

Sacred Spaces

England & Wales · Charity number 1183350

Details

Other names THE JOURNEY CHURCH MANCHESTER

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-05-10

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE, FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN SUCH PLACES AND IN SUCH WAYS AS THE CHARITY TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT.

Activities: To work for the public benefit, to advance the Christian faith in such places and in such ways as the trustees see fit.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Northern Ireland
- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£18,473	£46,430	-	-
2024-08-31	£85,703	£47,218	-	-
2023-08-31	£42,063	£46,895	-	-
2022-08-31	£42,889	£38,110	-	-
2021-08-30	£14,959	£10,033	-	-
2020-08-30	£20,958	£13,552	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Matthew Thomas Hawthorne	Chair	2023-03-21
Dr Rachel Wangrangsimakul		2022-09-12
Helen Rachel Bearn		2025-12-16
Robert John Nettleton		2026-03-21

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Accounts

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Sacred Spaces

Report and financial statements

For the year ended 31 August 2025

Charity number 1183350

Registered office and operational address

The Old White Lion
Church St
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Trustees Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:

Matthew Hawthorne	Chair
Alan Taylor	
Rachel Wangrangsimakul	Secretary
Rick Ashton	Treasurer

Key management personnel Alan Taylor Team Leader

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Trustees' Annual Report

Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended **31 August 2025**.

Reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the charity's constitution, and the Statement of Recommended Practice – *Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP)* applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the CIO are, for the public benefit, to advance the Christian faith in such places and in such ways as the Charity Trustees from time to time think fit.

In April 2025, the trustees agreed to a change of name and an updated scope for the charity, reflected through amendments to the constitution. This decision was made in response to positive developments in the life of the charity, including the growth of groups, networks, and partnerships beyond Manchester that were engaging in similar creative and relational expressions of Christian community and mission to those established through The Journey Church Manchester.

During this period, the founder of the charity, Alan Taylor, discerned a calling to relocate from Manchester to the Highlands of Scotland after 23 years of ministry in the city. This move was motivated by a sense of vocation to further develop outdoor expressions of church and pioneering work within a new rural context.

Following a period of prayerful discernment, the trustees recognised an opportunity to expand the geographical scope of the charity beyond Manchester and to adopt the name **Sacred Spaces**. While the scope of activity has developed, the core objectives of

the charity remain unchanged. The trustees continue to refine the charity's distinctive contribution to the public benefit through advancing the Christian faith.

The charity's vision is articulated as "*Cultivating Sacred Spaces in Everyday Places.*" This expresses a commitment to bringing people together through hospitality, forming communities, and sharing the reality of God's love, leading to the emergence of Christ-centred, contextual Christian communities.

In pursuit of this vision, Sacred Spaces works with practitioners exploring how "sacred spaces" can be developed in both rural and urban settings. This includes practices of hospitality, outdoor worship, shared community life, and connection with nature as integral elements of Christian discipleship and mission.

Review of Activities

The trustees review the aims, objectives, and activities of the charity each year. This report outlines what the charity has achieved and the outcomes of its work during the reporting period. The trustees report on the success of key activities and the benefits the charity has brought to the groups it exists to support.

In carrying out this review, the trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and have considered how the charity's activities contribute to its stated charitable purposes, both in the reporting period and in planning future work.

Achievements and Performance

The charity's main activities and the people it seeks to support are described below. All charitable activities are carried out in furtherance of Sacred Spaces' charitable purposes and for the public benefit.

During the year, Alan Taylor served as Team Leader, employed for **2.5 days per week from September to December 2024**, reducing to **2 days per week from January**

2025. Paul Eaton was employed 1 day per week as Table UK leader between September - December 2024. The charity's work was funded through gifts from supporters of Sacred Spaces, alongside grant income.

From September to December 2024, The Journey Manchester community entered a period of discernment to consider how it might evolve following the planned relocation of Alan Taylor and his family. This process concluded with a decision to leave space for those remaining in the Journey community to find new ways of connecting and continuing fellowship together.

Between March and August 2025, the charity continued to resource and support its core projects and networks, including **Reframing Fruitfulness**, **Table UK**, and the **Outdoor Church group**. The Table UK project continued to operate using grant funding that was awarded in January 2024.

In March 2025, Alan Taylor and his family relocated to Scotland. During this period, the charity launched a new website to communicate the name and vision of Sacred Spaces more clearly. Work also began on recruiting new trustees, developing a fundraising strategy, and holding team planning days to discern priorities and direction for the year ahead.

