

SOULCITY CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1177699

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-03-26

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS, FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN THE STOCKPORT, GREATER MANCHESTER AREA, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME DECIDE.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Stockport

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£74,203	£57,439	-	-
2024-04-05	£52,646	£42,901	-	-
2023-04-05	£58,327	£59,197	-	-
2022-04-05	£61,818	£66,456	-	-
2021-04-05	£84,493	£62,797	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Grace Bukola David		2025-04-05
Leoba Bonda		2025-05-04
Naresh Giddi		2025-05-04

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1st December 2025

Message from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

The past year has been one of stability for soulcity church. After a few turbulent years, this season has been a welcome time of slowing down and stabilising—allowing us to build for the future.

Over the last year, we have clarified our vision and strategy, setting firm foundations for the church's future. We've been intentional about developing a strategy to reach new places and spaces, guided by our core values: Adventure, Encounter, Together. This framework has given us both structure and focus, shaping our culture and activities in ways that are already bearing fruit. We now have a solid foundation for meaningful activity and lasting impact.

This year saw the launch of a new service in a neutral location, designed specifically to help people go deeper and experience greater encounters with God. This initiative came at a vital time, and we've been thrilled to witness the growth in our young leaders as they step forward to move the community into its next chapter. Their enthusiasm and commitment inspire us all.

One of the most encouraging developments has been the number of new members joining us—many simply walking in off the street, curious and ready to explore faith for themselves. This openness led to several joyful baptisms at Easter, moments of celebration that reminded us why we do what we do. Each new face represents a life being transformed, a story being written.

We are deeply grateful for our members and the adventurous spirit that God has given to our community. Your faithfulness, generosity, and willingness to embrace the new have made this year possible. As we look to the future, we do so with confidence—not in our own strength, but in the One who has carried us through every wave and will continue to lead us forward.

Thank you for being part of this journey. The best is yet to come.



Ben Jeffery

Objectives and Activities

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Impact Overview

The year began with a season of much-needed stability at St Thomas'. After navigating various challenges in previous years, this period allowed us to catch our breath, clarify our vision, and invest in building strong foundations for our community. We were able to focus on developing our ministries and deepening relationships without the distraction of uncertainty about our location. However, in February we received notice of our departure from St Thomas', meaning our time there would soon come to an end. This news felt timely and we were happy to leave the grandeur of St Thomas' and search for somewhere that would suit us better in the long term. We have learned that God often uses these moments of uncertainty to move us toward something better.

A Long-Term Home: St John's

Through this transition, we discovered St John's—a space where we can establish ourselves for the long term. This is a significant milestone for our community. Having a stable, long-term location means we can plan with confidence, invest in our space, and build deeper roots in our neighbourhood. There are plenty of technical challenges to work through but we believe that this space could be key to the next stage of our journey.

St John's location is further from the town centre than our previous venues, which presents both challenges and opportunities. While accessibility to the town centre has been reduced, this positioning opens up exciting possibilities for future church planting initiatives. We can now envision establishing a presence back in the heart of the town while maintaining our base at St John's, effectively multiplying our impact across different communities.

Youth and Children's Ministries Flourishing

One of the most encouraging developments this year has been the remarkable growth in our youth and children's ministries. Despite the uncertainty around our building situation, these vital areas have greatly developed. What has been in the past one of the most challenging ministries has become a place of strength for the church. The investment in the next generation is bearing fruit, and we're excited to see how these young people will shape the future of our church community.

Looking Forward

While this year brought unexpected changes to our physical location, it also brought unexpected growth in our community and ministries. We enter the next season with gratitude for the stability we found, wisdom gained through transition, and hope for what God will do through our new long-term home at St John's.

Financial Review

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Reserves policy

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Structure, governance and management

The trustees met monthly throughout the year. Flexibility for adhoc meetings and decisions has been important and appreciated from all of the trustees. The trustees have worked hard to ensure that soulcity is a safe and healthy community for all who may decide to attend.

