



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			T o	Period end date		
	From						
	1	March	2023		29	February	2024

### 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	Glenys Elizabeth Handscomb	Secretary		
2	Raymond Stanley Metcalfe		Until August 2023	
3	Michael Thomas Dennis	Treasurer	Until March 2023	
4	Karen Janice Hart	Treasurer	From March 2023	
5	Michael Vickers		From May 2023	
6	Julian David Rebera	Chair		
7	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 organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- 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.

- continued training of 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.
- setting up a studio to allow for online sessions for students
- 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 essays and sermons at Spurgeons College
- maintaining a public website with accessible S.O.P. Blog addressing contemporary themes
- providing input to the Sussex Gospel Training Course
- providing leadership and preaching training to Cuckfield Baptist Church

### 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**

- Making 6 trips to Latvia to continue to train and support preachers and be present for the graduation of S.O.P. students
- Continuing to publicise the book on preaching: God is in the House by John Woods.
- Continuing to promote the translation of the book into Latvian to coincide with the 30th anniversary of John first visit to Latvia.
- Working on a book on Fatherlessness, including interviews and relevant thoughts on a challenging and sensitive area for many people.
- Being able to provide six morning sessions to the Sussex Gospel training course and thus encouraging and enabling more focused and relevant preaching to a number of churches
- Having a full diary of preaching and training opportunities in the UK and abroad throughout the year. This has included sabbatical cover

## Section E

## Financial review

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

To hold three times salary of employee, John Woods

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

None

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

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

- the 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.

Principal sources of funds are regular grants from charities and personal donations and contributions from supporting churches.

## 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

## Accounts

Expenditure

Bank balance 1/3/23	193.25
Excess income over expenditure	9,540.23
Bank balance 29/2/24	<u>9,733.48</u>





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## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

School of Preachers

On accounts for the year  
ended

28<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

~~The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

E. Lynn

Date:

28-12-2024

Name:

ERICA LYNN

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body

(if any):

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Address:

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LONDON
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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

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

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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