

REDEEMER CHURCH CHESTER LE STREET

England & Wales · Charity number 1187165

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-12-31

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

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Activities

Objects: 1. TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS ATTACHED PRINCIPALLY IN CHESTER LE STREET BUT ALSO IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE CHARITY TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT AND TO FULFIL SUCH OTHER PURPOSES WHICH ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES AND ARE CONNECTED WITH THE CHARITABLE WORK OF THE CIO. 2. TO RELIEVE SICKNESS AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND TO PROMOTE AND PRESERVE GOOD HEALTH BY THE PROVISION OF FUNDS, GOODS OR SERVICES OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING THROUGH THE PROVISION OF COUNSELLING AND SUPPORT IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE CHARITY TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT.

Activities: 1) Providing worship, prayer and teaching services in Chester-Le-Street. 2) Encouraging and supporting individuals in the church and wider community. 3) Provision of services for children and young people. 4) Supporting through giving financial gifts to individuals and organisations that fulfil the charities vision and values.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Philippines
- South Africa
- Cumbria
- Durham
- North Yorkshire
- Northumberland
- Sunderland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£150,904	£136,213	-	-
2023-12-31	£114,921	£123,490	-	-
2022-12-31	£90,225	£82,867	-	-
2021-12-31	£103,397	£98,602	-	-
2020-12-31	£106,640	£74,302	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alastair David Scott		2019-12-31
Andrew William Oxley		2019-12-31
Dr JOHN DAVID NICHOLLS		2019-12-31
Howard Andrew Bray		2023-03-27
Matthew Robert Cray		2019-12-31
Shaun Gallagher		2025-01-21
Susannah Mary Hart		2019-12-31

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Accounts

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Trustees Annual Report and Accounts

Year Ended 31st December 2024



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Legal and Administrative Information

Reference

The Charity is called "Redeemer Church Chester-Le-Street" and is registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales. Redeemer Church Chester-Le-Street is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) incorporated on the 31st December 2019.

Registered Charity Number	1187165
Registered Office	13 Runnymede Great Lumley Chester Le Street DH3 4LN
Date of Incorporation	31st December 2019
Church Website	www.redeemercls.com

The Trustee's

The trustee's who have served during the financial year until the date this report was approved are:

Andrew William Oxley	<i>Appointed 31/12/2019</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
Susannah Mary Hart	<i>Appointed 31/12/2019</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
Alastair David Scott	<i>Appointed 31/12/2019</i>	<i>Lead Elder</i>
Matthew Robert Cray	<i>Appointed 31/12/2019</i>	<i>Elder</i>
Dr John David Nicholls	<i>Appointed 31/12/2019</i>	
Howard Andrew Bray	<i>Appointed 27/03/2023</i>	<i>Chair</i>
Shaun Gallgher	<i>Appointed 21/01/2025</i>	

Church Elders	Matthew Cray Alastair Scott (Lead Elder) Nathan Caughey
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Primary Bankers	The Co-Operative Bank P O Box 250 Skelmersdale WN8 6WT
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Independent Examiner	Nigel Wyatt BSC FCA Wyatt & Co Chartered Accountants 125 Main Street Garforth Leeds LS25 1AF
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Trustee's Annual Report

Principal Objects

The principal objects of the charity are as follows:

- Provision of worship, prayer and teaching services.
- Encouraging and supporting individuals within the church and in the wider community.
- Provision of services for children and young people.
- Supporting through giving financial gifts to individuals and organisations that fulfil the charity's vision and values.

Achievements and Performance

The vision of the church is 'Revelling in Jesus, Restoring Lives, Reviving Communities'.

We have provided worship, prayer and teaching services on Sunday mornings at Park View School. Our normal attendance is around 70 adults and 30 children.

Our Sunday morning sermon series during 2024 were on the Old Testament characters of Elijah and Elisha, the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's gospel, and the book of Acts.

Throughout the year, we held a number of welcome lunches where we welcomed new people into the church family. Included among these, were people from other nations so that the church now consists of a much more diverse range of nationalities. Consequently, we were able to hold our first 'Nations Sunday' in October 2024, where we celebrated the nations among us, including wearing clothes and eating food from those nations.

We continue to have an online presence, with many of our meetings still able to be accessed online, including our Sunday sermons (on Facebook and YouTube). One of our midweek community groups continues to provide a Zoom link, allowing engagement for those who are unable to attend (such as those working shifts or the elderly/single parents who can't come out in the evening).

We continued with a number of activities that engage with and support the local community, including ETC (a weekly English language learning and support group for those new to this country) and the Wellbeing Café (now renamed The Meeting Place), a weekly informal space for conversation and activities open to all, but particularly aimed at those who may feel isolated and/or struggle with their mental health. At The Meeting Place, we ran monthly wellbeing sessions on subjects such as anxiety, anger and healthy relationships.

We once again held a number of outdoor events on The Green in Chester-le-Street (a Halloween light event, a Christmas brass band show, and an Easter egg hunt), climaxing in our big family fun day in the summer. Numbers for this grew once again with over 700 people in attendance. We provided a free BBQ food and activities for the community, including inflatables, face paints and sports.

Our five midweek community groups (between 8 and 16 in each) have provided a lifeline to some of the most vulnerable or isolated members of our community. These groups provide pastoral support, bible study, prayer and opportunities for church participants to serve by taking responsibilities for roles in these groups.

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The church continues to meet to pray in different ways, including a monthly intercessory prayer group, a weekly early morning prayer group and a weekly lunchtime prayer group, all meeting online. We also have specific evening and worship prayer gatherings, often coincide with weeks of prayer and fasting that we hold towards the start of each academic term.

We employed five people to further the work of the charity: an eldership team leader (full-time), a pastoral support worker (part-time), a church administrator (part-time), a youth pastor (part-time), and a children's pastor (part-time).

We continue to relate with and support our wider family of churches called Regions Beyond. This year we have done this both through regular and one-off gifts to support the work of churches we relate to around the world, and through prayer. Our eldership team leader has been able to support the wider family of churches by helping to run and teach on its Equip training course, leading the northern group of churches in the UK. Guest speakers from within our Regions Beyond family have also visited to support and encourage our church.

We supported through giving financial gifts to individuals and the following organisations Regions Beyond (UK) (Charity number 1152827); Universities and Colleges Christian Fellowship (UCCF) (Charity number 306137)

Plans for the Future

In 2025, we hope to continue to increase the impact of the work of the church both among its existing members and among those in the local community we serve. With this in mind, we will continue to provide worship services that help people grow in their faith and initiatives in the community that help people bring people together and decrease any sense of social isolation. One particular focus for the next year is to provide a regular weekly youth club to engage the many secondary aged young people that are in Chester-le-Street but aren't part of a church.

Public Benefit Statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular the advancement of the Christian faith through the provision of worship and teaching services and the relief of sickness, financial hardship and promoting good health. This has been achieved by the provision of funds, and services.

To advance the Christian faith principally in Chester le Street but also in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the charity trustees may from time to time think fit and to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the CIO.

To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling and support.

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Governance Structure

Redeemer Church Chester-Le-Street is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The governance of the Charity is overseen by the trustee's of which there must be a minimum of five members on the board at one time per the constitution. The day to day running of the organisation is delegated to the Elders and Church Leadership team.

Trustee's meetings are held regularly throughout the year to give oversight and direction to the Charity.

Under the requirements of the constitution, in addition to the statutory powers of appointment, a new Trustee may be appointed by a resolution of the Trustees passed by a majority of the Trustees.

Reserves Policy

In line with good practice for charities, it is prudent to keep financial reserves to cover three months of operational costs. This is to ensure the continuation of the charity if income to the charity should markedly reduce. Due to the low-risk set-up of church operations and the unlikelihood of income suddenly reducing greater than 50%, the reserves are now set at £20K. This is deemed to be sufficient to meet ongoing commitments (that cannot be quickly reduced) for a minimum of 3 months. The staffing bill for three months at the end of 2024 is £20K. Although £20K is the minimum reserve prudent, bank balances above this amount may be allocated as saving for future predicted expenditure which would not be met by current regular income received.

1. For any money held by the charity above the allocation of the reserve, the Elders have the responsibility for deciding how money is allocated/spent / gifted, and they can make these decisions without having to refer to the Trustees.
2. The treasurer reports to Trustees after each month's end how much money is in the bank above the reserves amount and any special funds (if any are decided to be created by the Elders).
3. The church partners are only asked for extra gifts if there is a specific cause that the Elders would like to support which can't be met from the excess held above the amount of the reserves
4. If the Elders would like to spend money that would reduce the reserve amount held, then the trustees should be consulted and be in agreement with such expenditure.

Financial Review

The activities of the Charity for the year ending 31st of December 2024 resulted in an income of £150,904 of which £18,914 was restricted income. The expenditure during the year was £136,213, of which £15,550 was restricted expenditure. The end of year surplus was of £14,691.

The funds held at the end of the year were:

Unrestricted funds	47,550
Restricted funds	3,364
Total funds held on 31st Dec 2024	50,914

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Trustee's Annual Report

Going Concern

The Trustee's are satisfied that the Charity is a going concern and do not know of any uncertainties regarding the organisations ability to continue operating as a going concern.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees have prepared the accounts in accordance with current applicable Charities SORP (FRS 102) as amended.

In particular, charity law requires the Trustees, if they prepare accounts on an accruals basis, to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charity. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:-

- To prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).
- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial

The law requires that the trustees must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity

The Trustees are also responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with regulations made under 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 also responsible for the contents of the Trustees' report, and the statutory responsibility of the Independent Examiner in relation to the Trustees' report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that, on the face of the report, there are no material inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

Approved by the Trustees of Redeemer Church Chester-Le-Street

Andrew Oxley

Name of Trustee:



Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

15/09/2025

Date of Approval:

Redeemer Church Chester-Le-Street

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Independent Examiners Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Redeemer Church Chester-Le-Street ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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.

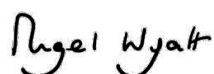
Independent Examiner's Statement

I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements 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.



