

Charity registration number 1193053

**VICTORY OUTREACH CHURCH BIRMINGHAM
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2024**

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF VICTORY OUTREACH CHURCH BIRMINGHAM

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Victory Outreach Church Birmingham (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Charity (and its directors for the purposes of Company Law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the Charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the act 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's financial statements conducted under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In conducting 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

Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £25,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT), which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 respect of the Charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with these records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Act 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; or
4. the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Ireland (FRS 102).

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 to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



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Dated: 15th July 2025

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TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011, and the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

The board of trustees are satisfied with the performance of the charity during the year and the position on 31 December 2024 and consider that the charity is in a strong position to continue its activities during the coming year, and the charity's assets are adequate to fulfil its obligations.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Structure, governance, and management

a. Constitution

Victory Outreach Church Birmingham is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales and governed by the board of Trustees. The maximum number of Trustees shall be fifteen and the minimum shall be three, being either;

- elected at the annual general meeting (there being no more than ten such elected Trustees in total) and who shall hold office from the conclusion of that meeting or
- co-opted by the Trustee Board provided that on appointment the total number of co-opted Trustees does not exceed one third of the total number of Trustees.

The trustees who have served during the year can be seen above. None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company.

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b. Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Individuals over the age of 18 years, who are interested in furthering the work of the charity and are not paid or volunteer workers (currently or in the past) of the charity can apply to be a Trustee / Director (Trustee) of the company.

The process starts with receipt of their expression of interest. Our Chair contacts the candidate to give details about the role and explain the next steps. A panel made up of two Trustees and the Company Secretary oversee an interview process. Should the panel feel, the candidate should be recommended to the Board, references are sought. When references are received the panel makes a proposal to the Board. The Board votes to accept the new Trustee, it must be unanimous.

Trustees recruited following this process are automatically given company membership. The Board shall elect from its number a Chair and Treasurer and may elect one of its number to Vice Chair.

New trustees are briefed on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the committee and decision-making processes, the business plan, and the recent financial performance of the charity. They also meet key employees and other trustees. Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these will facilitate the understanding of their role.

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c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

Victory Outreach Church Birmingham is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales and governed by the Board of Trustees and the main aim is the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrines set out in the underwritten fourth schedule and the worship of God in the said county and elsewhere and by any means whatsoever including (but not by way of limitation) the preaching and proclamation of the Christian Gospel and the teaching of Christian doctrine and principles and the pastoral care of the Christian people and the printing and the distribution of the Bible and Christian literature including video and audio recordings or CDs and by any other media, which or may become available.

Pay and Remuneration of Key Management Personnel

The trustees consider that the board of trustees and the senior management team (SMT) comprise the key management personnel of the charity. The charity's senior management team are all paid in accordance with a published scale of grades used in the voluntary sector. Any increases to these published grades are approved by the trustee board. The chief executive's salary is reviewed and approved by the trustee board separately but in line with the policy set out above.

Key risks and Uncertainties

The trustees having had consideration to and mindful of the risk factors for the charity identify the following:

- A Securing funding remains a serious challenge to maintain but to expand our service. We understand that the next few years are critical for us in terms of our sustainability and our long-term survival, the Trustees are taking this risk very seriously and are responding accordingly
- B. The funding climate is not getting any easier, nor do we expect it to improve any time soon - coupled with this demand for our service is increasing meaning that we risk being unable to continue meeting our clients' needs and experience reputational risk as a result.
- C. In order that we can continue to deliver it is essential that we maintain our volunteer base. We, along with other Local Citizens Advice, are finding it harder to attract suitable volunteers.

