



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	Jan	2023		31	Dec	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name The Mathetes Trust

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1169869

Charity's principal address 10 Dairy Close

Wells

Somerset

Postcode

BA52ND

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Roger Morgan	Chair		
2	David Archer			
3	Mike Cotterell			
4	Andrew Evans			
5	Peter Needle			

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The advancement of the Christian religion through the training, support and provision of resource materials to churches, church leaders and church members for the public benefit in the UK, Africa and elsewhere in the world, primarily but not exclusively within the Anglican Communion.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The Mathetes Trust fulfils its objectives through the following activities:

1. We organise conferences and training events and provide ongoing support to Anglican dioceses and other denominational groupings in Africa and elsewhere, primarily but not exclusively through our Rooted in Jesus discipleship programme
2. We provide support and mentoring to church leaders in the UK and beyond, primarily but not exclusively through our EQUIP programme
3. We commission, publish, print and distribute books, literature and other teaching materials in support of these activities and in furtherance of our objective to advance the Christian religion.

In defining the above activities the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

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The ministry of the Mathetes Trust falls into 3 parts: we support discipleship in Africa through our Rooted in Jesus programme; we provide support and mentoring for church leaders within the UK; we publish resource materials on key topics of Christian life and ministry.

1. Rooted in Jesus – a practical discipleship programme for Africa

During 2023 we were able to send teams to facilitate Rooted in Jesus leadership training conferences in DR Congo, Madagascar, Mozambique, and South Sudan. In all we ran seven conferences, including one for our Rooted in Jesus Junior programme for Sunday Schools. We were also able to provide books and training material for use by our partners in South Africa, Malawi, Namibia, Tanzania and the Diocese of Aru in DR Congo.

We have continued to produce new translations of the Rooted in Jesus leaders' booklets. This year saw books completed in Nuer and Bari for South Sudan, Kakwa, Lugbara and Alur for DR Congo, Acholi for Uganda and Yao for Mozambique.

2. EQUIP – a support programme for church leaders in the UK

The purpose of the Mathetes Trust's EQUIP programme is to provide mentoring assistance to Christians who are themselves committed to serving the Great Commission in the UK – disciples who want to make disciples.

During the last year, our EQUIP group in North Wales has closed following the retirement of its leader John Benson due to ill health. EQUIP now serves 55 people who meet regularly in 9 groups, all of them in England. Six of the 9 EQUIP groups consist entirely of clergy; one is restricted to those who serve in an Anglican multi-parish benefice, where

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one minister has responsibility for several churches. Leaders of multi parish benefices are often under pressure to lead each of their churches in quite traditional ways which, even with outstanding leadership, usually results in ageing and declining congregations. We find that the churches we serve are mostly growing or at least maintaining their numbers.

We aim to provide regular additional support to EQUIP churches in accordance with their particular needs. This year, in addition to one-on-one mentoring, we were able to offer training days and prayer weekends in Ashford, Ongar, Sudbury and Minchinhampton.

3. Publications

2023 saw the publication of a new book by Alison Morgan: *World Turned Upside Down – The Psalms and the Spirituality of Pain*. It has been well received, and has led to a number of speaking and writing engagements. We have also produced digital editions of several of our existing publications.

We continued to create booklets for members of our EQUIP groups during the year. These form the basis for the group meetings, and cover key issues of Christian life and ministry. Our existing books and ministry resources have continued to be made available.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We review our finances regularly but have no formal reserves policy as we have few fixed costs.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

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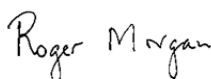
Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Roger Morgan	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair of Trustees	
Date	7 th March 2024	

The Mathetes Trust

Receipts and payments accounts for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2023

Income	2023	2022	Expenditure	2023	2022
Donations	£ 25,939.89	£ 32,946.41	Admin Costs	£ 1,443.47	£ 2,997.61
Appeal		£ 12,169.82	UK Publication Costs	£ 837.40	£ 442.35
Gift Aid	£ 5,007.33	£ 3,822.63	Postage	£ 93.26	£ 126.10
Grants from Relay	£ 12,000.00		Staff Expenses	£ 3,242.16	£ 4,460.49
UK book sales	£ 1,921.41	£ 1,324.42	Staff Salaries	£ 20,769.59	£ 20,332.05
RinJ reimbursements	£ 5,798.02	£ 1,716.60	RinJ Africa costs	£ 7,019.09	£ 20,342.33
Other income	£ -	£ 460.45	RinJ Book printing costs	£ 2,356.36	£ 7,650.71
			Bank Charges	£ 50.32	£ 324.95
			Other expenses	£ -	£ -

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Opening Balance	<u>Savings Account</u>	£ 23,011.31
	Income (interest)	£ 268.80
	Expenditure	
	Transfers in	£ 14,000.00
	Transfers out	£ -
Closing Balance		£ 37,280.11

Opening Balance	<u>Current Account</u>	£ 7,436.48
	Income (excl Savings interest)	£ 50,666.65
	Expenditure	£ 35,811.65
	Transfers in	£ -
	Transfers out	£ 14,000.00

Opening Balance	£ 7,436.48
Income (excl Savings interest)	£ 50,666.65
Expenditure	£ 35,811.65
Transfers in	£ -
Transfers out	£ 14,000.00
Closing Balance	£ 8,291.48

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ROGER MORGAN
CHAIR OF TRUSTEES



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
THE MATHETES TRUST

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1169869

Set out on pages

(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 / 2023**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Robert Powell

Date:

25/06/24

Name:

ROBERT POWELL

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

DIRECTOR BASIL POWELL SHOES LTD

Address:

26 CHAMBERLAIN STREET, WELLS
SOMERSET BA5 2PJ

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.

<p>Report to the Charity Commission</p> <p>On 12/10/2018, I have examined the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31/12/2017.</p> <p>As the charity trustee of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).</p> <p>I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts as set out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable standards set out by the Charities Commission under section 145(1) of the Act.</p> <p>I have concluded my examination, I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention other than the disclosed below, in a situation where the examination which gives rise to a concern to believe that if any material matters were not taken in accordance with section 140 of the Act or the accounts do not comply with the accounting records.</p> <p>I have no objection and have no reason to believe that the matters in connection with the examination in which attention should be drawn to under the proper understanding of the accounts in the disclosed below.</p> <p>Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.</p> <p>Signature: <i>[Signature]</i></p> <p>Name: <i>[Name]</i></p> <p>Professional body: <i>[Professional body]</i></p> <p>Address: <i>[Address]</i></p>	<p>Report to the Charity Commission</p> <p>On 12/10/2018, I have examined the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31/12/2017.</p> <p>As the charity trustee of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).</p> <p>I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts as set out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable standards set out by the Charities Commission under section 145(1) of the Act.</p> <p>I have concluded my examination, I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention other than the disclosed below, in a situation where the examination which gives rise to a concern to believe that if any material matters were not taken in accordance with section 140 of the Act or the accounts do not comply with the accounting records.</p> <p>I have no objection and have no reason to believe that the matters in connection with the examination in which attention should be drawn to under the proper understanding of the accounts in the disclosed below.</p> <p>Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.</p> <p>Signature: <i>[Signature]</i></p> <p>Name: <i>[Name]</i></p> <p>Professional body: <i>[Professional body]</i></p> <p>Address: <i>[Address]</i></p>
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