Trustees

The trustees who served from April 2024 to April 2025 are:

Mr Benjamin Jeffery

Mr Christopher Clark

Mrs Ruth Barrett

Mrs Lucy Engels

Ruth Barrett and Lucy Engels have now stepped down and will be replaced by:
Grace David, Leo Bonda and Naresh Giddi

Approved by the trustees on 1st December 2025 and signed on their behalf by Ben Jeffery



Financial Statement for the year ended 5 April 2023

5 April 2020 to 4 April 2021	
Income	
Card Giving (not online)	750.97
Cash Giving	2,260.00
Gift Aid	5,826.22
Grants	1,189.50
Online Giving	56,326.51
Venue Hire	7,850.00
Gross Income	74,203.20
Less Operating Expenses	
Advertising & Marketing	1,263.99
Audit & Accountancy fees	236.58
Bank Fees	(482.24)
BLESS Fund	2,050.00
Cleaning	590.93
Community Events	3,659.70
General Staff Expenses	6,235.87
General Sunday Costs	4,046.62
Generosity & Missions fund	4,716.30
Insurance	316.51
Interest Paid	55.23
IT Software and Subscriptions	3,663.12
Light, Power, Heating	1,530.00
Membership Fees	126.00
Payment Fee	1.40
Printing & Stationery	1,226.78
Rent	2,500.00
Repairs & Maintenance	268.20
Salaries	21,647.06
Service fees	261.54
SoulKids	627.84
Staff Training	546.52
Stripe Fees	43.30
Telephone & Internet	195.54
Travel	496.80
Worship (non-equipment)	1,206.63
Youth	409.36
Total Expenditure	57,439.58

Operating Profit

£16,763.62

This year has seen a small profit from our time as St Thomas' Church. However, it is expected that this will be used to cover bills and final costs upon our departure.

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Joe Brady

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Date: 2/12/2025

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26th November 2024

Message from the Pastor

This year has been a year of opportunities and growth. We moved into a new location, St Thomas' Church. This is a 199 year old Anglican building with beautiful architecture and plenty of space. The nature of the building has meant that there were no natural spaces for children and youth. So we've had to be fairly creative with how we use the building and have also relied on the goodwill of other local organisations. Sharing this building with a aging traditional congregation has had challenges. However, we have been so overwhelmed with your generosity and hospitality of St Thomas' church.

It has also been great to see the youth work, stabilise and grow. The weekly sessions and monthly youth groups make such a massive impact on our young people and are invaluable. We have found new people turning up to discover who God is and how to follow Jesus. We wonder if this is because of the location you're simply because God is reaching people in our town. There is a real sense of optimism and excitement as people encounter Jesus often for the first time and see the life changing impact that he has for them.

This year, we also clarified our vision and values, setting out a plan to reignite our apostolic heart by fixing our foundations and building structures to develop new leaders and eventually plant new churches.

We look forward into the coming year with hope and excitement feeling more stable than we have since the pandemic and able to dream and scheme once more.



Ben Jeffery

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Impact Overview

Moving venues

It has felt like we have gone from venue to venue over the last few years. We have to tell the church that we're more like a tabernacle than a temple. In April 2023, Cineworld started to increase their film quota for Sunday mornings. They began to show more and more films for families, but this meant that we would lose our screens often very short notice. We decided to ask them how many films they would forecast in the coming year and they predicted that we could lose as many as 13 Sundays, which was unviable for us.

During this time of instability, we explored other venues and were offered a long-term solution at Saint Thomas' church, which we decided to accept. The space is grand and Majestic, but not particularly family, friendly or welcoming. This has meant that we have had to search for an alternative space for the children's work and have had to invest quite a lot to make the area work for us. However, this really does feel like the kind of location where we can settle and grow over the next couple of years.

Youth Work

In the last year are used to leader, Gordon Cree was unable to continue due to health challenges. His heart focus and care for our young people has been exemplary, and it was with heaviness that he decided he needed to step back so that they could have the investment that he knew that they deserved. Joe Barrett, who also works for the Message Trust, a charity with an exceptional track record of working with young people, offered to step up and took on the leadership of the youth. Since then, they have started weekly home groups, whilst also building on the Sunday work and investing in the town, wide youth drop ins that happen monthly on Friday.

Strategy and Focus

In 2022 to 2023, we spent a lot of time refining and visiting our mission this year. We continue that work and have put into place an exciting three-year strategy to take us from a place of uncertainty and turbulence to planting new churches in new communities, that will see people far and wide find and follow Jesus. This strategy has three focuses in the first year we want to look at our foundations, our roots. In the second year we want to look at our fruits and the new growth that we expect to see in healthy Christians. Then finally in the last year we went to see new shoots church plants which could grow in their own right.

Roots

We defined the roots of the church as being in the following areas:

- Leadership
- Prayer
- Community
- Systems

Each of these areas had a member of the leadership team who develop strategy and focus on making sure that each was healthy. This led us to starting Base Camp, leadership evenings, where we could invest more in our teams. We re-ignited our Thursday morning prayer times, and invited more people into them. Our community coordinator, Rachel Dowd, invested many hours into community lunches, walks in nature and opportunities for people to connect. Mark Osborn, the chair of our leadership team helped us to develop the robust systems to bring greater clarity to the church.

