

Revelation Church Manchester

Report and Accounts
Year ended 31 August 2024

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REVELATION CHURCH MANCHESTER
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

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	Matthew Berry (appointed May 2025) Robin Cox Azzurra Caltabiano (resigned January 2025) Alexander Parr (appointed November 2024) 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 2023 - 31st August 2024

We're seeking to see the Kingdom of God advance in Greater Manchester, and in 2023/24 we began to truly focus our outreach efforts. We renewed and refocused our vision, speaking of being a church *in* the city and *for* the city, particularly in Moss Side - the area our church is based in. The church responded in generosity to the call to serve Manchester with the love of God, and as a result we were able to give generously to Kingdom-advancing endeavours in the city and begin our own work of reaching out in Moss Side with God's love. We believe these are just the first steps in our mission to see Moss Side transformed for the better, and we can't wait to see what God has next for us.

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

Sunday meetings

Our Sunday meetings are our main focus each week and they continue to flourish. We gather a diverse church family of around 30-35 different nations to join in joyful worship and engage in the teaching of the Bible. There is a strong sense of family together which means the time after our meeting is always rich in community with an outward focus. We regularly hear that the feeling of being family and the intentional welcome is a big reason people keep returning. The growth this year was moderate, increasing to an average congregation size of **130** adults and **20** under-18s.

Reaching out in Moss Side

This year we launched a new visionary direction for the church: to be *in* the city and *for* the city. Now that we have seen our church become well-established, we are able to truly dedicate our efforts to reaching out to those in our city. While we feel a calling to all of Manchester, we clarified our current mission to be focused serving and loving Moss Side, which is an area of high deprivation. We want to serve by providing aid for those experiencing poverty in the area, building a relationship and sharing a message of God's hope and light for all.

We have started our efforts with prayer walking, outreach in Moss Side Park and two organised litter picks in the same park. All of these are first steps ahead of sharing our wider strategy with the church family in September 2024.

Generosity to others

We asked the church to give financially to this new focus: to giving us resources for our outreach mission and also so we could give away money to other ministries across Manchester. The church generously gave **£13,626** to this fund. We donated £5,050 to other Kingdom-advancing ministries across Manchester, with a further £3,200 donated in September 2024. The remainder gives us plenty of resource to fulfil our outreach efforts in 2024/25 - with plans for a community fun day and a family Christmas event, among other things.

Mobilising our community for serving

A strong value of our church community is active participation in the family. We encourage our church family to regularly serve, and in 2023/24 we estimate a total of **2,900 volunteer hours** of service from around **100** volunteers was given on Sundays alone to continue our mission together. Additionally, we estimate an additional **2,500 volunteer hours** were given outside of Sundays, and a further **370 volunteer hours** of time spent directly in outreach activities. It's only through the sacrificial service of our church family that we are able to continue our purpose of sharing the love of God in Moss Side and Manchester.

Gospel advance

Baptising more people in water as disciples of Jesus Christ was an area we wanted to see grow in 2023/24, and we had the privilege of baptising **15** people - nearly double the number in 2022/23. As we keep reaching out we're longing to see more people from Manchester come to faith.

Staff & Volunteers

Our staff team continues to equip and release our church to pursue our mission together. At the end of 2023/24, our paid staff team remains the same as in 2022/23 but with plans to expand by two staff in 2024/25, giving us extra capacity for ministry. Additionally, we continue to have a volunteer staff member working one day per week and one volunteer doing our OneThing discipleship year - offering two days of work to the church.

We also strengthened our volunteer leadership team with two more members in order to provide stability and additional wisdom as we go forward.

Financial Review

Our finances at the end of August 2024 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.

Our annual income in our General fund was £147,400, which was an increase of over £40,000 from last year. On top of this, we also raised the £13,626 in the restricted offering noted above. We're in a very healthy and strong financial position to grow our capacity to pursue our strategic plans for 2024/25.

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £31,500 (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 £63,200 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

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Robin Cox

Date: Jun 11, 2025

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 2024 on pages 6 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.