Public Benefit and Beneficiaries

Our beneficiaries include those who participate in gatherings in homes and outdoor spaces, where people experience relational connection and encouragement in their faith. Through these settings, individuals who might not otherwise engage with church have found belonging, hospitality, and opportunities to explore Christian faith.

The ministry of Alan Taylor as Team Leader supported neighbourhood and city-wide initiatives in Manchester for the common good, with a focus on hospitality, exploration of faith, and leadership development. Dozens of guests with little or no prior church involvement were welcomed through the Table ministry in Manchester and invited to engage with Scripture and explore faith in Christ.

Since March 2025, beneficiaries have also included practitioners leading creative expressions of mission and community through the charity's networks and training groups. This included approximately **12 participants in Reframing Fruitfulness with over 50 people connected with the Outdoor Church group.**

Table UK was working in **9 cities** - Manchester, Leeds, Birmingham, Newcastle, Bristol, Belfast, London, Cardiff and Dublin representing 20 Churches and 50 volunteers. On an average month across all teams, 10 events are hosted gathering 100-200 20s/30s. Across 9 meetup app groups, there are 5,500 20s/30s who are members. Table teams have hosted 165 events with 1236 attendees in homes, restaurants and outdoors. 4 teams have hosted events in homes.

By supporting these practitioners to cultivate Christ-centred communities characterised by love and care, the charity's work extended to benefit people across **more than 60 local communities throughout the United Kingdom.**

Financial Review

Income for the year ended 31 August 2025 was **£18,473** (2024: £85,703). Expenditure for the year was **£46,430** (2024: £47,218). Regular monthly giving averaged approximately **£1,700** throughout the year.

The charity continued to utilise the remaining **£39,104 grant from JustSow** awarded in January 2024, contributing **£23,589** toward staffing costs and expenses associated with expanding the Table project to three new cities. The grant funded Table City Leaders in Leeds, London and Newcastle. There was **£15,515** to carry forward into the next year. As a result of utilising previously received restricted funds, the overall bank balance reduced to £22,859 at the year end.

Reserves Policy

The trustees continued the policy of holding unrestricted reserves equivalent to approximately **three months of the Team Leader's salary**. From September 2025 this equates to around **£3,600**. This compares to unrestricted reserves of **£10,044** at the year end (2024: £11,709).

Future Plans

The trustees' priorities for the coming year include strengthening governance through the appointment of additional trustees, developing a sustainable fundraising strategy, and continuing to support practitioners engaged in cultivating sacred spaces in both rural and urban contexts. The charity will also focus on embedding its new identity and vision, building partnerships, and discerning priorities for the next phase of its mission.

Structure, Governance and Management

Sacred Spaces is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), governed by a constitution amended in **June 2025**. Trustees are appointed by existing trustees and receive appropriate induction and training upon appointment.

Day-to-day management of the charity's operations is delegated to the Team Leader, employed by the CIO. Sacred Spaces also relies on volunteers to host gatherings and work out the charity's vision in local contexts.

The organisation is registered as a charity in England and Wales, having been established on **10 May 2019**. Trustees are members of the charity and are entitled only to voting rights.

Related Parties and Relationships

One trustee was reimbursed for travel and phone expenses during the year. Another trustee was reimbursed for travel expenses. Beyond these reimbursements, no trustee or related person had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

Employment

Sacred Spaces employed Alan Taylor as Team Leader for **2.5 days per week from September to December 2024**, reducing to **2 days per week from January 2025**. He was paid a stipend of **£17,737**, and employer pension contributions amounted to **£1,191**.

Statement of Responsibilities of the Trustees

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the period.

In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and Statements of Recommended Practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approval

The trustees' annual report was approved by the trustees on 22nd May 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Matthew Hawthorne

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Hawthorne', written in a cursive style.

Chair of Trustees

Receipts and payments accounts

Receipts	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2025	Total funds 2024 £
Donations	18,391	-	18,391	85,079
Other Income	82	-	82	623
Total Receipts	18,473	-	18,473	85,702
Payments				
Pastoral	522	-	522	651
Hospitality	-	-	-	358
Staff	17,737	-	17,737	25,377
Table	-	23,589	23,589	16,319
Ministry	2,539	-	2,539	1,501
Admin	599	-	599	663
Shaws	1,444	-	1,444	1,450
Fusion	-	-	-	900
Total Payments	22,841	23,589	46,430	47,218
Surplus/(deficit)	(4,368)	(23,589)	(27,957)	38,484

Cash Funds

Bank and cash balances

at start of year	11,711	39,104	50,815	12,330
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Bank and cash

balances at end of year	7,344	15,515	22,859	50,815
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	TOTAL 2025 £	TOTAL 2024 £
Cash Funds					
Bank Current Account	7,344	15,515	-	22,859	50,815
Other Monetary Assets					
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Assets					
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Assets retained for charity's use					
Assets for charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Liabilities					
Liabilities	-	-	-	-	-

Approved by the board on 22nd May 2026 and signed on behalf by:



Matthew Hawthorne

1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts & Payments basis.

