

OUTPOST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1173519

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-06-21

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

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Activities

Objects: 3.1. THE PURPOSES OF THE CIO ARE:3.1.1. THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH, PRIMARILY, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, WITHIN KENT AND THE SURROUNDING AREA; AND3.1.2. SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS SHALL, IN THE OPINION OF THE CHARITY TRUSTEES, PUT INTO PRACTICE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: THE PREVENTION AND RELIEF OF NEED, HARDSHIP AND SICKNESS; THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION; AND THE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES;PROVIDED THAT THE ADVANCEMENT OF SUCH PURPOSES MUST BE UNDERTAKEN IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE DOCTRINAL DISTINCTIVES AND ETHICAL STATEMENTS AS MAY BE ADOPTED AND AMENDED BY THE CIO FROM TIME TO TIME.

Activities: Pointing people to Jesus through our Sunday services, midweek groups and other events and activities for all ages held throughout the year.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Kent

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£65,520	£51,198	-	-
2024-09-30	£54,881	£42,950	-	-
2023-09-30	£34,603	£31,840	-	-
2022-09-30	£28,112	£28,580	-	-
2021-09-30	£22,487	£24,210	-	-
2020-09-30	£20,491	£18,962	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ROGER TANTON	Chair	2017-06-11
AMANDA NUNN		2019-09-04
JESSICA CAYUELA		2017-06-11
JOE LILLICRAP		2019-05-19
PETER MORRIS		2017-06-11

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Accounts

**OUTPOST CHURCH
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
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Administrative & legal information

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Trustees: Roger Tanton (Chair)
Peter Morris (Treasurer)
Jessica Cayuela
Joe Lillicrap
Amanda Nunn

Leadership Team: Roger Tanton (Pastor / Elder)
Peter Morris (Deacon)
Tom Clarke (Deacon)

Structure

Outpost Church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), governed by a constitution registered 21st June 2017, under which the trustees (the elders, plus others appointed) are responsible for the general control and management of the administration of the Church. The appointment of new trustees is initiated by the elders and approved by the trustees once all necessary eligibility checks have taken place. Anyone may make suggestions to the elders for a proposed trustee appointment.

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We are an independent church affiliated to the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC).

Charitable objects

The Church is required to comply with its legal charitable objects in all its activities:

- a. The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, primarily, but not exclusively, within Kent and the surrounding area; and
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provided that the advancement of such purposes must be undertaken in a manner that is consistent with the Doctrinal Distinctives and Ethical Statements as may be adopted and amended by the CIO from time to time.

Objectives and activities

As a Christian church we aim to point people to who God is and what he has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We are passionate about spreading the good news of Jesus to all and desire to see people experience his presence and the power of the Holy Spirit at work in their lives.

Our mission is to live as outposts of God's kingdom by raising the flag of Jesus in our hearts, homes, church, communities, and the world.

The main activity of the week is our Sunday service where we gather for worship, prayer, praise, and Bible teaching. Our services are open to all and aim to be welcoming, friendly, and contemporary in style. During the service, primary school aged children are able to attend Adventurers where they learn about the Bible through games and craft. We meet up at life groups throughout the year to pray, encourage and support each other, and learn how to apply the bible to our lives.

A range of other public events were held during the year, including a Light Party, Christmas carol services, a Good Friday walk, harvest and summer celebrations, three baptism services, a wreath making event, and a music show.

In the planning of all our activities, the trustees have complied with their duty to have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

Sunday Services

Our weekly services were held at the Woodchurch Community Centre, with numbers in attendance continuing to average above 80 this year. Newcomers generally found out about the church through our online presence, affiliation to the FIEC, or by invitation from those already attending.

Bible teaching has always been an important part of our services. In October 2024, we finished exploring the life of Gideon (Judges 6 to 8) and followed this with an extended Christmas series entitled 'God with us' reflecting on the gospel accounts in Matthew, Luke and John. From January to March 2025, teaching focussed on living in the spirit and power of Elijah (1 and 2 Kings). We then covered chapters 5 to 9 of the book of Acts from May to July 2025 and concluded the year with a series entitled 'Rediscover Christianity', looking at some of the foundations of the Christian life.

One of the highlights of the year was the baptism of eight people across three services, as we heard powerful testimonies of how Jesus has been at work in their lives.

Children and Young People

Primary school aged children met during our weekly services for Adventurers, where they explored the Bible through a mix of crafts, games, and teaching. In December 2024, the children took part in one of our carol services by performing the Nativity, which was a joyful highlight for all who attended.

With a growing number of secondary school aged young people within the church, we started a new Youth Life Group during the year. Meeting once a month, this group has provided a space for young people to spend time together, explore the Bible, build friendships, and have fun. The group has been well attended, and it has been particularly encouraging to see many of our young adults volunteering within these groups.

Mid-week groups

Throughout the year we continued to hold monthly life groups for men and women, and other groups open to all ages. In addition, a new life group specifically for young adults was launched. These groups have provided a valuable space for building friendships, sharing experiences, and offering support through life's challenges. Each session typically revisited recent Bible teaching from our services, with opportunity to explore themes in more depth and consider and discuss application in everyday life.

Monthly prayer groups also continued throughout the year and were trialled across multiple locations. These gatherings enabled the church to come together to pray for our families, church, and wider issues affecting our local communities, the nation, and the world.

Other events

Our Light Party in October 2024 was a key opportunity to share the truth of Jesus as the light of the world. Many families attended the event and celebrated this occasion with us through games, craft and a short message.

In November 2024, we hosted the Michael J Tinker music show. It was a joy to follow his story of God's goodness expressed through music and song writing.

Later the same month, we hosted a ladies wreath making event, giving opportunity for family and friends to hear the good news of Jesus in an informal setting. The evening was enjoyed by over 40 ladies, and many new connections were made.

Our Good Friday walk in Easter 2025 provided a meaningful opportunity to deepen friendships within the church family.

In September 2025, one of our members had the privilege of speaking at the Women's Conference of the Kent Gospel Partnership. The topic was on the life of Elisabeth Elliot, and the talk was well received by those in attendance.

Financial review

Introduction

We have prepared our accounts using the simplified receipts and payments format accompanied by a statement of assets and liabilities. The totals for the previous year are given for comparison.

Two unrestricted funds were maintained during the year, and these could be used freely to advance any of the church's charitable objects:

- *General Fund* – for managing all regular income and regular expenses associated with running the church.
- *General Reserve Fund* – for easily identifying and managing surpluses and reserves carried forward, to be used for larger one-off/extraordinary expenses, new opportunities, or as a means of meeting any potential shortfall in regular income against expenses.

In addition, one restricted fund was used to collect and forward donations for Michael J Tinker's Ministry in relation to a music event held in November 2024. Restricted funds relate to donations received for a specific purpose and may only be used in accordance with those restrictions.

For simplicity of presentation, the two unrestricted funds are shown together in one column of the receipts and payments account, with restricted funds shown separately in a second column.

Receipts & Payments Account

We saw a significant rise in unrestricted income, from £54,881 in the previous year to £65,333 this year, due to additional and increased gifts received. This enabled us to cover outgoings of £51,011 leaving a year end surplus of £14,322 and a closing balance of £53,070. These funds are now available to spend in accordance with the church's charitable objects.

Further analysis of income and expenditure items is given in the notes to the accounts.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

The statement lists the assets held by the church and gives a broad understanding of the liabilities at year end. The liabilities shown is a list of the main payments that were immediately due at year end.

Reserves Policy

Our reserve policy is to hold four months of expenditure to enable the church to adapt to reductions in income, plus a further £2,000 to meet larger extraordinary expenses and to respond to new opportunities that may arise. The target reserves figure, based on the budget for the year, was £18,683. Reserves held at the end of the year were £53,070, so the policy was met.

It is acknowledged that reserves amount to more than the target figure and the trustees plan to utilise these funds in ways that will advance the work and mission of the church.

Employees

The church had one paid employee during the year; Roger Tanton. In line with the regulations and our governing documents, Roger's employment related solely to his role as pastor of the church under a contract of employment. His work as a trustee was voluntary.

The trustees declare they have approved the trustees' report.

Signed and dated on behalf of the trustees:

Amanda Nunn
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Amanda Nunn
(Trustee)

Apr 22, 2026

Joe Lillicrap
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Joe Lillicrap
(Trustee)

Apr 30, 2026

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
OUTPOST CHURCH**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Outpost Church ('the charity') for the year ended 30 September 2025 on pages 7 to 9 following.

