

THE HIGHER PLACE (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST BIBLE CHURCH)

England & Wales · Charity number 1173023

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-05-12

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH MAINLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY: 1. MEANS OF BROADCASTING MESSAGES AND MUSIC AND TEACHING NATURE. 2. CONNECTING PEOPLE TO JESUS, LIFE-GIVING RELATIONSHIPS AND GOD-GIVEN DESTINIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS CHRIST. 3. SUPPORTING CHRIST FOLLOWERS / CHRISTIANS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THROUGH HOLDING OF PRAYER MEETINGS, WORSHIP EXPERIENCES AND PRODUCING PUBLICATIONS. 4. PROVISION OF HOUSING FOR VULNERABLE PEOPLE 5. PROVISION OF RELIEF FOR THOSE IN NEED DUE TO AGE, ILL-HEALTH, DISABILITY, FINANCIAL OR OTHER DISADVANTAGE.

Activities: The Charity is involved in social outreach, youth work, provision of housing for vulnerable people, evangelistic activities; holding events to connect people to Jesus, life-giving relationships and God-Given destinies in accordance with the teachings of Jesus Christ. We also support individuals and organisations.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-30	£169,433	£119,189	-	-
2024-04-30	£121,277	£114,935	-	-
2023-04-30	£74,316	£82,544	-	-
2022-04-30	£85,212	£57,447	-	-
2021-04-30	£45,790	£32,612	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Adewale Olumide Adesanya		2023-09-15
MOLAGBEMI ASENGUAH		2017-05-01
OKIEMUTE NESI SCOTT-EMUAKPOR		2017-05-01

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Accounts

Registered number: CE009979
Charity number: 1173023

THE HIGHER PLACE (DISCIPLES OF THE CHRIST BIBLE CHURCH)
UNAUDITED
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

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THE HIGHER PLACE (DISCIPLES OF THE CHRIST BIBLE CHURCH)

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025**

Trustees	Okiemute Nesi Scott-Emuakpor, Chair Ashetoritse Oritsedebi Ilo (resigned 19 November 2024) Molagbemi Asenguah Adewale Olumide Adesanya
Company registered number	CE009979
Charity registered number	1173023
Registered office	Trinity House 3 Bullace Lane Dartford Kent DA1 1BB
Accountants	Hedley Dunk Limited t/a Xeinadin Trinity House 3 Bullace Lane Dartford Kent DA1 1BB

THE HIGHER PLACE (DISCIPLES OF THE CHRIST BIBLE CHURCH)

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the The Higher Place (Disciples of Christ Bible Church) for the 1 May 2024 to 30 April 2025. The Annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the Charity qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Objectives and activities

Policies and objectives

The advancement of the Christian Faith mainly but not exclusively by:

- Means of broadcasting messages and music and teaching nature.
- Connecting people to Jesus, life-given relationships, and God-given destinies for the benefit of the public in accordance with the teaching of Jesus Christ.
- Supporting Christ followers / Christians for the benefit of the public through holding of prayer meetings, worship experiences, and publications.
- Provision of housing for vulnerable people.
- Provision of relief for those in need due to age, ill-health, disability, financial or other disadvantages.

Main activities undertaken to further the Charity's purposes for the public benefit

During this period, The Higher Place delivered its mission through:

- Weekly Sunday gatherings (in-person and online).
- Children's ministry, student and young adults engagement, and youth development.
- Community outreach initiatives including welfare and foodbank support.
- Discipleship courses including Take A Step Course.
- Mental health counselling support.
- Volunteer development initiatives and team assemblies.
- Support to external charitable organisations and missions.

In line with our charitable aims, these activities were carried out to benefit the public in accordance with the guidance of the Charity Commission.

The Trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit (PB1, PB2, PB3) when planning and delivering activities.

The church provides spiritual, emotional, and practical support to individuals of all backgrounds across Greenwich, wider London, and diverse mission contexts.

All activities are offered freely or at a significantly subsidised rate, ensuring accessibility for all.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

Achievements and performance

Main achievements of the Charity

Charitable Activities

This has been a year of multiplication at The Higher Place Church. We started 2025 strongly with our Crossover Service which was well attended and brought together people from different backgrounds. We have not only strengthened our foundations but also seen significant growth and increased engagement across every area of ministry whilst also expanding impact within our community. During this period, our average weekly attendance increased by 19.1%. We also outgrew our venue and launched into two services, and 6 months later, we moved to a bigger space.

Sunday Gatherings

Sunday services continued to be at the heart of our church. The launch of two services in March created a better space for worship and helped us welcome more people. Around this time, we saw:

- 10.24% increase in regular church attendance
- 18.29% increase in engagement (people engaging in life groups, Alpha course, Take a Step course etc.)
- Growth in excellence and leadership
- Enhanced experience for kids
- 24.39% increase in number of members serving

Many of our members reported feeling motivated to go to church as they had options.

Prayer

Together we are growing in Prayer as evidenced by the increased number of regular attendees at our fortnightly Friday evening prayer meetings, and successful 14 days fasting and prayer in January 2025.

Baptisms

We celebrated 12 baptisms! Baptisms are joyful occasions at The Higher Place. It is always a joy to gather to support and celebrate individuals' decisions to follow Jesus more deeply. This is why we exist: to see ordinary people from every nation and generation transformed into passionate leaders for Jesus. The baptisms also reflected the spiritual growth and strong sense of community developing within the church.

MINISTRIES

Children

The Children's Ministry grew massively this year. With new volunteers joining, the team added more creative lessons and activities. This made the sessions more engaging and helped the children learn and have fun. Average weekly attendance in the kids' church increased by about 14.9%. We also launched a music school for the pre-teens to learn instruments that they are passionate about. Many of them have stepped up since then to lead various areas in the Children's ministry.

Students

We attended the annual University of Greenwich Freshers' Fair event, where we welcomed and engaged with over 100 students from diverse backgrounds. Our students group continues to support and resource students through job hunting workshops, CV reviews, and, more recently, a student wellbeing programme featuring a foodbank for students.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

Achievements and performance (continued)

Men's and Women's Ministry

We hosted a series of men's and women's hangouts throughout the year, giving people space to relax, connect, and grow together. These gatherings helped build real friendships, encouraged honest conversations about life, and strengthened the sense of community within our church.