2 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity.

Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

3 Table Grant

JustSow allowed another year for the remaining £15,515 grant to be spent on Table expanding in three cities in 2025-26.

4 Trustee remuneration and expenses, and related party transactions

Alan Taylor as a trustee received remuneration during the year. Matty Hawthorne received £112.50 in travel and subsistence expenses during the year (2024: £406).

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity, including guarantees, during the year.

5 Analysis of movement in unrestricted funds

	Balance at 1 Sept 2024 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	As at 31 Aug 2025 £
General fund	11,711	18,473	(22,841)	-	7,344
	11,711	18,473	(22,841)	-	7,344

6 Analysis of movement in restricted funds

	Balance at 1 Sept 2024 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	As at 31 Aug 2025 £
Table fund	39,104	-	(23,589)	-	15,515
	39,104	-	(23,589)	-	15,515

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Sacred Spaces Charitable Incorporated Organisation ('the CIO')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 CIO's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the CIO 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.



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23rd May 2026

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The Journey Church Manchester

Report and financial statements

For the year ended 31 August 2024

Charity number 1183350
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Objectives and activities

The Objectives of the CIO are, for the public benefit, to advance the Christian faith in such places and in such ways as the Charity Trustees from time to time think fit.

We have endeavoured to reach out to our communities in Manchester and online with the gospel and bring the teachings of Christ in word and action.

Our mission is to invite people on a journey of faith and belonging through hospitality which we do by resourcing and establishing new contextual forms of church scattered in homes and communities across Manchester and beyond.

The Journey gathers in houses, online or local community settings to worship and learn about the Christian faith. These are open to all with care taken to be an inclusive experience sensitive to new people not familiar with Christian faith joining us. We learn from our discussions based on the scriptures, pray, and enjoy hospitality in a home or community setting.

Every week there are groups and opportunities to meet to build one another up, pray and invite new people to talk about faith and life. Sometimes this is online, or in person, in a home or community setting.

The leadership of The Journey meet with people to encourage and support them in life and faith with a focus on serving local communities, students and those new to the city.

The trustees review the aims, objectives and activities of the charity each year. This report looks at what the charity has achieved and the outcomes of its work in the reporting period. The trustees report the success of each key activity and the benefits the charity has brought to those groups of people that it is set up to help. The review also helps the trustees ensure the charity's aims, objectives and activities remained focused on its stated purposes.

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives that have been set.

Achievements and performance

The charity's main activities and who it tries to help are described below. All its charitable activities are undertaken to further The Journey Manchester's charitable purposes for the public benefit.

Alan Taylor (team leader) was employed 2.5 days a week and Paul Eaton was employed 2 days a week as Table leader. The finances were raised through partners of The Journey Church Manchester community outside of Manchester, the core community and grant money.

In December 2023 we were awarded a grant to trial Table (our 18-30s ministry) in new cities across the UK with finances for three city leaders. We appointed Martha Pigg for Table Leeds in July 2024 to start in the Autumn after a successful trial in the city. Paul Eaton led the drive to connect and explore possibilities of Table in 7 new cities as well as continue to have two Table events a month in Manchester.

We hosted community events in our local community hub for Christmas 2023, two neighbourhood forums supporting local voices making a positive difference locally.

Alan Taylor chaired the trustees at the Ladybarn Community Hub which included helping recruit and employ 5 new staff, improve the facilities, support a new community garden and multiple projects serving the common good. Many local Christians from various churches have participated in this renewal of local life and engagement.

We hosted church in homes throughout the year with a monthly gathering outdoors called Forest Church with some Sundays left open for neighbourhood engagement.

We started a new spiritual practices group that explored contemplative prayer.

We have collaborated with Simon and Gaynor Shaw based in Derby at Source UK for an online small group called "Everyday Theologians", a small group for community builders around the UK called "Reframing Fruitfulness" and an online group exploring Forest Church.

Beneficiaries of our ministry

The beneficiaries of The Journey have been those who join us in homes and outdoor gatherings, feeling connected relationally and encouraged in their faith. The ministry of Alan Taylor as Team Leader has supported local neighbourhood and city work for the common good, hospitality, exploration of faith and leadership development. Dozens of guests who haven't been in church have been blessed by our ministry Table in Manchester and invited to explore the scriptures and faith in Christ.