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Factors that are likely to affect the financial performance or position in 2023/24 and further years:

- Volatile and uncertain economic conditions, particularly towards the end of the year resulting from the pandemic and national lockdowns.
- A possible increased competition in an ever-changing voluntary sector marketplace - we know that the voluntary sector is becoming a much more competitive sector, particularly as funding becomes ever harder to access, as a result we are seeing organisations diversifying their service offer and moving further towards our 'core market.'
- The political environment remains uncertain, the impact of key national developments is still very much an 'unknown quantity' but has the potential to impact on our position.
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Objects

The charity's purposes, as set out in the objects contained in the Charities constitution, are to promote the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrines set out in the underwritten fourth schedule and the worship of God in the said county and elsewhere and by any means whatsoever including (but not by way of limitation) the preaching and proclamation of the Christian Gospel and the teaching of Christian doctrine and principles and the pastoral care of the Christian people and the printing and the distribution of the Bible and Christian literature including video and audio recordings or CDs and by any other media, which or may become available.

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Our main objectives for the year have been developing our service so that it really meets the needs of the people we are trying to support. Key activities have included:

- To advance the Christian faith in Birmingham and the Black Country for the benefit of the public, mainly but not exclusively by:
- Providing a place of worship and holding religious services, ceremonies, public celebration of religious festivals, raising awareness of religious beliefs and practices, religious education, producing or distributing literature and carrying out interfaith activities which enlighten others about the Christian faith.
- Providing pastoral care and relieving the needs of those in poverty, financial hardship or ill health as a practical expression of faith.
- To advance the education of the public in:
 - Life skills such as communication, time management and teamwork.
 - Personal development skills designed to improve personal capabilities, competencies and skills, such as financial management
 - Employability support such as CV writing and interview skills.

HOW OUR ACTIVITIES DELIVER PUBLIC BENEFIT

Our main activities and who we try to help are described below. All our charitable activities focus on providing the advice people need for the problems they face and are undertaken specifically to provide public benefit. The board of trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2011.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The charity has seen continued growth during 2024 as more people are coming to the church and getting involved. In November 2024, we merged with another smaller fellowship which now comes under the banner of Victory Outreach Birmingham. This brought an increase in our congregation and volunteers.

We consistently provide a weekly schedule of in person and online meetings for prayer and bible teaching to encourage and equip people in the Christian faith. These are open to the wider community for anyone that wants to connect and find out more about Christianity.

We have provided pastoral care to those in need, helping those that are sick, praying for them and helping where needed. We have provided financial support to those facing poverty. We encourage our congregation light in our community and help wherever we see a need and to positively help individuals achieve better wellbeing.

We provided discipleship training to our congregation and have courses to help them grow in their faith and understanding of who they are. Many have grown and become core members of our church, and they are encouraged to show love and help others around them. We have seen our church community develop into a "family" through social events bringing people together to combat loneliness and isolation.

We have celebrated the Christian festivals with services and celebrations. We have provided baby dedications and baptisms. We continue to endeavour to work with other churches in our area to support each other and bring cohesion with other Christian communities.

Each week, we continue to share the gospel on the streets and provide practical help for people who are homeless and others in addiction by signposting them to Victory Outreach recovery home where they do a residential recovery programme which has seen transformation in many lives.

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Contribution of Volunteers and Paid Staff

We have one paid staff at the charity so volunteers are vital to all that we do. We have approximately 25 consistent volunteers who play a key role in making everything we do a success. They have a vital role within our ministry. Our aim is to help them to grow as individuals and make lasting friendships. All over volunteers attend the church and they say they love the sense of family and belonging that is fostered at Victory Outreach Birmingham.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The availability of funding in the charity sector remains difficult in a period of austerity. The charity is focused on providing added value to its funders from a base of sound monetary management and ensuring that our services remain relevant to the strategic objectives of stakeholders at local and national level.

The charity is working hard to deliver a cost-effective service that genuinely meets the needs of our clients. It remains a challenging prospect to meet the increasing demand with significantly reduced funding resources.

In the reporting period, the charity had a total income of £32,613 (2022/23: £25,168) and expenditure of £35,769 (2022/23: £21,503). At the year end the charity's total funds stand at £3,303 (2022/23: £6,459).

Principal Funding Sources

The total income for the year of £32,613 represents a net increase of £7,445 compared to 2022/2023.