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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 accordance with section 130 of the 2011
2. 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.

Sarah Crispin

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Sarah Crispin, ACA

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Date May 6, 2026

Receipts and payments account

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	This year 2024/25 TOTAL	Last year 2023/24 TOTAL
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Donations received		54,260	187	54,447	45,179
Gift aid recovered		10,089	-	10,089	9,623
Bank interest		774	-	774	79
Event income	1	210	-	210	-
Total receipts		65,333	187	65,520	54,881
Payments					
Wages & payroll costs	2	35,608	-	35,608	26,073
Insurance, fees & memberships	3	4,684	6	4,690	3,921
Venue hire		4,317	-	4,317	5,636
Supplies for weekly activities & events	4	3,318	-	3,318	2,446
Sound & visual equipment		1,290	-	1,290	3,681
Donations to individuals/organisations	5	1,058	182	1,240	450
Study materials, books & literature		330	-	330	574
Office supplies		324	-	324	169
Training		82	-	82	-
Total payments		51,011	187	51,198	42,950
Excess receipts over payments		14,322	-	14,322	11,930
Opening balance on 1 Oct 2024		38,748	-	38,748	26,818
Internal transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Closing balance on 30 Sept 2025		53,070	-	53,070	38,748

The notes on page 9 form part of these accounts

* Unrestricted funds comprise the General Fund and the General Reserve Fund, while restricted funds relate to the Michael J Tinker Ministry Fund, as described in the introduction to the financial review.

** Numbers may not add up precisely due to rounding.

Statement of assets & liabilities

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	This year 2024/25 TOTAL
		£	£	£
Assets				
Cash at bank with immediate access:				
General Fund (Unrestricted)		2,371	-	2,371
General Reserve Fund (Unrestricted)		50,699	-	50,699
Michael J Tinker Ministry Fund (Restricted)		-	-	-
Cash in hand		-	-	-
Gift aid still to be received		1,142	-	1,142
Total assets		54,212	-	54,212
Assets retained for charity's own use	6			
Liabilities				
FIEC annual membership		996	-	996
Venue hire fees to be settled		737	-	737
Accounts examination fee		630	-	630
Pension liabilities		566	-	566
Annual licence renewals		304	-	304
Total liabilities		3,233	-	3,233

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The trustees declare they have approved the trustees' report and accounts.

Signed and dated on behalf of the trustees:

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Notes to the accounts

1 Event income

This relates to a wreath making event held in November 2024.

2 Wages & payroll costs

In addition to wages, the figure shown includes the monthly overheads and payroll administration costs.

3 Insurance, fees & memberships

The expenditure of £4,684 comprised the following:

Payment processing, accounting software, and accounts examination fees [£1,865]; FIEC membership [£912]; online/digital media [£482]; insurances including public liability [£471]; copyright licences [£328]; Kent Gospel Partnership membership [£250]; safeguarding [£188]; banking [£62]; pop up banners [£126].

4 Supplies for weekly activities & events

The expenditure of £3,318 comprised the following:

Weekly catering and supplies [£966]; life groups [£835]; special services (including baptisms, evening services/events, bring-and-share lunches) [£386]; Christmas services [£331]; light party [£292]; wreath making [£163]; Easter [£147]; communion [£87]; harvest [£57]; craft for all-age services [£42]; adventurers [£10].

5 Donations to individuals/organisations

The expenditure comprised honoraria for visiting speakers at Sunday services, hardship gifts, and contributions (including restricted gifts) toward Michael J Tinker's ministry following a music event held in November 2024.

6 Assets retained for charity's own use

The key assets retained comprise sound and visual (PA) equipment.

7 Other disclosures

There are no debts or guarantees to report in relation to the specific disclosures required under section 62 of The Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012.

Summary

Once again, the trustees give thanks to God for another year of his grace and faithful provision upon the work and ministry of Outpost Church. During the year, unrestricted income amounted to £65,333, covering expenditure of £51,011, and leaving a surplus of £14,322. This brings our closing balance of unrestricted funds to £53,070, which is carried forward into the next year.

We give thanks for the consistent generosity of the individuals and families who support the church financially. Their giving is a great encouragement and a clear testimony to God's goodness.

As we look ahead, we do so with thankfulness for all that has been, and with our hearts and minds fixed on the Lord, prayerfully seeking God's wisdom and guidance as we continue the mission entrusted to us.

"Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think..."
Ephesians 3:20 (ESV)

Rog, Jess, Amanda, Joe & Pete
Trustees

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Elders: Roger Tanton (Pastor)

Deacons: Peter Morris
Tom Clarke [note: appointed after year end in Oct 2024]

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Various other public events were held during the year; a light party, Christmas carol services, a Good Friday walk, harvest and summer celebrations, and two baptism services.

In the planning of all our activities, the trustees have complied with their duty to have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

Sunday Services

We continued to make use of the Woodchurch Community Centre for weekly services, with numbers in attendance steadily growing and averaging above 80 in the second half of the year. It was a joy to welcome many newcomers and visitors to our services, often a result of personal recommendation or via our affiliation to the FIEC.

Bible teaching has always been an important part of our weekly services. From October 2023 to March 2024, we returned to our long running series in Luke's gospel, covering chapters 19 to 24, with a short break over the 2023 Christmas period to focus on the Nativity story. We went on to look at the book of Acts in a series running up to June 2024, covering Acts 1 to 4. Over the summer, we started a new series in 1 Peter, which focused on our mission as a church, before finishing the year exploring the life of Gideon in the book of Judges.

In anticipation of increased attendance at our 2023 Christmas services, we made the decision to host two carol services for the first time. Both were very well attended, providing a wonderful

opportunity to invite friends and family to church and share the Christian message. As a result, some attendees went on to become regulars at our weekly services.

It was very exciting to be able to hold two baptism services. We saw two people get baptised in May 2024, and a further individual baptised over the summer. It was a joy to hear their stories and join them in praising and thanking God for what Jesus had done in their lives.

One of the ways in which we continued to resource people is by providing a range of free books and materials at our weekly services for both Christian and non-Christian attendees and visitors. This year we expanded the selection of resources available and it has continued to be well used.

Children's work

Adventurers (our group for primary school aged children) met throughout the year during our weekly services. Through a mix of craft, games, and teaching, the children explored the bible, including the early church through the eyes of the apostle Peter, a four week study of the Psalms, and sections of Luke's gospel that focussed on Jesus' interactions with the sick, the sinners, and outcasts. A highlight of 2023 was the Adventurers' performance of the Nativity at one of our carol services.

We were grateful to have access to the Jean Mealham Hall this year, which allowed us to accommodate the growing number of children attending Adventurers on Sunday mornings.

Mid-week groups

Throughout the year we held various homegroups for men and women. These groups provided a space for building friendships, sharing experiences, and supporting one another through life's challenges. We often revisited recent bible teaching from our services, with opportunity to explore in more depth and discuss how to apply it to our daily lives.

In January 2023, we introduced a monthly prayer meeting to give us a dedicated time to come together and collectively pray for our families, church, and wider issues in our communities, nation, and world. Over the year, it was encouraging to see more people take part and a deep sense of unity in seeking God together.

Other events

During the year we hosted several other events. Our light party in October 2023 was a key opportunity to share the truth of Jesus as the light of the world. Many families attended the event and celebrated with us through games, craft and a short message.

Our Good Friday walk in Easter 2024 provided a meaningful time for deepening friendships within the church family, particularly for those who were new to the church.

Rather than hosting our usual annual summer family festival, we instead held a series of smaller events over the summer including picnics and outdoor services. This approach was effective as it provided multiple opportunities to invite friends and newcomers while reducing our reliance on a single day and the unpredictability of the weather.

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All funds were unrestricted in nature meaning that they could be used to freely advance any of the church's charitable objects.

Receipts & Payments Account

We are incredibly grateful to God for his provision. As shown on page 7, there was a substantial increase in incoming funds this year, from £34,603 in the previous year to £54,881 this year, which is due to additional and increased gifts received. This enabled us to cover total outgoings of £42,950, resulting in a year end surplus of £11,930 and a closing balance of £38,748. These funds are now available to spend in accordance with the church's charitable objects.

