

Gateway Theology School

England & Wales · Charity number 1181897

Details

Other names	GLOUCESTERSHIRE THEOLOGY SCHOOL, GTS, Gateway Theology School
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2019-02-06
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS, PARTICULARLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, BY:-PROVIDING ACCESSIBLE BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL TEACHING AND TRAINING TO CHURCHES AND OTHER CHRISTIAN GROUPS-PROMOTING THEOLOGICAL UNDERSTANDING THROUGH DIALOGUE AND ENGAGEMENT ACROSS DENOMINATIONAL LINES-PROVIDING GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES TO CHURCHES OR INDIVIDUALS WHO MIGHT NOT OTHERWISE BE ABLE TO BENEFIT

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Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£32,367	£28,776	-	-
2024-03-31	£33,146	£33,621	-	-
2023-03-31	£26,760	£26,648	-	-
2022-03-31	£32,263	£23,952	-	-
2021-03-31	£22,330	£14,463	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANDREW SMITH		2024-05-23
Alan McCann		2026-02-04
DIANNA MATTOS		2023-05-23
Dr COLIN EDWARDS		2023-05-23
Ronald Begbie		2024-11-27

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Financial Review

Income

Our income for this financial period was £32,367.

Individual Donations (both monthly and for courses) provided £17981.

Gift Aid provided an additional £4201.

Course fees provided income of £3852. One grant was awarded for £2500. The remaining £3833 came from church donations.

Expenditure

Expenditure was £28,776 consisting primarily of costs for the delivery of courses, together with costs of insurance, new equipment, and smaller sundry expenses.

Summary

At the end of the year we had a net gain of £3,591. Expenses were slightly lower this year than last because no large purchases were necessary, and one facilitator gifted back payment. Personnel expenses may rise in future as new facilitators join to teach specialist subjects.

Reserves

The Trustees regularly review the financial situation of the charity including Risk and the need to hold reserves. With no committed expenditure at this period in time, we do not hold any designated or committed reserves, and current non-designated reserves are approx. £28,000.

Financial management

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Trustee name	Office (if any)	Relevant term dates
Jeremy Taylor	Secretary	Resigned 06.09.24
Claire Power-Browne	Grants liaison	Resigned 06.09.24
Dr Emma Hartwell		Extended 06.09.24
Colin Edwards		23.05.23 (3 years)
Diana Mattos		23.05.23 (3 years)
Cindy Childers		23.05.23 (3 years)
Andy Smith	Chair	23.05.24 (3 years)
Ronald Begbie		27.11.24 (3 years)

Independent examiner (appointment pending)

Previous: Lindsay Wyles (resigned 2024)
32 Padin Close
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Gloucestershire
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Bankers

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GTS

Financial statements

12 month Period ended 31 Mar 2025

Income & Expenditure Statement

	12 months to	
	31-Mar	31-Mar
	2025	2025
	£	£
Income		
Ind Gifts	17,981	
Corp Gifts	3,833	
Fees income	3,852	
Gift aid	4,201	
Grants	2,500	
Other	0	
		<u>32,367</u>
Expenditure		
Staff costs	(22,764)	
Services (Personnel)	(3,232)	
Insurance	(628)	
Hospitality	(195)	
Website & IT	(419)	
Equipment	0	
Teaching Resources	(70)	
Printing & Copying	(1,198)	
Travel & Mileage	(233)	
Financial Fees	(39)	
		<u>(28,776)</u>
Surplus		<u><u>3,591</u></u>

Balance sheet

	31-Mar	31-Mar
	2025	2025
	£	£
Assets		
Cash on hand	28,372	
Total assets		28,372
Total liabilities		0
		<u><u>28,372</u></u>
Funds		
Fund balances brought for	24,780	
Retained surplus	3,591	
Total funds		<u><u>28,372</u></u>

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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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:

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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.

Signed:



Date:

28/04/25

Name:

Timothy Riley

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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ACA

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Financial Review

Income

Our income for this financial period was £33,146.

Individual Donations (both monthly and for courses) provided £21,316.

Gift Aid provided an additional £3719.

Course fees provided income of £2412. One grant was awarded for £2500. The remaining £3200 came from church donations.

Expenditure

Expenditure was £33,621, consisting primarily of resources and costs for the delivery of courses, together with costs of insurance, new equipment, and smaller sundry expenses.

Summary

At the end of the year we had a net loss of £475. This was primarily due to new equipment purchases right at the end of the year. We anticipate a continued gradual increase of income over the next financial period as GTS builds on its reputation for excellence, accessibility and enjoyment of its courses. Personnel expenses may also rise somewhat as new facilitators continue to join to teach specialist subjects.