Financial review

Income for 2024 was £85,703 (2023: £42,063). Expenditure for 2024 was £47,218 (2023: £46,895). The regular monthly giving was around £2200 throughout the year.

We used the £55,000 grant from JustSow awarded in January 2024 to contribute toward staffing costs and expenses to expand "Table" to three new cities. The grant specified that each Table City Lead would be funded £10,000 for 12 months work.

Reserves policy

The Trustees continued our policy to hold unrestricted reserves at the level of 3 months salary for Alan Taylor's salary as Team Leader. From September 2024 this will be around £4,500. This compares to our unrestricted reserves value at year end of £11,709 (2023: 12,329).

Future plans

We want to continue to grow our online networks and projects with Simon and Gaynor Shaw and Paul Eaton that are outworked locally. We are aiming to trial Table in 10 cities by summer of 2025 and develop the spaces for thoughtful discipleship with Everyday Theologians, microchurches with Reframing Fruitfulness and support more expressions of outdoor church with Forest Church Reflections.

Structure, governance and management

Journey Church Manchester is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), governed by a constitution dated 10th May 2019. New Trustees are appointed by existing Trustees and are given appropriate induction and training on appointment. Day-to-day management of the CIO's operations are delegated to the Founder and Team Leader, employed by the CIO: Alan Taylor. Journey Church Manchester relies on volunteers to host and work out our vision.

The organisation is a charitable incorporated organisation, registered as a charity on 10 May 2019 in England and Wales.

The charity is constituted under a governing document 10 May 2019. The trustees are members of the charity but this entitles them only to voting rights. Nathan Harrison stepped down as a trustee and treasurer in March 2024. Rick Ashton took on the role as treasurer.

Related parties and relationships with other organisations

The Journey Church Manchester works with local churches in Manchester for the common good and a similar Christian community based in Derby called The Source UK. The following charities were supported by the church; Fusion working with students and Common Change to share resources to reach local people in local need. The Journey Church Manchester is also a member of the Evangelical Alliance. Alan Taylor was supported pastorally by Simon Shaw from The Source in his ministry.

One trustee was reimbursed for travel and phone expenses during the year. Another trustee was reimbursed for travel expenses. Beyond those expenses no trustee or other person related to the charity has had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity, including guarantees, during the year.

Employment

The church employed Alan Taylor for 2.5 days work week as the Team Leader (Pastor) of the Journey Church from September 2023. He is a founding trustee and founder of the church. The governing constitution allows for Alan to be employed as

the Team Leader while remaining a trustee. He was paid a stipend of £15,334, his pension contributions were £882.

Statement of responsibilities of the trustees

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the period and of its financial position at the end of the period. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

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- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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The trustees' annual report has been approved by the trustees on 24th April 2025 and signed on their behalf by

Matthew Hawthorne



Chair of Trustees

Receipts and payments accounts

Receipts	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023 £
Donations	30,079	55,000	85,079	41,787
Other Income	623	-	623	276
Total Receipts	30,702	55,000	85,702	42,063

Payments

Pastoral	651	-	651	1,606
Hospitality	358	-	358	1,139
Staff	25,377	-	25,377	-
Table	423	15,896	16,319	-
Ministry	1,501	-	1,501	37,963
Room hire	-	-	-	2,175
Admin	663	-	663	423
Newday United	-	-	-	850
Fusion	900	-	900	1,740
Local gifts	-	-	-	1,000
Shaws	1,450	-	1,450	-
Total Payments	31,323	15,896	47,218	46,895
Surplus/(deficit)	(621)	39,104	38,485	-4,832

Cash Funds

Bank and cash balances at start of year	12,330	0	12,330	17,163
Bank and cash balances at end of year	11,709	39,104	50,815	12,330

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Unrestrict ed funds £	Restrict ed funds £	Endowmen t funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
Cash Funds					
Bank Current Account	11,709	39,104	-	50,815	12,330
Other Monetary Assets					
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Assets					
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Assets retained for charity's use					
Assets for charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Liabilities					
Liabilities	-	-	-	-	-

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3 Table Grant

Three 12 month appointments are due to be made for Table to expand in 3 cities. This makes up £30,000 of the remaining £39,104 grant to be spent in 2024-25.

4 Trustee remuneration and expenses, and related party transactions

Alan Taylor as a trustee received remuneration during the year. Trustees Alan Taylor and Matty Hawthorne received £406 in travel and subsistence expenses during the year (2023: £616).

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity, including guarantees, during the year.

