



# HOUSE OF LIFE

POLISH CHURCH IN MANCHESTER

## **Annual Review for Polish Church House of Life, Manchester**

Year Ending 09.09.2024

### **Introduction**

The Polish Church House of Life in Manchester continues to be a beacon of hope and community for the Polish diaspora. In the 2023/2024 year, we focused on strengthening our community ties, providing spiritual support, and celebrating our rich cultural heritage.

### **Compliance with Charitable Purposes**

The Polish Church House of Life complies with its purposes, which are:

1. To advance the Christian faith\* in accordance with the statement of faith attached in the schedule, in such ways and in such parts of Greater Manchester, the United Kingdom, or the world as the trustees may determine. We also aim to fulfil other purposes that are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the charity.
2. To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by providing funds, goods, or services of any kind, including through counselling and support in such parts of Greater Manchester, the United Kingdom, or the world as the trustees may determine.
3. To promote Polish language and culture, ensuring that our community remains connected to its heritage while fostering understanding and appreciation of Polish traditions within the wider community.

## **Activities**

### **1. Christmas Celebration**

Our annual Christmas celebration brought together people, fostering a spirit of joy and community. We enjoyed traditional Polish dishes, music, and a special message from our pastor, highlighting the significance of the season.

### **2. Easter Celebration**

The Easter celebration featured a special service and a community gathering, allowing families to come together in reflection and joy. Attendees participated in traditional customs, reinforcing our cultural identity.

### **3. Guest Speakers**

Throughout the year, we hosted several guest speakers who addressed topics ranging from faith and personal growth to community challenges. These sessions encouraged engagement and provided valuable insights to our congregation.

### **4. The Chosen Monthly Series**

Our monthly viewing of "The Chosen" has been a highlight, allowing members to connect with biblical stories in a modern context. Discussions following each screening have deepened our understanding and faith.

### **5. Gospel of Mark Bible Study**

Our monthly Bible study on the Gospel of Mark attracted participants eager to explore scripture. This study has facilitated meaningful discussions and spiritual growth among attendees.

### **6. Library Expansion**

This year, we enlarged our library to include a broader selection of Polish literature, providing a space for learning and cultural enrichment. This initiative has encouraged reading and connection to our heritage.

### **7. Financial Support for People in Need**

In response to the needs of our community, we provided financial assistance to two families and individuals facing hardship. This support has helped ease burdens and foster resilience.

### **8. Pastoral Support for Those Struggling**

Our pastoral team offered counselling and support to individuals facing personal challenges. This compassionate outreach has been essential in helping community members navigate difficult times.

### **Impact and Outcomes:**

Our initiatives have significantly impacted our community, fostering unity, spiritual growth, and support for those in need. Feedback indicates that participants feel more connected to their faith and community through our programs.

**Financial Review:**

In 2023.2024, our total income was derived from donations and gift aid claim. Our expenditure were directed towards community programs, operational costs and outreach initiatives, we are grateful for the generosity of our supporters, which enables us to fulfil our mission.

Please refer to the attached document for a detailed financial review of our activities in 2023/2024.

**Governance and Compliance:**

All our policies are up to date and in accordance with the Charity Commission's advice. Our governance document is our constitution, which ensures we operate with transparency and accountability. We are committed to meeting all regulatory requirements and continuously improving our practices.

**Future Plans:**

In the upcoming year, we aim to:

- Expand our outreach programs to include additional support services.
- Increase community engagement through more cultural events and workshops.
- Develop new initiatives focused on youth and family support.

**Acknowledgements**

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our volunteers, donors, and community members. Your dedication and support have been instrumental in our mission to serve and uplift our community.

**Polish House of Life Church**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**(Incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account)**  
**FOR THE YEAR TO 10 SEPTEMBER 2024**