Reserves

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David Hannah		Resigned 23.05.23
Colin Edwards		23.05.23 (3 years)
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Signed:

L Wyles

Date:

8.6.24

Name:

Lindsay Wyles

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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Financial Review

Income

Our income for this financial period was £26,759.87.

Course fees provided an income of £2052. Donations provided £21,565 along with Gift Aid of £3143.

Expenditure

Expenditure was £26,648.33, consisting primarily of resources and costs for the delivery of the courses, along with use of grant funding toward the development of an online platform and online course development.

Summary

At the end of the year we had a net surplus of £111.54. We anticipate a continued gradual increase of income over the next financial period as GTS builds on its reputation for excellence, accessibility and enjoyment of its courses.

Reserves

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As our board and resources grow we may look to increase the support and governance of GTS through sub-committees that can provide assurance to the board.

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12 month Period end 31 Mar 2023

		Income & Expenditure Statement		Balance sheet	
		12 months to			
		31-Mar	31-Mar	31-Mar	31-Mar
		2023	2023	2023	2023
		£	£	£	£
Income				Assets	
Ind Gifts		18,733		Cash on hand	25,255
Corp Gifts		2,832			
Fees income		2,052		Total assets	25,255
Gift aid		3,143			
Grants		0		Total liabilities	0
Other		0			
			<u>26,760</u>		<u>25,255</u>
Expenditure				Funds	
Staff costs		(21,483)		Fund balances brought fwd	25,144
Services (Personnel)		(3,459)		Retained surplus	112
Insurance		(533)			
Hospitality		(211)			
Website & IT		(288)			
Equipment		0			
Teaching Resources		(76)			
Printing & Copying		(404)			
Travel & Mileage		(147)			
Financial Fees		(48)			
			<u>(26,648)</u>		
Surplus			<u>112</u>	Total funds	<u>25,255</u>

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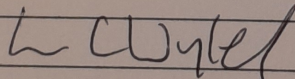
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Date:

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Name:

Lindsay Wyles

Relevant professional
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merely to provide content for individual growth. Based on a peripatetic model, we enable congregations to study together, which will deepen existing relationships and forge new fellowship.

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Financial Review

Income

Our income for this financial period was £32,263.

Course fees provided an income of £1140, grant income provided £10,000 (to cover project costs from Feb 2022-Feb 2023), Donations provided £17,495 along with Gift Aid of £3628.

Expenditure

Expenditure was £23,952, consisting primarily of resources and costs for the delivery of the courses, along with development of an online platform and an ICT Advisor for online course development.

Summary

At the end of the year we had a net surplus of £8,311. We anticipate a continued gradual increase of income over the next financial period as GTS builds on its reputation for excellence, accessibility and enjoyment of its courses.

Reserves

The Trustees regularly review the financial situation of the charity including Risk and the need to hold reserves. With no committed expenditure at this period in time, we do not hold any designated or committed reserves, although current non-designated reserves are above £18,000.

Financial management

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1181897

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Trustees

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Relevant term dates
John Bentley		
Jeremy Taylor	Secretary	
Dr Emma Hartwell		New 3-yr term from 01.09.21
Claire Power-Browne	Grants liaison	
Nigel Roe		Resigned 21.09.21
David Hannah		

Independent examiner

Lindsay Wyles
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GTS

12 month Period ended 31 Mar2022

Income & Expenditure Statement

	12 months to	
	31-Mar	31-Mar
	2021	2021
	£	£
Income		
Fee income	1,140	
Gifts	17,495	
Grants	10,000	
Gift aid	3,629	
Other	0	
		<u>32,263</u>
Expenditure		
Staff costs	(15,460)	
Services	(6,994)	
Insurance	(523)	
Hospitality	(17)	
Website & IT	(448)	
Equipment	0	
Teaching Resources	(83)	
Printing & Copying	(182)	
Travel & Mileage	(204)	
Financial Fees	(41)	
		<u>(23,952)</u>
Surplus		<u>8,311</u>

Balance sheet

	31-Mar	31-Mar
	2021	2021
	£	£
Assets		
Cash on hand	25,144	
Total assets		25,144
Total liabilities		<u>0</u>
		<u>25,144</u>
Funds		
Fund balances brought forward	16,832	
Retained surplus	8,311	
Total funds		<u>25,144</u>

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Gateway Theology School (formerly Gloucestershire Theology School)

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March, 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1181897

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Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2022.

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did 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 this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

LCDyler

Date:

6/6/22

Name:

Lindsay Wyles

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(if any):

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Accounts

GTS – Gloucestershire Theology School

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity, a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, for the year ended 31st March 2021

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 2015).

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Expenditure

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Nigel Roe		
David Hannah		Began 19.11.20

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