5 Analysis of movement in unrestricted funds

	Balance at 1 Sept 2023 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	As at 31 Aug 2024 £
General fund	12,330	30,702	(31,323)	-	11,709
	12,330	30,702	(31,323)	-	11,709

6 Analysis of movement in restricted funds

	Balance at 1 Sept 2023 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	As at 31 Aug 2024 £
Table fund	-	55,000	(15,896)	-	39,104
	-	55,000	(15,896)	-	39,104

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22nd May 2025

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Each week The Journey gathers in houses, online or local community settings to worship and learn about the Christian faith. These are open to all with care taken to be an inclusive experience sensitive to new people not familiar with Christian faith joining us. We learn from our discussions based on the scriptures, pray, and enjoy hospitality in a home or community setting.

Every week there are groups and opportunities to meet to build one another up, pray and invite new people to talk about faith and life. Sometimes this is online, or in person, in a home or community setting.

The leadership of The Journey meet with people to encourage and support them in life and faith with a focus on serving local communities, students and those new to the city.

The trustees review the aims, objectives and activities of the charity each year. This report looks at what the charity has achieved and the outcomes of its work in the reporting period. The trustees report the success of each key activity and the benefits the charity has brought to those groups of people that it is set up to help. The review also helps the trustees ensure the charity's aims, objectives and activities remained focused on its stated purposes.

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives that have been set.

Achievements and performance

The charity's main activities and who it tries to help are described below. All its charitable activities are undertaken to further The Journey Manchester's charitable purposes for the public benefit.

Alan Taylor's hours were increased from 2.5 days to 3.5 days a week as the Team Leader from September 2022. This enabled the church and its mission to be better served. The finances were raised through partners of The Journey Church Manchester community outside of Manchester, the core community and grant money.

In the year our 18-30s ministry hosted 43 gatherings with 400 attendees from 30 nations. 51 attended Bible studies and 10 volunteers recruited to Table team with 4 new Church members.

We hosted 8 community events in our local community hub. We hosted church in homes from January 2023- August 2023. We experimented with outdoor church in local parks with an emphasis on prayer and connection.

We welcomed the input and collaboration of Simon and Gaynor Shaw based in Derby at the Source UK joining for an online small group called "Everyday Theologians" and a small group for community leaders around the UK called "Reframing Fruitfulness". We also had a joint service in Buxton with The Source.

Beneficiaries of our ministry

The beneficiaries of The Journey have been those who join us in homes, feel connected relationally with the church community and those served by the ministry of Alan Taylor as Team Leader in supporting local neighbourhood and city work for the common good, hospitality, exploration of faith and leadership development.

Financial review

Income for 2023 was £42,063 (2022: £42,889). Expenditure for 2023 was £46,895 (2022: £38,110). The regular monthly giving was around £2,600 throughout the year.

We used the £10,000 grant from JustSow to cover costs and employment of Paul Eaton from January 2023 to lead our 18-30s ministry known as "Table Manchester".

Reserves policy

The Trustees continued our policy to hold unrestricted reserves at the level of 3 months salary for Alan Taylor's salary as Team Leader. From September 2023 this will be around £6000. This compares to our reserves value at year end of £12,329 (2022: 17,163).

Future plans

We are putting together a fresh bid for grant money to extend Table Manchester into 3 new cities. We will continue to meet monthly for outdoor church with the aim to build a new team and grow a new community. We intend to grow our ministry locally in Manchester through collaboration with

other churches and ministries including a community garden. We will collaborate with Simon and Gaynor Shaw of Synergy network to host important conversations on contextualising faith and church.

Structure, governance and management

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The charity is constituted under a governing document 10 May 2019. The trustees are members of the charity but this entitles them only to voting rights.

Related parties and relationships with other organisations

The Journey Church Manchester works with local churches in Manchester for the common good and a similar Christian community based in Derby called The Source UK. The following charities were supported by the church; Newday United, a charity serving poorer communities in South Africa, Fusion working with students, Ngage (working the youth of Manchester) and Barnabus (homeless charity). The Journey Church Manchester is also a member of the Evangelical Alliance. Alan Taylor was supported pastorally by Simon Shaw from The Source in his ministry.

One trustee was reimbursed for travel and phone expenses during the year. Another trustee was reimbursed for travel expenses. Beyond those expenses no trustee or other person related to the charity has had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity, including guarantees, during the year.

Employment

The church employed Alan Taylor for 3.5 days work week as the Team Leader (Pastor) of the Journey Church from September 2022. He is a founding trustee and founder of the church. Alan's extra hours aimed to facilitate the growth of the community and achieve its charitable objectives. The governing constitution allows for Alan to be as employed as the Team Leader while remaining a trustee. He was paid a stipend of £18,888, his pension contributions were £766.

