

**Thornton  
Church of The Nazarene**

**Board of Trustees' Report  
and Financial Statements  
For the Year Ended  
30 September 2024**

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## **Thornton Church of The Nazarene**

### **Report of the Board of Trustees for the year ended 30 September 2024**

The Board of Trustees presents its report and financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2024.

#### **Reference and Administrative Information**

Charity name: Thornton Church of The Nazarene  
Charity Registration Number: 1172453  
Principal Address: 2-4 Leslie Avenue, Thornton Cleveleys, FY5 4PE

#### **Board of Trustees**

Pastor Hannah Sanders	(Chairperson)	(appointed: 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2025)
Pastor Adam Sanders		(appointed: 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2025)
Rev. Joseph Prescott	(Treasurer)	(appointed: 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2025)
Rev. Carl McCann		(appointed: 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2025)

#### **Holding Trustee**

Church of the Nazarene British Isles South District (A Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee: Company No 7028764)

**Website:** <https://www.facebook.com/ThorntonChurchoftheNazarene/>

**Bankers:** HSBC, 1 Newhouse Road, Blackpool, FY4 4YH.

**Independent Examiner:** An independent examination was not required as total income was below £25,000.

### **Structure, Governance and management**

#### **Structure and Organisation**

The charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) was set up on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 with registration number 1172453.

#### **Trustee Appointments**

The Pastor of the church is ex-officio chairperson of the Board of Charity Trustees and his/her position is reviewed after two years and then every four years after that. Ordinarily, the remaining Trustees are appointed annually by the members of Thornton Church of The Nazarene at the annual general meeting held in February each year. However, the church was declared in crisis as per the Manual of the Church of the Nazarene. As such, the District Advisory Board (DAB) appointed trustees to oversee the church until it was no longer considered in crisis.

#### **Governance and Wider Network**

The Board of Trustees meets regularly, normally on a monthly basis to consider the work and management of the church and assess and plan the financial and other aspects of the work and direction of the charity.

The church/CIO is a member of the Church of The Nazarene British Isles South District (a Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee, Company No 7028764; Charity No 1133336) which in turn is a member of The Global Church of The Nazarene which has its headquarters in Lenexa, USA.

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The CIO is governed by an approved governing constituting document drawn up by Anthony Collins, Charity Solicitors, Birmingham and approved by the Charity Commission for England and Wales and HMR&C. The governing document is based on the Manual of the Global Church of The Nazarene where UK law permits.

#### **Risk Management**

The risk management strategy of the church is in a continual process of formulation in response to the changing circumstances that could impact upon the work of the church.

The Board of Trustees, in considering this important task, take direction from on-going discussions with members both internally and through meetings with the Church of The Nazarene British Isles South District and other advisers, adopting appropriate policies as required or as they become necessary to the ongoing work of the church.

#### **Objectives and Activities**

##### **Charitable Objectives**

The charity has the following objectives:

- a) The advancement of the Christian faith as part of the Global Church of The Nazarene and the Church of the Nazarene British Isles South District.
- b) To serve and enhance the local community

##### **Public Benefit**

The Trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit reporting in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. This report illustrates the activities undertaken to support the public benefit requirement.

##### **Review of the Year**

The aims for the year included:

- Re-open the church building following a period of closure due to flooding.
  - Continuation of weekly Christian worship meetings and promotion of the Christian faith in accordance with the principles of the Church of The Nazarene.
  - Continuing to develop links with the local community, to enhance the involvement of the church with, and support, relevant local agencies on behalf of the local community.
  - Continue to make the church building available to hire for local groups, once re-open.
- Significant activities during the period include:
    - The re-opening of the building following a period of closure due to flooding.
    - Weekly worship services
    - Organising community fun days.
    - Provision of the building for community activities.
    - Visitation of both members and others in the local community in times of need or by request.

##### **Volunteers**

The work planned, activities undertaken and achievements attained would not have been possible without the active involvement and hard work of all of the members and friends of the charity without whom the substantial work of the charity could not be realised. The Board of Trustees is grateful for the work and support of all the members and friends of Thornton Church of The Nazarene.

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**Financial Review**

**Reserves**

The charity does not have a policy on reserves as the expenditure and work of the charity is reliant upon the ongoing support, tithes and offerings of the members and friends received at the weekly meetings. The Board of Trustees reviews on a monthly basis the anticipated income and expenditure for the next two to three months in order to ensure the ongoing work of the charity.

