

Revelation Church Manchester

Report and Accounts
Year ended 31 August 2023

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REVELATION CHURCH MANCHESTER
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	32 Morrell Road Manchester M22 4WH
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	CIO Constitution dated October 2020
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1191914
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Robin Cox Azzurra Caltabiano Leigh Tarver
BANKERS	Co-operative bank
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Jaimée Young Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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Revelation Church Manchester

Trustees' Annual Report, 1st September 2022 - 31st August 2023

The year 2022/23 was the third year of operating in our mission of seeing the Kingdom of God advanced in Greater Manchester. Following on from 2021/22, we had another year of continued growth both in our congregation numbers and financially. As well as numerical growth, we're encouraged to see our congregation strengthening in their faith. We're seeking to be a church that makes a positive impact in Manchester, and an increased depth and maturity in our community paired with increased resources means we have greater opportunity than before to reach Manchester with the good news of Jesus.

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

Sunday Meetings

Our Sunday meetings continue to be the highlight of our week, with vibrant and expressive worship as well as faithful and relevant Bible teaching. We particularly value prolonged time after the service to build community and have seen more and more people seeking faith join our services and feel welcomed into the community as they explore the Christian faith. The growth we saw last year continued to an average congregation size of **125** adults and **20** under-18s.

Youth & Children's Work

We continue to offer very good provision for 0-11yrs on a Sunday morning, with two age groups meeting for the whole service. Helping young children know God for themselves is a vital part of our ministry, so in their groups they enjoy Bible teaching, prayer times, craft activities and games all designed to help grow their knowledge of God.

In September 2022 we launched a youth group for 11-18yr olds as part of our Sunday meeting, along with a new Youth team to serve them. There are regularly between 4-8 young people part of this group, and we've seen a strengthening community among the young people and the team. Our young people are clearly growing in their own relationships with God and are regularly coming to the team to ask advice and share problems they're facing.

Leadership Team

We've always wanted the church to be led by a team. As we've grown and become more established, it felt the right time to establish a formal leadership team. We want to ensure the way the church is led is transparent and also ensures optimal health of both the church and those involved in leading.

Over Spring 2023 we outlined our beliefs on church leadership from the Bible to the congregation and shared our intention to appoint a team of men and women to lead the church. In May 2023, a team of 4 was formally appointed with the intent of growing the team in 2024.

Celebrating Diversity

One of the defining features of our community is the cultural diversity in the church. On any given Sunday in 2022/23 our congregation would be over 50% non-British nationals from around 25 different nationalities.

To truly celebrate this, in March 2023 we hosted our first Nations Sunday. This was a service with songs in different languages and styles reflecting our different nations, and everyone was encouraged to come in clothes representing the nation they feel most associated with. This was followed by a big 'bring and share' lunch, with over 100 dishes of traditional food from many nations contributed by the congregation. This was a huge success (particularly the food!), and we plan to make it an annual event.

Gospel advance

Our mission is to see people grow as disciples of Jesus Christ, and we believe the Bible speaks of baptism in water as a very big part of that journey. In 2022/23 we had the privilege of baptising 8 people who have made a decision to follow Jesus, and we are believing we'll baptise more in 2023/24!

Midweek development

We want to be a church that shares all of life together and helps one another in all seasons of life. In 2022/23, our midweek Home Groups continued to be the main place where relationships deepen, pastoral care is provided and there is opportunity to give new things a go.

In September 2022 we also launched our Church Bible Study - a monthly midweek time for the whole church to gather and study the Bible together. It's an opportunity to be equipped to confidently read the Bible and grow in understanding, as well as another space for relationships to strengthen.

Outreach

We are committed to reaching Manchester with the good news of Jesus. This year a small and informal outreach group began, which was an initiative of 8 people in the church with a passion for evangelism. They have begun to regularly go out into Manchester to share about Jesus, and already have stories to tell of good conversations about the gospel and some committing to following Jesus as they pray on the streets. We will continue to profile and grow this group in the coming year.

In December 2022 we hosted our annual Carol service, inviting many who wouldn't usually go to church through outreach in the city centre and equipping the church with flyers to invite friends and family. We welcomed over 180 people, including children, to our Carols event where we celebrated the joy of Christmas, sang familiar carols and shared festive refreshments afterwards.

Staff & Volunteers

Our staff team continues to grow, giving us extra capacity to fulfil our mission. By the end of 2022/23, we have two full time paid staff and two working part time. Additionally, we had a volunteer working one day per week and one volunteer doing our OneThing discipleship year - offering two days of volunteer work to the church.