Life Groups

Life Groups continued to be an essential part of discipleship and pastoral care at The Higher Place. Several groups ran consistently throughout the year, offering spaces for prayer, Bible study, community support, and mentorship. Our Life Group Christmas parties were particularly impactful, helping new members integrate comfortably into the church community and build meaningful relationships.

Marriage and Family Support

We hosted a Marriage Enrichment Day that brought together couples for practical tools, guided conversations, and pastoral support to strengthen their relationships. This event was part of our wider commitment to supporting families and encouraging healthy, thriving homes.

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Outreach remained a central expression of our charitable purpose, with several impactful initiatives delivered throughout the year.

Christmas Outreach

We organised a Christmas outreach focused on supporting single parents, the elderly, and individuals in need. Around 40 food parcels were delivered across the Greenwich, Bexley, and Dartford areas, providing practical help during the festive season. We were also able to offer emotional and psychological support to those who needed it, making the outreach a meaningful source of care and encouragement.

Mental Health Support

Recognising the increasing need for wellbeing support, we continued to offer mental health signposting and pastoral guidance. Our in-house counsellor provided confidential support to individuals facing challenges, while referrals were made to external agencies where specialist care was required.

Family Fun Day & Community Events

Our Family Fun Day served as a major community outreach event with over 100 people in attendance. It was a safe and enjoyable environment for families to connect. Activities, such as face painting, bouncy castle, raffle draw, football, sack race, encouraged community bonding and strengthened our presence as a supportive, welcoming organisation in Greenwich.

External Support

We support a lot of other charities yearly. This year, we've donated to charities such as Open Doors, Royal Diadem Network, and partner churches around us.

Events

We hosted a range of church-wide events that strengthened community life and encouraged engagement across all ages. These included our Anniversary Celebration and our summer Picnic in the Park. We also held two team conferences and Mobilisation Sunday to train our volunteers and mobilise more members to join a team, Back-to-School Sunday to celebrate kids and students starting a new school term, and a Multicultural and Multigenerational Celebration that highlighted the diversity within our church family. In addition, we honoured our volunteers through a Workers' Appreciation Dinner. These events helped to build connection, celebrate milestones, and strengthened our sense of unity as a church.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

Achievements and performance (continued)

Overall, the charity remains open to opportunities regarding a permanent building of its own. Additionally, the charity continues to discuss partnership opportunities with other charities.

Financial review

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

Reserves policy

The Charity had a total income of £169,433 during the period. In the same period, The Charity had expenses amounting to £119,189, leaving a surplus of £50,244

The Higher Place maintains a policy to hold three months' worth of operating expenditure in reserves to ensure stability, continuity of ministry, and preparedness for unexpected needs. This currently amounts to £20,000.

Unrestricted reserves not in fixed assets as at 30th April 2025 was £92,923, well in excess of our minimum reserves policy; much of this has been ring-fenced by trustees for the support of mission activities within the community and for the purchase of a church building.

Principal funding

The principal sources of funds for The Higher Place typically include:

1. **Tithes and Offerings:** Regular financial contributions from church members, given as part of their faith practice.
2. **Donations:** Voluntary contributions from both members and external supporters, often given for specific projects or causes.
3. **Fundraising Campaigns:** Periodic events or campaigns aimed at raising funds for specific church activities or initiatives, such as the building fund.
4. **Grants:** Financial support from external organisations or charitable foundations that align with the church's mission and charitable activities.
5. **Special Offerings:** Dedicated offerings taken during key events, such as the Year-End Offering, which supports various initiatives like outreach or operational costs.

These sources collectively ensure that our charity can continue to support its ministries, outreach efforts, and community services.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

How the Charity spends its money

The Higher Place engages in various community outreaches, including social and youth works, and evangelistic events with the aim of connecting people to Jesus, life-giving relationships and God-Given destinies in accordance with the teachings of Jesus Christ. We also support individuals and organisations. Some of the areas we support include:

1. **Personnel:** Payment of staff salary, freelancers, and guest singers/speakers.
2. **Facilities:** Payment of monthly rent, and any additional cost of ad-hoc hire space for meetings and events outside usual gathering time.
3. **Welfare:** Payment for food, water, and other well-being items provided to members, volunteers and visitors. Payment given to support members with extremely dire situations e.g support with family food supplies, accommodation and travel.
4. **Resources/ Equipment:** Payment towards equipment required for the smooth running of weekly Sunday gatherings, e.g. Sony Camera, tripods, microphones, and any additional resources including software
5. **Promotion:** Payment for publicity campaigns including billboarding, leaflets, social media promotions, and consultations to increase engagement.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

The Higher Place is registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and is governed by the provisions contained in its Foundation Model Constitution, adopted on 12 May 2017.

Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

Trustees are appointed through a formal resolution at a properly convened meeting of the Board of Trustees and on recommendation from the pastors and existing trustees. Appointees are selected based on their integrity, character, commitment to the mission of the church, and relevant expertise. Induction includes orientation into governance responsibilities, the church's mission, safeguarding duties, and financial oversight requirements.

Existing trustees attend training from time to time to keep up to date with the latest requirements and best practice. In addition, informal learning continues to take place on an ongoing basis.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

Structure, governance and management (continued)

Organisational structure and decision-making policies

At The Higher Place, our organisational structure is centred around a strong spiritual foundation and clear roles to ensure effective leadership and service. The structure is as follows:

1. **Jesus:** At the core of our organisation, Jesus Christ is the ultimate head, guiding all aspects of our ministry and decision-making.
2. **Spiritual Leadership Team:** led by the Lead Pastor, who provides spiritual direction and vision.
3. **Trustees:** The governance and activities of The Higher Place are overseen by the Board of Trustees, who carry legal and financial responsibility for the charity.
4. **Strategic Lens Team:** supporting long-term planning and strategic development.
5. **Operations Team:** managing administration, logistics, finance, and weekly service execution.
6. **Ministry Team:** Including worship, prayer, outreach, children, students, media, and hospitality.
7. **Church Groups:** Life Groups and the Church Buddy system fostering connection and discipleship.

In addition to our internal structure, we collaborate with external partners such as local charities, community organisations, and other churches to broaden our impact and serve the wider community. These partnerships help us in areas such as outreach, mental health support, and social action initiatives.

Safeguarding policies, financial controls, and risk management processes are reviewed regularly to ensure compliance and responsible stewardship.

Financial risk management

The Trustees monitor key risks including venue costs, safeguarding, staff and volunteer wellbeing, and the sustainability of ministry activities. Controls such as budgeting systems, approval procedures, safeguarding training, and contingency planning are in place to mitigate risks.