Financial Review

This year has been full of challenges for the church.

Income was at £53k and our outgoings was £43k. This was due to the decrease in rent through moving to St Thomas' Church, allowing us to build up our reserves once again. This is encouraging in that we are operating sustainably, however, the income has dropped by around £5,000 when we had targeted growth.

Reserves policy

Our reserves policy was set at £8,000 for 202/2024.

Structure, governance and management

The trustees met monthly throughout the year. Flexibility for adhoc meetings and decisions has been important and appreciated from all of the trustees. The trustees have worked hard to ensure that soulcity is a safe and healthy community for all who may decide to attend.

Trustees

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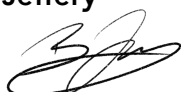
Mrs Lucy Engels

Mr Benjamin Jeffery

Mr Christopher Clark

Mrs Ruth Barrett

Approved by the trustees on 26th November 2024 and signed on their behalf by Ben Jeffery



Financial Statement for the year ended 5 April 2023

5 April 2020 to 4 April 2021	
Income	
External Hire	0
General Giving	44,306
Gift Aid Reclaim	7,900
Grants	0
Offering	440
Gross Income	52,646
Less Operating Expenses	
Salaries	12735
Staff Costs	3014
Rent	6422
Operating Costs	12144
Equipment	113
Subscriptions and software	3717
Advertising	169
Accountancy	36
Interest	15
Membership fees	273
Bank Feesd	39
Giving to Charity	903
Bless Fund	2150
SoulKids	45
Youth	63
Outreach	1064
Total Operating Expenses	42901
Net Profit	9,746

Accounts:

Opening Balance 5th April 23:	£13,810
Closing Balance 4th April 24:	£18,009
Total	£4,199

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Joe Brady

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Date: 10/12/2024

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14th November 2023

Message from the Pastor

As we reflect on the past year at Soulcity Church, we are struck by a tapestry of challenges and opportunities that have unfolded before us. The year commenced with an unexpected trial when we discovered our beloved church venue compromised, its ceiling perilously damaged. This incident set off a chain of events that eventually led us back to the cinema where our journey began.

In the face of adversity, it was nothing short of inspirational to witness our congregation's solidarity and resilience. Our community's commitment to supporting one another was a testament to our collective spirit. Moreover, it has been profoundly moving to observe the significant influence our church has had on individuals seeking solace and purpose during trying times.

I am immensely proud of our Leadership Team, whose dedication has touched numerous lives. Their unwavering efforts have been a cornerstone of our church's ability to make a lasting impact. I extend heartfelt gratitude to every member of our church family who has contributed their time and resources to our mission of guiding people to find and follow Jesus.

Looking forward, our vision for the next 12 months is to transition from a reactive stance to one that is decisively proactive and aligned with our core mission. We will start by revisiting and reinforcing our foundations, ensuring that we excel in the fundamentals. The year 2023-2024 is declared the 'Year of Roots,' marking the beginning of an exciting new chapter in our story, with aspirations to plant new churches across Stockport.

Thank you for your unwavering partnership and belief in our mission. We are poised for a journey of growth and rediscovery, and we are delighted to have you join us in this endeavor.



Ben Jeffery

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Impact Overview

New Venue Challenges and Resolutions

In July 2022, Soulcity Church faced an unforeseen challenge when our venue became unsafe due to a collapsing ceiling. Despite the landlords' reluctance to address the issue, our trustees engaged with the council, which confirmed the safety hazards. Committed to finding a non-litigious resolution, we engaged in several months of negotiations with the mill owners. The outcome was favourable—Soulcity Church amicably parted ways with the mill and resumed services at the Light cinema in September. Although the cinema provides a temporary solution, it comes with its own set of challenges, including unavailable Sundays. Our trustees are actively seeking a stable, long-term location for Soulcity Church.

Refining Our Mission

Throughout this year, our leadership dedicated considerable effort to introspection on the mission of Soulcity Church—aiming to more effectively equip our congregation. Our mission is to act as a *movement of faith, hope, and love, helping people to find and follow Jesus*. We have created a comprehensive booklet and a training program to empower every church member to find their place and live out their calling.

Post-Pandemic Recovery Efforts

The long-reaching effects of the pandemic on our community's capacity, energy, and mental health have necessitated significant support efforts. Soulcity Church has been instrumental in providing assistance to those facing profound social, economic, and emotional difficulties, helping our community to navigate through these trying times.

