

# **Tree of Life Resurrection Ministry**

## **Charity Trustees' Annual Report 2024**

### **Introduction**

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As trustees, we are committed to ensuring that our activities reflect our values of compassion, service, integrity, and accountability. In 2024, our focus continued to be on creating opportunities for worship, providing pastoral and practical support, and engaging in charitable outreach for the benefit of our wider community.

### **Summary of Achievements in 2024**

This year, we are grateful to report significant progress in our mission. Key highlights include:

- **Worship and Faith Development**
  - 165 regular worship services held.
  - 3 baptisms, 2 Christening and 12 Holy Communion services conducted.
  - Weekly Bible study sessions attended by an average of 40 participants.
- **Pastoral Care and Guidance**
  - Over 250 hours of pastoral counselling provided.
  - Regular prayer meetings and mentorship sessions delivered.
- **Charitable Outreach**
  - Distributed over 1,500 gifts and parcels through our charitable initiative.
  - Assisted 20 families with household essentials.
  - Supported 4 individuals with literacy and job skills training programmes.
- **Community Engagement**
  - Organised 6 fellowship events.
  - Partnered with 2 interfaith/community groups.
  - Led 3 civic engagement projects.
- **Advocacy and Social Justice**

- Supported 20 homeless individuals with referrals and advocacy.
- Raised awareness of poverty and inequality through public teaching.
- **Volunteer Development**
  - 25 active volunteers mobilised and trained.
  - New induction programme introduced for long-term sustainability.

## **Financial Summary (Year Ending 31 December 2024)**

The trustees are pleased to report that Tree of Life Resurrection Ministry remains in a stable financial position. Our financial management practices follow the Charity Commission's guidance on transparency, accountability, and stewardship.

### **Income**

- **Total income:** £7249
  - Donations and tithes: £3,314
  - Grants: £1161.03
  - Fundraising events: £ 0.00

### **Expenditure**

- **Total expenditure:** £6082.00
- Worship and pastoral activities, community outreach (gifts and supports) £4252.00
- Administration, zoom and governance costs: £308.97
- Volunteer training and development: £200.00

### **Reserves**

At year-end, the charity held **£1321.03 in unrestricted reserves**. This provides security for at least 3 months of core operating costs, in line with our reserves policy.

### **Use of Funds**

All funds were used directly to advance our charitable purposes, particularly:

- Supporting vulnerable individuals and families in the community.
- Delivering worship, education, and pastoral care.
- Training volunteers to expand the reach of our work.
- Strengthening organisational capacity for sustainable service delivery.

The trustees are satisfied that the financial results for 2024 demonstrate effective stewardship and that resources were applied in accordance with the charity's mission.

## **Our Responsibilities**

The work of Tree of Life Resurrection Ministry is structured around six core areas of responsibility:

1. **Faith-Based Responsibilities** – Worship, pastoral care, discipleship, and outreach.
2. **Charitable Services** – Provision of food, clothing, training, crisis relief, and wellbeing support.
3. **Advocacy and Social Justice** – Supporting the vulnerable, addressing inequality, and promoting peace.
4. **Community Engagement** – Fellowship, interfaith collaboration, and civic participation.
5. **Stewardship and Accountability** – Transparent financial management, volunteer mobilisation, and sustainability.
6. **Moral and Ethical Leadership** – Living Christian values, fostering unity, and addressing societal challenges.

## **Conclusion**

In 2024, Tree of Life Resurrection Ministry remained faithful to its calling: to reflect Christ's love through service to others. Our work continues to meet both spiritual and practical needs in the community, combining worship and pastoral care with meaningful social action.

As trustees, we thank our members, volunteers, partners, and donors for their commitment and generosity. Together, we look forward to 2025 with renewed dedication to our mission of serving God and our community with integrity, compassion, and hope.

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  - Regular prayer meetings and spiritual mentorship sessions supported those in personal and spiritual need.
- **Charitable Outreach:**
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  - Assisted 20 families with household essentials.
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- **Community Engagement:**
  - Organised 5 community fellowship events, strengthening relationships among members.
  - Partnered with five churches outside the UK and interfaith groups to deliver joint community service projects.
  - Led three civic engagement initiatives, including a neighbourhood clean-up and walk and talk encouragement.

