

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1187784

Merland Rise Church
(Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

Merland Rise Church

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2022

The Trustees present their annual report with the financial statements of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2022. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the Church comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the Church's governing document and the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) ("SORP (FRS 102)").

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The principal purposes of Merland Rise Church are the advancement of the Christian faith and the provision of service and support to all sections of the community, including people of other faiths and none, with a particular focus on the socially and economically disadvantaged living within the Preston and Tadworth area and the surrounding neighbourhood. The Church also carries out such other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and other parts of the world that, in the opinion of the members of the Church in General Meeting and the Trustees, shall further the work of the Church and serve disadvantaged people groups.

Significant activities

In fulfilling its purposes, the Church will engage in a range of activities either independently or in collaboration with other Churches, public and third sector and voluntary organisations which share the social justice priorities, and with whom it can work in partnership to improve the life chances and opportunities of those it seeks to serve.

The Church's activities include, but are not restricted to:

- regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching and Believers baptism;
- the Communion of the Lord's Supper, which shall normally be observed at least once a month;
- evangelism and mission, whether locally, regionally, nationally or internationally;
- promotion of family life, diversity, strong and supportive personal and community relationships;
- the nurture and growth of Christian disciples, including the imperative of serving others selflessly, giving of their time and financial resources;
- encouraging pastoral care, with a particular focus on the elderly and vulnerable, supporting and encouraging charitable and community causes both locally and abroad;
- supporting provision and access to those with disabilities, with a particular focus on the deaf and deaf/blind community;
- counselling and support to those experiencing relationship difficulties, financial support to the economically disadvantaged including a Food Bank and debt counselling service, employment advice including resolving conflicts and enhancing the employability of those seeking work;
- practical support, including the provision of furniture, white goods and emergency cash to those experiencing financial hardship as a result of their immigration status, long-term ill health, unemployment or similar;
- services to children and young people including life skills, training and social and recreational facilities;
- maintaining our long established collaborative working with Epsom Downs Primary School;
- use of our premises by various charities, community groups and public bodies which share our priorities.

Public benefit

In planning the activities of the Church, the Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

During the year the Church has continued to serve its' members and the local community. The Church offers weekly Sunday morning and Sunday evening services together with multiple prayer meetings/bible study and home group meetings.

The Church also offers pastoral care to its' members and supports the local community in various community activities such as running a food bank.

Fundraising activities

The Church does not engage in public fund raising activities.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The financial position of the Church is set out in the Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet and the related notes and have been prepared in accordance with statutory requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and SORP (FRS 102).

Principal funding sources

The principal funding sources of the Church are the voluntary donations and giving by members of the Church's congregation together with allied income tax rebates under the gift aid scheme.

In addition the Church received the following grants:

- £1,500 on 11 August 2022 for energy top-ups for distribution to various individuals in the community
- £800 on 22 November 2022 used to fund a 'Warm hub' (any unspent surplus to be used for community support in 2023)

Investment policy and objectives

Any money not required for day to day use is placed on deposit with the Church's bankers, CAF Bank Limited. At the balance sheet date, the Church part-owned one freehold residential property which is used to provide accommodation to the Pastor.

Reserves policy

The Church has a General Reserve Fund of £15,000 that represents approximately 10% of the Church's annual revenue expenditure including legal commitments under contracts of employment to cover unforeseen increases and decreases in revenue and expenditure. The Church also has a General Repairs and Maintenance Fund to cover major uninsured repairs and maintenance expenditure on the Church premises and equipment. At the end of the financial year the Church's reserves met these targets.

Going concern

The financial statements are drawn up on the going concern basis, which assumes Merland Rise Church will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Trustees consider the current and forecast cash resources to be sufficient to cover the working capital requirements of the Church for at least 12 months.

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2022

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Church members approved and adopted a Constitution at a Special Church Members Meeting held on the 15th December 2019.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The running of the Church is under the control of an "Eldership" comprising the Senior Pastor and Elders. The Pastor was appointed by the Church at a Special Meeting and is employed under a contract of service, effective 1st September 2017. The other Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Constitution and they meet regularly, administering the Church by majority decision.

