

Registered Charity no. 1187165

Redeemer Church Chester-Le-Street

Trustees Annual Report and Accounts

Year Ended 31st December 2022



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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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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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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:	<hr/>
Signed on behalf of the Trustees:	<div> <hr/></div>
Date of Approval:	<div>25/08/2023 <hr/></div>

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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

Date: 30/08/2023

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Statement of Financial Activities

		2022		2021
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	Note	£	£	£
Income				
Donations and legacies		89,791	438	90,229
Charitable activities		-	-	-
Other income		26	-	26
Total Income	2	89,817	438	90,255
Expenditure				
Charitable activities	3	82,429	438	82,867
Total Expenditure		82,429	438	82,867
Net Income / (Expenditure)		7,388	-	7,388
Net Income and Net Movement in Funds				
Total funds brought forward	10	37,403	-	37,403
Transfers	10	-	-	-
Total Funds Carried Forward	10	44,791	-	44,791

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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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 known 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.