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025**

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial . Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

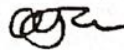
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject 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 business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and 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 Companies Act 2006. 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.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Okiemute Nesi Scott-Emuakpor



Adewale Olumide Adesanya

Date: 17/01/26

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025**

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of The Higher Place (Disciples of the Christ Bible Church) ('the Charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 30 April 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity (and its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the 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 Charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed: 

Stephen Fryer

Hedley Dunk Limited t/a Xelnadin

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Dated: 17 January 2026

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THE HIGHER PLACE (DISCIPLES OF THE CHRIST BIBLE CHURCH)

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	3	168,193	168,193	120,550
Other trading activities	4	476	476	350
Investments	5	764	764	377
Total income		169,433	169,433	121,277
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	6	119,189	119,189	114,935
Total expenditure		119,189	119,189	114,935
Net movement in funds		50,244	50,244	6,342
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		42,679	42,679	36,337
Net movement in funds		50,244	50,244	6,342
Total funds carried forward		92,923	92,923	42,679

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 12 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

**THE HIGHER PLACE (DISCIPLES OF THE CHRIST BIBLE CHURCH)
REGISTERED NUMBER: CE009979**

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 APRIL 2025**

	Note		2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			-	-
Current assets				
Debtors	11	1,000	609	
Cash at bank and in hand		95,611	43,752	
		96,611	44,361	
Current liabilities				
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(3,688)	(1,682)	
Net current assets			92,923	42,679
Total net assets			92,923	42,679
Charity funds				
Restricted funds	13		-	-
Unrestricted funds	13		92,923	42,679
Total funds			92,923	42,679

The Charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Okiemute Nesi Scott-Emuakpor

Date: 17/01/26



Adewale Olumide Adesanya

The notes on pages 12 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

1. General Information

The Higher Place is a charitable incorporated organisation which is incorporated in England. The principal place of business is Lower Deck Dreadnought Building, Greenwich Student Union, 30 Park Row, London.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The Higher Place (Disciples of the Christ Bible Church) meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

2.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.4 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.5 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.6 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.7 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2.8 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.9 Pensions

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Charity to the fund in respect of the year.

2.10 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Tithes & offerings	130,848	130,848
Grants	5,000	5,000
Gift aid	32,345	32,345
	<u>168,193</u>	<u>168,193</u>

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tithes & offerings	85,541	85,541
Grants	11,044	11,044
Gift aid	23,965	23,965
	<u>120,550</u>	<u>120,550</u>

4. Income from other trading activities

Income from fundraising events

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Hoodie sales	476	476

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Hoodie sales	350	350

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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5. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Investment income	764	764

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Investment income	377	377

6. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
Religious activities	119,189	119,189

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Religious activities	114,935	114,935

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7. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Religious activities	119,189	119,189

	Activities undertaken directly 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Religious activities	114,935	114,935

Analysis of direct costs

	Religious activities 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Staff costs	32,351	32,351
Welfare support & community engagement	10,310	10,310
Meeting venue	28,543	28,543
Promotion & PPS	5,411	5,411
Accounts	900	900
Computer expenses	1,004	1,004
Staff training	278	278
Contractor costs	22,122	22,122
Office costs	9,823	9,823
Retreats, travel & conferences	8,447	8,447
	<u>119,189</u>	<u>119,189</u>

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7. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs (continued)

	Religious activities 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Staff costs	16,191	16,191
Welfare support & community engagement	16,349	16,349
Events, retreats & conferences	25,792	25,792
Meeting venue	22,638	22,638
Promotion & PPS	12,069	12,069
Accounts	1,980	1,980
Computer expenses	1,483	1,483
Staff training	506	506
Contractor costs	16,077	16,077
Team costs	1,850	1,850
	<u>114,935</u>	<u>114,935</u>

8. Independent examiner's remuneration

	2025 £	2024 £
Fees payable to the Charity's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Charity's annual accounts	410	300
Fees payable to the Charity's independent examiner in respect of: All other services not included above	922	690
	<u>922</u>	<u>690</u>

9. Staff costs

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	31,864	15,901
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	488	290
	<u>32,352</u>	<u>16,191</u>

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2025 No.	2024 No.
Employees	2	1

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9. Staff costs (continued)

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

10. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2024 - £NIL).

During the year ended 30 April 2025, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2024 - £NIL).

11. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Due within one year		
Other debtors	1,000	609
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>609</u>

12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Other taxation and social security	2,020	692
Pension fund loan payable	336	-
Accruals and deferred income	1,332	990
	<u>3,688</u>	<u>1,682</u>

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13. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 May 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 30 April 2025 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds	42,679	169,433	(119,189)	92,923

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 May 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 30 April 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds	36,337	121,277	(114,935)	42,679

14. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 May 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 30 April 2025 £
General funds	42,679	169,433	(119,189)	92,923

Summary of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 May 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 30 April 2024 £
General funds	38,337	121,277	(114,935)	42,679

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15. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Current assets	96,611	96,611
Creditors due within one year	(3,688)	(3,688)
Total	<u>92,923</u>	<u>92,923</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Current assets	44,361	44,361
Creditors due within one year	(1,682)	(1,682)
Total	<u>42,679</u>	<u>42,679</u>

16. Pension commitments

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the group to the fund and amounted to £401 (2024 - £290). £336 (2024 - £Nil) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in creditors.

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Accounts

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024**

Trustees	Okiemute Nesi Scott-Emuakpor, Chair Ashetoritse Oritsedebi Ilo Molagbemi Asenguah Adewale Olumide Adesanya (appointed 15 September 2023)
Company registered number	CE009979
Charity registered number	1173023
Accountants	Hedley Dunk Limited Trinity House 3 Bullace Lane Dartford Kent DA1 1BB

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the The Higher Place (Disciples of Christ Bible Church) for the 1 May 2023 to 30 April 2024. The Annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the Charity qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Objectives and activities

● Policies and objectives

The advancement of the Christian Faith mainly but not exclusively by:

1. Means of broadcasting messages and music and teaching nature.
2. Connecting people to Jesus, life-giving relationships and God-given destinies for the benefit of the public in accordance with the teaching of Jesus Christ.
3. Supporting Christ followers/Christians for the benefit of the public through holding of prayer meetings, worship experiences and producing publications.
4. Provision of housing for vulnerable people.
5. Provision of relief for those in need due to age, ill-health, disability, financial or other disadvantages.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

● Main activities undertaken to further the Charity's purposes for the public benefit

The Charity's activities are:

1. Religious activities
2. Other Charitable purposes

The Charity helps children/young people, the elderly, people with disabilities and the general public.

