

Charity Number: 1183350

The Journey Church Manchester

Report and financial statements

For the year ended 31 August 2022

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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.  
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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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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.

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## 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.

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## **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**

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.

## **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. 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.

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## **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 26/6/23 and signed on their behalf by

Daniel Moynihan  
Chair of Trustees

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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.

*Aleks Sadiku*

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Date 26/06/2023

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Receipts and Payments Account  
for the year ended 31st August 2022

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds £</b>	<b>Restricted funds £</b>	<b>Total funds 2022 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2021 £</b>
Donations	40,641	-	40,641	14,958
Other Income	2,248	-	2,248	0
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>42,889</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42,889</b>	<b>14,958</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
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
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>38,110</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38,110</b>	<b>10,033</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit)</b>	<b>4,779</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,779</b>	<b>4,926</b>
<b>Cash Funds</b>				
Bank and cash balances at start of year	12,384	-	12,384	7,458
<b>Bank and cash balances at end of year</b>	<b>17,163</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,163</b>	<b>12,384</b>

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

Daniel Moynihan  
Chair of Trustees



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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