Organisational structure

The Church appoints a Pastor and other paid staff as circumstances require. The Pastor and Elders lead the Church in terms of both spiritual matters and governance of the Church. The day to day co-ordination of the Church's programme and various practical matters are then managed by the Leadership Team, members of which are similarly elected by the members of the Church at a Church Meeting. In addition to this management structure the Church employs a part-time Administrator, Cleaner and Caretaker Hosts.

Governance code

The trustees are aware of the Charity Governance Code and are considering how the relevant matters can be applied to and implemented by the Church.

Wider network

The Church is a member organisation of the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC) and FIEC Ltd, charity number 251395.

Risk management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the Church is exposed and ensure that appropriate controls are in place to mitigate or eliminate those risks.

The Trustees regularly review the major risks to which the Church is exposed and have established systems and procedures to mitigate those risks, particularly in such areas as financial management, child and vulnerable adult protection.

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2022

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1187784

Principal address

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Rev R Powell Pastor and Elder
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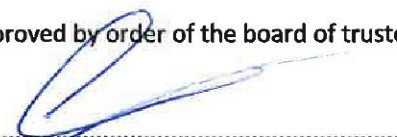
Bankers

CAF Bank Limited
25 Kings Hill Avenue
Kings Hill
West Malling
Kent ME19 4JQ
CAF Bank Limited is a subsidiary of the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF)

FUNDS HELD AS CUSTODIAN FOR OTHERS

There were no funds held as a custodian for any other charities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 5th September 2023 and signed on its behalf by:


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P Oliver - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Merland Rise Church

I report to the Church trustees on my examination of the accounts of Merland Rise Church (CIO), charity number 1187784, for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 6 to 22.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Church's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

The Church's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Act and that independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

1. examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charity Act;
2. to follow all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and;
3. to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent examiner's statement

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

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Church as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts 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.



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Date: 5 September 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2022

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Year ended 31/12/22 Total funds	Year ended 31/12/21 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	144,007	28,941	172,948	169,072
Charitable activities					
Use of halls	3	15,896	-	15,896	5,583
Investment income	4	412	-	412	10
Other income	5	5,417	-	5,417	3,586
Total		165,732	28,941	194,673	178,251
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Staff costs and related expenditure	6	93,895	-	93,895	72,062
Housing expenses		259	-	259	119
Church expenses		41,713	-	41,713	21,827
Printing, publicity and outreach		4,171	-	4,171	2,452
Departments		1,061	-	1,061	726
Donations and giving		20,979	25,530	46,509	31,252
Administration and other expenses		12,858	42,689	55,547	49,638
Total		174,936	68,219	243,155	178,076
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(9,204)	(39,278)	(48,482)	175
Transfers between funds	17	(4,050)	4,050	-	-
Net movement in funds		(13,254)	(35,228)	(48,482)	175
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		303,433	1,837,913	2,141,346	2,141,171
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		290,179	1,802,685	2,092,864	2,141,346

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet 31 December 2022

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Year ended 31/12/22 Total funds	Year ended 31/12/21 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	11	425,648	1,771,865	2,197,513	2,239,113
Investment	12	<u>100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
		425,748	1,771,865	2,197,613	2,239,213
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	13	27,485	-	27,485	22,141
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>65,331</u>	<u>30,820</u>	<u>96,151</u>	<u>113,748</u>
		92,816	30,820	123,636	135,889
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>(28,385)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(28,385)</u>	<u>(33,756)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>64,431</u>	<u>30,820</u>	<u>95,251</u>	<u>102,133</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		490,179	1,802,685	2,292,864	2,341,346
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	15	<u>(200,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(200,000)</u>	<u>(200,000)</u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>290,179</u></u>	<u><u>1,802,685</u></u>	<u><u>2,092,864</u></u>	<u><u>2,141,346</u></u>

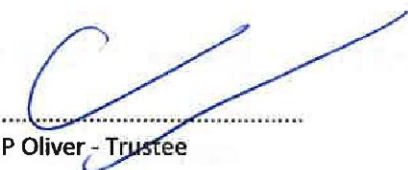
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Balance Sheet - continued 31 December 2022