**Financial Review of the Year**

The charity has continued throughout the year to meet and tailor the expenditure it incurs to the income received through rent for use of the building and through the tithes offerings and donations received. There is much more that the Board of Trustees would like to do and we continue to explore these and the use of possible grants that may be available to enable these plans to become a reality.

The receipts and payment account shows that there was a net decrease in cash funds during the year of £9,154.05. This was due to intentional investment in the building and grounds, primarily in the provision of a new accessible toilet and new car park. Both of these investments should see the building become more attractive to outside hirers.

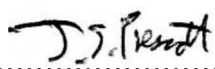
**Plans for Future Periods**

The Board of Trustees meets on a monthly basis to plan and look to the future of the charity.


**Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

  
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Joseph Prescott (Treasurer)

  
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Hannah Sanders (Chairperson)

**Thornton Church of The Nazarene  
Receipts & Payments Account**

		<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	
	<b>Note</b>	<b>Year Ended 30 September 2024 £</b>	<b>Year Ended 30 September 2023 £</b>
<b>Income</b>			
Donations			416.08
Gift Aid Tax Received			915.00
Offerings		3,563.04	1,557.96
Refunds		2,620.81	
Rents Received	1	7,508.82	3,348.27
Unaccounted for Funds			2,128.35
		<b>13,692.67</b>	<b>8,365.66</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Bank Charges		73.04	37.12
Bookkeeping			40.00
CCLI		93.00	87.00
Cleaning		96.48	
District Assembly		116.94	134.00
District Budgets		1,156.00	302.00
Equipment	2	1,387.00	304.56
Event Expenses		135.00	
Gardening Expenses		201.44	250.00
Gifts		385.00	300.00
Hospitality		497.16	
Insurance		2,295.52	1,288.28
Pastoral Expenses		915.00	
Petty Cash Expenses		100.00	1,000.00
Repairs & Maintenance	3	10,764.67	160.00
Resources		273.08	
Utilities	4	3,970.78	988.25
Visiting Speakers		386.61	
		<b>22,846.72</b>	<b>4,891.21</b>
<b>Net Balance</b>		<b>9,154.05</b>	<b>3,474.45</b>
<b>Balance Brought Forward</b>		15,410.25	11,935.80
<b>Balance Carried Forward</b>		<b>6,256.20</b>	<b>15,410.25</b>
<b>Cash Funds</b>			
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Bank account		5,743.16	15,410.25
Cash Balance		513.04	
<b>Total Funds Held</b>		<b>6,256.20</b>	<b>15,410.25</b>

Thornton Church of the Nazarene owns property at 2-4 Leslie Avenue and 69 Park Avenue, but valuations of these properties is unavailable.

All interests in Real property are held in the sole name of the Church of the Nazarene British Isles South District as Holding Trustee on the Model Trusts.

## Thornton Church of The Nazarene

### Notes to Accounts for the Year Ended 30 September 2024

	Year Ended 30/09/2024	Year Ended 30/09/2023
<b>Note 1 Rent Received</b>		
Manse Rent	6,572.82	3,348.27
Rent Slimming World	936.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,508.82</b>	<b>3,348.27</b>

	Year Ended 30/09/24	Year Ended 30/09/2023
<b>Note 2 Equipment</b>		
CCTV	130.00	
Church Sound System	117.00	
New Church Chairs	1,140.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,387.00</b>	

	Year Ended 30/09/2024	Year Ended 30/09/2023
<b>Note 3 Repairs &amp; Maintenance</b>		
Accessible Toilet	2,268.00	
Church Driveway	6,655.00	
Church Fence	85.00	
Fire Extinguishers	42.00	
Locks for Church	90.00	
Other Repairs	191.91	160.00
Painting & Decorating	1,117.76	
Roof Repairs & Insulation	315.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,764.67</b>	<b>160.00</b>

	Year Ended 30/09/2024	Year Ended 30/09/2023
<b>Note 4 Utilities</b>		
British Gas	3,007.87	470.24
E.On Next	338.52	248.62
EE (Wi-Fi)	285.78	90.00
Water Plus	338.61	179.39
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,970.78</b>	<b>988.25</b>