Nigel Wyatt BSC FCA
Independent Examiner
125 Main Street
Garforth
Leeds
LS25 1AF

Date: 23/09/2025

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Statement of Financial Activities

		2024		2023	
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income					
Donations and legacies		128,388	17,005	145,393	110,268
Charitable activities		2,789	1,909	4,698	3,644
Other income		813	-	813	1,009
Total Income	2	<u>131,990</u>	<u>18,914</u>	<u>150,904</u>	<u>114,921</u>
Expenditure					
Charitable activities	3	<u>120,663</u>	<u>15,550</u>	<u>136,213</u>	<u>123,490</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>120,663</u>	<u>15,550</u>	<u>136,213</u>	<u>123,490</u>
Net Income / (Expenditure)		<u>11,327</u>	<u>3,364</u>	<u>14,691</u>	<u>(8,569)</u>
Net Income and Net Movement in Funds					
Total funds brought forward	10	36,223	-	36,223	44,791
Transfers	10	-	-	-	-
Total Funds Carried Forward	10	<u>47,550</u>	<u>3,364</u>	<u>50,914</u>	<u>36,223</u>

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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Statement of Financial Position

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	7	819	1,079
		<u>819</u>	<u>1,079</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors	8	6,931	5,310
Cash at bank and in hand		45,524	31,260
		<u>52,455</u>	<u>36,570</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>2,360</u>	<u>1,427</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>50,095</u>	<u>35,143</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>50,914</u>	<u>36,222</u>
Net assets	11	<u>50,914</u>	<u>36,222</u>
Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted funds	10	47,550	36,223
Restricted funds		3,364	-
Total Charity Funds		<u>50,914</u>	<u>36,223</u>

Trustee Responsibilities

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue :

Andrew Oxley

Name of Trustee:

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:



Date of Approval:

15/09/2025

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Notes to the Financial Statements

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP 2019 FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Assessment of Going Concern

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have set aside resources for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is probable that the resources will be received, and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

- All voluntary income from supporters are recognised as donations and are included in full, with associated Gift Aid receivable in the Statement of Financial Activities.
- Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of specific performance by the charity are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.
- Income resources from charitable trading activities such as the letting of the building are accounted for when invoices are drawn up (as the point of entitlement).
- Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified and the donation is material to the accounts.
- Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised.
- Volunteer time, the value of voluntary support for the work of the charity is not included in the accounts but is described in the accounts.
- Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable.

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Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out the resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Governance Costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees' meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Tangible Fixed Assets

All assets costing more than £500 are capitalised and at historic cost. Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is charged on furniture and equipment which is written off on a straight-line basis over time, estimated useful life of the asset.

Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

Operating Leases

Rental charges payable under operating leases are charged on a straight-line basis over the terms of the lease.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

There have been no significant judgements (apart from those involving estimates) made in the process of preparing the financial statements. There have been no key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

2 Analysis of Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations and Legacies			
Donations	104,669	4,094	108,763
Gift aid	23,719	661	24,380
Grants	-	11,250	11,250
Conduit funding	-	1,000	1,000
	<u>128,388</u>	<u>17,005</u>	<u>145,393</u>
Charitable Activities			
Church weekend away	574	-	574
Conference ticket sales	-	1,909	1,909
Speaking gifts	127	-	127
Youth weekend away	2,088	-	2,088
	<u>2,789</u>	<u>1,909</u>	<u>4,698</u>
Investment Income			
Bank interest	813	-	813
	<u>813</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>813</u>
Total Income	<u>131,990</u>	<u>18,914</u>	<u>150,904</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations and Legacies			
Donations	79,738	9,443	89,181
Gift aid	18,439	1,509	19,948
Grants	-	1,139	1,139
	<u>98,177</u>	<u>12,091</u>	<u>110,268</u>
Charitable Activities			
Church weekend away	1,060	-	1,060
Youth weekend away	-	1,434	1,434
Honorariums	600	-	600
Youth weekend away	550	-	550
	<u>2,210</u>	<u>1,434</u>	<u>3,644</u>
Investment Income			
Bank interest	1,009	-	1,009
	<u>1,009</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,009</u>
Total Income	<u>101,396</u>	<u>13,525</u>	<u>114,921</u>

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3 Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Expenditure Type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Administration and communication	4,109	-	4,109
Building and premises	11,575	3,236	14,811
Church weekend away	795	-	795
Equipment	723	-	723
Event costs	-	7,803	7,803
Gifts and grants	10,271	4,355	14,626
Ministry costs	5,461	-	5,461
Staff salary costs	81,071	156	81,227
Staff related costs	4,378	-	4,378
Youth and childrens pastor related costs	-	-	-
Youth Residentials and conferences	2,280	-	2,280
	<u>120,663</u>	<u>15,550</u>	<u>136,213</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Administration and communication	4,409	-	4,409
Building and premises	11,115	-	11,115
Church weekend away	1,400	-	1,400
Equipment	2,037	-	2,037
Event costs	-	2,974	2,974
Gifts and grants	8,400	2,089	10,489
Ministry costs	7,878	-	7,878
Staff salary costs	69,374	-	69,374
Staff related costs	4,057	-	4,057
Youth and childrens pastor related costs	-	8,663	8,663
Youth weekend away	1,094	-	1,094
	<u>109,764</u>	<u>13,726</u>	<u>123,490</u>

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Donations from the church have been made to the following organisations during the year:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Evangelical Alliance (Charity number 212325)	90	-
Kintsugi Hope (charity number 1175529)	200	-
Regions Beyond (UK) (Charity number 1152827)	8,420	7,164
Stewardship (Charity number 234714)	2,400	2,400
Supporting foreign churches	1,000	-
The Message Trust (Charity number 1081467)	-	100
UCCF (Charity number 306137)	1,200	500
Other gifts	1,316	300
	<u>14,626</u>	<u>10,464</u>

4 Volunteers

The church benefits greatly from the voluntary contributions of time and money by its regular attendees. Please refer to the trustee's report for further detail about volunteer contributions in the organisation.

5 Independent Examination Fees

Fees payable to the independent examiner for:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Independent examination and preparation of the financial statements	1,063	1,022
	<u>1,063</u>	<u>1,022</u>

6 Staff Costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	80,271	68,753
Social security costs	-	-
Employer contributions to pension plans	956	621
	<u>81,227</u>	<u>69,374</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Average head count	5	5

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Staff Costs cont.

The number of employees that received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
More than £60,000	-	-

Key Management Personnel

The charity considers its key management personnel to be the lead elder. The total employee benefits received by key management were as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Key management personnel employee benefit	39,381	37,226

7 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Furniture and Equipment	Total
	£	£
Cost as at 1st January 2024	1,559	1,559
Additions	-	-
Cost as at 31st December 2024	1,559	1,559
Depreciation as at 1st January 2024	480	480
Depreciation charge	260	260
Depreciation as at 31st December 2024	740	740
Net book value as at 1st January 2024	1,079	1,079
Net book value as at 31st December 2024	819	819

8 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accrued gift aid	5,800	5,033
Prepayments	1,131	277
	6,931	5,310

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals	1,639	1,427
Deferred income	721	-
	2,360	1,427

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Notes to the Financial Statements

10 Analysis of Charitable Funds

	1 Jan 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	31 Dec 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds					
General fund	36,223	129,328	(117,588)	(413)	47,550
Church weekend away	-	574	(795)	221	-
Youth residentials and conferences	-	2,088	(2,280)	192	-
Total Unrestricted Funds	36,223	131,990	(120,663)	-	47,550
Restricted Funds					
Community Engagment Grant March 24	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Conduit Funding	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
Community Grant Knott October	-	5,000	(1,636)	-	3,364
Regions Beyond Together 2024	-	3,355	(3,355)	-	-
	-	4,559	(4,559)	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	-	18,914	(15,550)	-	3,364
Total	36,223	150,904	(136,213)	-	50,914

	1 Jan 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	31 Dec 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds					
General fund	44,792	99,786	(107,270)	(1,085)	36,223
Church Weekend away	-	1,060	(1,400)	340	-
Youth weekend away	-	550	(1,094)	544	-
	44,792	101,396	(109,764)	(201)	36,223
Restricted Funds					
Regions Beyond special offering	-	2,089	(2,089)	-	-
Together 2023	-	2,773	(2,974)	201	-
Youth and children's pastor special offering	-	8,663	(8,663)	-	-
	-	13,525	(13,726)	201	-
Total	44,792	114,921	(123,490)	-	36,223

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Fund Description

Community Engagement Grant March 24	Grant awarded for local community engagement, which contributed to church events, groups and a community fun day
Community Grant Knott October	Money restricted for supporting community events 'whats on the green' and 'The meeting Place' and supporting the youth club
Regions Beyond	Donations made to give to Regions Beyond (Registered Charity 1152827) to help with supporting initiatives in church planting, training and projects supporting the poor around the world.
Together 2024	Together 24 is a Regions Beyond event to gather various churches in the north of England, organised by Redeemer Church.
Youth and children's pastor special offering	Donations made by the church members in 2023 to support a family as they moved from Dubai to the UK and take up employment with Redeemer Church

11 Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£
Fixed assets	819	-	819
Current assets	52,455	-	52,455
Creditors less than 1 year	(2,360)	-	(2,360)
	<u>50,914</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,914</u>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£
Fixed assets	1,079	-	1,079
Current assets	36,571	-	36,571
Creditors less than 1 year	(1,427)	-	(1,427)
	<u>36,223</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,223</u>

12 Trustee Expenses and Transactions

During the year two trustees were repaid for out of pocket expenses totalling £2,422 (2023:£1,916). The expenses were incurred on travel, training, and other day to day running costs of the church.

During the year the total aggregated donations made to the charity by the trustee's was £36,335 (2023: £29,560).

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13 Related Party Transactions

During the year one trustee and one close family relative of a trustee received remuneration for their services to the charity as employees and not for their duties as trustees. The employment remuneration payments have been authorised by the remaining members of the trustee board and under the Charities Constitution.

	2024	2023
Employment remuneration:	£	£
Alastair Scott	39,381	37,226
Employment remuneration:	£	£
Claire Scott	2,997	3,065

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Trustees Annual Report and Accounts

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Legal and Administrative Information

Reference

The Charity is called "Redeemer Church Chester-Le-Street" and is registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales. Redeemer Church Chester-Le-Street is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) incorporated on the 31st December 2019.

