

**Merland Rise Church**  
**(Charitable Incorporated Organisation)**

**Report of the Trustees and**  
**Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

# **Merland Rise Church**

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# Merland Rise Church

## Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2024

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The Trustees present their annual report with the financial statements of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2024. 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)"), FRS 102 and the Charities Act 2011.

### 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.

#### 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 2024

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### **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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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### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

**Registered Charity number**  
1187784

**Principal address**  
Merland Rise  
Tadworth  
Surrey  
KT20 5JQ

**Trustees**  
P Oliver Elder  
Rev R Powell Pastor and Elder  
D Thomas Elder  
S Paine Elder  
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**Independent Examiner**  
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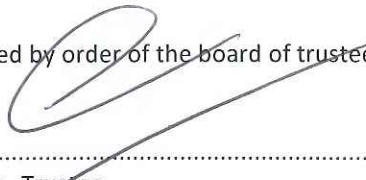
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Anthony Collins Solicitors LLP  
134 Edmund Street  
Birmingham B3 2ES

**Bankers**  
CAF Bank Limited  
25 Kings Hill Avenue  
Kings Hill  
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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 4 February 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

  
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P Oliver - Trustee

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

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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 2024, 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.



Leanne Humphreys  
FCCA  
Shaw Gibbs Limited  
19 Cedar Road  
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Date: 4 February 2026

# Merland Rise Church

## Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Year ended 31/12/24 Total funds	Year ended 31/12/23 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	180,493	18,674	199,167	194,917
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Use of halls	3	14,926	-	14,496	14,600
Investment income	4	1,905	-	1,905	1,511
Other income	5	6,307	500	6,807	9,177
<b>Total</b>		<b>203,631</b>	<b>19,174</b>	<b>222,805</b>	<b>220,205</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Staff costs and related expenditure	6	103,839	-	103,839	100,700
Housing expenses		2,369	-	2,369	1,373
Church expenses		45,921	-	45,921	42,921
Printing, publicity and outreach		-	-	-	1,398
Departments		8,078	-	8,078	8,376
Donations and giving		26,152	19,372	45,524	48,874
Administration and other expenses		18,915	41,164	60,079	56,303
<b>Total</b>		<b>205,274</b>	<b>60,536</b>	<b>265,810</b>	<b>260,015</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>(1,643)</b>	<b>(41,362)</b>	<b>(43,005)</b>	<b>(39,810)</b>
Transfers between funds	17	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(1,643)</b>	<b>(41,362)</b>	<b>(43,005)</b>	<b>(39,810)</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		294,414	1,758,640	2,053,054	2,092,864
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>292,771</b>	<b>1,717,278</b>	<b>2,010,049</b>	<b>2,053,054</b>

The notes form part of these financial statements



# Merland Rise Church

## Balance Sheet 31 December 2024

				Year ended 31/12/24 Total funds	Year ended 31/12/23 Total funds
	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	11	422,826	1,689,534	2,112,360	2,156,123
Investment	12	<u>100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
		422,926	1,689,534	2,112,460	2,156,223
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	13	49,667	-	49,667	34,999
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>52,327</u>	<u>27,744</u>	<u>80,071</u>	<u>85,880</u>
		101,994	27,744	129,738	120,879
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(32,149)	-	(32,149)	(24,048)
		<u>69,845</u>	<u>27,744</u>	<u>97,589</u>	<u>96,831</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
		492,771	1,717,278	2,210,049	2,253,054
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	15	(200,000)	-	(200,000)	(200,000)
		<u>292,771</u>	<u>1,717,278</u>	<u>2,010,049</u>	<u>2,053,054</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					

The notes form part of these financial statements

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## Balance Sheet - continued 31 December 2024

	Notes		
<b>FUNDS</b>			
Unrestricted funds:			
General fund	17	22,211	38,710
Manse fund	17	220,934	220,934
General Reserve Fund	17	15,000	15,000
General Repairs and Maintenance Fund	17	34,626	19,770
		<u>292,771</u>	<u>294,414</u>
Restricted funds:			
Building Fund	17	1,689,538	1,730,702
Emergency Fund	17	5,221	7,502
Men's Ministry Fund	17	6,153	7,761
Women's Ministry Fund	17	4,862	5,476
Youth Ministry Fund	17	4,198	2,974
Other fund	17	7,306	4,225
		<u>1,717,278</u>	<u>1,758,640</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u><u>2,010,049</u></u>	<u><u>2,053,054</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 4 February 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:



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P Oliver - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

# Merland Rise Church

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

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### 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 2024

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### 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 2024

### 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 31/12/24		
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Freewill offerings	142,774	-	142,774
Donations	6,963	16,948	23,911
Gift aid	30,756	1,726	32,482
Commission receivable	-	-	-
	<u>180,493</u>	<u>18,674</u>	<u>199,167</u>

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

	Year ended 31/12/23		
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Freewill offerings	135,729	-	135,729
Donations	8,464	21,880	30,344
Gift aid	28,179	622	28,801
Commission receivable	43	-	43
	<u>172,415</u>	<u>22,502</u>	<u>194,917</u>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2024

### 3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Year ended 31/12/24 Total funds
	£	£	£
Use of halls and meeting rooms	<u>14,926</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,926</u>

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

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Year ended 31/12/23 Total funds
	£	£	£
Use of halls and meeting rooms	<u>14,600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,600</u>

### 4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Year ended 31/12/24 Total funds
	£	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>1,905</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,905</u>

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

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Year ended 31/12/23 Total funds
	£	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>1,511</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,511</u>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2024

### 5. OTHER INCOME

			Year ended 31/12/24
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Other income	6,307	500	6,807
Government grants	-	-	-
	<u>6,307</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>6,807</u>

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

			Year ended 31/12/23
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Other income	5,477	-	5,477
Government grants	3,700	-	3,700
	<u>9,177</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,177</u>

### 6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

		Grant funding of activities (see note 7)	Support costs (see note 8)	Year ended 31/12/24
	Direct Costs £	£	£	Totals £
Staff costs and related expenditure	103,839	-	-	103,839
Housing expenses	2,369	-	-	2,369
Church expenses	45,921	-	-	45,921
Printing, publicity and outreach	-	-	-	-
Departments	8,078	-	-	8,078
Donations and giving	26,152	19,372	-	45,524
Administration and other expenses	<u>15,640</u>	<u>41,164</u>	<u>3,275</u>	<u>60,079</u>
	<u>201,999</u>	<u>60,536</u>	<u>3,275</u>	<u>265,810</u>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2024

### 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 31/12/23 Totals
Staff costs and related expenditure	100,770	-	-	100,770
Housing expenses	1,373	-	-	1,373
Church expenses	42,921	-	-	42,921
Printing, publicity and outreach	1,398	-	-	1,398
Departments	8,376	-	-	8,376
Donations and giving	23,491	25,383	-	48,874
Administration and other expenses	30,599	23,491	2,213	56,303
	<u>208,928</u>	<u>48,874</u>	<u>2,213</u>	<u>260,015</u>

### 7. GRANTS PAYABLE

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Year ended 31/12/24 Total funds £
Evangelical Alliance	120	-	120
FIEC	3,544	-	3,544
Tithes	22,388	-	22,388
Energy Grant	100	-	100
Other charitable giving	-	19,372	19,372
	<u>26,152</u>	<u>19,372</u>	<u>45,524</u>

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

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Year ended 31/12/23 Total funds £
Evangelical Alliance	250	-	250
FIEC	3,596	-	3,596
Tithes	17,177	-	17,177
Energy Grant	2,469	-	2,469
Other charitable giving	-	25,383	25,383
	<u>23,491</u>	<u>25,383</u>	<u>48,874</u>



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## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2024

### 8. SUPPORT COSTS

#### Governance costs

	Year ended 31/12/24	Year ended 31/12/23
	£	£
Independent Examiner's fees	600	600
Legal and professional fees	<u>2,675</u>	<u>1,613</u>
	<u>3,275</u>	<u>2,213</u>

