

**LIVING TEMPLE CHURCH**

**Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2024**

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1185272**

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## **LIVING TEMPLE CHURCH**

### Charity Information

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| Trustees             | Ruth Conteh<br>Daniel Conteh<br>Mercy Akinfolarin<br>Solape Abiodun Alatise |
| Principal Location   | Europe for Christ Mission<br>Elibank Road<br>Eltham<br>SE9 1QJ              |
| Charity Number       | 1185272   |
| Independent Examiner | Greenwich Business Services<br>30 Eden Way<br>Bow<br>London<br>E3 2JD       |
| Bankers              | Barclays Bank   |

## **LIVING TEMPLE CHURCH**

Report of The Trustees  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2024

### **History**

The Church was established under a constitution on 12 September 2019 and is a registered Charity.

### **Objects**

The objective of the Charity is to advance the Christian religion in the UK for the benefit of the public.

### **Principal activity**

Holding prayer meetings, lectures, public celebrations of religious festivals and producing and or distributing literature on the Christian faith to enlighten others about the Christian religion.

### **Management and Governance Arrangements**

The Charity is managed by the trustees who are involved on a day-to-day basis with its affairs. The Charity is reliant on the support of volunteers for all its activities and the trustees have established controls to enable the charity to abide by all relevant laws and regulations. The charity's trustees hold meetings to review the affairs of the Charity.

### **Achievements and Performance**

#### **Freedom experience**

In October the church hosted an event called Freedom Experience, which included a time of corporate worship and prayer. This was open to both the LTC congregation and members of the public. Two guest ministers were also in attendance.

#### **Home group/faith builders**

Since July, LTC has been hosting homegroups twice a month on Wednesday evenings. These meetings are usually held in person at two locations: South East London and Kent although they occasionally take place online. Homegroups provide time for congregation members to meet in smaller groups for food, fellowship, bible study, discussion and prayer.

#### **Church anniversary celebration**

To celebrate the church's 3rd anniversary, a special programme was held over three Sundays. Part 1, on October 29, featured guest minister Pastor Victoria Orenze, who shared a teaching in alignment with the direction of the church. Part 2, on November 5, featured guest minister Reverend Femi, who gave an encouraging message on the church's instructions and mission. Part 3 on November 12 was a celebration Sunday followed by a dinner at Legends American Grill and Bar.

#### **Safeguarding Sunday**

In February, the church invited Tina from Kesis consulting to run a safeguarding workshop during a Sunday service. The sessions included a presentation, small group break outs, discussion and time for questions and answers. We believe it's important to educate and equip the LTC congregation on safeguarding, both within the church and in our communities.

#### **Mental Health Sunday**

In June, Tope Abulude, a certified therapist and counsellor visited the church and provided a talk to the LTC congregation on men's mental health. It was an insightful conversation about the importance of creating spaces for men to be vulnerable.

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### **Report of The Trustees Cont'd**

#### **Trustee Governance Review and Training**

The trustees engaged the services of Felicia from Willow charity consulting to perform a governance review and provide trustee training. This helped us to assess our compliance with the Charity Commission guidelines and identify areas for improvement.

#### **Women's meeting**

In December, the church hosted a women's meeting at a congregation member's home. Refreshments were provided and there was time to share and enjoy each other's company. In September the women met for an afternoon of 'sip and paint' hosted by Pastor Ruth. It was a fun time to engage in conversation over a creative activity.

#### **Mother's and Father's Day**

To celebrate Mother's and Father's day, the women and men at LTC received gift bags with candles, beauty and grooming products

#### **LTC social**

In February, LTC hosted a social day for congregation members. It was a time of fellowship with refreshments, games and discussions.

#### **Widows fund**

The Church believes it is important to look after widows and widowers. Loss can be very challenging and painful and can in some cases cause financial strain. In order to help, the church gives a £50 monthly payment to all church members who find themselves in this position.

#### **Supporting a Christian organisation**

As of October 2022, the church has been financially supporting Heart of worship, a UK Christian movement with a monthly donation of £100 to assist with their purpose of sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ through events.

#### **Baby Gift**

The church bought a £500 gift voucher for the mother and father of a new baby to celebrate the new addition to the family.