Leadership Expansion and Collaboration

Our Senior Pastor, Ben Jeffery, has transitioned to a part-time role at Soulcity Church to take on the national role of Head of Unity with the Evangelical Alliance. This position not only extends our church's impact but also facilitates an exchange of wisdom and best practices with other churches in the alliance. Pastor Ben's vision and dedication are focused on fostering unity among city churches to collectively make the message and love of Jesus known.

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Mr Phillip Rust

Mrs Lucy Engels

Mr Benjamin Jeffery

Mr Christopher Clark

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Financial Statement for the year ended 5 April 2023

5 April 2020 to 4 April 2021	
Income	
Building Expenses	-
External Hire	525
FirstFruits	-
General Giving	49,300
Gift Aid Reclaim	5,821
Grants	434
Offering	-
Refunds	2246
Gross Profit	58,327
Less Operating Expenses	
Around the Box	-
Bless fund out	1,310
Building Expenses	-
Expenses	2,354
Giving/Generosity	3,060
Meetings	-
Memberships	200
Office equipment	445
Operating Costs	7,083
Outreach + Events	1,885
Print	600
Rent	19,093
Resources	306
Salaries	7,800
SoulKids	454
Subscriptions and software	6,694
Training	-
Utilities	3,023
worship equipment and pa	4,501
Total Operating Expenses	59,197
Net Profit	-870

Accounts:

Opening Balance 1st April 22:	£14,919
Closing Balance 31st March 23:	£13,810
Total	£-1,109

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Date: 23/11/2023

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1st September 2022

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Achievements and Performance

Post- Pandemic Support

The pandemic has caused widespread damage and harm to people across the country. We have tried to support people from every background this year as the town has sought to bounce back from the impact of the pandemic. Not only has there been people who have been sick and needed care, but we have seen a rise in loneliness, isolation, mental health, financial struggles and spiritual concerns.

We have tried to be a steady and consistent support throughout this year, prioritising community and in person connection where it is safe, while maintaining online services for those who need to remain at distance. We used Zoom for small groups, provided daily Bible Studies and reached people through social media. We have changed the structure of our small groups to provide deeper relationships over a longer period of time and better support people in a volatile and unpredictable period.

BLESS Fund

Alongside the spiritual and emotional support, we have seen the BLESS fund take of this year. This is a small grant that anyone within the church can apply for to help meet someones need in the wider community. It has been a fantastic way to equip local Christians to put their faith into action and show love in tangible, practical ways.

New Church

In January 2022, we launched our first new church. Joe and Jess Brady trained at Soulcity and pioneered Restoration Church in Droyelsden. They are an independent church which will be able to grow, mature and multiply in their own right. They have a team of trustees and are planning to become a charity in 2023.

Festival Manchester, Evangelism and Mission

This year, 250 churches partnered to put on the largest Christian outreach in our lifetimes. 65,000 people came and heart the Good News of the Christian faith. Those who responded were connected into local churches and are being disciplined. Soulcity played a key part in pulling together churches across Stockport, equipping them to participate and helping to widen the impact of the festival.

soulcity church

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Financial Review

This year has been full of challenges for the church. Giving went up marginally from £58.4k in 19/20 to £61.8k.

£66.5k was spent to provide the Christian ministry from soulcity church. The three main areas of expenditure were basic salary for the pastor, Ben Jeffery (£15.7k); venue hire at Welkin Mill (£21k); and ongoing building work (£10k). The expectation is that as we the congregation grows that the finances of the church will also expand. However, the rising cost of living and economic constraints will affect this.

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General Giving	43,479
Gift Aid Reclaim	12,146
Grants	1,013
Offering	2,000
Subscriptions and software	100
Gross Profit	61,818
Less Operating Expenses	
Generosity and charitable giving	3,867
Meetings	5
Memberships	779
Office equipment	513
Operating Costs	4,763
Outreach + Events	200
Print	71
Rent	20,970
Building Expenses	9,637
Resources	731
Salaries	15,722
SoulKids	966
Subscriptions and software	3,982
Training	70
Travel	164
Utilities	3,051
worship equipment and pa	964
Total Operating Expenses	66,456
Net Profit	-4,638

Accounts:

Opening Balance 1st April 21:	£19,345
Closing Balance 31st March 22:	£14,939
Total	£-4,406

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3rd August 2021

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Achievements and Performance

Pandemic Services

Like every church in the UK, our services were hit by the Pandemic this year. We adapted to online church and began producing content to support and encourage people. People have needed support practically (support and finances), emotionally (mental health and socialising) and spiritually (feeling of distance from God). This year we have been in a constant state of adaption as we have tried to navigate the balance of bringing people into human contact where safe and keeping social distance at dangerous times.