J. Young
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Date: Jun 12, 2025

REVELATION CHURCH MANCHESTER
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	Notes	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
		General Funds	Designated Funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
Income receipts						
Donations		126,048	-	13,626	139,674	94,605
Gift aid receipts		19,438	-	-	19,438	9,387
Charitable events and activities		1,290	-	-	1,290	-
Other grants		-	-	-	-	181
Other		640	-	-	640	358
Total receipts		<u>147,415</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,626</u>	<u>161,042</u>	<u>104,531</u>
Payments						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	128,825	-	387	129,212	103,469
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	5,760	-	4,800	10,560	5,811
Total payments		<u>134,585</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,187</u>	<u>139,772</u>	<u>109,280</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		12,830	-	8,439	21,269	(4,748)
Transfers between funds	6	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>12,830</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,439</u>	<u>21,269</u>	<u>(4,748)</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		50,416	-	-	50,416	55,165
Cash funds at this year end	A	<u>63,247</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,439</u>	<u>71,686</u>	<u>50,416</u>

The notes on pages 8-9 form part of these accounts.

REVELATION CHURCH MANCHESTER
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

		Unrestricted Funds				
		General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£	£
A Cash funds						
Cash at bank with immediate access		63,247	-	8,439	71,686	50,416
		<u>63,247</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,439</u>	<u>71,686</u>	<u>50,416</u>
B Other monetary assets						
Gift aid due to charity		21,168	-	-	21,168	12,561
Other debtors		-	-	-	-	1,181
		<u>21,168</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,168</u>	<u>13,742</u>
C Liabilities						
Falling due within one year:						
Agency funds balance	Note 5	20	-	-	20	-
Pension		490	-	-	490	817
Fee for Independent Examination		1,140	-	-	1,140	1,080
Accrued expenses		-	-	-	-	54
		<u>1,650</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,650</u>	<u>1,951</u>

D Assets retained for charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Value 2024 £	Value 2023 £
	Contents and equipment	General	30,945	26,711
			30,945	26,711

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 11, 2025
Robin Cox (Jun 11, 2025 10:53 GMT+1)
 Robin Cox

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REVELATION CHURCH MANCHESTER
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>				
	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly					
Employment costs	82,821	-	-	82,821	61,900
Staff training and expenses	2,598	-	-	2,598	2,411
Venue hire	14,421	-	-	14,421	14,930
Repairs, maintenance and equipment	3,776	-	-	3,776	4,195
Ministry expenses	14,772	-	378	15,150	11,358
Insurance	725	-	-	725	662
Legal and professional fees	1,422	-	-	1,422	955
Administration and support	7,955	-	-	7,955	6,867
Other costs	334	-	9	344	190
	<u>128,825</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>387</u>	<u>129,212</u>	<u>103,469</u>

3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others

Organisations:					
Grace Church Nottingham [Grace Connection]	4,800	-	-	4,800	4,800
The Boaz Trust	-	-	2,400	2,400	-
Barnabus (Manchester)	960	-	2,400	3,360	1,011
	<u>5,760</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,800</u>	<u>10,560</u>	<u>5,811</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.

5 Acting as agent

During the year, the charity received money for an appeal which was solely supported by other church members to help other members in need. This income was received as agent; the receipts and subsequent payments, are excluded from the Receipts and Payments account.

During the year, the charity:

- a) received £1,360 [2023: nil] and paid £1,340 [2023: nil]
- b) at the year end owed £20 which is shown in the statement of assets and liabilities.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

6 Movement of funds

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	50,416	147,415	(134,585)	-	63,247
	<u>50,416</u>	<u>147,415</u>	<u>(134,585)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,247</u>
Restricted funds					
Vision 2024	-	13,626	(5,187)	-	8,439
	<u>-</u>	<u>13,626</u>	<u>(5,187)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,439</u>
Total funds	<u>50,416</u>	<u>161,042</u>	<u>(139,772)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>71,686</u>

The Vision 2024 Fund was set up to provide resources for our outreach mission including grants to other ministries across Manchester.