

**Report of the Trustees and**  
**Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**  
**for**  
**River City Church Hull**

360 Accountants Limited  
18-19 Albion Street  
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**River City Church Hull**

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**River City Church Hull**  
**Report of the Trustees**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs appearing in the schedule hereto in Hull and such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees of the CIO may from time to time think fit and to fulfill such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales in connection with the charitable work of the CIO;

To relieve the needs of the community in Hull and surrounding areas by: (a) the relief of financial hardship, in particular but not exclusively by the provision of advice and information; (b) the preservation and protection of good physical and mental health.

**Significant Activities**

The charity exists as a church, and is part of the Catalyst network of churches. It carries out typical activities for a Christian Church e.g. public worship, teaching and training, prayer, projects of a charitable nature, the extension of the Christian faith in Hull and beyond, the spiritual and practical support of other Christian churches and its own congregation. As of December 2023, our average attendance at our Sunday meeting was roughly 120 (including children).

**Public benefit**

The charity has engaged in services to those in poverty - through the running of an East Hull Foodbank; the delivery of a Warm Space during the winter months, alongside a number of informal educational courses; provision of counsel to those in need; and has worked with external agencies for the development of communities in the Drypool, Ings and Longhill areas of Hull as well as the city as a whole. We have worked with many other churches across Hull and the UK. We have directly supported charitable works in Hull, Leeds, New Zealand and Zambia. We also provide a chaplaincy service to local Rugby League team Hull Kingston Rovers.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Financial position**

Income for the general running of the Charity during the period came from donations from members and other private individuals, grant funding and donations from a local business. Expenditure during the year from the general fund related to the normal running costs of the church including: salaries and expenses of the employees, venue hire, training, support costs and office costs. This year was our second full financial year in our venue, The Well, and so some costs associated with the building have decreased after a significant outlay on maintenance in the first year. However, the building also enabled us to grow our membership which meant that our regular income increased and our annual "Gift Day" in October 2023 raised over £25,000 towards the ongoing running costs of the church. We also received a number of grants from North Bank Forum, Asda Foundation and Sanctuary Housing to fund our Warm Space provision and educational courses. Our Income was therefore sufficient to cover our expenditure and church finances remain healthy, with the church having over four months of operational costs in reserve.

River City Church Hull makes a practice of giving to other charitable bodies whose aims are consistent with the Charity's Objectives. Donations are also made to individuals, including, but not restricted to participants of the church (this is normally in cases of hardship). All such giving is consistent with the

Memorandum of Association. This giving is one of the largest items of expenditure after salaries and venue hire.

## **River City Church Hull**

### **Report of the Trustees** **for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

#### **FUTURE PLANS**

Our main areas of attention continue to be Christian mission and community support in Hull, the UK and overseas, growing our own congregation and participating in the planting of new churches in Hull and across the UK. We will do this through the provision of regular Discovery Bible Studies, the training and resourcing of our members in mission, and through working with other churches to reach towns and cities across the UK.

We will continue to offer our Foodbank provision 2 days a week, run our Thursday Warm Space until at least March 2024, offer informal education sessions on subjects such as clothing alteration, healthy cooking, pottery, mental wellbeing etc, provide a summer holiday club for local primary school children, as well as other family focused events. We have established a positive partnership with local charity EMS, who deliver weekly low cost meals to us. We also provided 200 free Christmas meals to local people in need, in partnership with Foodies Catering and Beverley Barn. In the coming year we will continue these projects and seek to add new activities where we identify a need in the community.

As a result of our significant growth over the last year we will be looking to make significant alterations to The Well in order to accommodate our larger congregation. This will require capital investment in the building but allows us to remain here longer term. We have negotiated an extension to our lease which includes a significant reduction in our annual rent and the replacement of the lift in the building.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

##### **Organisational structure**

The church is managed on a day-by-day basis by four part-time employed staff who are supported by a large number of volunteer personnel from the church congregation. The trustees of the charity observe the church's obligation under company and charity law and set/monitor the salaries and the contract/working conditions of the employees.

##### **Risk management**

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

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established and regular reports produced to mitigate these risks.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

##### **Registered Charity number**

1176190

##### **Principal address**

The Well  
The Mount Retail Park  
Hull  
East Yorkshire  
HU9 2BN

##### **Trustees**

Mr D Maude  
Mr L Savory  
Mr P Richardson  
Mr A Robinson  
Mrs K Jide-Sanya Trustee (appointed 22.11.23)

River City Church Hull

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Independent Examiner**

360 Accountants Limited  
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**Bankers**

Unity Bank  
9 Brindley Place  
Birmingham  
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 16/07/2024 and signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
M.D. Maude - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of**  
**River City Church Hull**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of River City Church Hull**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of River City Church Hull (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Andrew Steele FCA FCCA

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Date: 19/9/24

**River City Church Hull**

**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

		Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £	31.12.22 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	Notes				
Donations and legacies		108,503	-	108,503	120,898
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Charitable activities within the church					
		3,573	16,678	20,251	16,321
<b>Total</b>		<u>112,076</u>	<u>16,678</u>	<u>128,754</u>	<u>137,219</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds	2	128,911	9,477	138,388	138,860
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(16,835)	7,201	(9,634)	(1,641)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		42,781	-	42,781	44,422
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>25,946</u>	<u>7,201</u>	<u>33,147</u>	<u>42,781</u>

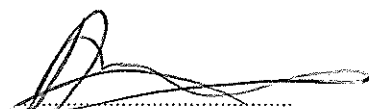
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**River City Church Hull**