Further analysis of expenditure items is given in the notes to the accounts.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

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Reserve Policy

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It is acknowledged that reserves amount to more than the target figure and the trustees plan to utilise these funds in ways that will advance the work and mission of the church.

Employees

The church had one paid employee during the year; Roger Tanton. In line with the regulations and our governing documents, Roger's employment related solely to his role as pastor of the church under a contract of employment for three and a half days per week. His work as a trustee was voluntary.


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Amanda Nunn (Trustee)

May 14, 2025


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Joe Lillicrap (Trustee)

May 14, 2025

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Date: May 19, 2025

Receipts and payments account

	Notes	General Fund	General Reserve Fund	This year 2023/24 TOTAL	Last year 2022/23 TOTAL
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Donations received		41,224	3,955	45,179	28,361
Gift aid recovered		9,260	364	9,623	5,697
Bank interest		79	-	79	45
FIEC cost of living grant		-	-	-	500
Total receipts		50,562	4,319	54,881	34,603
Payments					
Wages & payroll costs	1	26,073	-	26,073	22,843
Venue hire		5,636	-	5,636	1,487
Insurance, fees & memberships	2	3,194	727	3,921	2,276
Supplies for weekly activities & events	3	2,446	-	2,446	1,867
Sound & visual equipment	4	1,595	2,086	3,681	588
Study materials, books & literature		574	-	574	59
Donations to individuals/organisations	5	450	-	450	500
Office supplies		169	-	169	270
Training		-	-	-	1,950
Total payments		40,137	2,813	42,950	31,840
Excess receipts over payments		10,425	1,506	11,930	2,762
Opening balance on 1 Oct 2023		1,208	25,610	26,818	24,056
Internal transfers between funds	6	(10,000)	10,000	-	-
Closing balance on 30 Sept 2024		1,632	37,116	38,748	26,818

*Note: Numbers may not add up precisely due to rounding.

Statement of assets & liabilities

	Notes	General Fund	General Reserve Fund	This year 2023/24 TOTAL
		£	£	£
Assets				
Cash at bank with immediate access		1,632	37,116	38,748
Cash in hand		-	-	-
Gift aid still to be received		213	-	213
Total assets		1,845	37,116	38,961
Assets retained for charity's own use	7			
Liabilities				
FIEC annual membership		912	-	912
Annual licence renewals		239	-	239
Venue hire fees to be settled		180	-	180
Pension liabilities		109	-	109
Total liabilities		1,440		1,440

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Notes to the accounts

1 Wages & payroll costs

In addition to wages, the figure shown includes the monthly overheads and payroll administration costs.

2 Insurance, fees & memberships

The General Fund expenditure of £3,194 comprised of the following: FIEC membership [£840]; online/digital media [£508]; accounts examination fee [£480]; insurances including public liability [£408]; membership donation, covering two years, of Kent Gospel Partnership [£400]; copyright licences [£229]; safeguarding [£210]; bank fees [£64]; microphone licences [£56]. The additional General Reserve Fund sum of £727 is legal fees. This relates to an unsuccessful property transfer to Outpost Church that was explored in detail during the year.

3 Supplies for weekly activities & events

The total expenditure of £2,446 comprised of the following: Weekly coffee/tea catering and supplies [£630]; Christmas services [£479]; light party [£426]; Special services (baptisms, evening services, bring-and-share lunches) [£267]; mid-week groups [£143]; harvest [£177]; Easter [£134]; summer outdoor service [£70]; craft for all-age services [£43]; adventurers [£40]; communion [£35].

4 Sound & visual equipment

The General Fund expenditure of £1,595 comprised of various equipment purchases, replacements, and consumables. A further £2,086 was spent against the General Reserve Fund to upgrade our PA speakers.

5 Donations to individuals/organisations

The expenditure of £450 comprised of honoraria for visiting speakers at Sunday services, and provision of photography at our carol service.

6 Internal transfers between funds

A total of £10,000 was transferred at year end to consolidate most of our reserves, for simplicity and ease of identification, into the general reserve fund.

7 Assets retained for charity's own use

The key assets retained comprise of sound and visual (PA) equipment.

8 Other disclosures

There are no debts or guarantees to report in relation to the specific disclosures required under section 62 of The Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012.

Summary

The trustees are incredibly grateful to God for another year of his grace and blessing on the work of Outpost Church. Over the 2023-24 year, we saw a significant increase in annual income, rising from £34,603 in the previous year to £54,881 by the end of the reporting period. While this follows a continued pattern of year-on-year growth, the increase this year has been particularly substantial, fully meeting expenditure with a surplus of £11,930.

We give thanks for the continued financial support from individuals and families of the church whose kind donations make this work possible, as well as those who faithfully serve week by week in many ways. Their commitment is a great encouragement and story of God's provision.

As we look ahead, we prayerfully seek God's guidance on how best to use the financial resources entrusted to us. Our desire is to see lives transformed by Jesus, and we trust that God will continue to provide for us and lead us in this mission.


"Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think..."
Ephesians 3:20 (ESV)

Rog, Jess, Amanda, Joe & Pete
Trustees


Declaration

The trustees declare they have approved the trustees' report and accounts.

Signed and dated on behalf of the trustees:


A/Nunn (May 14, 2025 20:33 GMT+1)
Amanda Nunn
(Trustee)

May 14, 2025


JLillicrap (May 14, 2025 21:01 GMT+1)
Joe Lillicrap
(Trustee)

May 14, 2025

OUTPOST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1173519

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**OUTPOST CHURCH
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE PERIOD 1ST OCTOBER 2022 – 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

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Administrative & legal information

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Registered Charity Number: 1173519
Registered Office: Shepherd Croft, Bond Lane, Kingsnorth, Ashford TN23 3ES

Trustees: Roger Tanton (Chair)
Peter Morris (Treasurer)
Jessica Cayuela
Joe Lillicrap
Amanda Nunn

Elders: Roger Tanton (Pastor)

Deacons: Peter Morris

Structure

Outpost Church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), governed by a Constitution registered 21st June 2017, under which the trustees (the elders, plus others appointed) are responsible for the general control and management of the administration of the Church. The appointment of new trustees is initiated by the elders and approved by the trustees once all necessary eligibility checks have taken place. Anyone may make suggestions to the elders for a proposed trustee appointment.

The beliefs and practices of Outpost Church are set out in our handbook and the spiritual leadership of the Church rests with the elders. The work is supported by deacons who lead and serve in practical and spiritual ways under the guidance of the elders.

Our handbook sets out the provisions whereby Christian believers at Outpost Church may join as members. Any person wishing to join the church as a member should speak to an elder or deacon to request a copy of the handbook and/or to express their desire to join in membership.

We are an independent church affiliated to the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC).

Charitable objects

The Church is required to comply with its legal charitable objects in all its activities:

- a. The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, primarily, but not exclusively, within Kent and the surrounding area; and*
- b. such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, put into practice the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, including but not limited to: the prevention and relief of need, hardship and sickness; the advancement of education; and the provision of community facilities;*

provided that the advancement of such purposes must be undertaken in a manner that is consistent with the Doctrinal Distinctives and Ethical Statements as may be adopted and amended by the CIO from time to time.

Objectives and activities

As a Christian church we aim to point people who God is and what he has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We are passionate about spreading the good news of Jesus to all and desire to see people experience his presence and the power of the Holy Spirit at work in their lives.

Our mission is to live as Outposts of God's kingdom by raising the flag of Jesus in our hearts, homes, church, communities, and the world.

The main activity of the week is our Sunday service where we gather for worship, prayer, praise, and bible teaching. Our services are open to all and aim to be contemporary in style, friendly and informal. During the service, primary school aged children are able to attend Adventurers where they learn about the bible through games and craft. We meet up at mid-week groups throughout the year to pray, encourage and support each other, and learn how to apply the bible to our lives.

We were able to hold a number of other public events during the year; a light party, carol service, Good Friday walk and a summer family festival.

In the planning of all our activities, the trustees have complied with their duty to have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

Sunday Services

We continued to make use of the Woodchurch Community Centre for our weekly services, with numbers in attendance steadily growing and regularly remaining above 60. In the second half of the year, we began to see numbers rise above 70. It has been encouraging to see additional families settle into regular attendance with those joining typically hearing about Outpost Church via our affiliation to the FIEC and/or other personal recommendation. We have always encouraged those attending to invite family, friends and neighbours to our weekly services and it has been great to continue establishing new connections in this way.