Registered Charity Number	1187165
Registered Office	13 Runnymede Great Lumley Chester Le Street DH3 4LN
Date of Incorporation	31st December 2019
Church Website	www.redeemercls.com

The Trustee's

The trustee's who have served during the financial year until the date this report was approved are:

Nigel James Tree	<i>Appointed 31/12/2019</i>	<i>Resigned 10/01/2023</i>
Andrew William Oxley	<i>Appointed 31/12/2019</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
Susannah Mary Hart	<i>Appointed 31/12/2019</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
Alastair David Scott	<i>Appointed 31/12/2019</i>	<i>Chair</i>
Matthew Robert Cray	<i>Appointed 31/12/2019</i>	
Dr John David Nicholls	<i>Appointed 31/12/2019</i>	
Howard Andrew Bray	<i>Appointed 27/03/2023</i>	

Church Elders	Matthew Cray Alastair Scott (Lead Elder) Nathan Caughey
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Primary Bankers	The Co-Operative Bank P O Box 250 Skelmersdale WN8 6WT
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Independent Examiner	Nigel Wyatt BSC FCA Wyatt & Co Chartered Accountants 125 Main Street Garforth Leeds LS25 1AF
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Principal Objects

The principal objects of the charity are as follows:

Provision of worship, prayer and teaching services.

Encouraging and supporting individuals within the church and in the wider community.

Provision of services for children and young people.

Supporting through giving financial gifts to individuals and organisations that fulfil the charity's vision and values.

Achievements and Performance

The vision of the church is 'Revelling in Jesus, Restoring Lives, Reviving Communities'.

We have provided worship, prayer and teaching services on Sunday mornings at Park View School. Our normal attendance is around 60-70 adults and 30-35 children.

In April we successfully recruited two new part-time members of staff, a youth pastor and a children's pastor, to help to grow our existing work among the children in the church and to help us engage more with those in the local community. Since their arrival, they have established strong relationships with children and young people in the church, hugely supported our volunteer team in this area, and supported the work among families in the community, including the Make Lunch project tackling holiday hunger that happens at the Cornerstones community centre in the town.

We welcomed a steady flow of new people in the church community during the course of the year.

We started a number of new initiatives in 2023 to increase our engagement with and support of the local community. These included Redeemer Tots (a weekly toddler group), ETC (a weekly English language learning and support group for those new to this country) and a Redeemer Wellbeing Café (a weekly informal space for conversation and activities open to all, but particularly aimed at those who may feel isolated and/or struggle with their mental health). The latter was initiated as a follow-up to the Kintsugi Hope wellbeing group we ran in 2022.

We also held a highly successful family fun day on The Green in Chester-le-Street in the summer. This provided free BBQ food and activities for the community, including inflatables, face paints and sports. It was attended by over 600 people. Following the success of this, we have initiated a programme of four community events each year on The Green: a summer fun day, a Halloween light event, a Christmas brass band show, and an Easter egg hunt.

Our midweek community groups (between 8 and 16 in each) have provided a lifeline to some of the most vulnerable or isolated members of our community. This year we started a new group, which takes our total number to five. These groups provide pastoral support, bible study, prayer and opportunities for church participants to serve by taking responsibility for roles in these groups.

We continue to have a fortnightly intercessory prayer group, a weekly early morning prayer group and a weekly lunchtime prayer group, all meeting online.

We employed five people to further the work of the charity: an eldership team leader (full-time), a pastoral support worker (part-time), a church administrator (part-time), a youth pastor (part-time), and a children's pastor (part-time).

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We continue to relate with and support our wider family of churches called Regions Beyond. We have done this this year both through regular and one-off gifts to support the work of churches we relate to around the world, and through prayer. Our eldership team leader has been able to support the wider family of churches by helping to run and teach on its Equip training course, leading the northern group of churches in the UK, and helping to lead a next generation global forum meeting monthly on Zoom.

We supported through giving financial gifts to individuals and the following organisations Regions Beyond (UK) (Charity number 1152827); Universities and Colleges Christian Fellowship (UCCF) (Charity number 306137); Stewardship (Charity number 234714); The Message Trust (Charity number 1081467)

Plans for the Future

In 2024, we hope to continue to increase the impact of the work of the church both among its existing members and among those in the local community that we serve. With this in mind, we will continue to provide worship services that help people grow in their faith and initiatives in the community that help people bring people together and decrease any sense of social isolation. With the recent employment of youth and children's pastors, we would also like to look into ways to expand our work to reach out to children who aren't currently part of our church.

Public Benefit Statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular the advancement of the Christian faith through the provision of worship and teaching services and the relief of sickness, financial hardship and promoting good health. This has been achieved by the provision of funds, and services.

To advance the Christian faith principally in Chester le Street but also in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the charity trustees may from time to time think fit and to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the CIO.

To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling and support.

Governance Structure

Redeemer Church Chester-Le-Street is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The governance of the Charity is overseen by the trustee's of which there must be a minimum of five members on the board at one time per the constitution. The day to day running of the organisation is delegated to the Elders and Church Leadership team.

Trustee's meetings are held regularly throughout the year to give oversight and direction to the Charity.

Under the requirements of the constitution, in addition to the statutory powers of appointment, a new Trustee may be appointed by a resolution of the Trustees passed by a majority of the Trustees.

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Reserves Policy

In line with good practice for charities, it is prudent to keep financial reserves to cover three months of operational costs. This is to ensure the continuation of the charity if income to the charity should markedly reduce. Due to the low-risk set-up of church operations and the unlikelihood of income suddenly reducing greater than 50%, the reserves are now set at £20K. This is deemed to be sufficient to meet ongoing commitments (that cannot be quickly reduced) for a minimum of 3 months. The staffing bill for three months at the end of 2023 is £19.5K.

Although £20K is the minimum reserve prudent, bank balances above this amount may be allocated as saving for future predicted expenditure which would not be met by current regular income received.

1. For any money held by the charity above the allocation of the reserve, the Elders have the responsibility for deciding how money is allocated/spent / gifted, and they can make these decisions without having to refer to the Trustees.
2. The treasurer reports to Trustees after each month's end how much money is in the bank above the reserves amount and any special funds (if any are decided to be created by the Elders).
3. The church partners are only asked for extra gifts if there is a specific cause that the Elders would like to support which can't be met from the excess held above the amount of the reserves
4. If the Elders would like to spend money that would reduce the reserve amount held, then the trustees should be consulted and be in agreement with such expenditure.

Financial Review

The activities of the Charity for the year ending 31st of December 2023 resulted in an income of £114,921 of which £13,525 was restricted income. The expenditure during the year was £123,490, of which £13,726 was restricted expenditure. The end of year deficit was of -£8,569.

The funds held at the end of the year were:

Unrestricted funds	36,223
Restricted funds	-
Total funds held on 31st Dec 2023	36,223

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Going Concern

The Trustee's are satisfied that the Charity is a going concern and do not know of any uncertainties regarding the organisations ability to continue operating as a going concern.

Approved by the Trustees of Redeemer Church Chester-Le-Street

Name of Trustee: Andrew Oxley

Signed on behalf of the Trustees: 

Date of Approval: 06/08/2024

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Independent Examiners Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Redeemer Church Chester-Le-Street ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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.

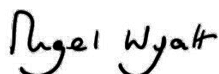
Independent Examiner's Statement

I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements 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.



Nigel Wyatt BSC FCA
Independent Examiner
125 Main Street
Garforth
Leeds
LS25 1AF

19/08/2024

Date:

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Statement of Financial Activities

		2023			2022
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income					
Donations and legacies		98,177	12,091	110,268	90,229
Charitable activities		2,210	1,434	3,644	-
Other income		1,009	-	1,009	26
Total Income	2	<u>101,396</u>	<u>13,525</u>	<u>114,921</u>	<u>90,255</u>
Expenditure					
Charitable activities	3	<u>109,764</u>	<u>13,726</u>	<u>123,490</u>	<u>82,867</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>109,764</u>	<u>13,726</u>	<u>123,490</u>	<u>82,867</u>
Net Income / (Expenditure)		<u>(8,368)</u>	<u>(201)</u>	<u>(8,569)</u>	<u>7,388</u>
Net Income and Net Movement in Funds					
Total funds brought forward	10	44,791	-	44,791	37,403
Transfers	10	<u>(201)</u>	<u>201</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Funds Carried Forward	10	<u>36,223</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,223</u>	<u>44,791</u>

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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Statement of Financial Position

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	7	1,079	1,198
		<u>1,079</u>	<u>1,198</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors	8	5,310	5,887
Cash at bank and in hand		31,260	39,839
		<u>36,570</u>	<u>45,726</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>1,427</u>	<u>2,133</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>35,143</u>	<u>43,593</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>36,223</u>	<u>44,791</u>
Net assets	11	<u>36,223</u>	<u>44,791</u>
Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted funds		36,223	44,791
Restricted funds	10	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Charity Funds		<u>36,223</u>	<u>44,791</u>

Trustee Responsibilities

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue :

Andrew Oxley

Name of Trustee:

Axley

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Date of Approval:

06/08/2024

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Notes to the Financial Statements

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP 2019 FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Assessment of Going Concern

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have set aside resources for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is probable that the resources will be received, and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

- All voluntary income from supporters are recognised as donations and are included in full, with associated Gift Aid receivable in the Statement of Financial Activities.
- Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of specific performance by the charity are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.
- Income resources from charitable trading activities such as the letting of the building are accounted for when invoices are drawn up (as the point of entitlement).
- Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified and the donation is material to the accounts.
- Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised.
- Volunteer time, the value of voluntary support for the work of the charity is not included in the accounts but is described in the accounts.
- Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable.

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Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out the resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Governance Costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees' meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Tangible Fixed Assets

All assets costing more than £500 are capitalised and at historic cost. Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is charged on furniture and equipment which is written off on a straight-line basis over time, estimated useful life of the asset.

Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

Operating Leases

Rental charges payable under operating leases are charged on a straight-line basis over the terms of the lease.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

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2 Analysis of Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£
Donations and Legacies			
Donations	79,738	9,443	89,181
Gift aid	18,439	1,509	19,948
Grants	-	1,139	1,139
	<u>98,177</u>	<u>12,091</u>	<u>110,268</u>
Charitable Activities			
Church weekend away	1,060	-	1,060
Conference ticket sales	-	1,434	1,434
Speaking gifts	600	-	600
Youth weekend away	550	-	550
	<u>2,210</u>	<u>1,434</u>	<u>3,644</u>
Investment Income			
Bank interest	1,009	-	1,009
	<u>1,009</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,009</u>
Total Income	<u>101,396</u>	<u>13,525</u>	<u>114,921</u>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£
Donations and Legacies			
Donations	72,898	350	73,248
Gift aid	16,893	88	16,981
Grants	-	-	-
	<u>89,791</u>	<u>438</u>	<u>90,229</u>
Charitable Activities			
Church weekend away	-	-	-
Youth weekend away	-	-	-
Honorariums	-	-	-
Youth weekend away	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Investment Income			
Bank interest	26	-	26
	<u>26</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26</u>

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	26	-	26
Total Income	<u>89,817</u>	<u>438</u>	<u>90,255</u>

3 Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Expenditure Type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Administration and communication	4,409	-	4,409
Building and premises	11,115	-	11,115
Church weekend away	1,400	-	1,400
Equipment	2,037	-	2,037
Event costs	-	2,974	2,974
Gifts and grants	8,400	2,089	10,489
Ministry costs	7,878	-	7,878
Staff salary costs	69,374	-	69,374
Staff related costs	4,057	-	4,057
Youth and childrens pastor related costs	-	8,663	8,663
Youth weekend away	1,094	-	1,094
	<u>109,764</u>	<u>13,726</u>	<u>123,490</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Administration and communication	4,157	-	4,157
Building and premises	8,560	-	8,560
Church weekend away	-	-	-
Equipment	1,720	-	1,720
Event costs	389	-	389
Gifts and grants	16,565	438	17,003
Ministry costs	4,532	-	4,532
Staff salary costs	43,553	-	43,553
Staff related costs	2,953	-	2,953
Youth and childrens pastor related costs	-	-	-
Youth weekend away	-	-	-
	<u>82,429</u>	<u>438</u>	<u>82,867</u>

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Donations from the church have been made to the following organisations during the year:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Catalyst Network Ukraine	-	500
Heartwood Skills	-	3,585
Regions Beyond (UK) (Charity number 1152827)	7,164	5,238
Spirit of Africa	-	200
Stewardship (Charity number 234714)	2,400	-
Supporting foreign churches	-	5,000
The Message Trust (Charity number 1081467)	100	-
UCCF (Charity number 306137)	500	1,500
Other gifts	300	1,641
	<u>10,464</u>	<u>13,579</u>

4 Volunteers

The church benefits greatly from the voluntary contributions of time and money by its regular attendees. Please refer to the trustee's report for further detail about volunteer contributions in the organisation.

5 Independent Examination Fees

Fees payable to the independent examiner for:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Independent examination and preparation of the financial statements	1,022	960
	<u>1,022</u>	<u>960</u>

6 Staff Costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

2023	2022
£	£

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Wages and salaries	56,217	39,190
Social security costs	6,989	-
Employer contributions to pension plans	6,168	4,930
	69,374	44,120

The average head count of employees during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
Average head count	5	3

Staff Costs cont.

The number of employees that received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
More than £60,000	-	-

Key Management Personnel

The charity considers its key management personnel to be the lead elder. The total employee benefits received by key management were as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Key management personnel employee benefit	37,226	35,869

7 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Furniture and Equipment	Total
	£	£
Cost as at 1st January 2023	1,438	1,438
Additions	121	121
Cost as at 31st December 2023	1,559	1,559
	-	-
Depreciation as at 1st January 2023	240	240
Depreciation charge	240	240
Depreciation as at 31st December 2023	480	480
	-	-
Net book value as at 1st January 2023	1,198	1,198
Net book value as at 31st December 2023	1,079	1,079

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8 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accrued gift aid	5,033	4,118
Prepayments	277	1,769
	<u>5,310</u>	<u>5,887</u>

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals	1,427	1,933
Deferred income	-	200
	<u>1,427</u>	<u>2,133</u>

10 Analysis of Charitable Funds

	1 Jan 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	31 Dec 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds					
General fund	44,792	99,786	(107,270)	(1,085)	36,223
Church Weekend away	-	1,060	(1,400)	340	-
Youth weekend away	-	550	(1,094)	544	-
Total Unrestricted Funds	<u>44,792</u>	<u>101,396</u>	<u>(109,764)</u>	<u>(201)</u>	<u>36,223</u>
Restricted Funds					
Regions Beyond special offering	-	2,089	(2,089)	-	-
Together 2023	-	2,773	(2,974)	201	-
Youth and children's pastor special offering	-	8,663	(8,663)	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	<u>-</u>	<u>13,525</u>	<u>(13,726)</u>	<u>201</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>44,792</u>	<u>114,921</u>	<u>(123,490)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,223</u>

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	1 Jan 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	31 Dec 2022 £
Unrestricted Funds					
General fund	37,403	89,817	(82,429)	-	44,791
Restricted Funds					
Regions Beyond special offering	-	438	(438)	-	-
Total	37,403	90,255	(82,867)	-	44,791

Fund Description

Regions Beyond special offering

Special offering donations made to Regions Beyond (Registered Charity 1152827) to help with supporting initiatives in church planting, training and projects supporting the poor around the world.

Together 2023

Together 23 is a Regions Beyond event to gather various churches in the north of England, organised by Redeemer Church.

Youth and children's pastor special offering

Donations made by the church members to support a family as they moved from Dubai to the UK and take up employment with Redeemer Church

11 Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Fixed assets	1,079	-	1,079
Current assets	36,571	-	36,571
Creditors less than 1 year	(1,427)	-	(1,427)
	36,223	-	36,223
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022

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	£	£	£
Fixed assets	1,198	-	1,438
Current assets	45,727	-	37,536
Creditors less than 1 year	(2,133)	-	(1,571)
	<u>44,792</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,403</u>

12 Trustee Expenses and Transactions

During the year four trustees were repaid for out of pocket expenses totalling £1,916 (2022:£1,341). The expenses were incurred on travel, training, and other day to day running costs of the church.

During the year the total aggregated donations made to the charity by the trustee's was £29,560 (2022: £22,909).

13 Related Party Transactions

During the year one trustee and one close family relative of a trustee received remuneration for their services to the charity as employees and not for their duties as trustees. The employment remuneration payments have been authorised by the remaining members of the trustee board and under the Charities Constitution.

	2023	2022
Employment remuneration:	£	£
Alastair Scott	37,226	35,869
Employment remuneration:	£	£
Claire Scott	3,065	2,688

REDEEMER CHURCH CHESTER LE STREET

England & Wales - Charity number 1187165

Accounts

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Trustees Annual Report and Accounts

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Legal and Administrative Information

Reference

The Charity is called "Redeemer Church Chester-Le-Street" and is registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales. Redeemer Church Chester-Le-Street is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) incorporated on the 31st December 2019.

Registered Charity Number	1187165
Registered Office	13 Runnymede Great Lumley Chester Le Street DH3 4LN
Date of Incorporation	31st December 2019
Church Website	www.redeemercls.com

The Trustee's

The trustee's who have served during the financial year until the date this report was approved are:

Nigel James Tree	<i>Appointed 31/12/2019</i>	<i>Chair (Resigned 10/01/2023)</i>
Andrew William Oxley	<i>Appointed 31/12/2019</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
Susannah Mary Hart	<i>Appointed 31/12/2019</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
Alastair David Scott	<i>Appointed 31/12/2019</i>	
Matthew Robert Cray	<i>Appointed 31/12/2019</i>	
Dr John David Nicholls	<i>Appointed 31/12/2019</i>	
Howard Andrew Bray	<i>Appointed 27/03/2023</i>	

Church Elders	Matthew Cray Alastair Scott (Lead Elder) Nathan Caughey
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Primary Bankers	The Co-Operative Bank P O Box 250 Skelmersdale WN8 6WT
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Independent Examiner	Nigel Wyatt BSC FCA Wyatt & Co Chartered Accountants 125 Main Street Garforth Leeds LS25 1AF
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Trustee's Annual Report

Principal Objects

The principal objects of the charity are as follows:

Provision of worship, prayer and teaching services.

Encouraging and supporting individuals within the church and in the wider community.

Provision of services for children and young people.

Supporting through giving financial gifts to individuals and organisations that fulfil the charity's vision and values.

Achievements and Performance

The vision of the church is 'Revelling in Jesus, Restoring Lives, Reviving Communities'.

We have provided worship, prayer and teaching services on Sunday mornings at Park View School. Our normal attendance is around 50-60 adults and 25-30 children.

In July we successfully moved Sunday meeting venues at short notice from one site of Park View School to another, due to a change of circumstances in the school. We have started to establish relationship with the local community around this new venue, through delivering gift bags to houses and carol singing in the streets.

We have welcomed some new regular attenders to the church.

We continue to have an online presence, with many of our meetings still able to be accessed online, including our Sunday sermons (on Facebook and YouTube) and our midweek community groups (on Zoom), allowing those who are unable to attend these meetings (such as those working shifts or the elderly/single parents who can't come out in the evening) to still benefit.

We initiated a number of new evening events during the year to provide more opportunities for people to encounter God. These included 'Encounter' worship evenings every 6 weeks and some 'Revival Fire' prayer gatherings to pray for the town we are situated in towards the end of the year. Additionally, over three Wednesdays in January and February we ran an evangelistic introduction to the Christian faith called 'Hope Explored', where we ate together, watched a video talk and discussed people's views on what they had seen. This enabled us to meet a number of new people from the community.

Our midweek community groups (between 8 and 16 in each) have provided a lifeline to some of the most vulnerable or isolated members of our community. These groups provide pastoral support, bible study, prayer and opportunities for church participants to serve by taking responsibilities for roles in these groups.

We continue to have a fortnightly intercessory prayer group and a weekly early morning prayer group, both meeting online. We have also started a second midweek online prayer meeting during a lunchtime so that people can access it during their work day.

We ran a pilot of the Kintsugi Hope Wellbeing Groups, which provide a safe and supportive space for the people who feel overwhelmed by life, providing tools to help them manage. We are looking to run this course out in the community in the future, as a resource to help those who are struggling.

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We employed three people to further the work of the charity: an eldership team leader (full-time), a pastoral support worker (part-time), and a church administrator (part-time). This third role was a new appointment in April of this year, having successfully recruited someone very well suited to the role from within the church. She has proved to be a fantastic asset to the staff team throughout the course of 2022, enabling us to make things within the church run much more smoothly.

