

Redeemer Church Manchester

Report and financial statements

For the year ended 30 June 2023

Redeemer Church Manchester
Reference and administrative information
for the year ended 30 June 2023

Charity number 1171277

Registered office and operational address 16 Wilton Road,
Chorlton Cum Hardy
Manchester
M21 9DW

Trustees Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:

Timothy Martin (Chair)
Dr Rachelle Gent
Alison Wynch
Andrew Young (Treasurer)
Michael Lehan

Key management personnel Greg Willson Chief Executive

Bankers Santander
PO Box 1109
Bradford
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Independent Examiner Jennifer Daniel FCCA DChA Slade and Cooper
Beehive Mill, Jersey Street, Manchester, M4 6JG

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Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 30 June 2023

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023. Reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the charity's trust deed and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: SORP applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

Objectives and activities

Redeemer Manchester's stated objective is to advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in such ways as the trustees think fit. This specifically means establishing a new church in Chorlton, a suburb in south Manchester. The core values of Redeemer Church are expressed as: biblically rooted, gospel centred, mission driven and relationally committed. The church vision is to offer the 55,000 people living in Chorlton the opportunity to be part of a Christian community that teaches the Bible, centres its life upon Jesus, and is actively participating in God's work of seeking the renewal of Manchester.

With these objectives, we have continued:

1. Supporting the Founding Pastor, Rev. Greg Willson, who is responsible for planting the church.
2. Continuing the formal worship gatherings on Sundays at The Royal Oak Pub, Chorlton, and in the fourth quarter moving to a hall rented from Oswald Road Primary School.
3. Mobilising ministry teams that have been responsible for various tasks in the life of the church.
4. Working within our leadership pathways to recruit and train future leaders.
5. Connecting with local charities to further our mission as a church in Chorlton.

The trustees review the aims, objectives and activities of the charity each year. This report looks at what the charity has achieved and the outcomes of its work in the reporting period. The trustees report the success of each key activity and the benefits the charity has brought to those groups of people that it is set up to help. The review also helps the trustees ensure the charity's aims, objectives, and activities remain focused on its stated purposes.

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives that have been set.

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Achievements and performance

The charity's main activities and who it tries to help are described below. All its charitable activities are undertaken to further Redeemer's charitable purposes for the public benefit.

Each week Redeemer gathers at a hall rented from Oswald Road Primary School to set up and hold worship services. These are open to all, and much work is undertaken to make it an inclusive and welcoming space and experience. We sing, learn from the Bible, pray, and get to be with each other.

Every week there are multiple smaller groups of people who meet in homes throughout south Manchester to connect with each other, read the Bible and pray together, as well as organise outreach plans to serve and love those who aren't part of the church.

The leadership in Redeemer meet with individuals throughout the week and for various reasons: working through difficult life circumstances, learning more about Christianity, and helping people in many aspects of life.

Redeemer has always been active in the community and this year has been no exception. We have helped organise, and participated in, the Chorlton Get Together, sponsored & planned aspects of the Chorlton Arts Festival, and held various events over Christmas, some of them connected with other local charities. We ran a community art project, giving out cameras to people in local venues and showcasing their artwork in an exhibition in conjunction with local social enterprise Chorlton Bike Deliveries.

Beneficiaries of our services

The beneficiaries of Redeemer have first been those who are connected to the church and have been part of its meetings, and secondly, the community as a whole.

Financial review

Income for 2023 was £110,671 (2022: £76,168). Expenditure for 2023 was £108,779 (2022: £89,947). Higher spending in the latter part of the financial year is down to: a) a move to new premises which required upfront capital expenditure primarily on chairs for our new meeting location, b) spending (mentioned in last year's report) on legal processes for Greg Willson's indefinite leave to remain, which was granted.

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Reserves policy

The Trustees have agreed a policy to hold unrestricted reserves at the level of £12,000. Unrestricted reserves at the year end amounted to £37,617.24, with restricted reserves of £1,589 (for The Spark project).