	Notes		
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds:			
General fund	17	21,117	33,013
Manse fund	17	220,934	220,934
General Reserve Fund	17	15,000	15,000
General Repairs and Maintenance Fund	17	33,128	34,486
		290,179	303,433
Restricted funds:			
Building Fund	17	1,771,865	1,813,029
Emergency Fund	17	9,101	11,617
Men's Ministry Fund	17	6,840	5,090
Women's Ministry Fund	17	6,232	5,376
Youth Ministry Fund	17	2,213	1,228
Other fund	17	6,434	1,573
		1,802,685	1,837,913
TOTAL FUNDS		2,092,864	2,141,346

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 5th September 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



P Oliver - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the Church, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Trustees can be held responsible in law. They do not include the financial statements of the church groups that owe affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Going concern

The financial statements are drawn up on the going concern basis, which assumes Merland Rise Church (CIO) will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Trustees consider the current and forecast cash resources to be sufficient to cover the working capital requirements of the Church for at least 12 months.

Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The Church has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the Church has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Church to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Cost are allocated to the principal activities of the Church on the following basis:

- Salaries and related costs : time spent
 - Other costs : in accordance with purpose and nature of expenditure
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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold Church premises	- 2% on cost
Freehold Residential property (Manse)	- nil
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on cost and 20% on cost

The Church has in place an accounting policy of carrying out regular maintenance and repairs on its freehold residential property (the cost of which are charged in full to the SOFA). No depreciation arises in the year on the freehold residential property used as tied accommodation as in the opinion of the trustees the residual value of the property is not materially less than its carrying amount in the financial statements. An impairment review of such fixed assets in accordance with FRS 102 section 27 is carried out as at the end of each financial period.

Taxation

The Church is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

All the Church's expenditure is shown inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Church. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Endowment funds are resources received by the Church that represent capital and the trustees are required by charity law to retain and use the endowment for the Church's purposes.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The Church operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the Church's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Investments

Investments are categorised as current assets where the intention is to realise the investment without reinvestment of the sale proceeds. All other investments are classified as fixed assets. All investment assets are stated in the balance sheet at fair value and both realised and unrealised gains or losses are recognised in the statement of financial activities. The fair value of listed investments is taken at the market price of the asset as at the year end date.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Financial instruments

Apart from certain investments, the Church only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Currency

The Church's functional and presentational currency is pounds Sterling (GBP).

Preparation of consolidated financial statements

The financial statements contain information about the Church as an individual entity and do not contain consolidated financial information as the parent of a group. The Church is exempt under the Charities Act 2011 from the requirement to prepare consolidated financial statements.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Year ended 31/12/22		
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Freewill offerings	113,506	-	113,506
Donations	6,281	25,393	31,674
Gift aid	24,085	3,548	27,633
Commission receivable	135	-	135
	<u>144,007</u>	<u>28,941</u>	<u>172,948</u>

The prior year total is allocated between fund categories as follows:

	Year ended 31/12/21		
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Freewill offerings	122,414	-	122,414
Donations	5,250	18,198	23,448
Gift aid	22,428	651	23,079
Commission receivable	131	-	131
	<u>150,223</u>	<u>18,849</u>	<u>169,072</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2022

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Year ended 31/12/22		
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Use of halls and meeting rooms	15,896	-	15,896

The prior year total is allocated between fund categories as follows:

	Year ended 31/12/21		
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Use of halls and meeting rooms	5,583	-	5,583

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Year ended 31/12/22		
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Deposit account interest	412	-	412

The prior year total is allocated between fund categories as follows:

	Year ended 31/12/21		
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Deposit account interest	10	-	10

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2022

5. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Year ended 31/12/22 Total funds £
Other income	3,117	-	3,117
Government grants	2,300	-	2,300
	<u>5,417</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,417</u>

The prior year total is allocated between fund categories as follows:

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Year ended 31/12/21 Total funds £
Other income	462	-	462
Government grants	3,124	-	3,124
	<u>3,586</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,586</u>