#### **Wedding Gift**

The church bought a £250 gift voucher for a musician to celebrate his marriage.

#### **Presence Night**

The church holds 'presence night' once a month, this is a time of weekday worship and prayer for the LTC congregation and the general public.

#### **Social Media**

The church uses the services of a social media manager to capture content from Sunday services. The content is posted online to reach the wider public online and further the churches objectives.

#### **Financial Review**

The Statement of Financial Activities for the period is set out in the financial statements section of this report. In the year ended September 2024 income was £72,824 compared with £47,402 in the year ended September 2023. It consisted mainly of gift aid from HMRC and donations from members of the Church. The total expenditure in the year ended September 2024 was £63,351 while in the year ended September 2023 it was £43,802. The charity is prudent with resources without negatively impacting its goals.

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### **Report of The Trustees Cont'd**

#### **Unrestricted Funds**

Unrestricted income funds are funds available to be spent within the objectives of the charity, which can legally be spent wholly at the discretion of the trustees.

#### **Restricted Funds**

Restricted income funds represent money which can only be used for specified purposes.

#### **Reserves Policy**

The trustees have reviewed the reserve policy, and consider it prudent to keep sufficient reserves not invested in assets and unrestricted funds, to enable the payment of running costs between three and six months.

#### **Risk Management**

As part of the business planning exercise carried out during the year, the trustees have considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed.

The charity is faith based and dependent on its members for donations to run its operations. The risks and systems will be regularly reviewed.

#### **Trustees**

The trustees during the year under review were:

Daniel Conteh  
Ruth Conteh  
Mercy Akinfolarin  
Solape Abiodun Alatise

All trustees being eligible offer themselves for election at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

#### **ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES**



Ruth Conteh

18/07/2025

## **LIVING TEMPLE CHURCH**

### **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Living Temple Church for the Year Ended 30 September 2024**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2024, which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of the 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 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; or
- The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content 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.

Greenwich Business Services  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
30 Eden Way  
Bow  
London  
E3 2JD

18/07/2025

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## Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30 September 2024

|   | Notes | Unrestricted<br>Funds | Restricted<br>Funds | Total        |              |
|---|-------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
|   |       | £                     | £                   | 2024<br>£    | 2023<br>£    |
| <b>Incoming Resources</b>               |       |                       |                     |              |              |
| Income resources from generated funds   | 3     | 72824                 | 0                   | 72824        | 47402        |
| <b>Total Incoming Resources</b>         |       | <u>72824</u>          | <u>0</u>            | <u>72824</u> | <u>47402</u> |
| <b>Resources Expended</b>               |       |                       |                     |              |              |
| Charitable Activities                   | 4     | 63351                 | 0                   | 63351        | 43802        |
| <b>Total Resources Expended</b>         |       | <u>63351</u>          | <u>0</u>            | <u>63351</u> | <u>43802</u> |
| Net Incoming Resources                  |       | 9473                  | 0                   | 9473         | 3600         |
| Funds brought forward on 1 October 2021 |       | <u>61891</u>          | <u>0</u>            | <u>61891</u> | <u>58291</u> |
| Total Funds carried forward             |       | <u>71364</u>          | <u>0</u>            | <u>71364</u> | <u>61891</u> |

The notes on pages 8 to 9 form part of these financial statements

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## Balance Sheet for the Year Ended 30 September 2024

|                                     | Notes | 2024         | 2023         |
|-------------------------------------|-------|--------------|--------------|
|                                     |       | £            | £            |
| <b>FIXED ASSETS</b>                 |       |              |              |
| Tangible Assets                     | 2 3   | 400          | 600          |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>               |       |              |              |
| Debtors                             |       | 0            | 0            |
| Cash at bank                        |       | 71514        | 61791        |
| <b>CREDITORS</b>                    |       |              |              |
| Amounts falling due within one year | 2 4   | <u>(550)</u> | <u>(500)</u> |
| <b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>           |       | <u>70964</u> | <u>61291</u> |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>                   |       | <u>71364</u> | <u>61891</u> |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>                  |       |              |              |
| Funds Carried Forward               |       | <u>71364</u> | <u>61891</u> |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>                  | 1     | <u>71364</u> | <u>61891</u> |

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and signed on its behalf by Ruth Conteh

18/07/2025

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## **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2024**

### **1. Basis of Preparation**

#### **1.1 Basis of accounting**

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011

#### **1.2 Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charities' ability to continue as a going concern. The members have continued to be generous in their giving. There are no material uncertainties affecting the current year's accounts.