|   | Unrestricted Funds |            | Restricted | TOTAL           | TOTAL           |
|---|--------------------|------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|   | General            | Designated | Funds      | 2024            | 2023            |
| Note  | £                  | £          | £          | £               | £               |
| <b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>                                 |                    |            |            |                 |                 |
| Incoming resources from generated funds:                  |                    |            |            |                 |                 |
| Voluntary income  | 21,949             | 0          | 0          | 21,949          | 20,088          |
| Activities for generating funds                           |                    | 0          | 0          | 0               | 0               |
| Investment income   | 0                  | 0          | 0          | 0               | 0               |
| <b>Total incoming resources</b>                           | <u>21,949</u>      | <u>0</u>   | <u>0</u>   | <u>21,949</u>   | <u>20,088</u>   |
| <b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>                                 |                    |            |            |                 |                 |
| Charitable activities:                                    |                    |            |            |                 |                 |
| Evangelism costs  | 2,442              | 0          | 0          | 2,442           | 1,440           |
| Ministerial / Honoarium for visiting min.                 | 750                | 0          | 0          | 750             | 1,580           |
| Costs of other church activities                          | 834                | 0          | 0          | 834             | 855             |
| <i>Grants payable and restricted</i>                      | 0                  | 0          | 0          | 0               | 0               |
| Donations passed on                                       | 0                  | 0          | 0          | 0               | 0               |
| Governance costs  | 7,229              | 0          | 0          | 0               | 0               |
| Others  | 9,163              |            |            |                 |                 |
| <b>Total resources expended</b>                           | <u>20,418</u>      | <u>0</u>   | <u>0</u>   | <u>20,418</u>   | <u>22,255</u>   |
| <b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers</b> | 1,531              | 0          | 0          | 20,418          | 22,255          |
| <b>Gross transfers between funds</b>                      | <u>0</u>           | <u>0</u>   | <u>0</u>   | <u>0</u>        | <u>0</u>        |
| <b>Net movement in funds</b>                              | 0                  | 0          | 0          | 0               | 0               |
| <b>Total funds b/fwd 11 September 2023</b>                | 27,390             | 0          | 0          | 27,390          | 27,390          |
| <b>Prior year adjustment</b>                              | 0                  | 0          | 0          | 0               | 0               |
| <b>Total funds c/fwd 10 September 2024</b>                | <u>£ 28,921</u>    | <u>£ 0</u> | <u>£ 0</u> | <u>£ 28,921</u> | <u>£ 25,223</u> |

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**BALANCE SHEET  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 10 SEPTEMBER 2024**

|                                   | Note | Unrestricted Funds<br>General<br>£ | Designated<br>£ | Restricted<br>Funds<br>£ | TOTAL<br>2024<br>£ | TOTAL<br>2023<br>£ |
|-----------------------------------|------|------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>FIXED ASSETS</b>               |      |                                    |                 |                          |                    |                    |
| Tangible assets                   |      | <u>7,582</u>                       | <u>0</u>        | <u>0</u>                 | <u>7,582</u>       | <u>9,477</u>       |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>             |      |                                    |                 |                          |                    |                    |
| Debtors                           |      | 0                                  | 0               | 0                        | 0                  | 0                  |
| Bank and cash balances            |      | <u>6,339</u>                       | <u>0</u>        | <u>15,000</u>            | <u>21,339</u>      | <u>15,747</u>      |
|                                   |      | 6,339                              | 0               | 15,000                   | 21,339             | 15,747             |
| <b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>        |      |                                    |                 |                          |                    |                    |
| Creditors payable within one year |      | <u>0</u>                           | <u>0</u>        | <u>0</u>                 | <u>0</u>           | <u>0</u>           |
| <b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>         |      | 6,339                              | 0               | 15,000                   | 21,339             | 15,747             |
| <b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>           |      | <u>£ 13,921</u>                    | <u>£ 0</u>      | <u>£ 15,000</u>          | <u>£ 28,921</u>    | <u>£ 25,223</u>    |

**THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY**

Unrestricted income funds:

|            |          |          |          |          |          |
|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| General    | 13,921   | 0        | 0        | 28,921   | 25,223   |
| Designated | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| Total      | 13,921   | 0        | 0        | 28,921   | 25,223   |

Restricted income funds:

|  |                 |            |            |                 |                 |
|--|-----------------|------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|  | <u>0</u>        | <u>0</u>   | <u>0</u>   | <u>0</u>        | <u>0</u>        |
|  | <u>£ 13,921</u> | <u>£ 0</u> | <u>£ 0</u> | <u>£ 28,921</u> | <u>£ 25,223</u> |

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 31/10/24 and signed on their behalf by.

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Trustee

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Polish House of Life Church**

### **Introduction**

Thank you for submitting the accounts for independent examination. They have been well maintained and the treasurer and others responsible are to be commended for their hard work. I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended September 10, 2024.

### **Charity Law and Financial Regulations**

The independent examination has been carried out in accordance with the charities Accounts and Reports Regulations 1995 (Statutory Instruments No 2724) and the Accounting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP).

### **Signing of Accounts**

I shall be obliged if you will please forward a copy of the signature page for my records after the accounts have been signed by a representative appointed by the Trustees and Church Council. A spare copy is enclosed.

### **Conclusions**

There are no other matters I feel needed to be brought to your attention. Please do not hesitate to contact me for further clarification or for further assistance.

Akinola Olawale FCCA



Date: 20 October 2024



## **Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts to the Trustees of Polish House of Life Church**

**Set out on the following pages**

### **Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The 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.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, 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 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met:

(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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**Date:** 20 October 2024