The charity engages in various community outreaches, including social and youth works, and evangelistic events with the aim of connecting people to Jesus, life-giving relationships and God-Given destinies in accordance with the teachings of Jesus Christ. We also support individuals and organisations.

Personnel

Payment of staff salary, freelancers, and guest singers/speakers.

Facilities

Payment of monthly rent, and any additional cost of ad-hoc hire space for meetings and events outside usual gathering time.

Welfare

Payment for food, water, and other well-being items provided to members, volunteers and visitors. Payment given to support members with extremely dire situations e.g support with family food supplies, accommodation and travel.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

Objectives and activities (continued)

Resources/ Equipment

Payment towards equipment required for the smooth running of weekly Sunday gatherings e.g Sony Camera, tripods, microphones, and any additional resources including software

Promotion

Payment for publicity campaigns including billboarding, leaflets, social media promotions, and consultations to increase engagement.

Achievements and performance

● Main achievements of the Charity

This year has been marked by meaningful impact and growth across our community. Through various initiatives and programmes, we have strengthened connections, enhanced support, and expanded opportunities for meaningful participation. Our serving teams grew with the addition of new members whose skills and dedication have been vital to our ongoing efforts.

We successfully hosted two team-building conferences alongside impactful courses like Alpha and Take a Step, designed to empower our staff and volunteers with skills and tools to serve more effectively. These efforts contributed to greater community engagement, reflected in a steady increase in weekly attendance. Additionally, we celebrated seven milestones through baptisms, symbolising personal growth and commitment within our faith community.

Ministries

Children

There have been major improvements in our Children's Ministry to better serve the diverse needs of our children. By dividing the ministry into two distinct age groups—ages 1-5 and ages 6-12—we have been able to deliver age-appropriate teaching, activities, and support, ensuring that every child feels engaged and nurtured in their faith journey. The older kids have benefited from our Youth Alpha course and a Cyber course which attracted an average of 8-10 attendees weekly. These courses addressed thought-provoking faith questions and provided a foundational introduction to technology for our older kids.

Students

We attended the annual freshers event at the University of Greenwich where we actively engaged with students from various backgrounds and nationalities, offering words of encouragement, support and inviting them to try church. Following this event, we have established a dedicated Students Group to cater to the unique needs of students within our community.

Charitable Activities

Our commitment to charitable work has remained unwavering. Below are some of the activities we have undertaken this year:

- **The Mental Health Counselling Programme** offered free counselling to 10 individuals, providing essential support during challenging times.
- **Medical Outreach:** Our medical outreach reached over 300 people, offering free health consultations with qualified doctors and necessary medications, demonstrating our commitment to global outreach and support for underserved communities.
- **Foodbank:** Through our Foodbank initiative, we distributed hampers to 20 households, impacting at least 60-100 individuals.
- **External Support:** We support a lot of other charities yearly. In the past years, we've donated to charities such as The Street Child, The Maypole Project, and Royal Diadem Network. This year, we had the incredible opportunity to support Good News for All, to ensure that the gospel travels far and wide.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

Achievements and performance (continued)

Supporting the Wider Community

To engage our local community, we hosted a Greenwich Family Fun Day, which attracted over 100 attendees. Activities included face painting, arts and crafts, nail polishing, and Easter egg hunts. The event received overwhelmingly positive feedback from the community, showcasing the church's commitment to fostering joy and connection.

Church Buddy Programme

This year, we launched the Church Buddy Programme, which connects each church member with a dedicated support partner. Through this initiative, members benefit from one-to-one mentoring, meaningful friendships, and a stronger sense of belonging beyond the weekly services.

● Fundraising activities and income generation

The principal sources of funds for The Higher Place typically include:

- **Tithes and Offerings:** Regular financial contributions from church members, given as part of their faith practice.
- **Donations:** Voluntary contributions from both members and external supporters, often given for specific projects or causes.
- **Fundraising Campaigns:** Periodic events or campaigns aimed at raising funds for specific church activities or initiatives, such as the building fund.
- **Grants:** Financial support from external organisations or charitable foundations that align with the church's mission and charitable activities.
- **Special Offerings:** Dedicated offerings taken during key events, such as the Year-End Offering, which supports various initiatives like outreach or operational costs.

These sources collectively ensure that our charity can continue to support its ministries, outreach efforts, and community services.

Financial review

● Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

● Reserves policy

As a charity, our policy is to always have 3 months' worth of expenditure in reserve.

This is to cover unexpected costs and the general cost of continuing operations, such as staff salaries and cost of venue.

A minimum of £20,000 must be in the current account at all times.

Structure, governance and management

● Constitution

The Higher Place (Disciples of the Christ Bible Church) is registered as a charitable incorporated organisation and was set up by a Trust deed.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

Structure, governance and management (continued)

● Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

● Organisational structure and decision-making policies

The Trustees are responsible for the management and administration of the Charity along with ensuring the income of the charity furthers the charitable objects.

The pastors are responsible for setting and overseeing the strategy, vision and spiritual leadership of the church. The Pastors are recognised and appointed on the basis of biblical requirements and are supported by the staff and many volunteers who assist in the general day-to-day running of the charity and the various ministries and events that are run.

In addition to our internal structure, we collaborate with external partners such as local charities, community organisations, and other churches to broaden our impact and serve the wider community. These partnerships help us in areas such as outreach, mental health support, and social action initiatives.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial . Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) 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 business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and 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 Companies Act 2006. 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.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



[N Scott \(Dec 17, 2024 16:00 GMT\)](#)

Okiemute Nesi Scott-Emuakpor



[N Scott \(Dec 17, 2024 16:00 GMT\)](#)

Adewale Olumide Adesanya

Date:

THE HIGHER PLACE (DISCIPLES OF THE CHRIST BIBLE CHURCH)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of The Higher Place (Disciples of the Christ Bible Church) ('the Charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 30 April 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity (and its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the 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 Charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed:

Stephen Fryer

Dated:

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Hedley Dunk Limited

Trinity House
3 Bullace Lane
Dartford
Kent
DA1 1BB

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	3	120,550	120,550	73,936
Other trading activities	4	350	350	177
Investments	5	377	377	203
Total income		121,277	121,277	74,316
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	6	114,935	114,935	82,544
Total expenditure		114,935	114,935	82,544
Net movement in funds		6,342	6,342	(8,228)
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		36,337	36,337	44,565
Net movement in funds		6,342	6,342	(8,228)
Total funds carried forward		42,679	42,679	36,337

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 9 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

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REGISTERED NUMBER: CE009979

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 APRIL 2024

	Note		2024 £		2023 £
Fixed assets			-		-
Current assets					
Debtors	11	609	-		
Cash at bank and in hand		43,752	38,071		
		44,361	38,071		
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(1,682)	(1,734)		
			42,679		36,337
Net current assets			42,679		36,337
Total net assets			42,679		36,337
Charity funds					
Restricted funds	13		-		-
Unrestricted funds	13		42,679		36,337
			42,679		36,337
Total funds			42,679		36,337

The Charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

N Scott
N Scott (Dec 17, 2024 16:00 GMT)

Okiemute Nesi Scott-Emuakpor

N Scott
N Scott (Dec 17, 2024 16:00 GMT)

Adewale Olumide Adesanya

Date:

The notes on pages 9 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

1. General information

The Higher Place is a charitable incorporated organisation which is incorporated in England. The principal place of business is Lower Deck Dreadnought Building, Greenwich Student Union, 30 Park Row, London.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The Higher Place (Disciples of the Christ Bible Church) meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

2.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.4 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.5 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.6 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.7 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2.8 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.9 Pensions

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Charity to the fund in respect of the year.

2.10 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024**

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tithes & offerings	85,541	85,541
Grants	11,044	11,044
Gift aid	23,965	23,965
	<u>120,550</u>	<u>120,550</u>

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Tithes & offerings	55,620	55,620
Grants	7,416	7,416
Gift aid	10,900	10,900
	<u>73,936</u>	<u>73,936</u>

4. Income from other trading activities

Income from fundraising events

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Hoodie sales	<u>350</u>	<u>350</u>

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Hoodie sales	<u>177</u>	<u>177</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024**

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Investment income - local cash	377	377
	<u>377</u>	<u>377</u>

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Investment income - local cash	203	203
	<u>203</u>	<u>203</u>

6. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Religious activities	114,935	114,935
	<u>114,935</u>	<u>114,935</u>

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Religious activities	82,544	82,544
	<u>82,544</u>	<u>82,544</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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7. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Religious activities	114,935	114,935

	Activities undertaken directly 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Religious activities	82,544	82,544

Analysis of direct costs

	Religious activities 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Staff costs	16,191	16,191
Welfare support & community engagement	16,349	16,349
Events, retreats & conferences	25,792	25,792
Meeting venue	22,638	22,638
Promotion & PPS	12,069	12,069
Accounts	1,980	1,980
Computer expenses	1,483	1,483
Staff training	506	506
Contractor costs	16,077	16,077
Team costs	1,850	1,850
	<u>114,935</u>	<u>114,935</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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7. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs (continued)

	Religious activities 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Staff costs	6,549	6,549
Welfare support & community engagement	20,620	20,620
Events, retreats & conferences	12,567	12,567
Meeting venue	21,840	21,840
Promotion & PPS	9,853	9,853
Accounts	990	990
Computer expenses	2,158	2,158
Staff training	465	465
Contractor costs	4,922	4,922
Team costs	2,580	2,580
	82,544	82,544
	82,544	82,544

8. Independent examiner's remuneration

	2024 £	2023 £
Fees payable to the Charity's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Charity's annual accounts	300	300
Fees payable to the Charity's independent examiner in respect of: All other services not included above	690	690
	690	690
	690	690

9. Staff costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	15,901	6,536
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	290	13
	16,191	6,549
	16,191	6,549

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2024 No.	2023 No.
Employees	1	1
	1	1
	1	1

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9. Staff costs (continued)

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

10. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2023 - £NIL).

During the year ended 30 April 2024, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2023 - £NIL).

11. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Due within one year		
Other debtors	609	-
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	609	-
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12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other taxation and social security	692	-
Other creditors	-	744
Accruals and deferred income	990	990
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	1,682	1,734
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13. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 May 2023	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 30 April 2024
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds 1	36,337	121,277	(114,935)	42,679
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 May 2022	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 30 April 2023
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds 1	44,566	74,315	(82,544)	36,337
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14. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

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Summary of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 May 2022	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 30 April 2023
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General funds	44,566	74,315	(82,544)	36,337
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15. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Current assets	44,361	44,361
Creditors due within one year	(1,682)	(1,682)
Total	42,679	42,679

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Current assets	38,071	38,071
Creditors due within one year	(1,734)	(1,734)
Total	36,337	36,337

16. Pension commitments

The group operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the group to the fund and amounted to £290 (2023 - £13).

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023**

Trustees	Okiemute Nesi Scott-Emuakpor Ashetoritse Oritsedebi Ilo Molagbemi Asenguah Adewale Olumide Adesanya (appointed 15 September 2023)
Charity registered number	1173023
Accountants	Hedley Dunk Limited Chartered Accountants Trinity House 3 Bullace Lane Dartford Kent DA1 1BB

THE HIGHER PLACE (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST BIBLE CHURCH)

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the The Higher Place (Disciples of Christ Bible Church) for the year 1 May 2022 to 30 April 2023.

Objectives and activities

● **Policies and objectives**

The advancement of the Christian Faith mainly but not exclusively by:

1. Means of broadcasting messages and music and teaching nature.
2. Connecting people to Jesus, life-giving relationships and God-given destinies for the benefit of the public in accordance with the teaching of Jesus Christ.
3. Supporting Christ followers/Christians for the benefit of the public through holding of prayer meetings, worship experiences and producing publications.
4. Provision of housing for vulnerable people.
5. Provision of relief for those in need due to age, ill-health, disability, financial or other disadvantages.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

● **Main activities undertaken to further the Charity's purposes for the public benefit**

The Charity's activities are:

1. Religious activities
2. Other Charitable purposes

The Charity helps children/young people, the elderly, people with disabilities and the general public.

The Charity is involved in social outreach, youth work, evangelistic activities; holding events to connect people to Jesus, life-giving relationships and God-Given destinies in accordance with the teachings of Jesus Christ. We also support individuals and organisations.

Personnel

Payment of staff salary, free-lancer individuals, and guest singers/speakers.

Facilities

Payment of monthly rent, and any additional cost of ad-hoc hire space for meetings and events outside usual gathering time.