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities (see note 7) £	Support costs (see note 8) £	Year ended 31/12/22 Totals £
Staff costs and related expenditure	93,895	-	-	93,895
Housing expenses	259	-	-	259
Church expenses	41,713	-	-	41,713
Printing, publicity and outreach	4,171	-	-	4,171
Departments	1,061	-	-	1,061
Donations and giving	20,979	25,530	-	46,509
Administration and other expenses	7,805	42,689	5,053	55,547
	<u>212,572</u>	<u>25,530</u>	<u>5,053</u>	<u>243,155</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2022

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS (continued)

The prior year total is allocated between fund categories as follows:

	Direct Costs	Grant funding of activities (see note 7)	Support costs (see note 8)	Year ended 31/12/21 Totals
	£	£	£	£
Staff costs and related expenditure	72,062	-	-	72,062
Housing expenses	119	-	-	119
Church expenses	21,827	-	-	21,827
Printing, publicity and outreach	2,452	-	-	2,452
Departments	726	-	-	726
Donations and giving	19,098	12,154	-	31,252
Administration and other expenses	47,102	-	2,536	49,638
	<u>163,386</u>	<u>12,154</u>	<u>2,536</u>	<u>178,076</u>

7. GRANTS PAYABLE

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Year ended 31/12/22 Total funds
	£	£	£
Evangelical Alliance	120	-	120
FIEC	3,328	-	3,328
Tithes	16,031	-	16,031
Other charitable giving	1,500	25,530	27,030
	<u>20,979</u>	<u>25,530</u>	<u>46,509</u>

The prior year total is allocated between fund categories as follows:

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Period 1/4/20 31/12/21 Total funds
	£	£	£
Evangelical Alliance	165	-	165
FIEC	3,252	-	3,252
Tithes	15,581	-	15,581
Other charitable giving	100	12,154	12,254
	<u>19,098</u>	<u>12,154</u>	<u>31,252</u>

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8. SUPPORT COSTS

Governance costs

	Year ended 31/12/22	Year ended 31/12/21
	£	£
Independent Examiner's fees	460	300
Legal and professional fees	<u>4,593</u>	<u>2,236</u>
	<u>5,053</u>	<u>2,536</u>

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

	Year ended 31/12/22	Year ended 31/12/21
	£	£
Trustees' salaries	44,415	39,796
Trustees' social security	1,573	1,083
Trustees' pension contributions to money purchase schemes	<u>2,221</u>	<u>4,218</u>
	<u>48,209</u>	<u>45,097</u>

Trustees' expenses

	Year ended 31/12/22	Year ended 31/12/21
	£	£
Trustees' expenses	<u>493</u>	<u>679</u>

In the current period the trustees' expenses totalled £493 (2021 - £679). The expenses related to the Pastor's expenses in connection with their duties.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2022

10. STAFF COSTS

	Year ended 31/12/21 £	Year ended to 31/12/21 £
Wages and salaries	43,515	63,620
Social security costs	(213)	1,471
Other pension costs	1,471	6,453
	<u>44,773</u>	<u>71,544</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the period was as follows:

	Year ended 31/12/21	Period 1/4/20 to 31/12/20
Pastoral	1	1
Administration and support	6	6
	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold properties £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 January 2022	2,479,122	48,963	2,528,085
Additions	-	2,429	2,429
At 31 December 2022	<u>2,479,122</u>	<u>51,392</u>	<u>2,530,514</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 January 2022	245,159	43,813	288,972
Charge for period	41,164	2,865	44,029
At 31 December 2022	<u>286,323</u>	<u>46,678</u>	<u>333,001</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2022	<u>2,192,799</u>	<u>4,714</u>	<u>2,197,513</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>2,233,963</u>	<u>5,150</u>	<u>2,239,113</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2022

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued

The freehold properties comprises the Church's premises and a freehold residential property. The Church's premises are stated at its capitalised value of £2,058,187 relating to the new building. The residential property comprises a freehold property which is used as tied accommodation by the Pastor which is stated at cost of £420,934 at the beginning of the period.

12. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENT

	Shares in group undertakings £
COST	
At 1 January 2022	100
At 31 December 2022	<u>100</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2022	<u>100</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>100</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

The Church holds 100% of the issued share capital of Merland Rise Church Trading Limited, a company registered in England and Wales.

13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Year ended 31/12/22 £	Year ended 31/12/21 £
Other debtors	4,559	714
Merland Rise Church Trading Limited	9,258	9,442
Tax	6,830	5,884
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>6,838</u>	<u>6,101</u>
	<u>27,485</u>	<u>22,141</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2022

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Year ended 31/12/22	Year ended 31/12/21
	£	£
Trade creditors	3,135	3,384
Social security and other taxes	1,753	1,130
Other creditors	8,654	11,009
Accrued expenses and deferred income	<u>14,843</u>	<u>18,233</u>
	<u>28,385</u>	<u>33,756</u>

15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	Year ended 31/12/22	Year ended 31/12/21
	£	£
Other loans (see note 16)	<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>

16. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

Amounts falling due in more than one year:

Repayable otherwise than by instalments:

Unsecured loans	<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>
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See further details in note 18.

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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/1/22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	33,013	4,154	(16,050)	21,117
Manse fund	220,934	-	-	220,934
General Reserve Fund	15,000	-	-	15,000
General Repairs and Maintenance Fund	34,486	(13,358)	12,000	33,128
	<u>303,433</u>	<u>(9,204)</u>	<u>(4,050)</u>	<u>290,179</u>
Restricted funds				
Building Fund	1,813,029	(41,164)	-	1,771,865
Emergency Fund	11,617	(2,516)	-	9,101
Men's Ministry Fund	5,090	1,750	-	6,840
Women's Ministry Fund	5,376	(869)	1,725	6,232
Youth Ministry Fund	1,228	922	63	2,213
Other Fund (destined giving)	1,573	2,599	2,262	6,434
	<u>1,837,913</u>	<u>(39,278)</u>	<u>4,050</u>	<u>1,802,685</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>2,141,346</u>	<u>(48,482)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,092,864</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	165,732	(161,578)	4,154
General Repairs and Maintenance Fund		(13,358)	(13,358)
	<u>165,732</u>	<u>(174,936)</u>	<u>(9,204)</u>
Restricted funds			
Building Fund	-	(41,164)	(41,164)
Emergency Fund	-	(2,516)	(2,516)
Men's Ministry Fund	1,750	-	1,750
Women's Ministry Fund	-	(869)	(869)
Youth Ministry Fund	1,537	(615)	922
Other Charitable Giving Fund	25,654	(23,055)	2,599
	<u>28,941</u>	<u>(68,219)</u>	<u>(39,278)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>194,673</u>	<u>(243,155)</u>	<u>(48,482)</u>

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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	12,119	34,644	(13,750)	33,013
Manse fund	220,934	-	-	220,934
General Reserve Fund	15,000	-	-	15,000
General Repairs and Maintenance Fund	22,486	-	12,000	34,486
	270,539	34,644	(1,750)	303,433
Restricted funds				
Building Fund	1,854,193	(41,164)	-	1,813,029
Emergency Fund	7,819	3,798	-	11,617
Men's Ministry Fund	3,507	1,583	-	5,090
Women's Ministry Fund	3,626	-	1,750	5,376
Youth Ministry Fund	-	1,228	-	1,228
Other Fund (destined giving)	1,487	86	-	1,573
	1,870,632	(34,469)	1,750	1,837,913
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>2,141,171</u>	<u>175</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,141,346</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	159,402	(124,758)	34,644
Restricted funds			
Building Fund	-	(41,164)	(41,164)
Emergency Fund	5,000	(1,202)	3,798
Men's Ministry Fund	1,825	(242)	1,583
Youth Ministry Fund	1,538	(310)	1,228
Other Charitable Giving Fund	10,486	(10,400)	86
	18,849	(53,318)	(34,469)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>178,251</u>	<u>(178,076)</u>	<u>175</u>

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18. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Details of the remuneration and expenses paid to trustees is shown within the Notes to the accounts.

