

# Renewal Church Whitfield

Report and Accounts

Year ended 31 March 2024

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**Responsibilities of trustees**

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

**Approval**

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
James Lee

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**TO THE TRUSTEES OF**  
**RENEWAL CHURCH WHITFIELD**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Renewal Church Whitfield ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024 on pages 6 to 8 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 Act; or
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.

Jaimée Young

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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	Notes	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
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Donations and grants		21,848	-	220	22,068	31,610
Gift aid receipts		-	-	-	-	-
<b><i>Total receipts</i></b>		<u>21,848</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>220</u>	<u>22,068</u>	<u>31,610</u>
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Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	-	-	-	-	9,425
<b><i>Total payments</i></b>		<u>20,486</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>962</u>	<u>24,449</u>	<u>23,935</u>
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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>				
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<b>A Cash funds</b>					
Cash at bank with immediate access	69,207	-	233	69,440	71,821
	<u><b>69,207</b></u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>233</b></u>	<u><b>69,440</b></u>	<u><b>71,821</b></u>
<b>B Other monetary assets</b>					
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>C Liabilities</b>					
<b>Falling due within one year:</b>					
Fee for Independent Examination	720	-	-	720	732
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<b>D Assets retained for charity's own use</b>					
			Fund to which asset belongs	Value 2024	Value 2023
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Equipment			General	5,000	5,000
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The trustees have used insurance values for contents and equipment as the trustees are unable to reliably estimate current values; insurance values may differ materially from current values.

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The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

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**1 Accounting policies**

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

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<b>2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly</b>					
Employment costs	7,613	-	-	7,613	6,277
Rent	2,770	-	-	2,770	2,480
PA and worship	5,104	3,000	-	8,104	853
Insurance	451	-	-	451	440
Ministry activities, support and equipment	2,845	-	962	3,808	2,885
Governance	1,217	-	-	1,217	1,001
Other costs	486	-	-	486	573
	<u>20,486</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>962</u>	<u>24,449</u>	<u>14,509</u>

**3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others**

Organisations:					
Lighthouse Community, Poland	-	-	-	-	5,003
Elyon Therapeutic Family Services	-	-	-	-	3,612
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,425</u>

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**5 Movement of funds**

	Opening balance	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	67,846	21,848	(20,486)	-	69,207
Designated funds					
Worship fund	3,000	-	(3,000)	-	-
	<u>70,846</u>	<u>21,848</u>	<u>(23,486)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>69,207</u>
Restricted funds					
Community tithe	975	220	(962)	-	233
	<u>975</u>	<u>220</u>	<u>(962)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>233</u>
Total funds	<u>71,821</u>	<u>22,068</u>	<u>(24,449)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>69,440</u>

The designated Worship fund relates to a £3,000 grant received which was not restricted but which the trustees had designated for the purpose of worship. This was used in full this year.

The funds donated for the Community Tithe are to help people in the local community who are in need.

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No payments were made to trustees or persons related to them, except for reimbursement of expenses paid out on behalf of the charity.

**5 Movement of funds**

	Opening balance	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	67,846	21,848	(20,486)	-	69,207
Designated funds					
Worship fund	3,000	-	(3,000)	-	-
	<u>70,846</u>	<u>21,848</u>	<u>(23,486)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>69,207</u>
Restricted funds					
Community tithe	975	220	(962)	-	233
	<u>975</u>	<u>220</u>	<u>(962)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>233</u>
Total funds	<u>71,821</u>	<u>22,068</u>	<u>(24,449)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>69,440</u>

The designated Worship fund relates to a £3,000 grant received which was not restricted but which the trustees had designated for the purpose of worship. This was used in full this year.

The funds donated for the Community Tithe are to help people in the local community who are in need.