



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			T o	Period end date		
	1	Month	Year		28	Month	Year
From	1	March	2022		28	February	2023

### Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

School of Preachers

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1188349

Charity's principal address

20 Lancing Close

Lancing

Postcode

BN15 9NJ

#### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Roland James Christopher	Secretary	Until September 2022	
2	Glenys Elizabeth Handcomb	Secretary	From September 2022	
3	Michael Thomas Dennis	Treasurer		
4	Raymond Stanley Metcalfe			
5	Julian David Rebera	Chair		
6	Susan Lyon			

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**Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)**

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

Dr John David Woods - staff
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## Section B

## Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose only voting members are its Charity Trustees
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by the existing trustees

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

## Section C

## Objectives and activities

### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The Objects of the CIO are for the public benefit to advance the Christian religion in accordance with the Statement of Faith mainly, but not exclusively, through the provision of education, coaching, training, vocational preparation and support to Christians in the development of the skills required for preaching and ministry.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

- training a preaching team in Latvia, based at the S.O.P. Riga and the Team of the international Church Riga through example, coaching individual preachers and preaching teams, and through seminars, courses and written materials.
- revising the two-year S.O.P. training course
- training preaching teams in Ukraine and Azerbaijan and Uganda
- training preaching teams from **UK** churches
- examining and marking trainee preacher's essays and sermons at Spurgeons College
- maintaining a public website with accessible S.O.P. Blog addressing contemporary themes

#### **Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

- Seeing the first School of Preachers intake after the Pandemic and being able to teach in person.
- The publication of the book on preaching: God is in the House by John Woods.
- The beginning of the translation of the book into Latvian to coincide with the 30th anniversary of John Woods's first visit to Latvia.
- The organisation of two successful training events in connection with the Dead Preachers' Society. One a 48-hour event in Eastbourne on Preaching: Past, Present and Future, the other a day's retreat reflecting on how to read Augustine's City of God.
- Having a full diary of preaching and training opportunities in the UK and abroad throughout the year.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity's key annual expenditure is the regular payment of the Training Director's salary. Consequently, it is the charity's policy to endeavour to hold cash on account sufficient to cover two months forward salary and employer's NI. This equates to a sum of £5545.48.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

The charity's balance on account at the year ending 28th February 2023 was £193.25. The deficit on reserves will be covered adequately by known donations promised for March 2023.

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The charity's principal sources of funds are:

- i) single donations from individual supporters and churches
- ii) regular monthly donations from individual supporters
- iii) grants from trusts
- iv) fees/donations received in respect of the Training Director's UK training seminars

The key objectives of the charity are achieved through the activities of the Training Director, the charity's single employee.

The charity's reserves are small and the trustees consider that they warrant neither short term nor long term investment. The charity has no investments.

## Section F

## Other optional information

## Section G

## Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

**Signature(s)** *Glenys Handscomb*

**Full name(s)** Glenys Elizabeth Handscomb

**Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc)** Secretary

**Date** 1 December 2023



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

School of Preachers

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01/03/2022

To

28/02/2023

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Gift Aided	600	-	-	600	5,210
Individual Giving	25,227	-	-	25,227	11,555
Churches and Trusts	4,206	-	-	4,206	27,343
Refunds	-	-	-	-	31
Gift Aid Claim & bank interest	1,063	-	-	1,063	224
Conference	1,591	-	-	1,591	-
Book Sales	1,225	-	-	1,225	-
Loan	3,000	-	-	3,000	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>36,912</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,912</b>	<b>44,363</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>36,912</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,912</b>	<b>44,363</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Salary and National Insurance	30,776	-	-	30,776	38,623
Books	420	-	-	420	886
Subsistence/Travel	1,456	-	-	1,456	1,995
Insurance	561	-	-	561	676
Administration/Bank charges	1,879	-	-	1,879	1,368
Conference	2,220	-	-	2,220	-
Book Printing	1,885	-	-	1,885	-
Book Translation	2,066	-	-	2,066	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>41,263</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,263</b>	<b>43,548</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>41,263</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,263</b>	<b>43,548</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 4,351</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 4,351</b>	<b>815</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>4,996</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,996</b>	<b>4,996</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>5,811</b>



## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at Bank	645	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				

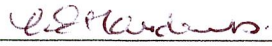

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	None	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	None		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
	None		-	-
			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	None		-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	GLENIS HANDS COMBS	30/3/23
	KAREN HART	30/3/23



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
School of Preachers

On accounts for the year  
ended

28<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1188349

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

10 May 2023

Name:

Mike Bonney

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

Retired Bank Manager

Address:

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Sharnbrook

Bedford MK44 1JS

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).