We successfully advertised for and recruited a part-time youth and part-time children's pastor, who are due to start in 2023. They are coming from overseas and so we need to be able to sponsor them to get the appropriate visa. Consequently, we worked towards getting a visa sponsorship licence during the latter part of 2022.

We appointed seven people in the church to serve as deacons, leading in various key areas of the life of the church. Delegated leadership like this is key to ensuring we are sustainable as we grow.

In order to implement better systems and communications across the church, in the summer we adopted some online software called ChurchSuite. The church congregation were successfully taken through the process of signing up to this new software and learning how to use it.

We continue to relate with and support our wider family of churches called Regions Beyond. We have done this both through regular and one-off gifts to support the work of churches we relate to around the world, and through prayer. We also gave into an appeal to support the work among Ukrainian refugees. Our eldership team leader has been able to support the wider family of churches by helping to run and teach on its Leadership School, leading the northern group of churches in the UK, and helping to lead a next generation global forum meeting monthly on Zoom.

We supported through giving financial gifts to individuals and the following organisations: Heartwood Skills (Chester-Le-Street) (CIC 11582152); Regions Beyond (UK) (Charity number 1152827); Spirit of Africa (Charity number 1141351); Universities and Colleges Christian Fellowship (UCCF) (Charity number 306137).

Public Benefit Statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular the advancement of the Christian faith through the provision of worship and teaching services and the relief of sickness, financial hardship and promoting good health. This has been achieved by the provision of funds, and services.

To advance the Christian faith principally in Chester le Street but also in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the charity trustees may from time to time think fit and to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the CIO.

To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling and support.

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Governance Structure

Redeemer Church Chester-Le-Street is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The governance of the Charity is overseen by the trustee's of which there must be a minimum of five members on the board at one time per the constitution. The day to day running of the organisation is delegated to the Elders and Church Leadership team.

Trustee's meetings are held regularly throughout the year to give oversight and direction to the Charity.

Under the requirements of the constitution, in addition to the statutory powers of appointment, a new Trustee may be appointed by a resolution of the Trustees passed by a majority of the Trustees.

Reserves Policy

In line with good practise for charities, it is prudent to keep financial reserves to cover three months of operational costs. This is to ensure continuation of the charity if income to the charity should markedly reduce. Due to the low risk set up of church operations and the unlikelihood of income suddenly reducing greater than 50%, the reserves are now set at £20K. This is deemed to be sufficient to meet ongoing commitments (that cannot be quickly reduced) for a minimum of 3 months. The staffing bill for three months at the end of 2023 is projected to be £19.5K.

Although £20K is the minimum reserves prudent, bank balances above this amount may be allocated as saving for future predicted expenditure which would not be met by current regular income received.

1. For any money held by the charity above the reserves allocation, the Elders have responsibility for deciding how money is allocated / spent / gifted, and they can make these decisions without having to refer to the Trustees
2. The treasurer reports to Trustees after each month end how much money is in the bank above the reserves amount and any special funds (if any are decided to be created by the Elders).
3. The church partners are only asked for extra gifts if there is a specific cause that the Elders would like to support which can't be met from the excess held above the reserves amount
4. If the Elders would like to spend money that would reduce the reserves amount held, then the Trustees should be consulted and be in agreement with such expenditure.

Financial Review

The activities of the Charity for the year ending 31st of December 2022 resulted in an income of £90,225 and expenditure of £82,867 leading to a surplus of £7,388.

At the year end the unrestricted funds held by the church were £44,791.

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Trustee's Annual Report

Going Concern

The Trustee's are satisfied that the Charity is a going concern and do not know of any uncertainties regarding the organisations ability to continue operating as a going concern.

Approved by the Trustees of Redeemer Church Chester-Le-Street

Andrew William Oxley

Name of Trustee:

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:



Date of Approval:

25/08/2023

Redeemer Church Chester-Le-Street

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Independent Examiners Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Redeemer Church Chester-Le-Street ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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 confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements 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.



Nigel Wyatt BSC FCA
Independent Examiner
125 Main Street
Garforth
Leeds
LS25 1AF

30/08/2023

Date:

Redeemer Church Chester-Le-Street

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Statement of Financial Activities

		2022		2021	
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income					
Donations and legacies		89,791	438	90,229	101,084
Charitable activities		-	-	-	1,885
Other income		26	-	26	429
Total Income	2	<u>89,817</u>	<u>438</u>	<u>90,255</u>	<u>103,397</u>
Expenditure					
Charitable activities	3	<u>82,429</u>	<u>438</u>	<u>82,867</u>	<u>98,602</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>82,429</u>	<u>438</u>	<u>82,867</u>	<u>98,602</u>
Net Income / (Expenditure)		<u>7,388</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,388</u>	<u>4,796</u>
Net Income and Net Movement in Funds					
Total funds brought forward	10	37,403	-	37,403	32,608
Transfers	10	-	-	-	-
Total Funds Carried Forward	10	<u>44,791</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,791</u>	<u>37,403</u>

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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Statement of Financial Position

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	7	1,198	1,438
		<u>1,198</u>	<u>1,438</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors	8	5,887	4,077
Cash at bank and in hand		39,839	33,459
		<u>45,726</u>	<u>37,536</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>2,133</u>	<u>1,571</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>43,593</u>	<u>35,965</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>44,791</u>	<u>37,403</u>
Net assets	11	<u>44,791</u>	<u>37,403</u>
Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted funds	10	44,791	37,403
Restricted funds		-	-
Total Charity Funds		<u>44,791</u>	<u>37,403</u>

Trustee Responsibilities

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue :

Andrew William Oxley

Name of Trustee:

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:



Date of Approval:

25/08/2023

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Notes to the Financial Statements

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP 2019 FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Assessment of Going Concern

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have set aside resources for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is probable that the resources will be received, and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

- All voluntary income from supporters are recognised as donations and are included in full, with associated Gift Aid receivable in the Statement of Financial Activities.
- Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of specific performance by the charity are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.
- Income resources from charitable trading activities such as the letting of the building are accounted for when invoices are drawn up (as the point of entitlement).
- Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified and the donation is material to the accounts.
- Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised.
- Volunteer time, the value of voluntary support for the work of the charity is not included in the accounts but is described in the accounts.
- Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable.

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Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out the resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Governance Costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees' meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Tangible Fixed Assets

All assets costing more than £500 are capitalised and at historic cost. Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is charged on furniture and equipment which is written off on a straight-line basis over time, estimated useful life of the asset.

Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

Operating Leases

Rental charges payable under operating leases are charged on a straight-line basis over the terms of the lease.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

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2 Analysis of Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£
Donations and Legacies			
Donations	72,898	350	73,248
Gift aid	16,893	88	16,981
	<u>89,791</u>	<u>438</u>	<u>90,229</u>
Charitable Activities			
Church weekend away	-	-	-
Youth weekend away	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Investment Income			
Bank interest	26	-	26
	<u>26</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26</u>
Total Income	<u>89,817</u>	<u>438</u>	<u>90,255</u>
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£
Donations and Legacies			
Donations	77,834	5,355	83,189
Gift aid	16,571	1,324	17,895
	<u>94,405</u>	<u>6,679</u>	<u>101,084</u>
Charitable Activities			
Church weekend away	1,495	-	1,495
Youth weekend away	390	-	390
	<u>1,885</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,885</u>
Investment Income			
Bank interest	6	-	6
	<u>6</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6</u>
Other Income			
Expenses reimbursed	423	-	423
	<u>423</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>423</u>
Total Income	<u>96,719</u>	<u>6,679</u>	<u>103,397</u>

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3 Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Expenditure Type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Administration and communication	4,157	-	4,157
Building and premises	8,560	-	8,560
Church weekend away	-	-	-
Equipment	1,720	-	1,720
Event costs	389	-	389
Gifts and grants	16,565	438	17,003
Ministry costs	4,532	-	4,532
Professional, legal and governance costs	-	-	-
Staff salary costs	43,553	-	43,553
Staff related costs	2,953	-	2,953
Youth weekend away	-	-	-
	<u>82,429</u>	<u>438</u>	<u>82,867</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Administration and communication	2,742	-	2,742
Building and premises	4,466	-	4,466
Church weekend away	2,455	-	2,455
Equipment	-	-	-
Event costs	-	-	-
Gifts and grants	31,871	6,676	38,547
Ministry costs	3,349	-	3,349
Professional, legal and governance costs	910	-	910
Staff salary costs	44,164	-	44,164
Staff related costs	1,208	-	1,208
Youth weekend away	761	-	761
	<u>91,925</u>	<u>6,676</u>	<u>98,602</u>

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Donations from the church have been made to the following organisations during the year:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Regions Beyond	5,238	4,800
Refuse Café	-	2,400
Jubilee Church Hull	-	2,500
Spirit of Africa	200	2,000
Heartwood Skills	3,585	7,500
Supporting foreign churches	5,000	14,286
UCCF	1,500	3,000
Catalyst Network Ukraine	500	-
	<u>15,523</u>	<u>36,486</u>

4 Volunteers

The church benefits greatly from the voluntary contributions of time and money by its regular attendees. Please refer to the trustee's report for further detail about volunteer contributions in the organisation.

5 Independent Examination Fees

Fees payable to the independent examiner for:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Independent examination and preparation of the financial statements	960	910
	<u>960</u>	<u>910</u>

6 Staff Costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	37,600	39,190
Social security costs	-	-
Employer contributions to pension plans	4,978	4,930
	<u>42,579</u>	<u>44,120</u>

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The average head count of employees during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021
Average head count	3	3

The number of employees that received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021
More than £60,000	-	-

Key Management Personnel

The charity considers its key management personnel to be the lead elder. The total employee benefits received by key management were as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Key management personnel employee benefit	35,869	35,190

7 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Furniture and Equipment	Total
	£	£
Cost as at 1st January 2022	1,438	1,438
Additions	-	-
Cost as at 31st December 2022	1,438	1,438
Depreciation as at 1st January 2022	-	-
Depreciation charge	240	240
Depreciation as at 31st December 2022	240	240
Net book value as at 1st January 2022	1,438	1,438
Net book value as at 31st December 2022	1,198	1,198

8 Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accrued gift aid	4,118	4,077
Prepayments	1,769	-
	5,887	4,077

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9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accruals	1,933	1,571
Deferred income	200	-
	<u>2,133</u>	<u>1,571</u>

10 Analysis of Charitable Funds

	1 Jan 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	31 Dec 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds					
General fund	37,403	89,817	(82,429)	-	44,791
Restricted Funds					
Regions Beyond special offering	-	438	(438)	-	-
Total	<u>37,403</u>	<u>90,255</u>	<u>(82,867)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,791</u>

	1 Jan 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	31 Dec 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds					
General fund	32,608	96,719	(91,925)	3	37,403
Restricted Funds					
India Covid 19 appeal	-	6,679	(6,676)	(3)	-
Total	<u>32,608</u>	<u>103,398</u>	<u>(98,601)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,403</u>

Fund Description

Regions Beyond special offering Special offering donation made to Regions Beyond (Registered Charity 1152827) to help with supporting initiatives in church planting, training and projects supporting the poor around the world.