We don't currently anticipate any large spending needs beyond our regular monthly expenditure on salaries and room hire. We continue to see our proportion of funding from internal givers increase and are working to provide more transparency and opportunities to explore what the church is spending these donations on. We remain grateful for the one-off gifts received by churches, trusts and supporters.

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Plans for the future

Redeemer ended FY2023 in the process of hiring an additional employee, who was expected to start June 2023 but delays in the visa process means this is pushed to Q1 of the following financial year.

Structure, governance and management

Redeemer Church Manchester is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), governed by a declaration of trust dated 24th January 2017. New Trustees are appointed by existing Trustees and are given appropriate induction and training on appointment. Day to day management of the CIO's operations are delegated to the Founding Pastor, employed by the CIO: Rev. Gregory Willson. Redeemer Manchester also relies on volunteers to help ensure quality activities are delivered.

The organisation is a charitable incorporated organisation, registered as a charity on 24 January 2017 in England and Wales.

The charity is constituted under a governing document 9 January 2017. The trustees are members of the charity but this entitles them only to voting rights. The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity. All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. Any expenses reclaimed from the charity are set out in note 4 to the accounts.

Related parties and relationships with other organisations

Redeemer is a part of the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC), Acts 29 (a group of churches that focus on starting new churches), and the North West Gospel Partnership (Anglican and free churches together). At times we work alongside Reach Out to the Community, a charity that helps people who are living in food poverty and experiencing homelessness.

There are churches and individuals in America that donate money as well.

Statement of responsibilities of the trustees

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the period and of its financial position at the end of the period. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The trustees' annual report has been approved by the trustees on 03/03/2024 and signed on their behalf by

Tim Martin

Chair of Trustees

Independent examiner's report
to the members of
Redeemer Church Manchester

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30th June 2023 which are set out on pages 8 to 11.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records

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.

Jennifer Daniel FCCA DChA

Slade & Cooper Limited, Chartered Certified Accountants
Beehive Mill, Jersey Street
Manchester, M4 6JG

Date **27 March 2024**

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Receipts and Payments Account
for the year ended 30 June 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Receipts					
Donations	3	110,671	-	110,671	76,168
Total receipts		110,671	-	110,671	76,168
Payments					
Accommodation Costs		22,969	-	22,969	22,699
Ministry Costs		30,647	-	30,647	23,395
Office Costs		2,642	-	2,642	2,973
Professional Services		5,860	-	5,860	741
Overheads		6,516	-	6,516	6,216
Staff Costs		39,883	-	39,883	33,923
Fundraising Costs		262	-	262	-
Total payments		108,779	-	108,779	89,947
Net receipts/ (payments)		1,892	-	1,892	(13,779)
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Surplus/ (deficit)		1,892	-	1,892	(13,779)

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Statement of assets and liabilities
as at 30 June 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Cash funds					
Bank and cash balances at start of year		36,005	1,589	37,594	51,373
Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account		1,892	-	1,892	(13,779)
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Bank and cash balances at end of year		37,897	1,589	39,486	37,594
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Liabilities					
	Fund			2023	2022
Creditors	Unrestricted			495	199
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Total liabilities				495	199
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Approved by the trustees on 26/3/24 and signed on their behalf by:

Tim Martin (Chair of Trustees)

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 30 June 2023

1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts & Payments basis.

2 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity.

Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

3 Receipts from charitable activities

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 £	2022 £
Donations	110,671	-	110,671	76,168
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	110,671	-	110,671	76,168
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4 Trustee remuneration and expenses, and related party transactions

No trustees or persons connected with them received any remuneration during the year .

No trustees received travel and subsistence expenses during the year (2022: Nil).

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity, including guarantees, during the year.

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 30 June 2023 (continued)

5 Analysis of movements in restricted funds

	Balance at 1 July 2022 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Balance at 30 June 2023 £
The Spark Project	1,589	-	-	-	1,589
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Total	1,589	-	-	-	1,589
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Name of fund

The Spark Project

Description, nature and purposes of the fund

6 Analysis of movement in unrestricted funds

	Balance at 1 July 2022 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	As at 30 June 2023 £
General fund	36,005	110,671	(108,779)	-	37,897
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	36,005	110,671	(108,779)	-	37,897
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