

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023
FOR
ACTS (ACTIVE CHRISTIANITY IN THANET SCHOOLS)**

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO ACTS (ACTIVE CHRISTIANITY IN THANET SCHOOLS)

CHARITY NUMBER 1192400

Independent examiner's report to the trustees

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

The members of the charity are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

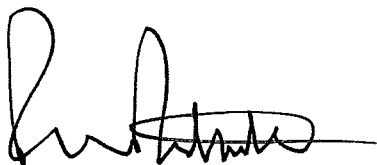
I report in respect of my examination of the accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.



Richard Phillpott

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1192400

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FROM 1st January 2023 TO 31ST DECEMBER 2023
FOR ACTS (ACTIVE CHRISTIANITY IN THANET SCHOOLS)

ACTS

Active Christianity in Thanet Schools

Reference and Administrative Details

Operating Name

ACTS (Active Christianity in Thanet Schools)

Registered Charity Number

1192400

Address:

c/o ST. PETERS BAPTIST CHURCH
VICARAGE STREET
BROADSTAIRS
CT10 2SG

Trustees

- Rev Rhodri Walters (Chair)
- Simon Kemp (Treasurer)
- Dilys Linsell
- Rev Peter Russell (Resigned December '23)
- Kim Stoner (Resigned July '23)

As a Charitable Instituted Organisation (CIO) we are governed by a constitution. Trustees are appointed by existing trustees. New Trustees are approached depending on the skill base requirements of the charity and the experience of the individual. An informal process of interviews take place before any appointment is put to the current Trustees and ratified. New Trustees are expected to familiarise themselves with the charity and the context within which it operates. They are also required to read the Charity Commission publication 'The Essential Trustee: What you need to know'. All trustees are also required to complete safeguarding training. The Trustees are aware of the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Bank

National Westminster Bank Plc
36 St Andrew Square
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Introduction from the Chair

ACTS exists to inspire a generation of children, young-people and their families to engage with the Christian Faith and to explore its values! ACTS does this by providing activities that educate children in the Christian faith, and offering opportunities for schools and churches to relate together. Currently, we offer this in the Thanet Primary Schools through our one Schools-worker but our hope has always been to see the team grow, so we can increase what we offer to Primary Schools and begin to reach out to secondary schools as well. Towards the end of 2023 the Trustees felt that now was the time to begin exploring what a Secondary Schools work project may look like.

Charitable Objectives

The purpose of ACTS is “To advance the Christian Faith through supporting the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of children, young people, their families, and those working with them, in schools and groups, and in conjunction with the churches in the area of Thanet for the public benefit.”

What we do

ACTS aims to work with all Primary schools in Thanet, by offering activities that increase awareness and understanding of the Christian faith, explain how Christians practise their faith and help children, young people, their families and those working with them explore further links with schools and churches and the communities in which they are in. We do this through:

- Assemblies/Collective Worship
- R.E (Religious Education) Classroom Workshops
- Prayer/Reflection Spaces
- Prayer Space in a box
- Year 6 Transition Workshop – ‘It’s Your Move’
- Christmas Unwrapped – Y6 Christmas Workshop in local churches
- Easter Cracked – Y6 Easter Workshops in local churches
- Wellbeing in a box
- Quest/Explore Lunchtime Club
- Staff Training/Resources/Support

The work is carried out by an employed part-time worker who works for 0.8 of the week, and who links in with church leaders and volunteers that assist in enabling the programmes to run. The work is overseen by a Board of Trustees who bring a variety of skills to support and encourage the work in schools and to assist it to operate efficiently and effectively.

Apart from our 1 member of staff, ACTS relies totally on volunteers – these include members of churches from all around Thanet.

ACTS is a Local Mission Partner of Scripture Union, and Our Schools Development Worker is a member of Kent SACRE (Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education).

ACTS became a registered charity in November 2020 and this is our 3rd annual report of the Trustees. The following update continues the story of how the work has developed:

2023

2023 was seen as a year to build on the good foundation of strong relationships with local Primary schools and churches. Early in 2023 ACTS received some publicity in the local news through its part in helping a local school achieve 'The Wire Award' from Kent SACRE (Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education), for increasing enrichment opportunities linked to religious education. However, alongside the schools-work opportunities we were aware that our guarantor was reducing their financial input and so, during the first few months of 2023, we needed to invest more time in creating a sustainable model for our finances. Following quite an intense time for our schools-worker, visiting local churches and groups, we celebrated a complete change in our financial picture by the end of June. This saw our financial support base widen and enabled us to begin thinking towards what ACTS may look like in the future.