- **Advocacy and Social Justice:**
  - Supported 10 homeless/refugees with advocacy services and referrals to shelters.
  - Raised awareness of poverty and inequality through teaching and public engagement.
- **Volunteer Development:**
  - Trained and mobilised 4 active volunteers to support worship, community outreach, and administrative functions.
  - Introduced a new volunteer induction programme to ensure sustainability and accountability.

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### **1. Faith-Based Responsibilities**

- Worship Services, Prayer Meetings, and Sacraments.
- Pastoral Counselling and Spiritual Mentorship.
- Religious Education and Discipleship Training.
- Evangelism and Community Outreach.

### **2. Charitable Services**

- Provision of food, clothing, and shelter for those in need.
- Skills training and literacy programmes for empowerment.
- Crisis and disaster relief.
- Pastoral counselling and wellbeing support.

### **3. Advocacy and Social Justice**

- Standing with the vulnerable and marginalised.
- Addressing ethical concerns such as poverty and inequality.
- Promoting reconciliation and peace-making.

### **4. Community Engagement**

- Fellowship activities and relationship-building.
- Interfaith and ecumenical collaboration.
- Civic and neighbourhood engagement initiatives.

### **5. Stewardship and Accountability**

- Transparent financial management.
- Volunteer mobilisation and support.
- Sustainable resource management.

## **6. Moral and Ethical Leadership**

- Embodying Christian values of love, service, and humility.
- Encouraging inclusivity and unity.
- Responding to contemporary challenges such as addiction, mental health, and climate concerns.

## **Conclusion**

In 2024, Tree of Life Resurrection Ministry has remained faithful to its calling: to reflect Christ's love through service to others. Our activities have met both spiritual and practical needs in our community, with integrity and compassion at the centre of all that we do.

As trustees, we express our heartfelt gratitude to our members, volunteers, partners, and supporters who make this work possible. Together, we look forward to strengthening our mission and expanding our impact in 2025 and beyond.

**TREE OF LIFE RESURRECTION MINISTRY**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

**CHARITY NUMBER: 1177781**

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# **TREE OF LIFE RESURRECTION MINISTRY**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

**YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

The trustees are pleased to present their financial report for the year ended 31st December 2024 for the charity:

TREE OF LIFE RESURRECTION MINISTRY with charity number 1177781.

The Trustees of the charity are: Verah Otwoma

Cynthia Pryce

Susan Jacobs

Steve Akwesi Adjei

Sabrina Tomlinson

Place of Worship: 76, The Woodlands, London, SE19 3EH

The principal charity address: 98A WHITEHORSE ROAD, CROYDON, CR0 2JB

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

The Charity governing document is a CIO – Foundation Constitution .The Charity is governed by a board on which the Trustees are represented. It meets regularly to review and plan activities and monitor the financial position.

### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The objectives of the organisation are primarily the promotion of the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs for the benefit of the United Kingdom and other parts of the world as the Trustees may from time to time deem appropriate. The Trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the charity guidelines issued by the Charity Commission before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

The organisation continued to hold regular church services for part of the year prior to the COVID-19 lockdown, when all meetings were held on an online Zoom platform, informing and educating individuals about the principles and teachings of the Christian faith. The organisation also continued to hold conferences on the Zoom platform throughout the year, which many people in and around the community had access to attend or join, depending on the conditions of the national lockdown. This has helped to reach out and help members of the community.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The charity's income this year is under £4,000. This is actually a smaller amount for this year for the charity and costs have been well managed over this period. The church (prayer group) is still in a good position to manage its costs. The main costs of the organisation have been the rent it uses for its meetings, support for some needy members, Zoom meetings and travel costs/allowances for the pastors to visit members who needed help, be it with baptisms, griefs, prayers, communion or for reaching to other part of the world to organised affiliated work and other urgent needs and so on.

## **RESERVES POLICY**

The charity's policy is that unrestricted funds, i.e. the charity's reserves, should be approximately 3 months of unrestricted expenditure. However, this was not always the case and was sufficient during and after the 2021 struggles. This provides sufficient funds to cover any emergency expenditure that may arise from time to time. The charity has now fully repaid some of the money borrowed in previous years. The charity is now endeavouring to maintain and, if possible, increase its membership and level of income years.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Trustees have assessed all the major risks to which the charity is exposed, particularly those relating to the charity's operations and finances, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to major risks where possible.