Bible teaching is a key part of our Sunday services and during the year we were able to cover a good range of series. Between October 2022 and March 2023 we returned to our long running series in Luke's gospel, covering chapters 13 to 18, with a short break over the 2022 Christmas period to focus on the wise men in the Nativity story. We then covered the book Ephesians, between April and August 2023, culminating in a three week mini-series on the armour of God. At

the end of the year we returned to our series in Luke's gospel to continue where we left off in chapter 18.

Our 2022 Christmas services were well attended and provided a key opportunity to invite family and friends to church to hear the good news of Jesus, as was our outdoor evening service and BBQ held in summer 2023. In July 2023, it was a joy to welcome the Scouts and Guides (while on their summer camp) to one our services. We had around 120 people attending that Sunday, and it was a great opportunity to share the message of Jesus, with discussions continuing after the service about a range of topics including the authenticity of the bible, existence of God, and the nature of reality and truth.

One of the ways in which we continued to resource people, to advance our mission to point people to Jesus, is by providing a range of free books and materials at our Sunday services for both Christian and non-Christian attendees and visitors. The book table has continued to be well used.

We give thanks to God for those who have continued to serve in the Outpost band throughout the year, leading us in our times of praise and worship, and for those serving in various other ways to support our weekly services; setting up, packing away, leading services and serving refreshments.

Children's work

Adventurers, for primary school aged children, was held throughout the year during our Sunday services. The children learnt about the bible through craft, games, and teaching, covering the story of Esther, the parables Jesus told, the book of Acts and the growth of the early church. In 2022, the adventurers practiced and performed the nativity at our carol service.

Mid-week groups

Over the year we held men and women's life groups, once a month, which gave us opportunity to help build friendships and share, pray, and support each other through life's challenges. It has been great to see these groups growing and to see individuals feel able to share prayer points and encouragements with each other at other times during the week over group social media.

Once a month, we held a homegroup for everyone to come together – we typically looked again at the message from the Sunday service, with time for discussion to draw out application for our lives.

Other events

During the year we hosted several other key events. Our light party in October 2022 was a great occasion for families to come and celebrate with us, through games, craft and a short message, the light of Jesus instead of Halloween. Our Good Friday walk in Easter 2023 provided an opportunity to deepen friendships within the church family, especially with those new to the church.

It was a joy to host our summer family festival again this year. Despite a very rainy day, which did limit some of our activities, it was very exciting to see four individuals baptised. The day began with a service in the morning – we celebrated God’s goodness to us as a church on our twelfth anniversary, and heard the testimonies of those to be baptised. The event was very well attended and we hosted an indoor lunch after the baptisms and finished the afternoon with games and craft.

Financial review

Introduction

We have prepared our accounts using the simplified receipts and payments format accompanied by a statement of assets and liabilities. The totals for the previous year are given for comparison.

We continued to use two funds to help us manage our resources effectively which were as follows:

- *General Fund* – for managing all regular income and regular expenses associated with running the church.
- *General Reserve Fund* – for easily identifying and managing surpluses and reserves carried forward, to be used for larger one-off/extraordinary expenses, new opportunities, or as a means of meeting any potential shortfall in regular income against expenses.

All funds were unrestricted in nature meaning that they could be used to freely advance any of the church's charitable purposes (objects).

Receipts & Payments Account (see page 8)

In God's goodness, incoming funds have continued to grow on previous years due to additional and increased gifts received, while at the same time our costs have not increased as significantly as had been originally anticipated. This has enabled us to end the year with a notable surplus on our general fund of £4,712 as outgoings of £29,890 were covered by an income of £34,603. We were also pleased to be able to support one of our members attending the Cornhill Training Course (1yr) by the Proclamation Trust at an additional cost of £1,950 from our reserves.

Thus, we ended the year with an overall surplus of £2,762 and a closing balance across both funds of £26,818. These funds are now available to spend in accordance with the church's charitable purposes.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (see page 9)

The statement on page 9 lists the assets held by the church and gives a broad understanding of the liabilities at year end. The liabilities shown is a list of the main payments that were immediately due at year end.

Reserve Policy

Our reserve policy is to hold four months of expenditure to enable the church to adapt to reductions in income, plus a further £2,000 to meet larger extraordinary expenses and as a means of responding to new opportunities that may arise. The target reserves figure based on the budget for the year was therefore £13,045. Reserves held at the end of the year across all funds were £26,818.

It is acknowledged that reserves amount to more than the target figure and we plan to use these funds in ways that will advance the work and mission of the church.

Employees

The church had one paid employee during the year; Roger Tanton. In line with the regulations and our governing documents, Roger's employment related solely to his role as pastor of the church under a contract of employment for three and a half days per week (his work as a trustee was voluntary).

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
OUTPOST CHURCH**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Outpost Church ('the charity') for the year ended 30 September 2023 on pages 8 to 10 following.

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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 accordance with section 130 of the 2011
2. 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.

Sarah Crispin, ACA

Stewardship
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Date: 22nd March 2024

Receipts and payments account

	Notes	General Fund	General Reserve Fund	This year 2022/23 TOTAL	Last year 2021/22 TOTAL
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Donations received		28,361	-	28,361	23,191
Gift aid recovered		5,697	-	5,697	4,913
FIEC cost of living grant	1	500	-	500	-
Bank interest		45	-	45	8
Total receipts		34,603	-	34,603	28,112
Payments					
Wages & payroll costs	2	22,843	-	22,843	19,621
Insurance, fees & memberships	3	2,276	-	2,276	1,398
Supplies for weekly activities & events	4	1,867	-	1,867	2,286
Venue hire		1,487	-	1,487	2,655
Sound & visual equipment		588	-	588	1,969
Donations to individuals/organisations	5	500	-	500	410
Office supplies		270	-	270	13
Study materials, books & literature		59	-	59	163
Training	6	-	1,950	1,950	-
General publicity		-	-	-	65
Total payments		29,890	1,950	31,840	28,580
Excess receipts over payments		4,712	(1,950)	2,762	(469)
Opening balance on 1 Oct 2022		10,496	13,560	24,056	24,524
Internal transfers between funds	7	(14,000)	14,000	-	-
Closing balance on 30 Sept 2023		1,208	25,610	26,818	24,056

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Statement of assets & liabilities

	Notes	General Fund	General Reserve Fund	This year 2022/23 TOTAL
		£	£	£
Assets				
Cash at bank with immediate access		1,208	25,610	26,818
Cash in hand		-	-	-
		1,208	25,610	26,818
Gift aid still to be received		635	-	635
Total assets		1,843	-	27,453
Assets retained for charity's own use	8			
Liabilities				
Venue hire fees to be settled		1,375	-	1,375
FIEC annual membership		840	-	840
Annual independent examination fee		480	-	480
Annual licence renewals		285	-	285
Total liabilities		2,980	-	2,980

*Note: Numbers may not add up precisely due to rounding.

Notes to the accounts

1 FIEC cost of living grant

We were grateful to receive a one-off gift of £500 this year from the FIEC Hardship Fund towards the work of the church.

2 Wages & payroll costs

In addition to wages, the figure shown includes the monthly overheads and administration costs relating to running the payroll.

3 Insurance, fees & memberships

The total expenditure of £2,276 comprised of the following:
FIEC membership [£780]; accounts examination fee [£420]; insurances including public liability [£392]; copyright licences [£214]; online/digital media [£207]; safeguarding [£145]; microphone licences [£56]; bank fees [£63].

4 Supplies for weekly activities & events

The total expenditure of £1,867 comprised of the following:
Coffee/tea supplies and refreshments [£601]; family festival [£521]; Christmas services [£327]; Adventurers [£144]; craft for all-age services [£135]; Light Party [£68]; Easter [£63]; communion supplies [£9].

5 Donations to individuals & organisations

The expenditure of £500 comprised of honoraria for visiting speakers at Sunday services, and for provision of photography at our carol service.

6 Training

The additional expenditure of £1,950 against the general reserve fund was for 1 year of the Cornhill Training Course for one of our members.

7 Internal transfers between funds

A total of £14,000 was transferred at year end to consolidate most of our reserves, for simplicity and ease of identification, into the general reserve fund.

8 Assets retained for charity's own use

The key assets retained comprise of sound and visual (PA) equipment.