### 9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

	Year ended 31/12/24	Year ended 31/12/23
	£	£
Trustees' salaries	50,767	47,798
Trustees' social security	2,354	2,043
Trustees' pension contributions to money purchase schemes	<u>2,531</u>	<u>2,388</u>
	<u>55,652</u>	<u>52,229</u>

#### Trustees' expenses

	Year ended 31/12/24	Year ended 31/12/23
	£	£
Trustees' expenses	<u>-</u>	<u>361</u>

In the current period the trustees' expenses totalled £- (2023 - £361). 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 2024

### 10. STAFF COSTS

	Year ended 31/12/24 £	Year ended to 31/12/23 £
Wages and salaries	45,720	46,987
Social security costs	-	-
Other pension costs	<u>1,796</u>	<u>1,555</u>
	<u><u>47,516</u></u>	<u><u>48,542</u></u>

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

	Year ended 31/12/24	Period 1/4/23 to 31/12/23
Pastoral	1	1
Administration and support	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
	<u><u>7</u></u>	<u><u>7</u></u>

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

### 11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold properties £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 January 2024	2,479,122	54,142	2,533,264
Additions	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>2,479,122</u>	<u>54,142</u>	<u>2,533,264</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 January 2024	327,486	49,655	377,141
Charge for period	<u>41,164</u>	<u>2,599</u>	<u>43,763</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>368,649</u>	<u>52,254</u>	<u>420,903</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 December 2024	<u><u>2,110,472</u></u>	<u><u>1,888</u></u>	<u><u>2,112,360</u></u>
At 31 December 2023	<u><u>2,151,636</u></u>	<u><u>4,487</u></u>	<u><u>2,156,123</u></u>

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### 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 £
<b>COST</b>	
At 1 January 2024	100
At 31 December 2024	<u>100</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 December 2024	<u>100</u>
At 31 December 2023	<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 31/12/24 £	Year ended 31/12/23 £
Other debtors	295	1,817
Amount due to subsidiary undertaking	9,758	11,966
Tax recoverable	32,482	14,870
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>7,132</u>	<u>6,346</u>
	<u>49,667</u>	<u>34,999</u>

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### 14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Year ended 31/12/24	Year ended 31/12/23
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,643	6,113
Social security and other taxes	2,041	1,288
Other creditors	25,428	9,482
Accrued expenses and deferred income	<u>3,037</u>	<u>7,164</u>
	<u>32,149</u>	<u>24,048</u>

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

	Year ended 31/12/24	Year ended 31/12/23
	£	£
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 1/1/24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	38,710	(1,499)	(15,000)	22,211
Manse fund	220,934	-	-	220,934
General Reserve Fund	15,000	-	-	15,000
General Repairs and Maintenance Fund	<u>19,770</u>	<u>(144)</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>34,626</u>
	294,414	(1,643)		292,771
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Building Fund	1,730,702	(41,164)	-	1,730,702
Emergency Fund	7,502	(2,281)	-	5,221
Men's Ministry Fund	7,761	(1,609)	-	6,152
Women's Ministry Fund	5,476	(614)	-	4,862
Youth Ministry Fund	2,974	1,224	-	4,198
Other Fund (destined giving)	<u>4,224</u>	<u>3,082</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,306</u>
	<u>1,758,639</u>	<u>(41,362)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,717,278</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>2,053,054</u></u>	<u><u>(43,005)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>2,010,049</u></u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	203,631	(205,130)	(1,499)
General Repairs and Maintenance Fund		<u>(144)</u>	<u>(144)</u>
	<u>203,631</u>	<u>(205,274)</u>	<u>(1,643)</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Building Fund	-	(41,164)	(41,164)
Emergency Fund	500	(2,781)	(2,281)
Men's Ministry Fund	745	(2,354)	(1,609)
Women's Ministry Fund	2,923	(3,537)	(614)
Youth Ministry Fund	1,538	(313)	1,225
Other Charitable Giving Fund	<u>13,469</u>	<u>(10,387)</u>	<u>3,082</u>
	<u>19,175</u>	<u>(60,536)</u>	<u>(41,361)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>222,806</u></u>	<u><u>(265,810)</u></u>	<u><u>(43,004)</u></u>

