



**THE ALLIANCE
MANCHESTER**

The Alliance Manchester (TAM) End of Year Report

Year Commencing 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022

Purpose and Aims

The Alliance Manchester is, for the public benefit, the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the TAM Statement of Faith.

Our vision is to be:

“A multicultural, Jesus-centred family, sharing life together and sharing Jesus’ life with others.

We actively seek to promote and advance the Christian faith through various activities including; regular church meetings, training, outreach events and ministries run from our community centre and cafe, The Giving Tree, Moss Side, Manchester.

We seek to ensure that activities are open to those who can’t afford to contribute financially and, where costs are necessarily involved, we seek to assist those of lesser means by providing subsidies and scholarships.

Taking into consideration the Charity Commission’s publication on the *Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit*, TAM seeks to:

- Invite as many people as possible to be an active part of our church community and reach out to new people through various events, activities and regular meetings
- Provide regular prayer and worship services for all to attend and take part.
- Provide Christian gospel teaching for spiritual and moral education, to help develop trust in Jesus and become faithful disciples.
- Provide pastoral support, spiritual guidance, prayer and practical support, including those suffering with difficult circumstances, poor health and to the bereaved.
- Undertake community projects in order to live out our Christian values.



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Delivering our aims

The Trustees consider the performance of the charity for this year to have good and the resulting outcome to have been really encouraging. We have seen growth in the church and have seen the positive impact from various community activities and events.

This year was a significant step forward for us as we opened up our new community centre and cafe "The Giving Tree" to the public, with various community activities taking place and invitations to members of the public to further consider and explore the Christian faith.

TAM held a range of regular services/ meetings/ activities and events during the year that benefitted the public and local community in various ways.

Regular Meetings

TAM held a regular Sunday gathering each week including worship, prayer, bible teaching and fellowship time. Communion services were held monthly.

Every Sunday, Christian Bible teaching is delivered to promote the Christian faith, inspire trust in Jesus and provide sound moral teaching. Attendance at the Sunday service varied across the year between approximately 40 and 70 people each week. The church Pastor and leaders/facilitators generally deliver the teaching with occasional input from visiting speakers or friends and partners of the community.

Various new individuals have attended through the year, some of whom would not have been to church before. The church is particularly interested in connecting with those from various cultures. We have seen an increase in those from Hong Kong and Asia regularly attending.

Special services were held at Christmas and Easter with several outreach events through the year. At Christmas we had a very well attended event to celebrate and eat together, inviting new people and providing community and hospitality for those who would otherwise be lonely or without family at Christmas.

Children's Ministry

The Children's ministry has continued to grow and expand with new leaders and volunteers stepping up to help lead this. We have had 5-12 children regularly attending between the ages of 5 and 11.

The children are taught about Jesus and take part in various activities including crafts and games.

Support for those from non-British backgrounds

One of our core values is to be a multi-lingual and multi-cultural community with many of those attending coming from diverse backgrounds and cultures. The community has continued to



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attract and reflect a variety of cultures including Latino/Spanish, East Asian, Middle Eastern, European, North American and African.

All cultures are invited to participate in Christian worship with members befriending, sharing information and, praying for each other, supporting each other in practical ways such as providing food, directing to free English classes and providing pastoral visits where appropriate.

English Classes

Every Tuesday and Thursday we run free English classes from The Giving Tree. On Saturday we also ran a drop-in English conversation class followed by an optional bible study. All of these activities were well attended with between 15-40 people attending throughout the year. The English classes are advertised through the council who have been supportive of these efforts.

Prayer meetings

Every Sunday we have a prayer meeting that is open to all to attend where we pray for areas around the world. This year we had a particular focus praying for Iran and also Turkey with the horrific earthquake that took place. As a church we raised a gift to send via our denomination (Christian & Missionary Alliance) to those working on the ground in Turkey.

Worship

The Worship ministry thrived this year with members of our community leading training in inter-cultural and multi-lingual worship. We seek to create a space in which all cultures feel welcomes and are able to worship God in their native language.

Pastoral & Counselling support

The pastoral team has continued to meet to pray with and encourage individuals, both through home visits and through meetings arranged in The Giving Tree Centre and café.

The Giving Tree Centre & Cafe

This year The Giving Tree community centre and café was fully opened to the public with the café opening 2 days a week in Spring and then 3 days per week from Autumn. The café is fully run by volunteers who seek to connect with members of the public in the context of a cafe.

Barista training and internships were started with SCA approved training provided to members of the public in order to help them gain employment skills. Our Coffee and life training programme engages people through coffee and challenges them on what they believe and value. Where people struggled to cover costs, scholarships and subsidies were provided to assist.

