

CREATED CREATIVE
REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025
Charity No: 1187027

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity Name

Created Creative

Charity Registration Number

1187027

Registered Office

Buckingham Parish Church
Castle Street
Buckingham
MK18 1BS

Trustees

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:

Mrs E Elias
Mrs P Stanton-Saringer
Mrs A Hardy
Mrs A Hagon
Mr J Elias

Independent Examiner

Steven Bishop
25 Chichester Close
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GU8 5PA

Bankers

NatWest Bank
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**CREATED CREATIVE
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025, which have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis as permitted by the Charities Act 2011.

Reference and Administrative Details

Reference and administrative details are shown on page 1 of the financial statements.

Trustees

The trustees who served the charity during the period were:

Mrs E Elias
Mrs P Stanton-Saringer
Mrs A Hardy
Mrs A Hagon
Mr J Elias

Objects

The Object of the CIO is for the benefit of the public, the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Faith primarily through the creative arts.

To fulfil this our charity's aims and objectives are:

- To provide training to equip churches and organisations with the skills and knowledge to incorporate creative arts as part of their promotion and expression of the Christian faith to reach out within their communities.
- To provide engaging creativity workshops and seminars, open to all, as a way to learn about the Christian faith and express self- giving creative Pastoral Care to those who would not otherwise have access to the same due to their social or economic circumstances.
- To operate both within the UK and internationally in specific areas of need or conflict to relieve trauma and enhance emotional wellbeing through creative arts and ministry.

Constitution

The charity became registered on 18th December 2019. The charity's governing document is its constitution, adopted on 18 December 2019. Members are listed on the legal and administrative details on page 1. There must be at least 3 charity trustees – although there is no maximum number of trustees permitted.

Investments

Funds not immediately required are placed on bank deposit.

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Unrestricted Funds

The unrestricted fund represents funds that may be applied by the trustees in fulfilment of the general objectives of the charity.

Achievements and Objectives

April 2024 – March 2025

Created Creative has run a total of 28 sessions in the period April 2024 to March 2025. We have run physical sessions, alongside regular zoom sessions for those overseas, further afield or not able to be in a physical group setting. The breakdown of sessions conducted is:

- 16 open creativity sessions.
- 2 open craft workshops.
- 8 specific church / outreach seminars.
- 2 retreat days.

Sessions included:

- Buckingham Parish Church and The Centre (community space), Buckingham - creativity outreach seminars (2), circa 10 people at each, November 2024 and February 2025; Christmas craft morning for circa 24 people, December 2024; Easter craft morning for circa 15 people, March 2025. Between 2 and 4 of our team ran these events.
- Oxford Diocese Lay Ministers conference, Didcot - June 2024 for circa 24 people. We facilitated 2 seminars. Two of our team ran these times.
- Online via zoom – open monthly creativity sessions for circa 6-12 people each month.
- Stanton House, Oxfordshire – we ran 2 team creative retreat days for circa 8 people – April 2024 and October 2024.
- Creativity session at St Andrew's Church Oxford women's weekend away, Chesham for circa 12 people – January 2025.

The above were supported by a team of volunteers, ranging from 2 to 4 people. We currently have 12 facilitator volunteers.

Highlights:

Kintsugi Sessions: we ran 2 outreach creative sessions on the theme of Kintsugi – a Japanese technique for repairing pottery with seams of gold. These creativity times were well received and beneficial for improving mental health and well-being.

Monthly online zoom sessions: attendees join from across the UK and internationally. We have welcomed new people to the sessions, who have found us via word of mouth, or through our website or advertising through Premier Christian Radio magazines. Group sizes average 6 to 12 people.

Christmas creativity craft morning at Buckingham Parish Church: We facilitated a morning of Christmas crafts, four of our team led a craft and people rotated around different activities.

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At the end of the financial year five trustees were in place. The trustees are thankful to the volunteers of Created Creative for supporting sessions and for all their input.

During the year we have also:

- Continued to send a monthly inspiration email to our supporters.
- Produced a Created Creative calendar to send to our partners and supporters.
- Continued to advertise our work more widely through the Church Times and Premier Radio magazines.
- Continued to update our website.

Over the coming year our objectives to support growth of activity are to:

- Continue to train and increase the volunteer base.
- Add new trustees to our board.
- Continue to run regular zoom and physical sessions.
- Continue to update our website.
- Ensure the sustainability of the charity through relevant financial support.
- Continue to find strategies to advertise our work more widely.

Ensuring our work delivers our aims:

Each year we will review our objectives and activities to ensure they continue to reflect our aims. We will refer to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when carrying out this review and when planning our future activities. The review will help us to ensure our aim, objectives and activities remain focused on our stated purpose.

Public Benefit:

All our activities are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

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Responsibilities of the Trustees

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepting Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- 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 have been followed, subject to any material departure 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 company will continue in business.

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.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Steven Bishop has been appointed as independent examiner for the ensuing year.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AE Hagon' followed by a dot.

Mrs A Hagon
Trustee
23 June 2025

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CREATED CREATIVE

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 7 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that, although not required, an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 130 of the Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met; or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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2nd June 2025

**CREATED CREATIVE
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

		2025	2024
		Total	Total
	Notes	£	£
<i>Receipts</i>			
Stewardship		3,030	3,076
Buckingham Church		2,750	3,200
Other Donations		1,078	1,032
Total Receipts		<u>6,858</u>	<u>7,308</u>
<i>Payments</i>			
<u>Charitable activities</u>			
Creativity Materials		666	705
Travel and accommodation		-	493
Tithe and Giving		360	360
<u>Support Costs</u>			
Office Costs		659	595
Honorarium		3,300	3,225
Printing, Postage and Stationery		82	169
Insurance		997	984
Marketing and IT		1624	1137
Training		-	-
<u>Governance Costs</u>			
Independent Review		50	160
Total Payments		<u>7,850</u>	<u>7,828</u>
Net Receipt (payment)		<u>(991)</u>	<u>(520)</u>
Cash balances brought forward		<u>5,299</u>	<u>5,819</u>
Cash balances carried forward	1	<u><u>4,308</u></u>	<u><u>5,299</u></u>

These financial statements were approved by the members of the committee on 23 June 2025 and are signed on their behalf by:

Mr J Elias
Trustee



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PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Income

All income is included on the receipts and payments basis as it is incurred.

Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on a receipts and payments basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs relating to the charity. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds represent funds that are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the objects of the charity. All funds received are unrestricted.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1 Unrestricted Funds

	2025	2024
	£	£
Balance brought forward	5,299	5,819
Receipts in year	6,858	7,308
Payments in year	(7,850)	(7,828)
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Balance carried forward	4,307	5,299
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2 Trustees

No trustee received remuneration. No expenses were reimbursed to any trustee (2024: £47), and £3,300 (2024: £3,225) was paid to 1 trustee in respect of an honorarium. There were no employees in the year.