Welfare

Payment for food, water, and other well-being items provided to members, volunteers and visitors. Payment given to support members with extremely dire situations e.g support with family food supplies, accommodation and travel.

Resources/ Equipment

Payment towards equipment required for the smooth running of weekly Sunday gatherings e.g Sony Camera, tripods, microphones, and any additional resources including software

Promotion

Payment for publicity campaigns including billboarding, leaflets, social media promotions, and consultations to increase engagement.

Payment of staff salary, free-lancer individuals, and guest singers/speakers.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

Achievements and performance

● Main achievements of the Charity

- Launched a new forum called Teens Time to Talk which gives young teenagers in our community a safe space to talk through traumatising issues while building a personal relationship with our in-house counsellor. Over 10 young people have benefitted from the weekly meetings.
- Organised the Students Wellbeing Sunday, offering a safe and nurturing space for our student members to grow in faith and wellness. We had different corners set up after the service where young people could access free medical care, mental health counselling, food and fitness tips.
- Collected non-perishable food items for a local food bank in our community to support those in need, especially families struggling with the current cost of living crisis.
- Launched the Sponsor a Child campaign where members are now able to adopt and provide essential care for street children and kids with poor living conditions. We have members sponsoring children monthly and it is amazing to see the impact our charity is making in the community.
- Another milestone is our average weekly attendance growing from 36% last year to 54.8% this year.
- Community members have also continued to enjoy free mental health counselling, offered by our in-house counsellor, promoting emotional well-being and providing support during challenging times.
- Increase in number of volunteers by 45% from 20 serving between 2021 and 2022 to 29 serving in 2023.

Financial review

● Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

● Reserves policy

A minimum of £7,500 must be in the current account at all times.

Structure, governance and management

● Constitution

The Higher Place (Disciples of Christ Bible Church) is a registered charity, number 1173023, and is constituted under a Trust deed.

● Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) 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 business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and 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, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust deed. 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.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 20 December 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Okiemute Nesi Scott-Emuakpor



Adewale Olumide Adesanya

THE HIGHER PLACE (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST BIBLE CHURCH)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Higher Place (Disciples of Christ Bible Church) ('the Charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 30 April 2023.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the Trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity'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 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

The Charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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 2011 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.

Signed:



Dated: 20 December 2023

Jack Fryer

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Hedley Dunk Limited
Trinity House
3 Bullace Lane
Dartford
DA1 1BB

THE HIGHER PLACE (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST BIBLE CHURCH)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	3	73,936	73,936	82,274
Other trading activities	4	177	177	234
Investments	5	203	203	5
Total income		74,316	74,316	82,513
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	6	-	-	411
Charitable activities	7	82,544	82,544	57,987
Total expenditure		82,544	82,544	58,398
Net movement in funds		(8,228)	(8,228)	24,115
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		44,566	44,566	20,451
Net movement in funds		(8,228)	(8,228)	24,115
Total funds carried forward		36,338	36,338	44,566

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

THE HIGHER PLACE (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST BIBLE CHURCH)

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 APRIL 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		38,071	45,516
		<u>38,071</u>	<u>45,516</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(1,734)	(950)
Net current assets		<u>36,337</u>	<u>44,566</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>36,337</u>	<u>44,566</u>
Net assets excluding pension asset		<u>36,337</u>	<u>44,566</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>36,337</u></u>	<u><u>44,566</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	14	-	-
Unrestricted funds	14	36,337	44,566
Total funds		<u><u>36,337</u></u>	<u><u>44,566</u></u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 20 December 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Okiemute Nesi Scott-Emuakpor



Adewale Olumide Adesanya

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

1. General information

The Higher Place is a charitable incorporated organisation which is incorporated in England. The principal place of business is Lower Deck Dreadnought Building, Greenwich Student Union, 30 Park Row, London.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Higher Place (Disciples of Christ Bible Church) meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance Sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

2.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Charity to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

2.5 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.6 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

2.7 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.8 Pensions

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Charity to the fund in respect of the year.

2.9 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Tithes & offerings	55,620	55,620	53,666
Grants	7,416	7,416	19,149
Gift aid	10,900	10,900	9,459
	<u>73,936</u>	<u>73,936</u>	<u>82,274</u>

4. Income from other trading activities

Income from fundraising events

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Hoodie sales	177	177	234
	<u>177</u>	<u>177</u>	<u>234</u>

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Interest	203	203	5
	<u>203</u>	<u>203</u>	<u>5</u>

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6. Expenditure on raising funds

Costs of raising voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Hoodie purchases	-	-	411
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Religious activities	82,544	82,544	57,987
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

8. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Religious activities	82,544	82,544	57,987
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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8. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Staff costs	6,549	8,628
Welfare support & community engagement	20,620	19,820
Videos, retreats & conferences	12,567	1,710
Meeting venue	21,840	9,824
Promotion & PPS	9,853	15,135
Accounts	990	690
Computer expenses	2,158	2,180
Staff training	465	-
Contractor costs	4,922	-
Team costs	2,580	-
	82,544	57,987

9. Independent examiner's remuneration

	2023 £	<i>2022 £</i>
Fees payable to the Charity's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Charity's annual accounts	300	300
Fees payable to the Charity's independent examiner in respect of: All other services not included above	690	390

10. Staff costs

	2023 £	<i>2022 £</i>
Wages and salaries	6,536	8,585
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	13	43
	6,549	8,628

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10. Staff costs (continued)

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2023 No.	2022 No.
Employees	1	1

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

11. Pension commitments

The group operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the group to the fund and amounted to £13 (2022 - £43).

12. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2022 - £NIL).

During the year ended 30 April 2023, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2022 - £NIL).

13. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Other creditors	744	950
Accruals and deferred income	990	-
	<u>1,734</u>	<u>950</u>

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14. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 May 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 30 April 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds 1	<u>44,566</u>	<u>74,315</u>	<u>(82,544)</u>	<u>36,337</u>

15. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 May 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 30 April 2023 £
General funds	<u>44,566</u>	<u>74,315</u>	<u>(82,544)</u>	<u>36,337</u>

16. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Current assets	38,071	38,071
Creditors due within one year	(1,734)	(1,734)
Total	<u>36,337</u>	<u>36,337</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

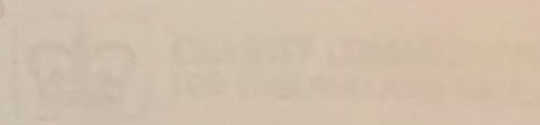
	Endowment funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Current assets	45,516	-	45,516
Creditors due within one year	(950)	-	(950)
Total	<u>44,566</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,566</u>

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 01 May 2021 To: 30 April 2022

Charity name: The Higher Place (Disciples of Christ Bible Church)

Charity registration number: 1173023

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The advancement of the Christian faith mainly but not exclusively by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Means of broadcasting messages and music and teaching nature• Connecting people to Jesus, life given relationships, and God-given destinies for the benefit of the public in accordance with the teaching of Jesus Christ.• Supporting Christ followers / Christians for the benefit of the public through holding of prayer meetings, worship experiences, and publications.• Provision of housing for vulnerable people.• Provision of relief for those in need due to age, ill-health, disability, financial or other disadvantages.

<p>Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.</p>	<p>Para 1.17 and 1.19</p>	<p>What the charity does:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Religious Activities ● Other Charitable Purposes <p>Who the charity helps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Children/young People ● Elderly/old People ● People With Disabilities ● The General Public/mankind <p>How the charity helps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provides Services ● Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body ● Other Charitable Activities(Food bank donations and community outreach projects) <p>Where the charity operates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Throughout England <p>Activities - how the charity spends its money</p> <p>The Charity is involved in social outreach, youth work, evangelistic activities; holding events to connect people to Jesus, life-giving relationships and God-Given destinies in accordance with the teachings of Jesus Christ. We also support individuals and organisations.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Personnel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Payment of staff salary, free-lancer individuals, and guest singers/speakers. 2. Facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Payment of monthly rent, and any additional cost of ad-hoc hire space for meetings and events outside usual gathering time. 3. Welfare <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Payment for food, water, and other well-being items provided to members, volunteers and visitors. Payment given to support members with extremely dire situations e.g support with family food supplies, accommodation and travel. 4. Resources/ Equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Payment towards equipment required for the smooth running of weekly Sunday gatherings e.g Sony Camera, tripods, microphones, and any additional resources including software 5. Promotion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Payment for publicity campaigns including billboarding, leaflets, social media promotions, and consultations to increase engagement.
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Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Trustees have regard to the public benefit guides PB1, PB2 and PB3 when making decisions they are relevant to.
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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>The main achievements of the charity in the last year are highlighted below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At the end of the lockdown, we were able to transition smoothly from online to physical meetings and activities. - Average attendance and member engagement in volunteering and other charity activities increased by 36%. - Over 100 food parcels were given away to local food charities and individuals. - We reached 120+ students through our freshers fayre campaigns at Greenwich and Goldsmiths universities. During this outreach, we were able to speak to students about joining our local church, where they'd be given opportunities to be part of our community, develop new skills while volunteering, and have access to professional counselling and mental health support. - We were able to raise over £2,000 for other local charities—including Our Street Child, a UK based charitable organisation committed to advocating on behalf of street children globally and meeting their immediate needs. - We hosted a Santa fun race to create awareness and raise funds for the Maypole project. The Maypole Project aims to relieve and help preserve the mental and physical well-being of children and young people who have complex medical needs and disabilities and to support their family members as well as others who are affected by their suffering and, in certain cases, bereavement. - In addition to these achievements, new groups—the Bible study group, book club, and Teen Time to Talk, Pre-Marriage Course—were initiated to encourage and strengthen members' engagement during the week. These groups help to foster friendship and establish support networks for people in our community as well as provide a safe space for teenagers to talk about various mental health issues affecting them, and also seek support from our in-house counsellor.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Overall, 2022 was a strong year with income exceeding expenditure resulting in a surplus of £20,451. This leaves reserves at the year end at £45,516.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserve policy- A minimum of £7500 must be in the current account at all times.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£7,500
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	No uncertainties to the charity continuing as a going concern.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	FOUNDATION MODEL CONSTITUTION (Registered 12 May 2017)
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed by resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Higher Place (Disciples of Christ Bible Church)
Other name the charity uses	The Higher Place UK
Registered charity number	1173023
Charity's principal address	Hedley Dunk Limited, 3 Bullace Lane, Dartford, Kent DA1 1BB

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee names	Office (if any)	Date acted if not for whole year	Name of person on (or body) entitled to appoint trustees (if any)
1.	Okiemute Nesi Scott-Emuakpor	Chair		
2.	Ashetoritse Oritsedebi Ilo			
3.	Molagbemi Asenguah			

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

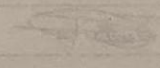
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**Position (eg
Secretary, Chair, etc)**

Chair	
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Date

13th October 2022

Signed: 

Name: Jack Fyfe

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

Address: Hedley Dunk Limited
Trinity House, 3 Bullace Lane, Darford
DA1 1BB



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

The Higher Place (Disciples of Christ Bible Church)

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30th April 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1173023

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 / 04 / 2022.

**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 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.

Signed:

Date:

13/11/2022

Name:

Jack Fryer

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

ACA

Address:

Hedley Dunk Limited
Trinity House , 3 Bullace Lane, Dartford
DA1 1BB



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
The Higher Place

No (if any)
1173023

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
1st May 2021

To

Period end date
30th April 2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Tithes & offerings					
Gift aid	53,665	-	-	53,665	29,778
Bank interest received	9,459	-	-	9,459	7,260
Government grants	5	-	-	5	2
Restricted grant	19,149	-	-	19,149	7,750
Fundraising	234	-	-	234	1,000
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	82,512	-	-	82,512	45,790
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	82,512	-	-	82,512	45,790
A3 Payments					
Welfare support & community engagement	13,673	-	-	13,673	12,549
Videos, retreats & conferences	3,890	-	-	3,890	999
Meeting venue	9,824	-	-	9,824	3,410
Promotion & PPS	15,135	-	-	15,135	7,146
Fundraising Costs	411	-	-	411	-
Accounts	690	-	-	690	630
Counselling	3,060	-	-	3,060	3,355
Computer expenses	-	-	-	-	3,533
Insurance	255	-	-	255	266
Donations	2,832	-	-	2,832	724
Wages	7,634	-	-	7,634	-
Pension Contributions	43	-	-	43	-
Sub total	57,447	-	-	57,447	32,612
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	57,447	-	-	57,447	32,612
Net of receipts/(payments)	25,065	-	-	25,065	13,178
A5 Transfers between funds	19,451	1,000	-	20,451	7,273
A6 Cash funds last year end	44,516	1,000	-	45,516	20,451
Cash funds this year end					

