set out in a specific formula. Where there is a need for specific capital expenditure, funds would be made available in such a way as not to diminish the reserves to the extent of being unable to meet the normal running costs of the charity.</b> |
| Amount of reserves held  | Para 1.22 | <b>Balance £10,324.24</b>  |
| Reasons for holding zero reserves  | Para 1.22 |  |
| Details of fund materially in deficit  | Para 1.24 | <b>None</b>  |
| Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern | Para 1.23 | <b>None</b>  |

## Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)            | Para 1.47 | <b>The charities main fundraising is through the generous weekly offerings of the congregation plus occasional extra gifts and also 'Gift Aid'.</b> |
| Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted | Para 1.46 | <b>Not Applicable</b>   |
| A description of the principal risks facing the charity                         | Para 1.46 | <b>The principal risk would be a decline in the numbers of people attending and their giving decreasing.</b>  |
| Other   |           |   |





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Mount Hermon Community Church

1169230

## Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period  
from

01.01.2024

To

31.12.2024

### Section A Receipts and payments

|   | Unrestricted<br>funds | Restricted<br>funds | Endowment<br>funds | Total funds      | Last year        |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
|   | to the nearest £      | to the nearest £    | to the nearest £   | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ |
| <b>A1 Receipts</b>                                    |                       |                     |                    |                  |                  |
| Offerings   | 23,920                | -                   | -                  | 23,920           | -                |
| Gifts   | 435                   | -                   | -                  | 435              | -                |
| British Gas Refund                                    | 363                   | -                   | -                  | 363              | -                |
| Hall Hire   | 155                   | -                   | -                  | 155              | -                |
| Gift Aid  | 3,497                 | -                   | -                  | 3,497            | -                |
| Harvest POCM  | 300                   | -                   | -                  | 300              | -                |
|   | -                     | -                   | -                  | -                | -                |
|   | -                     | -                   | -                  | -                | -                |
| <b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>                | <b>28,670</b>         | <b>-</b>            | <b>-</b>           | <b>28,670</b>    | <b>-</b>         |
| <b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>    |                       |                     |                    |                  |                  |
|   | -                     | -                   | -                  | -                | -                |
|   | -                     | -                   | -                  | -                | -                |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>-</b>              | <b>-</b>            | <b>-</b>           | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                                 | <b>28,670</b>         | <b>-</b>            | <b>-</b>           | <b>28,670</b>    | <b>-</b>         |
| <b>A3 Payments</b>                                    |                       |                     |                    |                  |                  |
| Wages/HMRC/Expenses/Phone                             | -                     | -                   | -                  | -                | -                |
| Internet  | 21,886                | -                   | -                  | 21,886           | -                |
| Electric  | 1,943                 | -                   | -                  | 1,943            | -                |
| Gas   | 1,879                 | -                   | -                  | 1,879            | -                |
| Insurance   | 1,709                 | -                   | -                  | 1,709            | -                |
| Christmas Food/Candles                                | 41                    | -                   | -                  | 41               | -                |
| Flowers   | 50                    | -                   | -                  | 50               | -                |
| Maintenance/Repairs                                   | 1,162                 | -                   | -                  | 1,162            | -                |
| Water Rates   | 273                   | -                   | -                  | 273              | -                |
| Office/Computer                                       | 63                    | -                   | -                  | 63               | -                |
| Licences  | 97                    | -                   | -                  | 97               | -                |
| Harvest POCM  | 300                   | -                   | -                  | 300              | -                |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>29,403</b>         | <b>-</b>            | <b>-</b>           | <b>29,403</b>    | <b>-</b>         |
| <b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b> |                       |                     |                    |                  |                  |
|   | -                     | -                   | -                  | -                | -                |
|   | -                     | -                   | -                  | -                | -                |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>-</b>              | <b>-</b>            | <b>-</b>           | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         |
| <b>Total payments</b>                                 | <b>29,403</b>         | <b>-</b>            | <b>-</b>           | <b>29,403</b>    | <b>-</b>         |
| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>                     | <b>- 733</b>          | <b>-</b>            | <b>-</b>           | <b>- 733</b>     | <b>-</b>         |
| <b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>                     | <b>-</b>              | <b>-</b>            | <b>-</b>           | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         |
| <b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>                    | <b>-</b>              | <b>-</b>            | <b>-</b>           | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>                       | <b>10,324</b>         | <b>-</b>            | <b>-</b>           | <b>10,324</b>    | <b>-</b>         |



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

|                         | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted<br>funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment<br>funds<br>to nearest £ |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>B1 Cash funds</b>    |                                       |                                     |                                    |
|                         | -                                     | -                                   | -                                  |
|                         | -                                     | -                                   | -                                  |
|                         | -                                     | -                                   | -                                  |
| <b>Total cash funds</b> | -                                     | -                                   | -                                  |

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

|                                 | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted<br>funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment<br>funds<br>to nearest £ |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>B2 Other monetary assets</b> |                                       |                                     |                                    |
|                                 | -                                     | -                                   | -                                  |
|                                 | -                                     | -                                   | -                                  |
|                                 | -                                     | -                                   | -                                  |
|                                 | -                                     | -                                   | -                                  |
|                                 | -                                     | -                                   | -                                  |
|                                 | -                                     | -                                   | -                                  |

|                             | Fund to which<br>asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value<br>(optional) |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>B3 Investment assets</b> |                                |                 |                             |
|                             |                                | -               | -                           |
|                             |                                | -               | -                           |
|                             |                                | -               | -                           |
|                             |                                | -               | -                           |
|                             |                                | -               | -                           |

|   | Fund to which<br>asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value<br>(optional) |
|---|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>B4 Assets retained for the<br/>charity's own use</b> |                                |                 |                             |
|   |                                | -               | -                           |
|   |                                | -               | -                           |
|   |                                | -               | -                           |
|   |                                | -               | -                           |
|   |                                | -               | -                           |
|   |                                | -               | -                           |
|   |                                | -               | -                           |
|   |                                | -               | -                           |

|                       | Fund to which<br>liability relates | Amount due<br>(optional) | When due<br>(optional) |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>B5 Liabilities</b> |                                    |                          |                        |
|                       |                                    | -                        |                        |
|                       |                                    | -                        |                        |
|                       |                                    | -                        |                        |
|                       |                                    | -                        |                        |
|                       |                                    | -                        |                        |

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

| Signature    | Print Name     | Date of approval |
|--------------|----------------|------------------|
| R Bradley    | RACHAG BRADLEY | 8/10/25          |
| A. R. Sturdy | ALISON STURDY  | 8/10/25          |





CHARITY COMMISSION  
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## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

#### Report to the trustees

Charity Name

Mount Hermon Community Church

#### On accounts for the year ended

31.12.2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1169230

#### Set out on pages

Form CC16a

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 /12/2024**

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

The charity's trustees, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

#### Independent examiner's statement

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

*Ann Hughes*

Date:

4/10/25

Name:

Ann Hughes

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

Address:

269 Bentley Road  
South Yorkshire  
DN5 9TG

### Section B

### Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).



Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Report to the Trustee

On account for the year ended 31/12/2018

Form CC21

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Responsibilities and basis of report

Independent examiner's statement

Signature

Date

Address

Post code

Only complete if the document needs to be signed by a company (see CC21 Independent examination of charity accounts: Guidance for examiners)