Neither the café or the barista training is run as a profit centre to generate an income stream for the church. Instead we are creating a multi-cultural safe space where all members of the public can come for refreshment and social interaction with invitations to prayer, to further explore



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Christianity, engage with English culture and language and attend regular community and church activities.

We have been encouraged by the feedback we have received with positive comments about the atmosphere and volunteers and we have seen various people connecting through prayer and our community coffee events which focus on different countries and provide members of the public with a chance to try out coffee brewing for themselves. Two of these events were run with a focus on Japan and Brazil. We hope to continue to develop this ministry over the coming years with further points of connection.

Anyone is welcome to join in volunteering in the café, to learn skills and undertake training whilst considering the bigger questions of life.

Church Weekend Away

This year, with Covid regulations largely gone, we again arranged a church weekend away with about 40 members of our community attending Lockerbrook House in the Peak District. This was a great time of teaching and fellowship and helped to establish friendship within the community. We hope that this can be an annual event.

Global Giving

Having been blessed this year we undertook fundraising to give to missionary efforts globally, this included giving to Partners in Turkey who are helping with relief work following the earthquake in the region.

Summary

This year has been a year where we have seen the various ministries of the church grow and thrive. We have been excited to see The Giving Tree grow into a place that is full of people who want to discuss life and faith and are looking for a community that they can belong to. We pray that God would bless the area and the city through this ministry and that many people would come to find out about the good news of Jesus, just as we have.

Future Goals

This year the charity will continue to advance the Christian faith by:

- Continuing to meet regularly and develop the current ministries
- To look to expand home groups further into local areas to reach out to new people outside of the current community and to meet locally
- To further develop the café and Coffee and Life ministries
- To continue to run the English class ministry as service and outreach to the public.
- To continue to utilise TGT centre as a hub for training related to Christianity, inter-culturalism and outreach to the local community.
- To undertake further activities including a gardening project



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Financial Review

Having initiated a fundraising target of £150k over 2021-2023 to cover the setup costs for the venue and café we are on track to achieve this objective with nearly £96,000 raised towards the total. We hope to continue fundraising this year to see the £150k target realised.

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £51,316. Total receipts on restricted funds were £17,856. This gave a total income of £69,172 from voluntary gifted donations provided by attendees, partners, grant funding and those linked to the church community. We raised some funds through charitable activities related to the Community centre and café and also benefitted from gift aid on donations. Restricted funds were given specifically towards Global Giving, the work of the community centre/café and the planned gardening project. A particular thank you goes to the Peel Trust and the Rank Trust, who supported the work with larger one-off grants.

During the year, £44,310 was spent on The Giving Tree community centre and café activities including; running costs, café equipment and building works. £17,385 was spent on other ministry related activities including ministry costs and giving. Another £5841 was spent on loan repayments related to the coffee machine. The net result for the year was a deficiency of receipts over payments on unrestricted funds and an excess of receipts over payments of £4,825 on restricted funds.

Adding bank balances brought forward at the beginning of the year of £19,481, the balances carried forward at 31st December 2022 on unrestricted funds totaled £21,117.

Reserves Policy

It is TAM policy to seek to maintain a minimum balance of £6,000 to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. At the year end the charity held unrestricted cash of £16,292 complying with the charity policy for holding reserves. The amount in excess of £6,000 is held to help fund the development of the charity's activities.

Investments

TAM does not invest its capital; it is retained in a charity bank account for regular access:

*Co-Operative Bank,
Cross Street,
Manchester
M2 4JG*

Structure, Governance and Management

Trustees

TAM is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) whose only voting members are its charity trustees. It is governed by a constitution document and was registered with the Charity Commission on 1st March 2017.



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Trustees are appointed or re-appointed by the members of the CIO. The details of appointment are set out in the TAM constitution. The charity trustees manage the affairs of TAM and are responsible for deciding how the funds of TAM are spent. The trustees aim to meet each quarter in order to fulfill their duties and obligations as trustees.

This year on 27th May 2022 Richard Deighton stepped down as a Trustee, we thank Richard for his service. Since Richard stepped down Odong Ochaya has taken Ricard's place as a Trustee, we welcome Odong to the group.

Recruitment, induction and training of new trustees

In appointing trustees we seek to bring a range of skills and expertise to the management of the Charity.

New trustees are introduced to the charity and provided with relevant documentation in order to be able to understand and fulfil their role. They are kept updated through regular trustee meetings and communications throughout the year.

Communications

Whatsapp social media groups have been set up and attendees/visitors of the charity/church are invited. This allows for the sharing of prayer requests and announcements about events.

The charity has a website at www.alliancemcr.com and also uses facebook and Zoom. The community hub and café also has a dedicated website www.thegivingtreehub.com.