The total amount of donations without conditions received by the Church from the trustees during the period was £16,241 (period to 31.12.2021 - £31,210).

At 31 December 2022, the Church owed trustees £200,000 (31.12.2021 - £200,000). This loan is unsecured, interest free and repayable after more than one year.

Apart from the above, there were no related party transactions between the trustees and the Church.

Merland Rise Church Trading Limited

Merland Rise Church Trading Limited (MRCTL) is a wholly owned subsidiary of Merland Rise Church (CIO). Any profits made by the company will be donated to the Church under gift aid. No charitable donations were made to the Church during the current period nor prior year. At the year end, the Church was owed £9,258 (period to 31.12.2021 - owed to MRCTL £9,442) by that company.

19. PENSION SCHEME

The Church operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the Church to the scheme and amounted to £9,413 (period to 31.12.2021 - £6,453).

Contributions totalling £nil (period to 31.12.2021 - £730) were payable to the scheme at the end of the year and are included in creditors.

20. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The Church is controlled by the trustees under the general guidance of the Church Meeting in accordance with the Church's constitution.

21. UNRESTRICTED DESIGNATED FUNDS

The nature and purpose of the Church's unrestricted designated funds are as follows:

Manse

This fund comprises the interest in freehold Manse owned by the Church. The Church sold its Manse and purchased another Manse in 2017 and granted the Pastor an option to purchase a part interest in this Manse. This option was exercised in January 2019.

General Reserve Fund

This fund has been established to allow the Church to cover unforeseen and unbudgeted increases and decreases in revenue and expenditure.

General Repairs and Maintenance Fund

This fund has been established to cover major uninsured repairs and maintenance costs of the new Church building.

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22. RESTRICTED FUNDS

The nature and purpose of the Church's restricted funds are as follows:

Building Fund

This fund comprises the Church's premises whose redevelopment was completed in 2017.

Emergency Fund

This fund is available to the Pastor to use on a discretionary basis for particular needs and situations he identifies among the Church fellowship and the local community.

Other Charitable Giving Fund

This fund receives offerings from members of the Church which are for specified third party charities.

Men's, Women's and Youth's Ministry Fund

This relates to donations received from members to support the activities carried out by the respective ministries.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Year ended 31/12/22 £	Year ended 31/12/21 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Freewill offerings	113,506	122,414
Donations	31,674	23,448
Legacies	-	-
Gift aid	27,633	23,079
Commission receivable	<u>135</u>	<u>131</u>
	172,948	169,072
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	412	10
Charitable activities		
Use of meeting rooms	15,896	5,583
Other income		
Other income	<u>5,417</u>	<u>3,586</u>
Total incoming resources	194,673	178,251
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Trustees' salaries	44,415	39,796
Trustees' social security	1,573	1,083
Trustees' pension contributions	2,221	4,218
Trustees' expenses	493	71
Wages	43,515	23,824
Social security	(213)	388
Pensions	1,471	2,235
Other operating leases	250	250
Rent and rates	110	110
Insurance	4,744	4,513
Light and heat	9,521	6,425
Telephone	759	753
Postage	54	38
Sundries	1,524	475
Carried forward	110,437	84,179

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Year ended 31/12/22 £	Year ended 31/12/21 £
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	110,437	84,179
Training	2,290	2,520
Repairs and maintenance	15,784	4,183
Cleaning and gardening	5,241	2,562
Licences	1,316	1,102
Office supplies	1,645	452
Photocopying	568	208
Outreach literature	3,549	2,206
Other staff costs	914	515
Speaker and signer fees	887	269
Bank charges	142	100
Candles & decorations	185	219
Church Service	1,445	946
Church expenses	1,472	496
Computer software	1,244	1,123
Youth ministry expenses	1,061	726
Other expenses	259	-148
Freehold property	41,164	41,164
Fixtures and fittings	1,990	1,465
Donations & Giving	46,509	31,253
Trustees Discretionary Fund	-	-
	238,102	175,540
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Independent Examiner's fees	460	300
Legal and professional fees	4,593	2,236
	5,053	2,536
Total resources expended	243,155	178,076
Net expenditure	(48,482)	175

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