9 Other disclosures

There are no debts or guarantees to report in relation to the specific disclosures required under section 62 of The Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012.

Summary

The trustees give huge thanks to God for another year of his grace and blessing on Outpost Church. It is so encouraging to see more individuals and families encounter the presence of God through the work and ministry of the church, and it was a joy to see four individuals baptised over the summer.

We give thanks to God for the continued financial support through the kind and generous donations of the individuals and families of the church along with the ongoing support of those serving from week to week, without which the work of the church would not be possible. With an expenditure totaling £31,840 and income of £34,603, we now go forward into the next accounting year with a balance of £26,818. All funds are unrestricted meaning that they can be spent in line with any of the church's charitable purposes.

Our prayer going forward is that we would use these resources wisely in ways that will be to grow the work and mission of the church, and that all the glory and honour would go to Him alone as we continue to point people to Jesus.

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Rog, Jess, Amanda, Joe & Pete
Trustees

Declaration

The trustees declare they have approved the trustees' report and accounts.

Named and dated 17th March 2024 on behalf of the trustees:

Joe Lillicrap
(Trustee)

Amanda Nunn
(Trustee)

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Amanda Nunn

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We were also able to hold a number of other public events during the year; a light party, carol service, Good Friday walk and a summer family festival.

In the planning of all our activities, the trustees have complied with their duty to have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

Sunday Services

We held our Sunday services throughout the year at the Woodchurch Community Centre, advertising primarily through social media and encouraging those in regular attendance to invite friends, family and contacts. It was encouraging to see attendance grow back to pre-pandemic levels of 50-60 per week with a few notable occasions in the second half of the year where numbers began reaching above 60 for the first time at our regular services.

Bible teaching is a key part of our Sunday services and during the year we were able to cover a good range of series. In October 2021 we returned to our long running series in Luke's gospel, covering chapters 11 and 12. This was followed by three messages in November, focussing on the book of 1 John under the title 'Be Sure', looking at the certainty we can have about Jesus, salvation, and God's will for our lives. In December 2021 we held our Christmas services, including a carol service, which gave us good opportunity to invite others to hear the gospel through the birth of Jesus. We then began a new study in the book of Colossians, lasting from January to April 2022, the big theme being how we can overcome everything that is against us through Jesus.

Then, between May and June 2022, we covered the book of Daniel, followed by a four part series in the book of Jonah over the summer.

In August 2022 we decided to hold one of our services outdoors around an evening BBQ and firepits. We heard bible teaching from our series in Jonah and joined together in a time of worship led by the Outpost band. This was a great opportunity to invite family and friends to church, and it was encouraging to see a number of families visiting from other churches to share in Christian fellowship with us.

We continued to develop our table of free books available at our services. This has been a well-used resource, useful for equipping Christians in their faith, as well as being a helpful way to provide non-Christians with books and literature that helps to point them to Jesus.

Children's work

It was good to be able to restart adventurers during our Sunday services in the autumn of 2021. The children learnt about the bible through craft, games and teaching, starting with story of Jonah in the months running up to Christmas, before practicing and performing the nativity at our carol service.

In the first half of 2022, the adventurers learnt about the story of Daniel and then explored the parables of Jesus in Matthew's gospel. After the summer break they began learning about the Kingdom of God in the book of Mark.

Mid-week groups

We met roughly once a month during the week for central meeting where we looked deeper at the message from the Sunday service, with a time for further discussion and prayer at the end. Then, on alternating weeks, we were able to meet for men and women's life groups in people's homes, which gave us more opportunity to build one another up and encourage each other in our spiritual walk with Jesus.

Other events

After a near two-year hiatus on our events, it was great to be able to host a light party (Oct 2021), Good Friday walk (Easter 2022) and our summer family festival (July 2022). We used these as key opportunities to introduce new people to our church family, sharing with them the message of Jesus in a relaxing and engaging environment, as well as to strengthen new and existing friendships in our church. It was a joy to see these events well attended.

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We were excited to be able to host our light party, and it was great to be able to use this as an occasion to celebrate the light of Jesus as an alternative to Halloween. There were light themed games and craft for families throughout the evening with a short talk given to point them to Jesus as the light of the world.

Our summer family festival was our eleventh church anniversary and so we began the day with a thanksgiving service, remembering all that God has done through the work of Outpost Church. We then held a BBQ lunch, with more activities and live worship music performed by the Outpost Band into the afternoon. We continued our thanksgiving celebrations into the evening with food and firepits to wrap up the day.



Financial review

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All funds were unrestricted in nature meaning that they could be used to freely advance any of the church's charitable purposes (objects).

Receipts & Payments Account (see page 8)

God has again been so good to us this year; as can be seen from the receipts and payments account we ended the year with a surplus on our general fund of £1,161 as outgoings of £26,950 were covered by an income of £28,112.

This is very significant as we were originally anticipating a shortfall this year in excess of £8,000, due to many of our activities restarting since the pandemic and thus increased outgoings since the previous year, but had planned to accommodate this shortfall from reserves. However, we are so thankful to have covered our costs this year which is mainly through additional and increased giving, but also less than anticipated expenditure to some extent. It is noteworthy that incoming funds have continued to grow on previous years despite the pandemic.

A further £1,630 was spent from our general reserve fund bringing total unrestricted expenditure for the year to £28,580. This resulted in a small overall shortfall of £469 which was met by reserves giving a year end closing balance across both funds of £24,055. These funds are now available to spend in accordance with the church's charitable purposes.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (see page 9)

The statement on page 9 lists the assets held by the church and gives a broad understanding of the liabilities at year end. The liabilities shown is a list of the main payments that were immediately due at year end.

Reserve Policy

Our reserve policy is to hold four months of expenditure to enable the church to adapt to reductions in income, plus a further £2,000 to meet larger extraordinary expenses and as a means of responding to new opportunities that may arise. The target reserves figure based on the budget for the year was therefore £11,674. Reserves held at the end of the year across all funds were £24,055.

The trustees acknowledge that reserves amount to more than the target figure which is due to the church being able to cover its expenditure on the general fund this year. A significant proportion of these reserves was allocated for the forthcoming year, 2022-23, to continue to advance the work and mission of the church. This will continue to be monitored and reviewed.

Employees

The church had one paid employee during the year; Roger Tanton. In line with the regulations and our governing documents, Roger's employment related solely to his role as pastor of the church under a contract of employment for three days per week (it was not given to him for any of his work as a trustee which is a voluntary role).

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TO THE TRUSTEES OF
OUTPOST CHURCH**

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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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011
2. 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.

Sarah Crispin, ACA

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Date: 27th March 2023

Receipts and payments account

	Notes	General Fund	General Reserve Fund	This year 2021/22 TOTAL	Last year 2020/21 TOTAL
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Donations received		23,191	-	23,191	18,039
Gift aid recovered		4,913	-	4,913	4,449
Bank interest		8	-	8	-
Total receipts		28,112	-	28,112	22,487
Payments					
Wages & payroll costs	1	19,621	-	19,621	19,248
Venue hire		2,655	-	2,655	1,170
Supplies for weekly activities & events	2	2,286	-	2,286	765
Insurance, fees & memberships	3	1,398	-	1,398	1,440
Donations to individuals/organisations	4	410	-	410	70
Sound & visual equipment	5	339	1,630	1,969	1,267
Study materials, books & literature		163	-	163	210
General publicity		65	-	65	33
Office supplies		13	-	13	7
Total payments		26,950	1,630	28,580	24,210
Excess receipts over payments		1,161	(1,630)	(469)	(1,723)
Opening balance on 1 Oct 2021		9,334	15,190	24,524	26,247
Internal transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Closing balance on 30 Sept 2022		10,495	13,560	24,055	24,524

*Note: Numbers may not add up precisely due to rounding.

Statement of assets & liabilities

	Notes	General Fund	General Reserve Fund	This year 2021/22 TOTAL
		£	£	£
Assets				
Cash at bank with immediate access		10,495	13,560	24,055
Cash in hand		-	-	-
		10,495	13,560	24,055
Gift aid still to be received		404	-	404
		10,899	13,560	24,459
Total assets				
Assets retained for charity's own use	6			
Liabilities				
FIEC annual membership		780	-	780
Annual licence renewals		56	-	56
		836	-	836
Total liabilities				

*Note: Numbers may not add up precisely due to rounding.