**Balance Sheet**  
**31 December 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £	31.12.22 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	6	4,028	-	4,028	5,035
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	7	7,700	-	7,700	-
Cash at bank		24,332	7,201	31,533	36,724
		<u>32,032</u>	<u>7,201</u>	<u>39,233</u>	<u>36,724</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(10,114)	-	(10,114)	1,022
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>21,918</u>	<u>7,201</u>	<u>29,119</u>	<u>37,746</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>25,946</u>	<u>7,201</u>	<u>33,147</u>	<u>42,781</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>25,946</u>	<u>7,201</u>	<u>33,147</u>	<u>42,781</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	9				
Unrestricted funds				25,946	42,781
Restricted funds				7,201	-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>33,147</u>	<u>42,781</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 16/07/24 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
Mr D Maude - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements



## River City Church Hull

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

#### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, 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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

##### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

##### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and machinery	- 20% on reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on reducing balance

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

##### **Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

**2. RAISING FUNDS**

**Raising donations and legacies**

	<b>31.12.23</b>	31.12.22
	£	£
Subscriptions	757	1,008
Support costs	84,192	83,247
	<u>84,949</u>	<u>84,255</u>

**3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

**4. STAFF COSTS**

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	<b>31.12.23</b>	31.12.22
	4	4
Part Time Employed Staff	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

**5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	120,898	-	120,898
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Charitable activities within the church	3,328	12,993	16,321
<b>Total</b>	<u>124,226</u>	<u>12,993</u>	<u>137,219</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	137,530	1,330	138,860
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	(13,304)	11,663	(1,641)

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
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**5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued**

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	44,422	-	44,422
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>31,118</u>	<u>11,663</u>	<u>42,781</u>

**6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023	<u>654</u>	<u>5,640</u>	<u>6,294</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 January 2023	<u>131</u>	<u>1,128</u>	<u>1,259</u>
Charge for year	<u>105</u>	<u>902</u>	<u>1,007</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>236</u>	<u>2,030</u>	<u>2,266</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 December 2023	<u>418</u>	<u>3,610</u>	<u>4,028</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>523</u>	<u>4,512</u>	<u>5,035</u>

**7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.12.23 £	31.12.22 £
Trade debtors	200	-
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>7,500</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>7,700</u>	<u>-</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
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**8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
Trade creditors	7,448	98
Taxation and social security	78	(370)
Other creditors	2,588	(750)
	<u>10,114</u>	<u>(1,022)</u>

**9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.1.23	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.23
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	42,781	(16,835)	25,946
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Forum CIO	-	6,123	6,123
ASDA Foundation	-	1,078	1,078
	<u>-</u>	<u>7,201</u>	<u>7,201</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>42,781</u>	<u>(9,634)</u>	<u>33,147</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	112,076	(128,911)	(16,835)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
ACTS 435 grants	5,020	(5,020)	-
Forum CIO	9,580	(3,457)	6,123
ASDA Foundation	1,078	-	1,078
Foodbank	1,000	(1,000)	-
	<u>16,678</u>	<u>(9,477)</u>	<u>7,201</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>128,754</u>	<u>(138,388)</u>	<u>(9,634)</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

**9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	44,422	(1,641)	42,781
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>44,422</u>	<u>(1,641)</u>	<u>42,781</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	124,226	(125,867)	(1,641)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
CHCP to deliver our CAP sessions	1,663	(1,663)	-
Hull Foodbank	10,000	(10,000)	-
ACTS 435 grants	1,330	(1,330)	-
	<u>12,993</u>	<u>(12,993)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>137,219</u>	<u>(138,860)</u>	<u>(1,641)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	44,422	(18,476)	25,946
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Forum CIO	-	6,123	6,123
ASDA Foundation	-	1,078	1,078
	<u>-</u>	<u>7,201</u>	<u>7,201</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>44,422</u>	<u>(11,275)</u>	<u>33,147</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
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**9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	236,302	(254,778)	(18,476)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
ACTS 435 grants	6,350	(6,350)	-
Forum CIO	9,580	(3,457)	6,123
ASDA Foundation	1,078	-	1,078
Foodbank	1,000	(1,000)	-
	<u>18,008</u>	<u>(10,807)</u>	<u>7,201</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>265,973</u>	<u>(277,248)</u>	<u>(11,275)</u>

**10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

The trustees and employees regularly attend services held by the charity. These are non preferential rates to the public.

Within the financial year the spouse of Mr D Maude, who is a trustee, was employed by the charity.

**River City Church Hull**

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

	31.12.23 £	31.12.22 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Gifts	1	-
Donations	87,361	91,195
Gift aid	21,141	29,703
	<hr/> 108,503	<hr/> 120,898
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Events	250	315
Grants	20,001	16,006
	<hr/> 20,251	<hr/> 16,321
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	128,754	137,219
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Raising donations and legacies</b>		
Subscriptions	757	1,008
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Purchases	23,439	27,633
Room hire	30,000	26,972
	<hr/> 53,439	<hr/> 54,605
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Management</b>		
Wages	60,538	56,879
Social security	3,333	3,013
Pensions	3,104	1,598
Insurance	1,687	1,080
Postage and stationery	913	196
Advertising	2,120	1,750
Sundries	3,056	3,118
Travel & subsistence	1,445	2,305
Training	533	551
	<hr/> 76,729	<hr/> 70,490
<b>Finance</b>		
Bank charges	120	144
Carried forward	120	144

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

	31.12.23 £	31.12.22 £
<b>Finance</b>		
Brought forward	120	144
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	1,007	1,259
	<u>1,127</u>	<u>1,403</u>
 <b>Information technology</b>		
Repairs and renewals	5,070	10,153
 <b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy and legal fees	1,266	1,201
	<u>138,388</u>	<u>138,860</u>
Total resources expended		
<b>Net expenditure</b>	<u>(9,634)</u>	<u>(1,641)</u>

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