

# Northern Gospel Project

Report and Accounts  
Year ended August 2024

**Northern Gospel Project**  
**LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

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| ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE                       | Central Buildings<br>Oldham Street<br>Manchester<br>M1 1JQ                 |
| GOVERNING DOCUMENT                               | Constitution dated: 8th July 2019  |
| CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER                      | 1189459  |
| TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR<br>MANAGING THE CHARITY | Dr Paul Rettie<br>Rachel Senior<br>Timothy Simmonds<br>Matt Waldock        |
| INDEPENDENT EXAMINER                             | Sarah Crispin ACA<br>Stewardship<br>1 Lamb's Passage<br>LONDON<br>EC1Y 8AB |

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## **Northern Gospel Project**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

#### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024**

The trustees have the pleasure of submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024.

#### **Objects of the Charity**

The charity is governed by a constitution and is constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation. The charity's principal objectives, as set out in its governing document are: (1) the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Faith exclusively by facilitating the charitable activities of the Northern Gospel Project. (2) such other charitable objects as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, further the work of the Northern Gospel Project.

A broad range of churches across the region, united in our desire to see the North transformed. We need more healthy, thriving churches so we provide Training, Funding and Care to make that happen.

#### **Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements**

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

##### **Training**

We had Krish Kandiah, Tim Chester and Richard Coekin lead Pastor's Days. These were well-attended (14-17) pastors from across tribes and denominations) and covered Welcoming the Stranger, Augustine's Confessions and teachings on Leadership and Pathway Analysis.

The second cohort of church planters started the Incubator Course in January of 2024. We have eight planters in the cohort planting in Leeds, Manchester, Warrington, Keighley, Derby and Larbert. There are three instructors: Pete Evans, Eric Duong and Andy Weatherley (seconded from Grace Church Stirchley). Andy has been training Eric and Pete this year and will step back next year. The planters are enjoying Incubator. In future years, we would like to have more Manchester based planters.

##### **Funding**

We did not receive any applications to the fund. We plan to publicise the fund again next year with applications closing in May 2025. We anticipate applications from those currently in the Incubator course who intend to plant in the next few years. We're also planning a Planter Launchpad event for those interested in planting in Manchester in early 2025 which may see applicants.

## **Care**

Gospel Coaching was provided for planters enrolled on the City to City Incubator using coaches trained and accredited by Church Multiplication Ministries. A number of other church planters throughout the UK were also coached by coaches working through the Northern Gospel Project and Jon Cawsey is now our Coaching Coordinator.

Prayer for Church Planting was hosted by our Prayer Coordinator Duncan Bell 3 times within the year. It's an opportunity to pray specifically for more churches to be planted in Manchester with church and movement leaders from across the denominational/church-style spectrum. We saw an increase in attendance and engagement over the course of the year.

We saw 20-50 Christians gathering daily to pray for our city from 12.00pm-1.00pm each weekday throughout January. Noon-time prayer was birthed out of prayer meetings last year and it was such a thrill to see believers from across tribes and denominations come together to pray that God would save 100,000 in Manchester and enable gospel churches to be planted across our great city.

The Manchester Planters Collective continued to meet in person. The Planters Collective continues to be a great source of support for the seven planters who attend. It has been running for five years now. The hope is to launch a second Collective led by Ralph and Colin Baron in 2025.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

## **Financial Review**

During the year income decreased by £52,222 to £26,983 and expenditure increased by £10,517 to £21,607. As a result the cash held by the charity increased by £5,376 to £73,636, of which £37,275 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

## **Reserves Policy**

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £3,071 (which equates to about 3 months' of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and/or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £37,275 and the charity is complying with its reserves policy.

## **Trustees' Responsibilities**

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Jun 13, 2025  
Approved by the Trustees on .....

*T Simmonds*  
Signed on behalf by Trustee [T.Simmonds \(Jun 13, 2025 13:58 GMT+1\)](#) .....

Printed Name: Timothy Simmonds

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF

### Northern Gospel Project

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Northern Gospel Project ('the charity') for the year ended 31 August 2024 on pages 6 to 8 following.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 2011 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. 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.

*Sarah Crispin*

Sarah Crispin (Jun 18, 2025 14:27 GMT+1)

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Date: Jun 18, 2025

**Northern Gospel Project**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

| Notes   | <u>Unrestricted Funds</u> |                  | Restricted Funds | 2024          | 2023          |
|---|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|
|   | General Funds             | Designated Funds |                  |               |               |
|   | £                         | £                | £                | £             | £             |
| <b>Income receipts</b>  |                           |                  |                  |               |               |
| Donations   | 144                       | -                | -                | 144           | 1,117         |
| Gift aid receipts   | 325                       | -                | -                | 325           | -             |
| Bank Interest   | -                         | -                | 361              | 361           |               |
| Income from courses, events and training                          | -                         | 1,166            | -                | 1,166         | 3,010         |
| Income from Churches US   | -                         | 9,302            | -                | 9,302         |               |
| Income from Churches UK and Europe                                | 12,286                    | -                | -                | 12,286        | 21,000        |
| Transfer from Partner Church                                      | 3,400                     | -                | -                | 3,400         | 54,078        |
| <b>Total receipts</b>   | <b>16,155</b>             | <b>10,468</b>    | <b>361</b>       | <b>26,983</b> | <b>79,205</b> |
| <b>Payments</b>   |                           |                  |                  |               |               |
| Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly | 2                         | 10,171           | 11,436           | -             | 21,607        |
| <b>Total payments</b>   | <b>10,171</b>             | <b>11,436</b>    | <b>-</b>         | <b>21,607</b> | <b>11,090</b> |
| Net of receipts / (payments) before                               | 5,983                     | (968)            | 361              | 5,376         | 68,115        |
| Transfers between funds   | 3                         | (14)             | 14               | -             | -             |
| <b>Net movement in funds</b>                                      | <b>5,969</b>              | <b>(953)</b>     | <b>361</b>       | <b>5,376</b>  | <b>68,115</b> |
| Cash funds as at last year end                                    | 15,208                    | 17,052           | 36,000           | 68,260        | 145           |
| <b>Cash funds at this year end</b>                                | <b>A</b>                  | <b>21,177</b>    | <b>16,099</b>    | <b>36,361</b> | <b>73,636</b> |
|   |                           |                  |                  |               | <b>68,260</b> |