Volunteers

TAM has a number of different ministries that are overseen by the trustees. Outside of the group of trustees, a number of committed volunteers dedicate a large amount of time to helping to run the church and the various activities. This includes the core leadership group and various ministry facilitators and volunteers. We want to use this opportunity to thank them for their service on behalf of the charity beneficiaries.

Staff

TAM did not employ anyone this year, all operations and administration of the charity were undertaken by volunteers and the trustees on a voluntary basis.

Administrative Information

Charity number: 1171833

Registered address: 508 Moss Lane East, Manchester, M14 4PA

TAM church is associated to the Christian & Missionary Alliance Great Britain (CMA-GB) denomination which is further affiliated to the worldwide organisation known as The Alliance



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World Fellowship which was born out of the work of The Christian & Missionary Alliance in some 50 countries.

Names of Charity Trustees (who manage the charity):

Juan Carlos Parodi	(Trustee)
Sandro Oliveira	(Trustee)
Barnabas Kwant	(Trustee)
Odong Ochaya	(Trustee)

Some trustees have taken on specific responsibilities in the administration of the charity, as follows:

Juan Carlos Parodi	Chairman, Pastoral Team lead
Sandro Oliveira	Pastoral Team & Finance support
Barnabas Kwant	Treasurer / Finance lead
Odong Ochaya	

Risk management

The trustees are aware of their duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Policies in place

Equal opportunities statement - TAM is a Christian organisation committed to social justice and opposed to discrimination in society.

Grant making policy - put in place to ensure that gifts are given in accordance with the charity aims, objectives and priorities. Particular safeguards have been put in place in proportion to the expenditure.

Safeguarding policy & procedures - put in place to protect vulnerable persons and children. A safeguarding action plan, procedure and log book are all stored centrally/electronically with restricted access. DBS checks have been undertaken throughout the year for ministry leaders and volunteers.

GDPR - TAM has put additional systems in place to meet their obligations under GDPR.

Volunteer Policy & procedure - This clearly defines the volunteer role within the charity and ensures that volunteers understand their role and how to raise any concerns.

Representation in Court policy - This policy states that the charity/church will not represent its members or members of the public in court.



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Report Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by Barnabas Kwant
(Trustee):

Signed:

Date:

12/04/2023



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Appendix 1 - Receipt and Payments Accounts Statement of Assets and Liabilities



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Alliance Manchester

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/01/2022

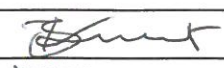

To

31/12/2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations & Legacies	35,472		-	35,472	30,976
Grant Funding		15,750	-	15,750	19,200
Gardening Project		396	-	396	
Global Giving		1,710	-	1,710	-
Charitable Activities	12,859		-	12,859	
Gift Aid Received	2,985		-	2,985	2,694
		-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	51,316	17,856	-	69,172	52,870
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Loan for purchase of equipment	-	-	-	-	11,680
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	11,680
Total receipts	51,316	17,856	-	69,172	64,550
A3 Payments					
Building Repair & Maintenance	1,439	923	-	2,362	15,934
Café equipment	3,184	1,468	-	4,652	5,095
Rent, Bills, Rates	18,873	3,252	-	22,125	22,675
General Ministry costs	8,877		-	8,877	4,677
Insurance & legal fees	-	1,544	-	1,544	1,886
Grant making	6,734		-	6,734	7,258
Café & Barista costs	9,493	4,134	-	13,627	-
Project Moussa	64	1,710	-	1,774	-
Loan Repayments	5,841		-	5,841	-
Sub total	54,505	13,031	-	67,536	57,525
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
Café equipment purchased	-	-	-	-	11,681
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	11,681
Total payments	54,505	13,031	-	67,536	69,206
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 3,189	4,825	-	1,636	- 4,656
A5 Transfers between funds	0	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	19,481	-	-	19,481	24,162
Cash funds this year end	16,292	4,825	-	21,117	19,506

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Petty Cash	-	-	-
	Cash in co-op bank account	16,292	4,825	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	16,292	4,825	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Coffee machine & 2 grinders	Café equipment	-	9,000
	Music instruments/sound equipment	Unrestricted	-	400
	Furniture	Unrestricted	-	1,640
	Café Equipment & Furnishings	Café equipment	-	5,281
	Office Equipment & Furnishings	Unrestricted	-	1,000
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Long Term borrowing - loan	Café equipment	5,840	repayable in monthly instalments by 31.12.23
	Independent examiner's fee	Unrestricted	200	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Barnabas Kwant	12/04/2023	
		Sandro Oliveira	12/04/2023	

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Alliance Manchester Charitable Incorporated Organisation ('the CIO')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 CIO's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the CIO as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.



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