Notes to the accounts

1 Wages & payroll costs

In addition to wages, the figure shown includes the monthly overheads and administration costs relating to running the payroll.

2 Supplies for weekly activities & events

The total expenditure of £2,286 comprised of the following:
Summer family festival [£946]; coffee/tea supplies and refreshments [£512]; craft for all-age services [£240]; Christmas services [£236]; Adventurers [£125]; Equipment for cleaning, storage and heating [£67]; Light Party [£57]; Easter [£35]; Harvest [£28]; first aid [£25]; communion supplies [£14].

3 Insurance, fees & memberships

The total expenditure of £1,398 comprised of the following:
FIEC membership [£468]; insurances including public liability [£346]; copyright licences [£202]; safeguarding [£171]; online/digital media [£113]; microphone licences [£56]; bank fees [£42].

4 Donations to individuals & organisations

The expenditure of £410 comprised of the following:
Honoraria for visiting speakers at Sunday services [£210]; Honoraria for photography at carol service [£200].

5 Sound & visual equipment

The additional expenditure of £1,630 against the general reserve fund was for the purchase of a new sound system for use at our Sunday services and other events.

6 Assets retained for charity's own use

The key assets retained comprise of sound and visual (PA) equipment.

7 Other disclosures

There are no debts or guarantees to report in relation to the specific disclosures required under section 62 of The Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012.

Summary

The trustees are incredibly grateful to God for his continued provision to Outpost Church this year; income totalled £28,112, and with an expenditure of £28,580, we now go forward with a balance of £24,055. The church is solely reliant on the generous financial support received from individuals and families, without which it would not be possible to sustain or grow the mission of the church.

Following the uncertainties of the pandemic years, it is a joy to see the work growing numerically, with attendance at our Sunday services now beginning to reach above 60 for the first time. We are so thankful to see more individuals and families being blessed by the ministry, with many now stepping up to serve the church in a variety of ways.

Going forward, we continue to trust in God's goodness and pray for his sustaining hand especially in light of the ongoing cost of living crisis. We pray that his blessing will continue to be upon us as we strive to lift up his Name and point more people to Jesus.

Rog, Jess, Amanda, Joe & Pete
Trustees

Declaration

The trustees declare they have approved the trustees' report and accounts.

Named and dated 26th March 2023 on behalf of the trustees:

Jessica Cayuela
(Trustee)

Peter Morris
(Trustee)

OUTPOST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1173519

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Administrative & legal information

Registered Charity Name: Outpost Church
Registered Charity Number: 1173519
Registered Office: Shepherd Croft, Bond Lane, Kingsnorth, Ashford TN23 3ES

Trustees: Roger Tanton (Chair)
Peter Morris (Treasurer)
Jessica Cayuela
Joe Lillicrap
Amanda Nunn

Elders: Roger Tanton (Pastor)

Deacons: Peter Morris

Structure

Outpost Church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), governed by a Constitution, under which the trustees (the elders, plus others appointed) are responsible for the general control and management of the administration of the Church. The appointment of new trustees is initiated by the elders and approved by the trustees once all necessary eligibility checks have taken place. Anyone may make suggestions to the elders for a proposed trustee appointment.

The beliefs and practices of Outpost Church are set out in our handbook and the spiritual leadership of the Church rests with the elders. The work is supported by deacons who lead and serve in practical and spiritual ways under the guidance of the elders.

Our handbook sets out the provisions whereby Christian believers at Outpost Church may join as members. Any person wishing to join the church as a member should speak to an elder or deacon to request a copy of the handbook and/or to express their desire to join in membership.

We are an independent church, affiliated to the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC).

Charitable objects

The Church is required to comply with its legal charitable objects in all its activities:

- a. The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, primarily, but not exclusively, within Kent and the surrounding area; and
- b. such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, put into practice the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, including but not limited to: the prevention and relief of need, hardship and sickness; the advancement of education; and the provision of community facilities;

provided that the advancement of such purposes must be undertaken in a manner that is consistent with the Doctrinal Distinctives and Ethical Statements as may be adopted and amended by the CIO from time to time.

Objectives and activities

As a Christian church our aim is to point people to who God is and what he has done for us in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We are passionate about spreading the good news of Jesus to all and desire to see people experience God's transforming work flow out from their hearts and into their homes, their church, their community and the world.

The main activity of the week is our Sunday service where we gather together for worship, prayer, praise and bible teaching. Our services are open to all and aim to be contemporary in style, friendly and informal.

Many of our other usual physical meetings, activities and events continued to be suspended throughout much of the year due to the pandemic and there were also occasions where we reverted to online services due to increased lockdown restrictions. Mid-week groups for prayer, bible study and encouragement were held throughout much of the year online, however we were pleased to be able to recommence physical mid-week meetings in late July 2021 as restrictions were lifted. In September 2021, we recommenced Adventurers for primary school aged children which they were able to attend during the Sunday service for bible teaching, games and craft.

In the planning of all our activities, the trustees have complied with their duty to have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

Sunday Services

We were very much aware of the impact that the lockdown was having on people, spiritually and emotionally, and so we were pleased to be in a position to recommence our services at the Woodchurch Community Centre at the end of September 2020. To gather again for worship was a huge blessing to many of the families and individuals amongst us. For those deciding not to attend, a video recording of our service was uploaded to YouTube each week and it was encouraging to hear of several others from outside of our regular congregation also benefitting from the ministry in this way. Given the circumstances it was still good to see around 40 people attending our services each week with others remaining in contact in various ways.

Bible teaching is a key part of our Sunday services and during the year we were able to cover a number of series. In October 2020 we returned briefly to our long running series in Luke's gospel before commencing a Christmas series online during the November lockdown. Although unable to hold our usual Christmas events and carol service in 2020, we were thankful to be able to return

to physical Sunday services in December to celebrate Jesus' birth over the Christmas period. Between January and June 2021, we focussed on the book of 1 Timothy in a series entitled 'The Household of God' followed by a topical series, 'The Real Jesus', where we investigated the truth claims of Jesus in the gospel of John.

We were unable to hold our Summer Family Festival again this year. However, with the lifting of most restrictions in late July 2021, it was a joy to be able to celebrate the tenth anniversary of Outpost Church with a service on 25th July where we were able to sing altogether for the first time in around 16 months. We finished the service with a very memorable and powerfully sung version of the song "Behold our God" (Sovereign Grace Praise, 2011) as we remembered that God remains in control, whatever our circumstances, and is worthy of all adoration and praise.

As we approached the end of the reporting year we began to see more people return to our services in person and it was a blessing to be able to re-establish these connections and share again with them in Christian fellowship.

Children's work

In September 2021 we restarted adventurers for primary school aged children during our Sunday services where they could learn about the bible through craft, games and teaching. The adventurers commenced the new term with a series in the book of Jonah thinking about how the story of Jonah is a picture of Jesus.

Mid-week groups

Throughout much of the year we continued to meet virtually during the week via video conferencing to discuss the message from Sunday and pray together. Whilst not the same as meeting in person, we are thankful that we were still able to meet in this way.

As restrictions lifted in late July 2021 we began gathering together again, in person, twice a month for 'Central Meeting'. This was an opportunity to meet altogether with a focus on digging deeper into God's Word together with a time of prayer at the end. By the end of the reporting year we were planning a return to men and women's 'Life Groups' to further build our family and friendships and encourage each other in our spiritual walk.

Other events

In previous years, we held a number of other events including a Good Friday Walk and Summer Family Festival. These activities were not able to take place this year due to the lockdown.

Financial review

Introduction

We have prepared our accounts using the simplified receipts and payments format accompanied by a statement of assets and liabilities. The totals for the previous year are given for comparison.

We continued to use two funds to help us manage our resources effectively. All funds were unrestricted in nature meaning that they could be used to freely advance any of the church's charitable purposes. The funds were as follows:

- *General Fund* – for managing all regular income and regular expenses associated with running the church.
- *General Reserve Fund* – for easily identifying and managing surpluses carried forward, using the funds for larger one-off/extraordinary expenses, new opportunities, and as a means of meeting any potential shortfall in regular income against expenses.

Receipts & Payments Account (see page 6)

After another uncertain year for so many individuals and families, we again give thanks to God for his continued provision to us. Our general fund outgoings this year totalled £23,716 and, through the generosity of God's people, incoming funds totalled £22,487 leaving a shortfall of just £1,229 to be covered by reserves.