India Covid 19 appeal Donations made to Regions Beyond (Registered Charity 1152827) to help provide basic food provisions to families through the local church in Mumbai

Fund Transfers

The transfer from the India Covid 19 appeal restricted fund to the general fund was to move out residual funds to close the restricted fund.

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11 Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£
Fixed assets	1,198	-	1,198
Current assets	45,727	-	45,727
Creditors less than 1 year	(2,133)	-	(2,133)
	<u>44,792</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,792</u>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£
Fixed assets	1,438	-	1,438
Current assets	37,536	-	37,536
Creditors less than 1 year	(1,571)	-	(1,571)
	<u>37,403</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,403</u>

12 Trustee Expenses and Transactions

During the year four trustees were repaid for out of pocket expenses totalling £1,341 (2021:£179.1). The expenses were incurred on travel, training, and other day to day running costs of the church.

During the year the total aggregated donations made to the charity by the trustee's was £22,909 (2021: £21,863.02).

13 Related Party Transactions

During the year one trustee and one close family relative of a trustee received remuneration for their services to the charity as employees and not for their duties as trustees. The employment remuneration payments have been authorised by the remaining members of the trustee board and under the Charities Constitution.

Employment remuneration:	£
Alastair Scott	35,869

Employment remuneration:	£
Claire Scott	2,688

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Related Party Transactions cont.

Trustee Susannah Hart was employed by The Refuse Café. Redeemer Church paid £475 for renting the café (no money was owed at the end of the year).

Trustee Nigel Tree's spouse, Carol Tree, is the chair of trustees for the charity Spirit of Africa (Charity registration number 1141351). During the year the church donated a gift of £200 (2021: £2,000) to further the work of the charity.

Trustee Andrew Oxley also holds a trusteeship at The Christian Outdoor Pursuits Trust CIO (Registered Charity 1195877) also know as Bassenfell Manor. During the year the church paid £100 to The Christian Outdoor Pursuits Trust as a deposit for the use of their building for the church weekend away in October 2023, this was held as a other debtor on the balance sheet.

REDEEMER CHURCH CHESTER LE STREET

England & Wales - Charity number 1187165

Accounts

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Redeemer Church Chester-Le-Street

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Registered Charity Number	1187165
Registered Office	13 Runnymede Great Lumley Chester Le Street DH3 4LN
Date of incorporation	31st December 2019
Church Website	www.redeemercls.com

The Trustees

The trustee's who have served during the financial year until the date this report was approved are:

Nigel James Tree	<i>Appointed 31/12/2019</i>	<i>Chair</i>
Andrew William Oxley	<i>Appointed 31/12/2019</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
Susannah Mary Hart	<i>Appointed 31/12/2019</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
Alastair David Scott	<i>Appointed 31/12/2019</i>	
Matthew Robert Cray	<i>Appointed 31/12/2019</i>	
Dr John David Nicholls	<i>Appointed 31/12/2019</i>	

Church Elders	Matthew Cray Alastair Scott (Lead Elder) Nathan Caughey
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Primary Bankers	The Co-Operative Bank P O Box 250 Skelmersdale WN8 6WT
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Independent Examiner:	Nigel Wyatt BSC FCA Wyatt & Co Chartered Accountants 125 Main Street Garforth Leeds LS25 1AF
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Principal Objects

The principal objects of the charity are as follows:

Provision of worship, prayer and teaching services.

Encouraging and supporting individuals within the church and in the wider community.

Provision of services for children and young people.

Supporting through giving financial gifts to individuals and organisations that fulfil the charity's vision and values.

Achievements and Performance

The vision of the church is 'Revelling in Jesus, Restoring Lives, Reviving Communities'.

We have provided worship, prayer and teaching services on Sunday mornings at Park View School. Our normal attendance is around 60 adults and 30 children.

We successfully transitioned through various easings of covid-19 restrictions out of wholly online church services to in-person church services. We complied with the changing social distancing and facecovering guidance from public health England, managing the risk as appropriate.

Once back to meeting in person, we considered the learnings from our time of doing online church and adopted a hybrid approach, setting up to livestream each Sunday for those unable to be present and to increase our engagement with those outside of the church through our Facebook page. Most of our midweek community groups now also have adopted a hybrid approach to their gatherings. This has enabled us to be more inclusive of those (such as the elderly or single parents) who were previously unable to attend such meetings.

We have welcomed new regular attenders into the church.

Our midweek community groups (between 8 and 16 in each) have provided a lifeline to some of the most vulnerable or isolated members of our community. These groups provide pastoral support, bible study, prayer and opportunities for church participants to serve by taking responsibilities for roles in these groups. Although we went down from 5 groups to 4 during the course of the year, due to some current leaders needing a break, we have started the process of considering launching a new group in 2022 so that we can best disciple and pastor those coming into the church.

We continue to have a fortnightly intercessory prayer group and a weekly early morning prayer group, both meeting online.

We sought opportunities to share the good news of Jesus with the wider community, such as inviting friends and family members to a family carol service.

We brought a third elder into our eldership team to further strengthen the leadership of the church.

We employed three people to further the work of the charity: an eldership team leader (full-time), a pastoral support worker (part-time), and an evangelist and administrative support worker (part-time). Towards the end of the year our evangelist and administrative support worker resigned from her role as she was moving on from the church. We are now in the process of considering the most appropriate new employed roles for 2022.

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We supported Heartwood Skills (CIC) in their ongoing renovations of a derelict building to become a community hub (named The Beacon). Although this was hoped to be completed in 2021, funding issues meant this has been delayed to 2022. We will be anchor tenants in this building, working alongside Heartwood Skills, with the objective of providing support services to those in the community around The Beacon, including children and young people. This is located in an area of the town that we have previously sought to engage with, through an annual fun day (sadly not permissible this year), carol services, and monthly Sunday afternoon community events.

We continue to relate with and support our wider family of churches called Regions Beyond. We have done this this year both through regular and one-off gifts to support the work of churches we relate to around the world, and through prayer. We would normally send individuals and/or teams on trips to support these churches, but due to the covid-19 pandemic, this has again not been possible this year. Our eldership team leader has been able to support the wider family of churches by serving as part of its UK team, helping to run and teach on its Leadership School and initiating a next generation global leadership forum meeting monthly on Zoom.

We supported through giving financial gifts to individuals and the following organisations Heartwood Skills (Chester-Le-Street) (CIC 11582152); Refuse CIC (Chester-Le-Street) (Company Reg No: 9672997); Regions Beyond (UK) (Charity number 1152827); Spirit of Africa (Charity number 1141351); Universities and Colleges Christian Fellowship (UCCF) (Charity number 306137) and Jubilee Church Hull (Charity number 1123729).

Public Benefit Statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular the advancement of the Christian faith through the provision of worship and teaching services and the relief of sickness, financial hardship and promoting good health. This has been achieved by the provision of funds, and services.

To advance the Christian faith principally in Chester le Street but also in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the charity trustees may from time to time think fit and to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the CIO.

To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling and support.

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Governance Structure

Redeemer Church Chester-Le-Street is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The governance of the Charity is overseen by the trustee's of which there must be a minimum of five members on the board at one time per the constitution. The day to day running of the organisation is delegated to the Elders and Church Leadership team.

Trustee's meetings are held regularly throughout the year to give oversight and direction to the Charity.

Under the requirements of the constitution, in addition to the statutory powers of appointment, a new Trustee may be appointed by a resolution of the Trustees passed by a majority of the Trustees.

Reserves Policy

In line with good practise for charities, the trustees believe it is prudent to keep financial reserves to cover three months of operational costs. This is to ensure continuation of the charity if income to the charity should markedly reduce.

From July 2020, the monthly budgeted operational expenditure is averaged at £5.8K, so if the income levels remain as budgeted the prudent reserves should be £17.4K. In addition, the church aspire to employ a children, youth and community worker in 2022, so additional reserves have been allocated to ensure the sustainability of such a role, giving a targeted reserves level of £30K.

At the end of the financial year we held £37,403 in unrestricted reserves.

The Elders have responsibility for deciding how excess money is allocated / spent / gifted, and they can make these decisions without having to refer to the trustees.

The treasurer reports to trustees after each month end how much money is in the bank above the reserves amount and any special funds (if any are decided to be created by the Elders).

The church partners are only asked for extra gifts if there is a specific cause that the Elders would like to support which can't be met from the excess held above the reserves amount.

If the Elders would like to spend money that would reduce the reserves amount held, then the trustees should be consulted and be in agreement with such expenditure.

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Financial Review

The activities of the Charity for the year ending 31st of December 2021 resulted in an income of £103,397 and expenditure of £98,602 leading to a surplus of £4,796.


At the year end the unrestricted funds held by the church were £37,403.

Going Concern

The Trustee's are satisfied that the Charity is a going concern and do not know of any uncertainties regarding the organisations ability to continue operating as a going concern.

Approved by the Trustees of Redeemer Church Chester-Le-Street

Name of Trustee:	Andrew Oxley

Signed on behalf of the Trustees	

Date of approval:	07/09/2022

Redeemer Church Chester-Le-Street

Year Ended 31st December 2021

Independent Examiners Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Redeemer Church Chester-Le-Street ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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.

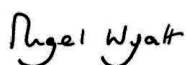
Independent examiner's statement

I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements 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.



