

THE CHURCH IN NORWICH REPORT
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31st March 2023

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1183551

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Reference and Administrative Information

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Charity Number: 1183551

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Report of the Trustees

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2023. The Trustees have prepared the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act") and have used the Receipts and Payments basis for presenting the accounts.

The Church in Norwich is constituted under a trust deed dated 23rd May 2019 and was registered as a Charity with the Charity Commission on the same date.

Trustees were appointed by resolution passed at a meeting of the Church of which at least 14 days' notice has been given at a previous meeting of the Church. There shall be no fewer than two trustees and not exceeding five trustees at any time.

The trustees meet once yearly to discuss and make decisions regarding the broad strategy and areas of activities for the trust. The week-to-week management is handled by the weekly meetings of the leading brothers of the church, three of whom are trustees.

The induction process for any newly appointed trustee comprises an initial meeting with the trustees and leading brothers concerning how the church fund is managed, including the procedures for handling donations made to the church. The welcome pack includes a copy of the governing trust deed, a copy of the trustees' minutes, a copy of the last three years' annual accounts, and a copy of the Charity Commission's guidance

The Essential trustee: What You Need to Know.

Risk Management

The trustees have examined the major financial risks that the charity faces and confirm that suitable measures have been taken to control these risks.

Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the charity are to support and advance the Christian faith by means of the function of the Church as a pillar and base of the truth of the faith revealed in the Bible, by the preaching of the gospel, by the spiritual nourishment of the new believers, by the perfecting of all believers to be living, functioning members in the Body of Christ, by holding meetings for prayer, for remembrance of the Lord and for prophesying unto mutual encouragement, exhortation and building up, by seeking to raise up and support full time workers, by supporting works to spread the gospel both locally and abroad and by regular and frequent fellowship with other churches throughout the earth for the practical keeping of the oneness of the Body of Christ universally.

The public benefits of the charity's activities are:

- 1) To provide meetings for Christian worship of an inclusive (i.e. non-denominational, non-sectarian, etc.) and mutually participatory nature for all those who wish to participate in such worship.
 - 2) To make available to the public Bible truth through the distribution of tracts and other Christian literature, through the speaking of such truth in Christian meetings, and through personal testimony and witness.
 - 3) To provide pastoral care through home and small group meetings, and on an individual basis as necessary.
 - 4) To support individuals, families and groups to attend trainings, conferences and other activities in line with the objectives above on an ad hoc basis.
- Public Benefit Statement

In producing their assessment of the benefit to the public provided by the charity, the trustees confirmed that they have complied with the duty set out in the Charities Act 2011 to pay due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

Summary of Activities and Achievements in 2022-2023:

A video training was held in July this year and had 10 people attending although approximately 70 attended the open sessions. A young sister ('L'), who had gone to the full time training in London, graduated in July. It was good to see a young person from Norwich graduating as no one from Norwich had graduated for a few years. Two people were baptised in the church in Norwich Hall. 'B', a young person, and sister 'I'. Another young person 'J' from Norwich was also Baptised in Poland.

This year we had a table outside the University and several bibles were given out and many students came to a free fellowship meal. Of these about 12 came from time to time to the student meetings and in the autumn 10 from Norwich went to the Uni Conference. Four students/young people have started applying for the North American College Training which will be held next summer.

The meeting Hall had its status changed to be recognised as a place of worship which means it is no longer liable for business tax rates. The flat above the hall is now being used to support a family from the church in Norwich. A gate with a lock was put on the side of the building to make the place more secure.

Financial Review

The Trust relies mainly, except for a small amount of bank interest and some rental income, on donations and legacies from individuals for its income.

The total income for the year was £26117 of which the flat rental brought in £14,980. £8000 was used for paying back the loan from Amana Trust. Nothing was spent on building repair although items such as a dishwasher were purchased. The church running costs, including insurance and utility bills which totalled £5250.

The amount spent on mission activities came to £2685 and £500 was a donation to others. There was £520 spent on the church flat improvements. There remains £9162 balance to be used next year.

Reserves Policy

The CIO's property, whose market value at 01 August 2019 was estimated at £400,000, may have given rise to an unrealised gain not recorded in these accounts due to some renovation work and house price increases in the area.

It is the policy of the CIO to maintain free reserves at a level which equates to 10% of the estimated annual expenditure. This provides sufficient funds to cover management and administration and to respond to emergency needs which arise from time to time. Free Reserves were maintained at this level throughout the year.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Laws applicable to charities in England and Wales require the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the incoming resources and application of the resources of the charity during the year and of its state of affairs at the end of the year. 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 2015 (FRS 102); 6
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed;
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the CIO will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Settlement and which enable them to ascertain its financial position and to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Settlement and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Christopher Hill - Trustee

Dated 19th August 2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name THE CHURCH IN NORWICH	No (if any) 1183551
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2022	To	Period end date 31/03/2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Voluntary receipts	5,151	5,571	-	10,722	-
Donation passthrough	-	415	-	415	-
Flat rental	14,980	-	-	14,980	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	20,131	5,986	-	26,117	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	20,131	5,986	-	26,117	-
A3 Payments					
Building repair	-	-	-	-	-
Mission	2,685	-	-	2,685	-
Church running expenses	5,250	-	-	5,250	-

Donation passthrough	-	500	-	500	-
Loan repayment	-	8,000	-	8,000	-
Flat Expense	520	-	-	520	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	8,455	8,500	-	16,955	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	8,455	8,500	-	16,955	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	11,676	- 2,514	-	9,162	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	9,046	5,320	-	14,366	-
Cash funds this year end	20,722	2,806	-	23,528	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds				
	Barclays Current Account	16,810	2,683	-
	Lloyds Current Account	3,912	123	-
	Total cash funds	20,722	2,806	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account (s))	OK	OK	OK

		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	Details			
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-


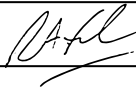
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details			
	Meeting hall	Unrestricted	434,030	
	Projector	Unrestricted	604	
	TV Equipment	Unrestricted	514	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Loan - Meeting hall purchase	Unrestricted	208,470	
Credit Card	Unrestricted	408	
Donation passthrough	Restricted	315	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Christopher Hill	19th August 2025
	Robert Finch	19th August 2025



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Charity Name

Report to the trustees/ members of

On accounts for the year ended

Charity no (if any)

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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 DD / MM / YYYY.

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

Name:

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

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.