Generosity

We continue to partner with Barnabus, a highly respected Christian charity reaching out to the homeless in the city. In total we supported them with **£1,011** over the year. We are committed to being in relationship with other churches and we continued to support Grace Connection, our network of churches, with **£4,800** over the year. We also supported individuals in our church family with gifts of money for emergency relief. In total we gave **£6,031** to causes outside of our own charitable activities - 6% of our total expenditure.

In 2021/22 our finances were bolstered by a general offering which we intended to use, in part, to give to causes in Manchester and global relief. We were able to give away less this year, but already in 2023/24 we have committed to taking an offering to serve Manchester, with over 50% of the income to be given away as we seek to bless the city.

Financial Review

Our finances at the end of August 2023 are very strong. All of our income comes from member donations (and subsequent Gift Aid) and we have an increasing number of donors contributing significant ongoing amounts, reducing our exposure if circumstances of individuals change.

While our overall annual income actually decreased, much of the income in 2021/22 came from a one-off offering. This year, without a special offering, we saw a healthy increase in ongoing monthly donations. As an example, our regular monthly donations from March to August 2023 averaged **£9,150**, compared to an average of £6,100 from the same period in 2022.

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £24,000 (which equates to roughly 3 months of budgeted 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 £50,416 and the charity is holding excess funds for the purpose of investing in future opportunities in line with our charitable purposes.

Responsibilities of trustees

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.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:


Robin Cox (Jun 18, 2024 16:07 GMT+1)

Robin Cox

Date: Jun 18, 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
REVELATION CHURCH MANCHESTER

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Revelation Church Manchester ('the charity') for the year ended 31 August 2023 on pages 7 to 9 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.

Jaimée Young
Jaimée Young (Jun 19, 2024 13:20 GMT+1)

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Date: Jun 19, 2024

REVELATION CHURCH MANCHESTER
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

		Unrestricted Funds				
		General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£
Income receipts						
Donations		94,605	-	-	94,605	88,271
Gift aid receipts		9,387	-	-	9,387	15,660
Other grants		181	-	-	181	16,620
Other		358	-	-	358	10
Total receipts		104,531	-	-	104,531	120,562
Payments						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	103,249	-	-	103,249	69,519
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	6,031	-	-	6,031	9,372
Total payments		109,280	-	-	109,280	78,891
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		(4,748)	-	-	(4,748)	41,671
Net movement in funds		(4,748)	-	-	(4,748)	41,671
Cash funds as at last year end		55,165	-	-	55,165	13,494
Cash funds at this year end	A	50,416	-	-	50,416	55,165

The notes on page 9 form part of these accounts.

REVELATION CHURCH MANCHESTER
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			Total	Total
	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
A Cash funds					
Cash at bank with immediate access	50,416	-	-	50,416	55,165
	<u>50,416</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,416</u>	<u>55,165</u>
B Other monetary assets					
Gift aid due to charity	12,561	-	-	12,561	3,649
Other debtors	1,181	-	-	1,181	376
	<u>13,742</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,742</u>	<u>4,025</u>
C Liabilities					
Falling due within one year:					
Pension	817	-	-	817	548
Fee for Independent Examination	1,080	-	-	1,080	912
Accrued expenses	54	-	-	54	1,075
	<u>1,951</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,951</u>	<u>2,535</u>
D Assets retained for charity's own use					
			Fund to which asset belongs	Value 2023	Value 2022
				£	£
Contents and equipment			General	26,711	23,158
				<u>26,711</u>	<u>23,158</u>

Current values have been estimated by the trustees, based on purchase price of equipment.

E 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 Robin Cox date Jun 18, 2024
Robin Cox (Jun 18, 2024 16:07 GMT+1)
 Robin Cox

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REVELATION CHURCH MANCHESTER
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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 Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly					
Employment costs	61,900	-	-	61,900	40,023
Staff training and expenses	2,411	-	-	2,411	808
Venue hire	14,930	-	-	14,930	10,065
Repairs, maintenance and equipment	4,195	-	-	4,195	3,822
Sounds, visual and worship	2,770	-	-	2,770	3,730
Ministry expenses	8,369	-	-	8,369	4,127
Insurance	662	-	-	662	419
Legal and professional fees	955	-	-	955	760
Administration and support	6,867	-	-	6,867	5,657
Other costs	190	-	-	190	108
	<u>103,249</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>103,249</u>	<u>69,519</u>

3 Grants and gifts paid to others

Organisations:					
Grace Church Nottingham [Grace Connection]	4,800	-	-	4,800	6,184
Ukraine Appeal [run by Stewardship]	-	-	-	-	1,000
Barnabus (Manchester)	1,011	-	-	1,011	1,960
Individuals	220	-	-	220	228
	<u>6,031</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,031</u>	<u>9,372</u>

4 Transactions with related parties

No payments were made to trustees or persons related to them, except for reimbursement of expenses paid out on behalf of the charity.