Statement of responsibilities of the trustees

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial


statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the period and of its financial position at the end of the period. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The trustees' annual report has been approved by the trustees on 30th April 2024 and signed on their behalf by



Matthew Hawthorne

Chair of Trustees

Receipts	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2023	Total funds 2022 £
Donations	31,787	10,000	41,787	40,641
Other Income	276	-	276	2,248
Total Receipts	32,063	10,000	42,063	42,889
Payments				
Pastoral	1,606	-	1,606	1,646
Hospitality	1,139	-	1,139	688
Meetings	-	-	-	59
Ministry	27,963	10,000	37,963	25,589
Online church	-	-	-	433
Room hire	2,175	-	2,175	2,613
Audio/Visual/IT	-	-	-	369
Admin	423	-	423	779
Newday United	850	-	850	800
Fusion	1,740	-	1,740	3,990
Local gifts	1,000	-	1,000	1,010
Total Payments	36,895	10,000	46,895	38,110
Surplus/(deficit)	- 4,832	0	-4,832	4,779
Cash Funds				
Bank and cash balances at start of year	17,163	0	17,163	4,779
Bank and cash balances at end of year	12,330	0	12,330	17,163

Approved by the board on and signed on behalf by:

Matthew Hawthorne



1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts & Payments basis.

2 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity.

Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

3 Trustee remuneration and expenses, and related party transactions

Alan Taylor as a trustee received remuneration during the year. As a trustee he received £616 in travel and subsistence expenses during the year (2022: £289).

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity, including guarantees, during the year.

4. Analysis of movement in unrestricted funds

	Balance at 1 Sept 2022 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	As at 31 Aug 2023 £
General fund	17,163	46,895	(46,895)	-	12,330
	17,163	46,895	(46,895)	-	12,330

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Journey Church Manchester Charitable Incorporated Organisation ('the CIO')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 CIO's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the CIO 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.



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07 May 2024

Sacred Spaces

England & Wales - Charity number 1183350

Accounts

Charity Number: 1183350

The Journey Church Manchester

Report and financial statements

For the year ended 31 August 2022

The Journey Church Manchester
Reference and administrative information
for the year ended 31 August 2022

Charity number	1183350
Registered office and operational address	33 Beverly Road Manchester M14 6TH
Trustees	Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows: Daniel Moynihan Chair Alan Taylor Vice Chair Nathan Harrison Treasurer Rick Ashton Secretary
Key management personnel	Alan Taylor Team Leader
Bankers	The Co-operative Bank p.l.c. P.O. Box 101 1 Balloon Street Manchester M60 4EP
Independent examiner	Aleksander Sadiku FCCA 68 Ashdale Drive Heald Green Cheadle SK8 3SY

The Journey Church Manchester
Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 31st August 2022

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the charity's constitution and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: SORP applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the CIO are, for the public benefit, to advance the Christian faith in such places and in such ways as the Charity Trustees from time to time think fit.

We have endeavoured to reach out to our communities in Manchester and online with the gospel and bring the teachings of Christ in word and deed in our daily lives and when gathered together.

Our mission is to live out God's Kingdom dream for this world by specifically establishing new contextual forms of church scattered in homes and communities across Manchester sharing our values to be Christ-Centred, Local Presence, Global Justice, Simplicity, Hospitality and Dialogue.

Each week The Journey gathers in houses, online or local community settings to worship and learn about the Christian faith. These are open to all with care taken to be an inclusive experience sensitive to new people not familiar with Christian faith joining us. We learn from our discussions based on the scriptures, pray, and enjoy hospitality in a home or community setting.

Every week there are groups and opportunities to meet to build one another up, pray and invite new people to talk about faith and life. Sometimes this is online, or in person, in a home or community setting.

The leadership of The Journey meet with people to encourage and support them in life and faith with a focus on serving local communities, students and those new to the city.

The trustees review the aims, objectives and activities of the charity each year. This report looks at what the charity has achieved and the outcomes of its work in the reporting period. The trustees report the success of each key activity and the benefits the charity has brought to those groups of people that it is set up to help. The review also helps the trustees ensure the charity's aims, objectives and activities remained focused on its stated purposes.

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives that have been set.

Achievements and performance

The charity's main activities and who it tries to help are described below. All its charitable activities are undertaken to further The Journey Manchester's charitable purposes for the public benefit.