Nigel Wyatt BSC FCA
Independent Examiner
125 Main Street
Garforth
Leeds
LS25 1AF

07/09/2022

Date:

Redeemer Church Chester-Le-Street

Year Ended 31st December 2021

Statement of Financial Activities

		2021		2020	
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income					
Donations and legacies		94,405	6,679	101,084	91,817
Charitable activities		1,885	-	1,885	14,800
Other Income		429	-	429	23
Total Income	2	<u>96,719</u>	<u>6,679</u>	<u>103,397</u>	<u>106,640</u>
Expenditure					
Charitable activities	3	<u>91,925</u>	<u>6,676</u>	<u>98,602</u>	<u>74,032</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>91,925</u>	<u>6,676</u>	<u>98,602</u>	<u>74,032</u>
Net income / (expenditure)		<u>4,793</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4,796</u>	<u>32,608</u>
Net income and net movement in funds					
Total funds brought forward	10	32,608	-	32,608	-
Transfers	10	3	(3)	-	-
Total funds carried forward	10	<u>37,403</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,403</u>	<u>32,608</u>

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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Statement of Financial Position

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	7	1,438	-
		<u>1,438</u>	<u>-</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	8	4,077	3,019
Cash at bank and in hand		33,459	30,549
		<u>37,536</u>	<u>33,568</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	1,571	960
Net current assets		<u>35,965</u>	<u>32,608</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>37,403</u>	<u>32,608</u>
Net assets	11	<u>37,403</u>	<u>32,608</u>
Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds	10	37,403	32,608
Restricted funds		-	-
Total charity funds		<u>37,403</u>	<u>32,608</u>

Trustee Responsibilities

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue :

Name of Trustee: Andrew Oxley

Signed on behalf of the Trustees: 

Date of approval: 07/09/2022

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Notes to the Financial Statements

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP 2019 FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Assessment of Going Concern

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have set aside resources for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, It is probable that the resources will be received, and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

- All voluntary income from supporters are recognised as donations and are included in full, with associated Gift Aid receivable in the Statement of Financial Activities.
- Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of specific performance by the charity are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.
- Income resources from charitable trading activities such as the letting of the building are accounted for when invoices are drawn up (as the point of entitlement).
- Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified and the donation is material to the accounts.
- Gifts in Kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised.
- Volunteer time, the value of voluntary support for the work of the charity is not included in the accounts but is described in the accounts.
- Investment Income is included in the accounts when receivable.

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Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out the resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Governance Costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees' meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Tangible fixed assets

All assets costing more than £500 are capitalised and at historic cost. Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is charged on furniture and equipment which is written off on a straight-line basis over time, estimated useful life of the asset.

Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

Operating Leases

Rental charges payable under operating leases are charged on a straight-line basis over the terms of the lease.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

2 Analysis of Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Donations and legacies			
Donations	77,834	5,355	83,189
Gift Aid	16,571	1,324	17,895
	<u>94,405</u>	<u>6,679</u>	<u>101,084</u>
Charitable Activities			
Church weekend away	1,495	-	1,495
Youth weekend away	390	-	390
	<u>1,885</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,885</u>
Transfer of charitable activities			
Transfer of charitable activities	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Investment Income			
Bank Interest	6	-	6
	<u>6</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6</u>
Other Income			
Expenses reimbursed	423	-	423
	<u>423</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>423</u>
Total Income	<u>96,719</u>	<u>6,679</u>	<u>103,397</u>

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Analysis of Income cont.

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Donations and legacies			
Donations	77,710	-	77,710
Gift Aid	14,106	-	14,106
	<u>91,817</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>91,817</u>
Charitable Activities			
Church weekend away	-	-	-
Youth weekend away	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Transfer of charitable activities			
Transfer of charitable activities	14,800	-	14,800
	<u>14,800</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,800</u>
Investment Income			
Bank Interest	23	-	23
	<u>23</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23</u>
Total Income	<u>106,640</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>106,640</u>

3 Expenditure on charitable activities by expenditure type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Administration and Communication	2,742	-	2,742
Building and Premises	4,466	-	4,466
Church weekend away	2,455	-	2,455
Gifts and grants	31,871	6,676	38,547
Ministry Costs	3,349	-	3,349
Professional, Legal and Governance	910	-	910
Staff Salary Costs	44,164	-	44,164
Staff Related Costs	1,208	-	1,208
Youth weekend away	761	-	761
	<u>91,925</u>	<u>6,676</u>	<u>98,602</u>

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Expenditure on charitable activities by expenditure type cont.

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Administration and Communication	2,579	-	2,579
Building and Premises	2,207	-	2,207
Church weekend away	-	-	-
Gifts and grants	26,884	-	26,884
Ministry Costs	2,002	-	2,002
Professional, Legal and Governance	960	-	960
Staff Salary Costs	38,322	-	38,322
Staff Related Costs	1,078	-	1,078
Youth weekend away	-	-	-
	<u>74,032</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,032</u>

Donations from the church have been made to the following organisations during the year:

	2021 £	2020 £
Regions Beyond	4,800	9,000
Refuse Café	2,400	3,600
Jubilee Church Hull	2,500	-
Spirit of Africa	2,000	3,200
Heartwood Skills	7,500	3,125
Supporting foreign churches	14,286	5,190
UCCF	3,000	2,000
	<u>36,486</u>	<u>26,115</u>

4 Volunteers

The church benefits greatly from the voluntary contributions of time and money by its regular attendees. Please refer to the trustee's report for further detail about volunteer contributions in the organisation.

5 Independent examination fees

Fees payable to the independent examiner for:

	2021 £	2020 £
Independent examination and preparation of the financial	910	960
	<u>910</u>	<u>960</u>

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6 Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	39,190	34,543
Social security costs	-	-
Employer contributions to pension plans	4,930	3,779
	<u>44,120</u>	<u>38,322</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was as follows:

	2021	2020
Average Head Count	3	3

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year was as follows:

	2021	2020
More than £60,000	-	-

Key Management Personnel

The charity considers its key management personnel to be the lead elder. The total employee benefits received by key management were as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Key management personnel employee benefit	35,190	29,941

7 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Furniture and Equipment	Total
	£	£
Cost as at 1st January 2021	-	-
Additions	1,438	1,438
Cost as at 31st December 2021	<u>1,438</u>	<u>1,438</u>
Depreciation as at 1st January 2021	-	-
Depreciation Charge	-	-
Depreciation as at 31st December 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Book Value as at 31st January 2021	-	-
Net Book Value as at 1st December 2021	<u>1,438</u>	<u>1,438</u>

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8 Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Accrued Gift Aid	4,077	2,919
Prepayments	-	100
	<u>4,077</u>	<u>3,019</u>

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Accruals	1,571	960
	<u>1,571</u>	<u>960</u>

10 Analysis of Charitable Funds

	31 Dec 2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	31 Dec 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	32,608	96,719	(91,925)	3	37,403
Restricted					
India Covid 19 Appeal	-	6,679	(6,676)	(3)	-
Total	<u>32,608</u>	<u>103,397</u>	<u>(98,602)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,403</u>

Fund Description

India Covid 19 Appeal Donations made to Regions Beyond (Registered Charity 1152827) to help provide basic food provisions to families through the local church in Mumbai

Fund Transfers

The transfer from the India Covid 19 Appeal restricted fund to the General fund was to move out residual funds to close the restricted fund.

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11 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Fixed Assets	1,438	-	1,438
Current Assets	37,536	-	37,536
Creditors less than 1 year	(1,571)	-	(1,571)
	<u>37,403</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,403</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Fixed Assets	-	-	-
Current Assets	33,568	-	33,568
Creditors less than 1 year	(960)	-	(960)
	<u>32,608</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,608</u>

12 Trustee expenses and transactions

During the year two trustees were repaid for out of pocket expenses totalling £179.19 (2020:£751.87). The expenses were incurred on travel, training, and other day to day running costs of the church.

During the year the total aggregated donations made to the charity by the trustee's during the year was £21,863.02 (2020:£19,616.58).

13 Related party transactions

During the year one trustee and one close family relative of a trustee received remuneration for their services to the charity as employees and not for their duties as trustees. The employment remuneration payments have been authorised by the remaining members of the trustee board and under the Charities constitution.

Employment Remuneration:	£
Alastair Scott	35,190

Employment Remuneration:	£
Claire Scott	2,842

Trustee Nigel Tree's spouse, Carol Tree, is the chair of trustees for the charity Spirit of Africa (Charity registration number 1141351). During the year the church donated a gift of £2,000 (2020: £3,200) to further the work of the charity.

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Church Website	www.redeemercls.com

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The trustee's who have served during the financial year until the date this report was approved are:

Nigel James Tree	<i>Appointed 31/12/2019</i>
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Susannah Mary Hart	<i>Appointed 31/12/2019</i>
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Church Elders	Matthew Cray Alastair Scott (Lead Elder)
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Primary Bankers	The Co-Operative Bank P O Box 250 Skelmersdale WN8 6WT
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The vision of the church is 'Revelling in Jesus, Restoring Lives, Reviving Communities'.

We have provided worship, prayer and teaching services on Sunday mornings at Park View School (prior to restrictions due to Covid19). Our normal attendance is around 60 adults and 30 children.

Once Covid19 restrictions were in place, we successfully managed to move our gatherings online. We livestreamed our Sunday services to Zoom and Facebook, moved our midweek community groups and children's and youth groups to Zoom, and produced a variety of online video content both to strengthen those in the church and engage with those in the wider community.

We reacted diligently to the threat of COVID 19, establishing safe ways of working in line with the changing guidance from public health England, managing the process of risk assessments and arranging outdoor socially distanced worship meetings, when permitted, between lockdown periods.

The provision of online Sunday services has enabled many people to access church from a wider geographical area and we have welcomed new regular attenders. The PA/technical team and worship team leader have evaluated and improved our content on a variety of IT platforms, to a high standard of presentation and delivery.

Pastoral care has been provided to those in the church in the difficult time of this pandemic, through any means permissible (walks, providing support bubbles, online and telephone communication). Our midweek community groups have provided a lifeline to some of the most vulnerable or isolated members of our community.

We increased our number of community groups from 4 to 5 in the past year (between 8 and 20 people in each), meeting regularly online to provide pastoral support, bible study, prayer and opportunities for church participants to serve by taking responsibilities for roles in these groups. We initiated a number of things this year, including an intercessory prayer group meeting fortnightly to pray for the life of the church and individuals in need within it; a monthly Zoom church family meeting on Sunday evening (attendance of 40+ people); an online evangelistic training course; extended periods of daily prayer led each day on social media by various members of the church; and weekly online quiz nights held over the summer to increase our sense of community.