The notes on pages 8 form part of these accounts.

**Northern Gospel Project**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

|                                    | Notes | Unrestricted Funds<br>General funds<br>£ | Designated funds<br>£ | Restricted funds<br>£ | 2024<br>£     | 2023<br>£     |
|------------------------------------|-------|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>A Cash funds</b>                |       |  |                       |                       |               |               |
| Cash at bank with immediate access |       | 21,177                                   | 16,099                | 36,361                | 73,636        | 68,260        |
|                                    |       | <u>21,177</u>                            | <u>16,099</u>         | <u>36,361</u>         | <u>73,636</u> | <u>68,260</u> |
| <b>B Other monetary assets</b>     |       |  |                       |                       |               |               |
| Gift aid due to charity            |       | -  | -                     | -                     | -             | 274           |
|                                    |       | <u>-</u>                                 | <u>-</u>              | <u>-</u>              | <u>-</u>      | <u>274</u>    |
| <b>C Liabilities</b>               |       |  |                       |                       |               |               |
| <b>Falling due within one year</b> |       |  |                       |                       |               |               |
| Taxes due                          |       | 180                                      | -                     | -                     | 180           | 79            |
| Fee for Independent Examination    |       | -  | -                     | -                     | -             | 600           |
|                                    |       | <u>180</u>                               | <u>-</u>              | <u>-</u>              | <u>180</u>    | <u>679</u>    |
| <b>Total</b>                       |       | <u>180</u>                               | <u>-</u>              | <u>-</u>              | <u>180</u>    | <u>679</u>    |

**D Guarantees and secured debts**

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

T. Simmonds  
T. Simmonds (Jun 13, 2025 13:58 GMT+1)

Timothy Simmonds

Date: Jun 13, 2025

The notes on pages 8 form part of these accounts.



**Northern Gospel Project**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

**1 Accounting policies**

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

|  | <u>Unrestricted Funds</u> |               | Restricted | Total         | Total         |
|--|---------------------------|---------------|------------|---------------|---------------|
|  | General                   | Designated    | Funds      | 2024          | 2023          |
|  | funds                     | funds         |            |               |               |
|  | £                         | £             | £          | £             | £             |
| <b>2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly</b> |                           |               |            |               |               |
| Employment costs   | 5,493                     | -             | -          | 5,493         | 4,400         |
| Secondment to City Church  | -                         | 9,087         | -          | 9,087         |               |
| Legal and Professional Fees  | 1,740                     | -             | -          | 1,740         | 1,000         |
| Staff and Volunteers Hospitality   | 450                       | 349           | -          | 799           | 1,214         |
| Speakers Fees  | 600                       | 2,000         | -          | 2,600         | 1,125         |
| Administrative Costs   | 851                       | -             | -          | 851           | 1,370         |
| Accommodation and Travel Expenses  | 623                       | -             | -          | 623           | 437           |
| Advertising and Promotional  | 14                        | -             | -          | 14            | 459           |
| Event Space Hire   | 400                       | -             | -          | 400           | -             |
| Conference materials e.g. name tags, banners                               | -                         | -             | -          | -             | 1,085         |
|  | <u>10,171</u>             | <u>11,436</u> | <u>-</u>   | <u>21,607</u> | <u>11,090</u> |

**3 Movement of funds**

|                   | Opening       | Receipts      | Payments        | Transfers | Closing       |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------|---------------|
|                   | balance       | £             | £               | £         | balance       |
|                   | £             |               |                 |           | £             |
| General funds     | 15,208        | 16,155        | (10,171)        | (14)      | 21,177        |
| Designated funds  |               |               |                 |           |               |
| Incubator Fund    | 7,479         | 1,166         | (2,349)         |           | 6,297         |
| Conference Fund   | (14)          | -             | -               | 14        | -             |
| Director Fund     | 9,587         | 9,302         | (9,087)         |           | 9,802         |
|                   | <u>17,052</u> | <u>10,468</u> | <u>(11,436)</u> | <u>14</u> | <u>16,099</u> |
| Restricted funds  |               |               |                 |           |               |
| City Renewal Fund | 36,000        | 361           | -               | -         | 36,361        |
|                   | <u>36,000</u> | <u>361</u>    | <u>-</u>        | <u>-</u>  | <u>36,361</u> |
| Total funds       | <u>68,260</u> | <u>26,983</u> | <u>(21,607)</u> | <u>-</u>  | <u>73,636</u> |

Designated Funds

Incubator Fund - expenses related to Incubator training course

Conference Fund - expenses related to annual conferences

Director Fund - expenses related to Director Role and general payroll

Restricted Funds

City Renewal Fund - restricted to funds for new church plants