Our online services allowed people to connect with God in worship through their own technology. We used Zoom for small groups, provided daily Bible Studies and reached people through social media. We have changed the structure of our small groups to provide deeper relationships over a longer period of time and better support people in a volatile and unpredictable period.

As in person services became safe we began to meet with limited numbers and provided care for people who had been struggling in lockdown (for example new mums group).

BLESS Fund

We have wanted to equip the church to support and care for each other and those that live around them. So we started a BLESS fund where people can apply for money and meet a need. This has energised members of the church and helped people who have been in difficulty to find support.

Venue

Last year, there had been growing tensions with our ability to use the Light Cinema. In September we took on a new location in Welkin Mill. This allows us to provide services throughout the week for the local community as well as meet on a Sunday. The location has needed substantial work and is still not yet finished. We are planning to complete the work in time for Kids Ministry to begin in September (depending on government guidelines).

Residencies

This year we launched a residency programme, training church leaders to plant new churches in other locations. Following on from this programme, we have are planning to launch a new church in 2022.

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Evangelism and Mission

Mission happens within our public meetings and outside of them. We invite people in to explore faith and provide opportunities to apply Christian Faith before having a conversion experience. We supplement this invitation approach with Alpha Courses, designed to help people to deepen their understanding of Christianity. Through the use of social media and online services we have reached out to people and have supported people across the UK.

Financial Review

This year has been full of challenges for the church. Giving decreased from £64,550 in 19/20 to £58,435. This appears to be due to the strains of the pandemic on people's finances.

We received a grant for £26,000 to help the church respond to the Pandemic and this has been vital for the church church to move into our new location and continue to provide essential support to our community.

£62,796.64 was spent to provide the Christian ministry from soulcity church. The three main areas of expenditure were basic salary for the pastor, Ben Jeffery (£23,210.00); venue hire at Welkin Mill (£9,990.00); and building work (£12,624.29). The expectation is that as the congregation grows that the finances of the church will also expand.

Reserves policy

Our reserves policy was set at £8000 for 2020/2021.

Structure, governance and management

The trustees met monthly throughout the year. Flexibility for adhoc meetings and decisions has been important and appreciated from all of the trustees. The trustees have worked hard to ensure that soulcity is a safe and healthy community for all who may decide to attend.

Trustees

At the start of the year Mr Ben Jack stepped down as a trustee.

The trustees who served from April 2020 to April 2021 are:

Mr Phillip Rust

Mrs Lucy Engels

Mr Benjamin Jeffery

Mr Christopher Clark

Approved by the trustees on 3rd August 2021 and signed on their behalf by Ben Jeffery



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Financial Statement for the year ended 5 April 2020

5 April 2020 to 4 April 2021	
Income	
General offerings	9,271.71
Gift Aid	3,937.63
Offering where gift aid already claimed	2,893.98
Offerings eligible for gift aid	33,261.83
Offerings not eligible for gift aid	9,065.20
Other Revenue	5.00
Total Income	58,435.35
Grants & Funding	26,058.05
Gross Profit	84,493.40
Less Operating Expenses	
Advertising & Marketing	636.66
Audit & Accountancy fees	420.60
Bank Fees	577.00
Charitable and Goodwill Donations	2,350.00
Cleaning and COVID Safety	202.42
Freelance salary	23,210.00
General Ministry costs	4,559.95
General Office Expenses	1,731.43
Insurance	274.33
IT Software and Consumables Memberships	2,652.68
Memberships	953.00
Postage, Freight & Courier	146.36
Rent and venue hire	9,990.00
Repairs & Maintenance	12,624.29
Resources	588.98
SoulKids	188.18
Staff Training	493.79
Telephone & Internet	369.19
Travel - National	384.87
Utilities	442.91
Total Operating Expenses	62,796.64
Net Profit	21,696.76

Assets:

Stacking Chairs	1485.00
Stacking Chairs	495.00
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55" LED TV	299.98
55" LED TV	299.98
TV Tripod	75.00
TV Tripod	75.00
Bins	22.00
ATEM Mini Pro	606.00
Monitor	69.99
Light Bulbs	131.49

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Air Purifier	94.97
Heater	315.96
Security Alarm	144.78
Monitor	156.90
Rack	68.04
Keyboard and mouse	105.42
Keyboard	134.58
Mac Accessories	240.00
New Macbook	1259.00
Lighting	227.97
Stage	5842.80
table	115.20
Heaters	380.00
Lighting	664.00
Light stand	132.98
Lighting	68.99
Amplifiers	171.60
Total New Assets	14,672.63

Accounts:

TSB	£19,695
Total	£19,695

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees/ members of soulcity Church

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **04/04/2020**.

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

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