We were actually anticipating a much larger shortfall this year, and had planned to accommodate this from reserves, but the continued cancellation of events due to lockdown together with some increased giving toward year end enabled the shortfall to be reduced. It is notable that our total income actually increased from £20,491 in the previous year to £22,487 this year. We give thanks to God for his goodness to us.

A further £494 was spent on our general reserve fund bringing total unrestricted expenditure for the year to £24,210. This brought our overall shortfall to £1,723 which was met by reserves giving us a year end closing balance across both funds of £24,524. These funds are now available to spend in accordance with the church's charitable purposes.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (see page 7)

The statement on page 8 lists the assets held by the church and gives a broad understanding of the liabilities at year end. The liabilities shown is a list of the main payments that were immediately due within 1 month of year end.

Reserve Policy

Our reserve policy is to hold four months of expenditure to enable the church to adapt to reductions in income, plus a further £2,000 to meet larger extraordinary expenses and as a means of responding to new opportunities that may arise. The target reserves figure based on the budget for the year was therefore £11,418. Reserves held at the end of the year were £24,524.

The trustees acknowledge that reserves amount to more than the target figure, and a significant proportion of these reserves was allocated for the forthcoming year, 2021-22 to continue to advance the work and mission of the church. The situation will continue to be monitored and reviewed.

Employees

The church had one paid employee during the year; Roger Tanton. In line with the regulations and our governing documents, Roger's employment related solely to his role as pastor of the church under a contract of employment for three days per week (it was not given to him for any of his work as a trustee).

Receipts and payments account

	Notes	General Fund	General Reserve Fund	This year 2020/21 TOTAL	Last year 2019/20 TOTAL
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Donations received		18,039	-	18,039	16,437
Gift aid recovered		4,449	-	4,449	4,054
Total receipts		22,487	-	22,487	20,491
Payments					
Wages & payroll costs	1	19,248	-	19,248	13,802
Venue hire		1,170	-	1,170	1,700
Insurance, fees & memberships	2	1,440	-	1,440	1,298
Supplies for weekly activities & events	3	765	-	765	1,053
Sound & visual equipment	4	773	494	1,267	604
Study materials, books & literature		210	-	210	242
Donations to individuals/organisations	5	70	-	70	100
Office supplies		7	-	7	96
General publicity		33	-	33	66
Total payments		23,716	494	24,210	18,962
Excess receipts over payments		(1,229)	(494)	(1,723)	1,529
Opening balance on 1 Oct 2020		10,563	15,684	26,247	24,717
Internal transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Closing balance on 30 Sept 2021		9,334	15,190	24,524	26,247

*Note: Numbers may not add up precisely due to rounding.

Statement of assets & liabilities

	Notes	General Fund	General Reserve Fund	TOTAL
	6	£	£	£
Assets				
Barclays Bank account		9,334	15,190	24,524
Cash in hand		-	-	-
		9,334	15,190	24,524
Gift aid still to be received		130	-	130
Total assets		9,464	15,190	24,654
Liabilities				
Wages & payroll costs		1,630	-	1,630
FIEC annual membership		468	-	468
Annual licence renewals		258	-	258
Annual safeguarding membership		129	-	129
Total liabilities		2,485	-	2,485

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Notes to the accounts

1 Wages & payroll costs

In addition to wages, the figure shown includes the monthly overheads and administration costs relating to running the payroll.

2 Insurance, fees & memberships

The total expenditure of £1,440 comprised of the following: FIEC membership [£468]; insurances including public liability [£335]; online media and resources, website, & video conferencing [£299]; safeguarding [£186]; copyright licences [£96]; microphone licences [£56].

3 Supplies for weekly activities & events

The total expenditure of £765 comprised of the following: Covid-19 cleaning & equipment [£195]; Sunday coffee/tea supplies [£105]; Adventurers [£100]; communion supplies [£95]; craft for all-age services [£73]; storage boxes for equipment & supplies [£52]; Christmas services [£47]; Light Party (event taking place in next reporting year) [£45]; miscellaneous supplies [£44]; Easter [£10];

4 Sound & visual equipment

The general fund expenditure of £773 comprised of the following: sound and visual equipment for physical Sunday services [£544]; recording equipment for online Sunday services [£179] regular consumables [£50].

A further £494 was spent to purchase a new projector for Sunday services.

5 Donations to individuals & organisations

The expenditure of £70 related to honoraria for visiting speakers at Sunday services.

6 Other disclosures

There are no debts or guarantees to report in relation to the specific disclosures required under section 62 of The Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012.

Summary

Once again, we want to give all our thanks to God for sustaining us through another year especially in light of the continued uncertainties of the pandemic.

The church is solely reliant on the gifts and offerings from individuals and families and we are incredibly thankful for the financial support that has been received making it possible to continue the work and mission of the church. Overall, our income totalled £22,487, and with an expenditure of £24,210 we now go forward with a balance of £24,524.

We also remember and give thanks to God for the individuals and families who have continued to serve the church in various ways, without whom much of the work would not have been possible.

It was a huge blessing this year to be able to mark ten years of Outpost Church and reflect on God's goodness to us. It is our prayer that the work would continue to grow, that God would raise up more people to serve him, and that all the glory and honour would go to his Name alone as we continue our mission to point people to Jesus.

Rog, Jess, Amanda, Joe & Pete
Trustees

Declaration

The trustees declare they have approved the trustees' report and accounts.

Named and dated 16th January 2022 on behalf of the trustees:

Peter Morris
(Trustee)

Amanda Nunn
(Trustee)

OUTPOST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1173519

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Peter Morris (Treasurer)
Jessica Cayuela
Joe Lillicrap
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Deacons: Peter Morris

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We are an independent church, affiliated to the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC).

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The Church is required to comply with its legal charitable objects in all its activities:

- a. The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, primarily, but not exclusively, within Kent and the surrounding area; and*
- b. such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, put into practice the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, including but not limited to: the prevention and relief of need, hardship and sickness; the advancement of education; and the provision of community facilities;*

provided that the advancement of such purposes must be undertaken in a manner that is consistent with the Doctrinal Distinctives and Ethical Statements as may be adopted and amended by the CIO from time to time.

Objectives and activities

As a Christian church we aim to point people to who God is and what he has done for us in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We are passionate about spreading the good news of Jesus to all, and desire to see people experience his transforming work flow out from their hearts and into their homes, church, communities and the world.

Our main activity is our weekly Sunday service for music/worship, prayer and bible teaching, which is open to all and aims to be contemporary in style, friendly and informal. Primary school aged children have the option of staying in the service during the bible teaching or going to adventurers for age appropriate teaching with games and craft, re-joining the service for a time of music/worship at the end. We held smaller mid-week groups and meetings during the year to spend more time studying God's Word and learn how to apply it to our lives.

In March 2020 we suspended our Sunday services and all physical meetings, groups and events in line with government guidance and advice from the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC) due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During this time, we continued our mission online, publishing services on YouTube and meeting virtually during the week online via video conference.

In the planning of all our activities, the trustees have complied with their duty to have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

Sunday Services

We held weekly Sunday services at the Woodchurch Community Centre throughout the first half of the year, advertising through social media and encouraging those in regular attendance to invite others to come along. Attendance was regularly between 55 and 65 people and it was exciting to see and hear of individuals and families being positively impacted by the ministry of the church in various ways. Our 2019 Christmas Carol Service was a key opportunity for us to share the good news of Jesus with many of our friends, families and wider contacts, and a total of 98 people came to this event.

The bible teaching is a central part of our public gatherings and during the year we were able to cover a number of key series. In Autumn 2019 we focussed on the book of Romans discovering how we can be 'Right with God'. In January and February of 2020, we covered a topical series, 'The Victorious Life', where we looked at the victory that Jesus gives in our hearts, homes,

communities and the world. We then briefly returned to our long running series in Luke's gospel before suspending our physical gatherings in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Even though "apart in body" during this time, we wanted to remain "together in spirit" (Colossians 2:5), and so every week we released our own YouTube video service, aiming to make our homes into mini churches where Jesus could be proclaimed and praised. To help work through many of the fears and anxieties of lockdown, we titled our first series of online messages 'Keep calm and carry on with Jesus' focussing primarily on the book of Philippians. We then spent a few months in the book of Ezra thinking about the restoration that Jesus can bring to our lives. It was great to have several individuals from within the church reading the bible for us as part of the videos, and we are hugely thankful that we were able to continue praising God in our homes by singing along to worship times led by one of our musicians.