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We employed three people to further the work of the charity: an eldership team leader (full-time), a pastoral support worker (part-time), and an evangelist and administrative support worker (part-time).

We supported Heartwood Skills (CIC) in their purchase and renovation of a derelict building to become a community hub (named The Beacon) later at some point in 2021. We will be anchor tenants in this building, working alongside Heartwood Skills, with the objective of providing support services to those in the community around The Beacon, including children and young people. This is located in an area of the town that we have previously sought to engage with, through an annual fun day (sadly not permissible this year), carol services, and monthly Sunday afternoon community events.

We continue to relate with and support our wider family of churches called Regions Beyond. We have done this this year both through regular and one-off gifts to support the work of churches we relate to around the world, and through prayer. We would normally send individuals and/or teams on trips to support these churches, but to the covid-19 pandemic, this has not been possible this year. Our eldership team leader has been able to support the wider family of churches by serving as part of its UK team and helping to run and teach on its Leadership School.

We supported through giving financial gifts to individuals and the following organisations Heartwood Skills (Chester-Le-Street) (CIC 11582152); Refuse CIC (Chester-Le-Street) (Company Reg No: 9672997); Regions Beyond (UK) (Charity number 1152827); Spirit of Africa (Charity number 1141351); Universities and Colleges Christian Fellowship (UCCF) (Charity number 306137)

Public Benefit Statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular the advancement of the Christian faith through the provision of worship and teaching services and the relief of sickness, financial hardship and promoting good health. This has been achieved by the provision of funds, and services.

To advance the Christian faith principally in Chester le Street but also in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the charity trustees may from time to time think fit and to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the CIO.

To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling and support.

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Reserves Policy

In line with good practise for charities, it is prudent to keep financial reserves to cover three months of operational costs. This is to ensure continuation of the charity if income to the charity should markedly reduce.

From July 2020, the budgeted operational expenditure is averaged at £5.8K, so if the income levels remain as budgeted the prudent reserves should be £17.4K

- 1 The Elders have responsibility for deciding how excess money is allocated / spent / gifted, and they can make these decisions without having to refer to the trustees.
- 2 The treasurer reports to trustees after each month end how much money is in the bank above the reserves amount and any special funds (if any are decided to be created by the Elders).
- 3 The church partners are only asked for extra gifts if there is a specific cause that the Elders would like to support which can't be met from the excess held above the reserves amount.
- 4 If the Elders would like to spend money that would reduce the reserves amount held, then the trustees should be consulted and be in agreement with such expenditure.

Governance Structure

Redeemer Church Chester-Le-Street is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The governance of the Charity is overseen by the trustee's of which there must be a minimum of five members on the board at one time per the constitution. The day to day running of the organisation is delegated to the Elders and Church Leadership team.

Trustee's meetings are held regularly throughout the year to give oversight and direction to the Charity.

Under the requirements of the constitution, in addition to the statutory powers of appointment, a new Trustee may be appointed by a resolution of the Trustees passed by a majority of the Trustees.

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Financial Review

The year ending 31st of December 2020 marked the first full year of activities undertaken with the organisational structure of Redeemer Church Chester-Le-Street. The combined activities of the Charity has resulted in an income of £106,640 and expenditure of £74,302 leading to a surplus of £32,608.


At the year end the unrestricted funds were £32,608.

Going Concern

The Trustee's are satisfied that the Charity is a going concern and do not know of any uncertainties regarding the organisations ability to continue operating as a going concern.

Approved by the Trustees of Redeemer Church Chester-Le-Street

Name of Trustee:	Andrew Oxley

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:	

Date of approval:	15/05/2021

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Independent Examiners Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Redeemer Church Chester-Le-Street ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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 confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements 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.



Nigel Wyatt BSC FCA
Independent Examiner
125 Main Street
Garforth
Leeds
LS25 1AF

Date: 24/05/2021

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Statement of Financial Activities

		2020		
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	Note	£	£	£
Income				
Donations and legacies		91,817	-	91,817
Transfer of charitable activities	2	14,800	-	14,800
Other Income		23	-	23
Total Income		<u>106,640</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>106,640</u>
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities	3	<u>74,032</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,032</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>74,032</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,032</u>
Net income / (expenditure)		<u>32,608</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,608</u>
Net income and net movement in funds				
Total funds brought forward	11	-	-	-
Transfers	11	-	-	-
Total funds carried forward	11	<u>32,608</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,608</u>

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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Statement of Financial Position

	Note	2020 £
Current assets		
Debtors	9	3,019
Cash at bank and in hand		30,549
		<u>33,568</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	960
Net current assets		<u>32,608</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>32,608</u>
Net assets	12	<u>32,608</u>
Funds of the charity		
Restricted funds		-
Unrestricted funds	11	32,608
Total charity funds		<u>32,608</u>

Trustee Responsibilities

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue :

Name of Trustee:

Andrew Oxley

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:



Date of approval:

15/05/2021

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Notes to the Financial Statements

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP 2019 FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Assessment of Going Concern

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have set aside resources for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, It is probable that the resources will be received, and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

- All voluntary income from supporters are recognised as donations and are included in full, with associated Gift Aid receivable in the Statement of Financial Activities.
- Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of specific performance by the charity are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.
- Income resources from charitable trading activities such as the letting of the building are accounted for when invoices are drawn up (as the point of entitlement).
- Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified and the donation is material to the accounts.
- Gifts in Kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised.
- Volunteer time, the value of voluntary support for the work of the charity is not included in the accounts but is described in the accounts.
- Investment Income is included in the accounts when receivable.

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Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out the resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Governance Costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees' meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Liability Recognition

Abilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Tangible fixed assets

All assets costing more than £500 are capitalised and at historic cost. Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is charged on furniture and equipment which is written off on a straight-line basis over time, estimated useful live of the asset.

Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

Operating Leases

Rental charges payable under operating leases are charged on a straight line basis over the terms of the lease.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

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2 Analysis of Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Donations and legacies			
Donations	77,710	-	77,710
Gift Aid	14,106	-	14,106
	<u>91,817</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>91,817</u>
Transfer of charitable activities			
Transfer of charitable activities	14,800	-	14,800
	<u>14,800</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,800</u>
Investment Income			
Bank Interest	23	-	23
	<u>23</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23</u>
Total Income	<u>106,640</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>106,640</u>

Transfer of charitable activities

During the year, £14,800 was transferred from Emmanuel Church Durham. Prior to the formal charity registration taking place for Redeemer Church Chester-Le-Street the churches funds and activities were held by Emmanuel Church Durham (charity number 1120286).

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3 Expenditure on charitable activities by expenditure type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Building and Premises	2,207	-	2,207
Administration and Communication	2,579	-	2,579
Ministry and Giving Costs	28,886	-	28,886
Staff Salary Costs	38,322	-	38,322
Staff Related Costs	1,078	-	1,078
Professional, Legal and Governance	960	-	960
	<u>74,032</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,032</u>

Donations from the church have been made to the following organisations during the year:

	2020 £
Regions Beyond	9,000
Refuse Café	3,600
Spirit of Africa	3,200
Heartwood Skills	3,125
Supporting foreign churches	5,190
UCCF	2,000
	<u>26,115</u>

4 Volunteers

The church benefits greatly from the voluntary contributions of time and money by its formal members and regular attendees. Please refer to the trustee's report for further detail about volunteer contributions in the organisation.

5 Independent examination fees

Fees payable to the independent examiner for:

	2020 £
Independent examination and preparation of the financial	960
	<u>960</u>

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6 Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2020
	£
Wages and salaries	34,543
Social security costs	-
Employer contributions to pension plans	3,779
	<u>38,322</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was as follows:

	2020
Average Head Count	3

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year was as follows:

	2020
More than £60,000	-

Key Management Personnel

The charity considers its key management personnel to be the lead elder. The total employee benefits received by key management were as follows:

	2020
	£
Key management personnel employee benefit	29,941

7 Fixed Assets

As part of the transfer of activities and assets from Emmanuel Church Durham (charity number 1120286) a number of fixtures and fittings and items of equipment were transferred into the charity. At the point of the transfer it was not clear what the net book value of these items was and the only record of their value was the insured replacement cost. Due to this fact and on the basis of probability it has been assumed these assets have been fully depreciated at the point of transfer and have not been revalued and disclosed in the financial statements. The estimated insured value of the items amounts to £6,000.

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8 Trustee expenses and transactions

During the year three trustees were repaid for out of pocket expenses totalling £751.87. The expenses were incurred on travel, training, pastoral costs and other day to day running costs of the church.

During the year the total aggregated donations made to the charity by the trustee's during the year was £19,616.58.

9 Debtors

	2020
	£
Accrued Gift Aid	2,919
Prepayments	100
	<u>3,019</u>

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020
	£
Accruals	960
	<u>960</u>

11 Analysis of Charitable Funds

	31 Dec 2019	Income	Expenditure	31 Dec 2020
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds				
General Fund	-	106,640	(74,032)	32,608
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>106,640</u>	<u>(74,032)</u>	<u>32,608</u>

12 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	2020
	£	£	£
Current Assets	33,568	-	33,568
Creditors less than 1 year	(960)	-	(960)
	<u>32,608</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,608</u>

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13 Events after the Reporting Period

After the year end a non-adjusting post balance sheet event took place. At the beginning of January 2021 the UK Government announced a further national lockdown in England with the start of certain restrictions expected to ease from March 2021 onwards. This event has not materially affected the organisation's financial situation but has continued to affect how the day to day activities are carried out.

14 Related party transactions

During the year one trustee and one close family relative of a trustee received remuneration for their services to the charity as employees and not for their duties as trustees. The employment remuneration payments have been authorised by the remaining members of the trustee board and under the Charities constitution.

Alastair Scott	£
Employment Remuneration:	29,941

Claire Scott	£
Employment Remuneration:	2,472

Trustee Nigel Tree's spouse, Carol Tree, is the chair of trustees for the charity Spirit of Africa (Charity registration number 1141351). During the year the church donated a gift of £3,200 to further the work of the charity.

15 Transfer of charitable activities

Upon formation of the charity the activities and funds of the organisation were transferred in from Emmanuel Church Durham (charity number 1120286). Emmanuel Church Durham originally planted Emmanuel Church Chester-Le-Street in September 2016 and carried the responsibility for governance and legal oversight for the church until the point of transfer.