#### **1.3 Change of accounting policy**

The accounts present a true and fair view and of the accounting policies adopted are those outlined in notes 2.1 to 2.3.

#### **1.4 Changes to accounting estimates**

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period

#### **1.5 Material prior year errors**

No material prior year errors have been identified in the reporting period.

### **2. Accounting policies**

#### **2.1 Income**

##### **Recognition of income**

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the resources and when the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

##### **Offsetting**

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.

##### **Grants and donations**

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met.

##### **Tax reclaims on donations**

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

##### **Volunteer help**

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

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### Notes to the Financial Statements cont'd

#### 2.2 Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Depreciation on fixed assets is provided at rates estimated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Musical Equipment 25% straight line

#### 2.3 Expenditure and Liabilities

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accrual basis, inclusive of any VAT which is not recoverable. Certain expenditure is attributable to specific activities and has been included in those cost categories.

| 2.4 Fixed Assets            | Musical<br>Equipment |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Cost</b>                 | <b>£</b>             |
| At 1 October 2023           | 800                  |
| Additions                   | <u>0</u>             |
| At 30 September 2024        | <b>800</b>           |
| <b>Depreciation</b>         |                      |
| At 1 October 2023           | 200                  |
| Additions                   | <u>200</u>           |
| At 30 September 2024        | <b>400</b>           |
| <b>Net Book Value</b>       |                      |
| <b>At 30 September 2024</b> | <b>400</b>           |
| At 30 September 2023        | <u>600</u>           |

#### 2.5 Creditors

|  | 2024       | 2023       |
|--|------------|------------|
| Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year | £          | £          |
| Creditors & Accruals                           | <u>550</u> | <u>500</u> |

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Notes to the Financial Statements cont'd

## 3. Analysis of income

This year

|                                | Unrestricted funds | Restricted income funds | Total funds  | 2023         |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Analysis                       | £                  | £                       | £            | £            |
| <b>Donations and legacies:</b> |                    |                         |              |              |
| Donations and gifts            | 49952              | 0                       | 49952        | 47392        |
| Interest                       | 955                | 0                       | 955          | 10           |
| Gift Aid                       | 21917              | 0                       | 21917        | 0            |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>72824</b>       | <b>0</b>                | <b>72824</b> | <b>47402</b> |

## 4. Analysis of expenditure

This year

2023

|   | Unrestricted funds | Restricted income funds | Total funds  | 2023         |
|---|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|   | £                  | £                       | £            | £            |
| <b>Expenditure on charitable activities:</b>      |                    |                         |              |              |
| Rent  | 11000              | 0                       | 11000        | 11400        |
| Accounting  | 550                | 0                       | 550          | 500          |
| Repairs & Maintenance                             | 65                 | 0                       | 65           | 0            |
| Print & Stationery                                | 0                  | 0                       | 0            | 0            |
| Media & Publicity                                 | 5563               | 0                       | 5563         | 3829         |
| Gifts & Donations                                 | 5270               | 0                       | 5270         | 4195         |
| Widows  | 600                | 0                       | 600          | 600          |
| Christian Broadcasting                            | 0                  | 0                       | 0            | 0            |
| Retreats & Outreach                               | 8050               | 0                       | 8050         | 2620         |
| Insurance   | 482                | 0                       | 482          | 463          |
| Telephone   | 0                  | 0                       | 0            | 492          |
| Transportation                                    | 374                | 0                       | 374          | 40           |
| Music   | 22706              | 0                       | 22706        | 16950        |
| Bank charges                                      | 2                  | 0                       | 2            | 0            |
| Depreciation                                      | 200                | 0                       | 200          | 200          |
| Leaders Library                                   | 0                  | 0                       | 0            | 0            |
| General expenses                                  | 8488               | 0                       | 8488         | 2513         |
| <b>Total expenditure on charitable activities</b> | <b>63351</b>       | <b>0</b>                | <b>63351</b> | <b>43802</b> |