It was encouraging to hear that many of our regular attenders had been sharing the video links with friends and family, and it is notable that many of our videos received in excess of 100 views owing to the ease to which anybody was able to access the ministry of the church.

Following the easing of the lockdown in July 2020, we worked carefully through the government guidance and advice from the FIEC toward being able to resume our public gatherings in a COVID secure way. We were very much aware of the impact that the lockdown was having on people, spiritually and emotionally, and so we were pleased to be in a position to recommence our services at the end of September 2020.

Children's work

During our Sunday services, prior to the lockdown, primary school aged children were able to go to adventurers where they could learn about the bible through craft, activities and teaching. From November to December 2019 the children learnt about different elements of the Christmas story each week and practiced a nativity which they performed at the Carol Service. In early 2020 the children explored some of the parables in Matthew's gospel.

After adventurers was suspended in March 2020 we encouraged families to watch our online video messages together with their children, and supplied resources to assist, making mini churches of their own homes. We hope to be able to resume the work of adventurers in the future when restrictions are lifted further.

Mid-week groups

With numbers increasing at Outpost Church we saw a growing need in late 2019 to develop our existing mid-week meeting to serve more people in different locations. Thus, in early 2020 we divided our mid-week meeting into two 'Life Groups' to further build our family and friendships and encourage each other in our spiritual walk, with a 'Central Meeting' taking place once a month where we could meet altogether again with a focus on biblical training and prayer.

The new format was still in its infancy when we suspended all gatherings in March 2020 and it is our hope that we may be able to return to holding these groups in the future when restrictions are lifted further.

During lockdown we met virtually during the week via video conferencing to discuss the message from Sunday and pray together. Whilst not the same as meeting in person, we are thankful that we were still able to meet in this way.

Other events

In previous years, we held a number of other events including a Good Friday Walk and Summer Family Festival. These activities were not able to take place this year due to the lockdown.

Financial review

Introduction

We have prepared our accounts using the simplified receipts and payments format together with a statement of assets and liabilities. The totals for the previous year are given for comparison.

We continued to use two funds to help us manage our resources effectively. All funds were unrestricted in nature meaning that they could be used to freely advance any of the church's charitable purposes. The funds were as follows:

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Review

We are incredibly thankful to God for bringing us through another year and for all the gifts received from individuals and families to support the work of the church. The church is solely reliant on these donations and associated gift aid to meet its costs and did not receive any income from other sources during the year.

Donations totalled £16,437, an increase of nearly £1,000 on the previous year's amount. A further £4,054 was received as gift aid from HMRC (£826 of this amount relating to the previous year's donations) bringing our total income to **£20,491**.

Our expenditure totalled **£18,962** which is significantly more than that of the previous year due to us commencing paid employment of our pastor in October 2019. A notable drop in other forms of expenditure was seen this year due to the COVID-19 lockdown. This meant that, whilst we had originally budgeted to expend some of our reserves, our overall expenditure was reduced to a level that enabled us to finish the year with a surplus instead.

In summary, we were able to cover all our expenditure and complete the year with a surplus, bringing our closing balance to £26,247 across funds. This is now available to spend in accordance with the church's charitable purposes.

The statement on page 9 lists the assets held by the church and gives a broad understanding of any outstanding liabilities at year end. The liabilities shown is a list of the main payments that were immediately due within 1 month of year end.

Reserve Policy

Our reserve policy is to hold four months of expenditure to enable the church to adapt to reductions in income, plus a further £2,000 to meet larger extraordinary expenses and as a means of responding to new opportunities that may arise. The target reserves figure based on the budget for the year was therefore £11,314. Reserves held at the end of the year were £26,247.

The trustees acknowledge that reserves are considerably more than the target figure, but are cautious not to significantly deplete resources in light of the uncertainties of COVID-19. A proportion of these reserves has however been allocated in the forthcoming year to continue to advance the work and mission of the church, and the situation will continue to be monitored and reviewed.

Employees

The church had one paid employee during the year, Roger Tanton. In line with the regulations and our governing documents, Roger's employment related solely to his role as pastor of the church under a contract of employment for two days per week (it was not given to him for any of his work as a trustee).

Receipts and payments account

	Notes	General Fund	General Reserve Fund	This year 2019/20 TOTAL	Last year 2018/19 TOTAL
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Donations received		16,437	-	16,437	15,484
Gift aid recovered		3,228	826	4,054	2,682
Total receipts		19,665	826	20,491	18,166
Payments					
Wages & payroll costs	1	13,802	-	13,802	-
Venue hire		1,700	-	1,700	2,310
Insurance, fees & memberships	2	1,298	-	1,298	1,258
Supplies for weekly activities & events	3	1,053	-	1,053	2,656
Sound & visual equipment	4	604	-	604	2,023
Study materials, books & literature		242	-	242	376
Donations to individuals/organisations	5	100	-	100	660
Office supplies		96	-	96	231
General publicity		66	-	66	90
Miscellaneous	6	-	-	-	213
Total payments		18,962	-	18,962	9,816
Excess receipts over payments		704	826	1,529	8,349
Opening balance on 1 Oct 2019		9,859	14,858	24,717	16,368
Internal transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Closing balance on 30 Sept 2020		10,563	15,684	26,247	24,717

*Note: Numbers may not add up precisely due to rounding.

Statement of assets & liabilities

	Notes	General Fund £	General Reserve Fund £	TOTAL £
Assets				
Barclays Bank account		10,563	15,684	26,247
Cash in hand		-	-	-
		10,563	15,684	26,247
Gift aid still to be received		334	-	334
Total assets		10,897	15,684	26,581
Liabilities				
Wages & payroll costs		1,500	-	1,500
FIEC annual membership		468	-	468
Annual licence renewals		213	-	213
Annual safeguarding fees		152	-	152
Total liabilities		2,333	-	2,333

*Note: Numbers may not add up precisely due to rounding.

Notes to the accounts

1 Wages & payroll costs

In addition to wages, the figure shown includes all one-off setup fees for payroll and pension incurred towards the start of the year and ongoing monthly overheads and administration costs for running the payroll.

2 Insurance, fees & memberships

The total expenditure of £1,298 comprised of the following: FIEC membership [£468]; public liability insurance [£321]; copyright licences [£186]; online media & video conferencing [£147]; safeguarding [£120]; microphone licences [£56].

3 Supplies for weekly activities & events

The total expenditure of £1,053 comprised of the following: Sunday coffee/tea supplies [£323]; Christmas Services [£316]; Adventurers / Baby & Toddler Room [£260]; Harvest Service [£115]; Storage boxes for equipment & supplies [£21]; Craft for all-age services [£18];

4 Sound & visual equipment

It should be noted that the previous year's total expenditure of £2,023 included the one-off purchase of a digital piano costing £1,510 accounting for the significant difference between the two annual figures presented.

5 Donations to individuals & organisations

The expenditure of £100 related to honoraria for photography at a carol service.

6 Miscellaneous

It should be noted that the previous year's total expenditure of £213 was a one-off repayment to HMRC for overpaid gift aid. There were no similar payments of this nature made during this year.

Summary

We are incredibly thankful to God for sustaining us through another year, one that has been very challenging for many due to COVID-19 and the lockdown. We give thanks that the work of the church has continued to be supported financially due to the generosity of individuals and families of Outpost Church. This continued support, together with a reduction in planned spending in the second half of the year, made it possible for us to cover all our expenditure this year. Overall, our income totalled £20,491, enough to cover expenditure of £18,962. We now go forward with a balance of £26,247 to continue advancing the work and mission of the church.

We remember the individuals and families who have continued to serve the church in various ways, without whom much of the work would not have been possible. We give thanks to God for placing on each of our hearts a love for his people and a desire to serve his church.

Despite all the difficulties of lockdown this year, we pray that we can go forward together with a confidence in the Lord and trust him that he has a good plan for each one of his people and his church, and that we would continue to be given opportunity to share the good news of Jesus with many others around us.

Rog, Jess, Amanda, Joe & Pete
Trustees

Declaration

The trustees declare they have approved the trustees' report and accounts.

Named and dated 20th June 2021 on behalf of the trustees:

Jessica Cayuela
(Trustee)

Joe Lillicrap
(Trustee)