Alan Taylor was employed 2.5 days a week as the Team Leader from September 2021. This enabled the church and its mission to be better served. The finances were raised through about 18 new givers to the The Journey Church Manchester who were not part of the community in Manchester but want to support our mission.

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Trustees' annual report

for the year ended 31st August 2022

The church continued to reach out online on social media channels and in-person in homes and Ladybarn Community Hub while also managing under the Covid restrictions till December 2021.

We hosted a community event for the Jubilee which attracted over 400 people and regular creative services appealing to families. Alan Taylor conducted RE lessons on Christian faith at the local school. We conducted activities at local community events including a school fair that hosted 1000+ people. 7 families including 13 under 11 year olds regularly attended our Sunday gatherings.

18-30s including students joined an online small group exploring faith. One lady joining an online small group from Mexico was baptised as a response to the ministry.

We also started a student small group, an alpha course, conducted street evangelism offering to pray for students on campus and engage in spiritual conversations. About 30 people including children joined our first weekend away near Huddersfield.

We welcomed the input and collaboration of Simon and Gaynor Shaw based in Derby at the Source UK joining for an online small group called "Everyday Theologians".

We won a grant for £10,000 to JustSow to cover costs and potential employment of Paul Eaton to lead our 18-30s ministry known as "The Table" from September 2022. The ministry aims to reach people moving to study or work from other nations through hospitality community activities and discussions around faith and life.

Beneficiaries of our ministry

The beneficiaries of The Journey have been those who join us in homes, feel connected relationally with the church community and those served by the ministry of Alan Taylor as Team Leader in supporting local neighbourhood and city work for the common good, hospitality, exploration of faith and leadership development.

Financial review

Income for 2022 was £42,889 (2021: £14,958). Expenditure for 2022 was £38,110 (2021: £10,032). Overall income increased through a new group of givers within the church and outside of the church that was seeking to support its mission. The regular monthly giving was around £2,600 throughout the year. Expenditure is higher in 2022 because of the employment of Alan Taylor on 2.5 days a week as Team Leader and more ministry activity.

We were awarded a grant for £10,000 to JustSow to cover costs and potential employment of Paul Eaton to lead our 18-30s ministry known as "The Table".

Reserves policy

The Trustees have agreed a policy to hold unrestricted reserves at the level of 3 months salary for Alan Taylor's salary as Team Leader. From September 2022 this will be around £5,500. This compares to our reserves value at year end of £17,162 (2021: 4,926). This is higher than our reserves policy because of the savings made from less activity during the lockdown and pandemic. We are planning to use these excess reserves for ministry opportunities in the near future including The Table ministry for the 18-30s, as well as to increase current staff hours.

The Journey Church Manchester
Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 31st August 2022

Future plans

We plan to increase the hours of employed for Team Leader Alan Taylor from 2.5 days to 3.5 days to help grow the local community work, wider network beyond Manchester and new forms of community and hospitality across Manchester largely based in homes. We also intend to employ Paul Eaton in the "Table" ministry to reach 18-30s in Manchester if we are successful with our grant.

Structure, governance and management

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One trustee was reimbursed for travel and phone expenses during the year. Beyond those expenses no trustee or other person related to the charity has had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity, including guarantees, during the year.

Employment

The church employed Alan Taylor for 2.5 days work week as the Team Leader (Pastor) of the Journey Church from September 2021. He is a founding trustee and founder of the church. Alan's extra hours aims to facilitate the growth of the community and achieve its charitable objectives. The governing constitution allows for Alan to be as employed as the Team Leader while remaining a trustee. He was paid a stipend of £15,000, his pension contributions were £770.

The Journey Church Manchester
Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 31st August 2022

Statement of responsibilities of the trustees

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the period and of its financial position at the end of the period. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

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- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
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The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The trustees' annual report has been approved by the trustees on 26/6/23 and signed on their behalf by

Daniel Moynihan
Chair of Trustees

The Journey Church Manchester
Independent Examiner's Report
for the year ended 31st August 2022

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st August 2022 which are set out on pages 8 to 9.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those 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.

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Date 26/06/2023

The Journey Church Manchester
Receipts and Payments Account
for the year ended 31st August 2022

Receipts	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2022	Total funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Donations	40,641	-	40,641	14,958
Other Income	2,248	-	2,248	0
Total Receipts	42,889	-	42,889	14,958
Payments				
Pastoral	1,646	-	1,646	522
Hospitality	688	-	688	47
Meetings	59	-	59	85
Ministry	25,688	-	25,688	3,164
Online church	433	-	433	718
Room hire	2,613	-	2,613	740
Audio/Visual/IT	369	-	369	255
Admin	815	-	815	651
Newday United	800	-	800	800
Fusion	3,990	-	3,990	2,950
Local gifts	1,010	-	1,010	0
Total Payments	38,110	-	38,110	10,033
Surplus/(deficit)	4,779	-	4,779	4,926
Cash Funds				
Bank and cash balances at start of year	12,384	-	12,384	7,458
Bank and cash balances at end of year	17,163	-	17,163	12,384

Approved by the board on 26/6/23 and signed on behalf by:

Daniel Moynihan
Chair of Trustees

The Journey Church Manchester
Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31st August 2022

1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts & Payments basis.