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### 17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

	At 1/1/23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	21,117	17,593	-	38,710
Manse fund	220,934	-	-	220,934
General Reserve Fund	15,000	-	-	15,000
General Repairs and Maintenance Fund	33,128	(13,358)	-	19,770
	<u>290,179</u>	<u>4,235</u>		<u>294,414</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Building Fund	1,771,865	(41,164)	-	1,730,702
Emergency Fund	9,101	(1,599)	-	7,502
Men's Ministry Fund	6,840	921	-	7,761
Women's Ministry Fund	6,232	(755)	-	5,476
Youth Ministry Fund	2,213	761	-	2,974
Other Fund (destined giving)	6,434	(2,209)	-	4,224
	<u>1,802,685</u>	<u>(44,045)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,758,640</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>2,092,864</u>	<u>(39,810)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,053,054</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	197,703	(180,110)	17,593
General Repairs and Maintenance Fund		(13,358)	(13,358)
	<u>197,703</u>	<u>(193,468)</u>	<u>4,235</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Building Fund	-	(41,164)	(41,164)
Emergency Fund	-	(1,599)	(1,599)
Men's Ministry Fund	2,350	(1,429)	(921)
Women's Ministry Fund	1,295	(2,050)	(755)
Youth Ministry Fund	1,431	(670)	761
Other Charitable Giving Fund	17,426	(19,635)	(2,209)
	<u>22,502</u>	<u>(66,547)</u>	<u>(44,045)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>220,205</u>	<u>(260,015)</u>	<u>(39,810)</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 £24,061 (period to 31.12.2023 - £15,107).

At 31 December 2024, the Church owed trustees £200,000 (31.12.2023 - £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 £9,758 (31.12.2023 - £11,966) 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 £5,330 (31.12.2023 - £3,943).

Contributions totalling £nil (31.12.2023 - £nil) 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.



# Merland Rise Church

## Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Year ended 31/12/24 £	Year ended 31/12/23 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Freewill offerings	142,774	135,729
Donations	23,911	30,344
Legacies	-	-
Gift aid	32,482	28,801
Commission receivable	-	43
	<b>199,167</b>	<b>194,917</b>
<b>Investment income</b>		
Deposit account interest	1,905	1,511
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Use of meeting rooms	14,926	14,600
<b>Other income</b>		
Other income	<u>6,807</u>	<u>9,177</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>222,805</b>	<b>220,205</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Trustees' salaries	50,767	47,798
Trustees' social security	2,354	2,043
Trustees' pension contributions	2,531	2,388
Trustees' expenses	-	361
Wages	45,720	46,987
Social security	-	-
Pensions	1,796	1,555
Other operating leases	-	-
Rent and rates	360	28
Insurance	8,107	6,726
Light and heat	14,754	10,636
Telephone	944	994
Postage	7	24
Sundries	<u>3,283</u>	<u>1,429</u>
Carried forward	<b>130,623</b>	<b>120,969</b>

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## Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Year ended 31/12/24 £	Year ended 31/12/23 £
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Brought forward	130,623	120,969
Training	3,660	1,964
Repairs and maintenance	5,386	12,183
Cleaning and gardening	7,726	7,567
Licences	1,316	1,348
Office supplies	856	1,494
Photocopying	592	595
Other staff costs	667	944
Speaker and signer fees	360	150
Bank charges	1,217	862
Candles & decorations	284	105
Church Service	2,890	1,095
Church expenses		5,319
Computer software	2,650	2,559
Website	6,114	-
Youth/children ministry expenses	8,902	7,633
Other expenses		
Freehold property	41,164	41,164
Fixtures and fittings	2,599	2,977
Donations & Giving	45,524	48,874
Trustees Discretionary Fund	-	-
	<b>262,534</b>	<b>257,802</b>
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Independent Examiner's fees	600	600
Legal and professional fees	2,676	1,613
	<b>3,276</b>	<b>2,213</b>
Total resources expended	<b>265,810</b>	<b>260,015</b>
<b>Net expenditure</b>	<b>(43,005)</b>	<b>(39,810)</b>

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