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

B1 Cash funds

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
NatWest current account	1,470	1,000	-
NatWest savings account	43,005	-	-
Cash	41	-	-
Total cash funds	44,516	1,000	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

B2 Other monetary assets

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

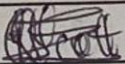
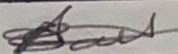
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Wages	Unrestricted	950	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Okiemute Nesi Scott-Emuakpor	13/11/22
	Ashetortise Oritsedebi Ilo	13/11/22

THE HIGHER PLACE (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST BIBLE CHURCH)

England & Wales - Charity number 1173023

Accounts

Charity number: 1173023

THE HIGHER PLACE (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST BIBLE CHURCH)

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2021

THE HIGHER PLACE (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST BIBLE CHURCH)

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Charity number: 113021

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From Period start date **T** Period end date
1 May 2020 0 30 April 2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	The Higher Place (Disciples Of Christ Bible Church)		
Other names charity is known by			
Registered charity number (if any)	1173023		
Charity's principal address	Hedley Dunk Limited		
	Trinity House, 3 Bullace Lane		
	Dartford Kent		
	Postcode	DA1 1BB	

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	Okiemute Nesi Scott-Emuakpor	Chair		
2	Ashetoritse Oritsedebi Ilo			
3	Molagbemi Asenguah			
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	Foundation Model Constitution (Registered 12 May 2017)
How the charity is constituted	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods	Appointed by resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

The advancement of the Christian faith mainly but not exclusively by:

1. Means of broadcasting messages and music and teaching nature
2. Connecting people to Jesus, life-giving relationships and God-given destinies for the benefit of the public in accordance with the teachings of Jesus Christ.
3. Supporting Christ followers/ Christians for the benefit of the public through holding of prayer meetings, worship experiences and producing publications.

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)

What the Charity does:

- Religious Activities
- Other Charitable Purposes

Who the Charity helps:

- Children/young people
- Elderly/old people
- People with Disabilities
- The General Public/mankind

How the Charity helps:

- Provides Services
- Acts as an Umbrella or Resource Body
- Other Charitable Activities (Food bank donations and community outreach projects)

Where the Charity operates:

- Throughout England

Activities – How the Charity spends its money

The Charity is involved in social outreach youth work, evangelistic activities; holding events to connect people to Jesus, life-giving relationships and God-Given destinies in accordance with the teachings of Jesus Christ. We also support individuals and organisations.

1. Personnel

Payment of staff salary , free-lancer individuals, and guest singers/speakers.

2. Facilities

Payment of monthly rent, and any additional cost of ad-hoc hire space for meetings and events outside usual gathering time.

3. Welfare

Payment for food, water, and other well-being items provided to members, volunteers and visitors.

Payment given to support members with extremely dire situations e.g support with family food supplies, accomodation and travel.

4. Resources/ Equipment

Payment towards equipment required for the smooth running of weekly Sunday gatherings e.g Sony Camera, tripods, microphones, and any additional resources including software

5. Promotion

Payment for publicity campaigns including billboarding, leaflets, social media promotions, and consultations to increase engagement.

Trustees have regard to the public benefit guides PB1, PB2 and PB3 when making decisions they are relevant to.

What the Charity does:

- Primary Purpose
- Other Charitable Purposes

Why the Charity exists:

- Charitable Aims
- Charitable Objects
- Charitable Activities
- Charitable Projects

How the Charity helps:

- Charitable Services
- Charitable Activities
- Charitable Projects

When the Charity operates:

- Throughout England

How the Charity spends its money:

The Charity is committed to the public benefit principle and to the charitable purposes set out in its objects.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The main achievements of the charity in the last one year are highlighted below;

- New programmes were initiated to strengthen membership engagement and reach. Some of these programmes include Ministry bootcamp, Faith storytelling sessions and prayer walks.
- Financial support has also been given to bereaved families in the last one year.
- Our publicity campaigns have led to an increase in membership.
- The welfare team also gave out bags of groceries to families and individuals in need of food items.
- In addition to the general mental health counselling programme, free mental health counselling was also offered to pastors, leaders, church workers and their families - several people have signed up and benefitted from these programmes.

Section E**Financial review****Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

Reserve Policy – A minimum of £7,500 must be in the savings account at all times.

Details of any funds materially in deficit**Further financial review details (Optional information)**You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F**Other optional information**

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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)

Okiemute Nesi Scott-Emuakpor

Ashetortise Oritsedebi Ilo

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

16/12/21



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

The Higher Place (Disciples of Christ Bible Church)

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30th April 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

1173023

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 / 04 / 2021.

**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 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.

Signed:

Date:

16/12/2021

Name:

Jack Fryer

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

ACA

Address:

Hedley Dunk Limited

Trinity House , 3 Bullace Lane, Dartford

DA1 1BB



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Higher Place

1173023

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	1st May 2020	To	30th April 2021
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Tithes & offerings	29,778	-	-	29,778	29,967
Gift aid	7,260	-	-	7,260	7,613
Bank interest received	2	-	-	2	5
Government grants	7,750	-	-	7,750	-
Restricted grant	-	1,000	-	1,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	44,790	1,000	-	45,790	37,585
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	44,790	1,000	-	45,790	37,585
A3 Payments					
Welfare support & community engagement	12,549	-	-	12,549	3,925
Videos, retreats & conferences	999	-	-	999	11,340
Meeting venue	3,410	-	-	3,410	14,733
Promotion & PPS	7,146	-	-	7,146	5,136
Life group expenses	-	-	-	-	130
Accounts	630	-	-	630	664
Counselling	3,355	-	-	3,355	-
Computer expenses	3,533	-	-	3,533	-
Insurance	266	-	-	266	-
Donations	724	-	-	724	-
Sub total	32,612	-	-	32,612	35,928
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	32,612	-	-	32,612	35,928
Net of receipts/(payments)	12,178	1,000	-	13,178	1,657
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	7,273	-	-	7,273	5,616
Cash funds this year end	19,451	1,000	-	20,451	7,273

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

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds			
NatWest current account	1,410	1,000	-
NatWest savings account	18,000	-	-
Cash	41	-	-
Total cash funds	19,451	1,000	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

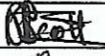

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Oksemete N. Scott-Emme	16/12/21
	Ashelaitse O. Elo	16/12/21