2 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity.

Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

3 Trustee remuneration and expenses, and related party transactions

Alan Taylor as a trustee received remuneration during the year . As a trustee he received £289 in travel and subsistence expenses during the year (2021:nil).

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity, including guarantees, during the year.

4. Analysis of movement in unrestricted funds

	Balance at 1 Sept 2021 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	As at 31 Aug 2022 £
General fund	12,384	42,889	(38,110)	-	17,163
	12,384	42,889	(38,110)	-	17,163

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Accounts

The Journey Church Manchester CIO

Registered Charity Number: 1183350

Report of the Trustees and Financial Statement

Inaugural Annual Report for The Journey Church Manchester CIO

Septemer 2020 - August 2021

The Journey Church Manchester thejourneychurchonline.com

The Objects of the CIO are, for the public benefit, to advance the Christian faith in such places and in such ways as the Charity Trustees from time to time think fit.

As a church we have endeavoured to reach out to our communities with the gospel and bring the teachings of Christ in word and deed in our daily lives and when gathered together. Our mission is to live out God's Kingdom dream for this world.

Activities

Growth

The church continued to reach out online and in-person while still under the Covid restrictions. We have about 8 regular families, young adults and students as part of our community and mission.

Partnerships

We grew our partnership and giving to Fusion. We joined the Evangelical Alliance in June 2021. One of our values at The Journey is unity in the church expressed in diversity.

Missional leaders

Alan Taylor and Ruth Taylor have continued to be overseen and pastored the community while Paul Eaton has developed our worship and ministry to students. We have families reaching out into their neighbourhoods and communities with our emphasis on local mission. We have also been reaching out online with a growing presence on social media.

Pandemic

From September 2020- August 2021 most of the year was heavily disrupted by the restrictions.

We have aimed to meet as much in person within the restrictions and people's own safety considerations. This has included meetings in Ladybarn Community Hub on Sundays.

Financial Review

We continue to collect our giving through Stewardship. From September 2020 - August 2021 we have spent £10032.51 and received £14958.74. The regular monthly giving was around £1200 throughout the year.

The main areas of expenditure were ministry from the community hub, Fusion student ministry partnership and online church including building a new website.

Reserves policy

The Church now has a surplus of £12383.59 at the end of the year. This figure was much higher than expected due to the pandemic not requiring room hire and hospitality for long periods.

We intend to use some of the surplus in 2021-22 year to contribute to local community projects and help set up costs for employment.

Structure, governance and management

The trustees met four times during the year and helped oversee changes and safety decisions meeting together during the pandemic.

Paul Eaton resigned as a trustee.

Rick Ashton came on as trustee in March 2021 as someone who is not a member of the Journey church.

Nathan Harrison has agreed to come on as a trustee to make it up to four trustees. Dan Moynihan has agreed to chair trustees and Nathan Harrison has agreed to be the treasurer. Rick Ashton brought his HR experience to the team.

Employment

The church is planning to employ Alan Taylor for 2.5 days work week as the Team Leader of the Journey Church from September 2021. The trustees included the advice and support of Pastor Simon Shaw from the Source community in Derby to help the trustees make necessary decisions on employment without Alan Taylor in the room. Rick Ashton led the process on preparing paperwork for employment including a contract and pension.

A number of new givers came forward to help increase the income and enable Alan to be employed. We have 16 partners of the Journey Church who are not members but giving to enable the mission and church to grow.

Going Concern

There are no uncertainties regarding the charity as a going concern.

2020-21

Receipts

Give.net (Stewardship)	14658.74
Bank transfers	300
Total	14958.74

Payments	
Pastoral	521.79
Hospitality	47.15
Meetings	85.32
Speakers gifts	60
Ministry	3164.27
Online church	718.13
Room hire	740
Audio/Visual/IT	254.93
Admin	650.57
Newday United	800
Fusion	2950
Local gifts	0
Total	10032.51
Profit/loss	4926.23
Cash Funds (Co-operative Bank)	12383.59

Approved by the trustees March 28th 2022