See below, the activities that ACTS has been involved in during 2023, remembering that whilst the figures show the overall picture of the work in schools, it doesn't give an insight into the impact on each individual child who experiences the assembly, or workshop, or prayer space. From time-to-time we receive feedback from moments that have impacted a young life and for that we are grateful.

Our Year 6 programme continues to be well received:

- Easter Cracked – 6 schools (600 children) and 6 churches.
- Transition Workshop for Year 6, 'It's Your Move', with 5 schools (450 children).
- Christmas Unwrapped – 14 schools (900 children) and 9 churches.

We also continued to provide:

- RE Workshops.
- Assemblies.
- Prayer Spaces.
- Annual Resources list for R.E. & Collective Worship/Assemblies.
- Reflection and Well-Being Spaces for Staff Inset Days in school.

We continue to enjoy being a mission partner with Scripture Union, which provides governance support as well as resources for work with children and young people.

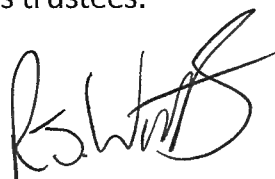
Towards the end of 2023 we made space to think about how ACTS needs to develop over the coming years. We produced a strategy document looking at the next 1, 3 and 5 years which includes exploring what a Secondary Schools work project could look like and how ACTS can expand its work in Primary Schools through facilitating more volunteers. We look forward to seeing how ACTS develops over the coming years.

Declaration:

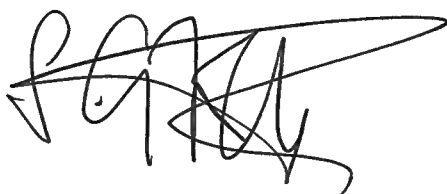
The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Rhodri Walters
Trustee (Chair)



Simon Kemp
Trustee (Treasurer)



REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1192400

ACTS (Active Christianity in Thanet Schools)

Financial Statements (Unaudited)

Year End - 31 December 2023

Review of Financial situation

Through 2023 ACTS focused on increasing its income by securing regular donations from individuals, churches and schools. ACTS was also successful in winning some grants which have helped improve the charity's financial situation. During 2023 ACTS became financially independent.

Reserves

ACTS has a reserves policy and holds 3 months of all salaries and regular costs in reserve.

ACTS holds a designated fund of £12000 associated to future projects of the charity.

Going Concern

ACTS is in a strong position with a strong income stream and reserves.

Funding

Funds are generated through Mission Funding, Public Donations, Fund Raising, Sales and gift aid is claimed where applicable.

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of a grant.

Investments

The charity has not made any investments and does not intend to during the next financial year.

Principal Risks

The charity's main risk is that most of its income comes from donations and it needs to continually seek new donors to ensure it remains financially viable.

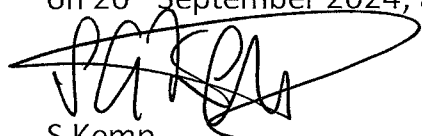
ACTS (Active Christianity in Thanet Schools)**Statement of Financial Activities****Year End 31 December 2023****ACTS (Active Christianity in Thanet Schools) as at 31st December 2023**

Capital Assets	0
Depreciation	0
Net Book Value	0
Accrued Cost	0
Accrued Income	0
Bank Account: ACTS Current Account	21,881
Net Current Assets	21,881
Total Assets	21,881
Opening Balance	0
Retained Profit	6,313
Current Profit or Loss	15,575
Rounding	-7
Total Owner's Equity	21,881
Reconciled Breakdown of Funds:	
Restricted Funds - Grants	483
Unrestricted Funds	9,398
Designated Funds: Future Projects	12,000

ACTS (Active Christianity in Thanet Schools) as at 31st December 2023

Opening Balance	0
Mission Funding	6,353
Fundraising	0
Sales Income	2,183
Public Donation	27,157
HMRC Gift Aid	1,910
Total of Unrestricted Income	37,603
Opening Balance	0
Salaries	18,525
Pension	366
Expenses	2,652
Insurances	316
Cost of Sales	169
Total of Unrestricted Expenditure	22,028
Balance of Unrestricted Funds	21,398
Opening Balance	0
Restricted Income	0
Restricted Expenditure	0
Balance of Restricted Funds	483
Reconciled Balance of Funds:	21,881
Restricted Funds - Grants	483
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Designated Funds: Future Projects	12,000

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 20th September 2024, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



S Kemp
Trustee