## **TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

Under the Charities Act 2011, the trustees are required to prepare a statement of accounts for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the church. They are required to:

1. Select appropriate accounting policies and apply them consistently.
2. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
3. Report whether applicable accounting standards have been followed.
4. Prepare financial statements on a consistent basis.

They are responsible for keeping proper records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the Church's finances and for ensuring that those accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011; they are also responsible for safeguarding the Church's assets (if any) and for taking reasonable steps for the detection of fraud or other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> September 2025 and signed by:  
*Verah Mmbone Otwoma*

**TREE OF LIFE RESURRECTION MINISTRY**

**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st December 2024**

1. Receipts & Payments Account (General Purpose Fund)

Income receipts	2025	£/2024	£/2023	£/2021	£/2020	£/2019	£/2018
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<b>Donations</b>		3224	2146.00	£3,990.00	6827	7708	6251
<b>Interest</b>		0	0	0	0	0	0
<b><u>Total receipts</u></b>		<b><u>3224</u></b>	<b><u>2146.00</u></b>	<b><u>£3,990.00</u></b>	<b><u>6827</u></b>	<b><u>7708</u></b>	<b><u>6251</u></b>
<b>Direct Charitable Expenditures</b>							
Professional fees		2838	510	200	450	500	120
Web hosting cost		340	64	150	125	60	800
Hall Hire		775		1200	2900	4880	4000
Welfare		500	756	350	220	400	989
Advertisement costs		56	56		68	200	177
Fuel and repair cost		828	160	900	360	140	30
Church events		500	430		60	300	1033
Bookkeeping costs		309	250	300	250	250	
		<b><u>6137</u></b>	<b><u>1546</u></b>	<b><u>£3,100</u></b>	<b><u>4433</u></b>	<b><u>6730</u></b>	<b><u>7149</u></b>
Other Expenditure							
Equipment		Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Fixtures and fittings		Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
		0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total payments</b>		<b><u>6137</u></b>	<b><u>1546</u></b>	<b><u>£3,100</u></b>	<b><u>4433</u></b>	<b><u>6730</u></b>	<b><u>7149</u></b>
Net receipts/(payments) for the year		3224	2146.00	890	2394	978	-898
Cash Funds brought forward		4025	3265	4527	2133	1155	2053
Cash Funds at the end of the year 2024		1027	3835	5507	4527	2133	1155

## TREE OF LIFE RESURRECTION MINISTRY

### 2 Statements of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2024 Monetary Assets

<b>Cash Funds Unrestricted Funds</b>						
	<b>£/2024</b>	<b>£/2023</b>	<b>£/2021</b>	<b>£2020</b>	<b>£/2019</b>	<b>£/2018</b>
Cash at hand and in bank	1027	3835	4007.00	4527	2133	1155
Debtor/Creditor			-297.00	0	0	1500
<b>Total Cash Funds</b>	<b>1027</b>	<b>3835</b>	<b>3710.00</b>	<b>4527</b>	<b>2133</b>	<b>2665</b>
<b>Assets Retained for the Charity's Own use</b>						
<b>Non-monetary Assets and Liabilities</b>						
Musical Instruments	0	65	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Equipment	Nil	Nil	Nil	303	303	303
Fixtures & Fittings	Nil	Nil	Nil	400	400	400
		703	0.0	703	703	703
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>Nil</b>				
Bookkeeping	309	250	300	250	250	250
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>1027</b>	<b>3835</b>	<b>3710.00</b>	<b>4980</b>	<b>2586</b>	<b>3118</b>
<p style="text-align: center;">THESE ACCOUNTS WERE APPROVED BY THE TRUSTEES AND SIGNED BY:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VERAH M. OTWOMA</p>						

**TREE OF LIFE RESURRECTION MINISTRY**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st December 2024**

**ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of Accounting**

These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis with all revenue and expenses shown on a cash basis. Non-monetary assets are shown at estimates of the value at the end of the year.

**Funds**

The CIO has a general unrestricted fund that receives voluntary donations from attendants at the services.

The CIO has some outstanding guarantees towards third party, but not on the assets of the CIO.

**Public Benefit**

The charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or aims that are for public benefit. Details of how this is achieved are provided in the Trustees report. The trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.