We are especially grateful to the members of the public who have generously donated money to our service over the year.

Investment Policy

As required in its Memorandum, paragraph 4.17, in furtherance of its objects, and for no other purposes, the Company has the power to invest or deposit funds in any lawful manner (but to invest only after obtaining professional advice and having regard to the suitability of investments and the need for diversification).

Reserves Policy

Victory Outreach Church Birmingham is required to ensure that free monies are available in each fiscal year to meet any foreseeable contingency. The trustees consider that it would be prudent to set aside an amount equivalent to 3-6 months' operating expenditure. The value of this will be calculated using an average of 3-6 months running costs based on the current annual budget. This is reviewed on a quarterly basis.

Going Concern

After making further appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the near future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

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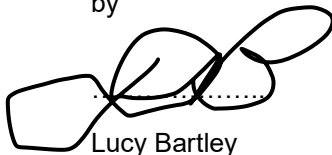
FUTURE PLANS

The trustee board prioritises managing the charity to meet its aims and objectives to provide public benefit. The charity will build on the work completed in the previous fiscal year to develop diversified funding streams to increase sustainability and enable us to build diverse services that are responsive to the needs of our community. We are looking at opening a community coffee shop on the main road in our community to further connect with the community.

The charity continues to work to deliver excellence in all that we do. We strive to continue to help others and help to address some of the major societal issues.

During the year 2024/2025, we will continue to review and improve our internal monitoring processes so that we clearly understand our services and how we continue to benefit others and aiming to achieve more to make positive change for our supporters and funders.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 15th July 2025 and signed on behalf by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lucy Bartley', written over a horizontal dotted line.

Lucy Bartley

Chair of Trustees

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes				
Income from					
Income from charitable activities	3	32,613	32,613	25,168	25,168
Total Income		<u>32,613</u>	<u>32,613</u>	<u>25,168</u>	<u>25,168</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	4	<u>35,769</u>	<u>35,769</u>	<u>21,503</u>	<u>21,503</u>
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		<u>(3,156)</u>	<u>(3,156)</u>	<u>3,665</u>	<u>3,665</u>
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		<u>6,459</u>	<u>6,459</u>	<u>2,795</u>	<u>2,795</u>
Fund balances at 31 December 2024		<u>3,303</u>	<u>3,303</u>	<u>6,459</u>	<u>6,459</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	5		1,154		2,436
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		2,149		4,160	
		<u>2,149</u>		<u>4,160</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6			137	
Net current assets			<u>2,149</u>		<u>4,023</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>3,303</u>		<u>6,459</u>
Income funds					
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
General unrestricted funds		<u>3,303</u>		<u>6,459</u>	
			<u>3,303</u>		<u>6,459</u>
			<u>3,303</u>		<u>6,459</u>

The charity is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 15th July 2025



 Lucy Ann Bartley
 Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting Policies

Charity Information

Victory Outreach Church Birmingham is a Charity registered in England and Wales. The registered office is 218 Queslett Road, Birmingham, B43 7EX

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's (governing document), the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (FRS 102) and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the near future. Thus, the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the Charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Charity has been notified of the donation unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the Charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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1 Accounting Policies (continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated based on time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the assets use.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following basis.

Fixtures and fittings	20% straight line
Computers	20% straight line
Motor Vehicles	25% straight line

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the Charity reviews the carrying amount of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operation from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employees' services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the Charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of any employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgments, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Donations and gifts	32,613	25,168
Legacies receivable	-	-
	<u>32,613</u>	<u>25,168</u>

Donations and gifts	(Continued)	
Church offerings and legacies	32,613	25,168
	<u>32,613</u>	<u>25,168</u>

4 Charitable activities

	Projects 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Projects 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Staff costs	7,300	7,300	3,000	3,000
Office premises and other costs	27,418	27,418	17,452	17,452
Governance costs	360	360	360	360
Staff and training	691	691	691	691
	<u>35,769</u>	<u>35,769</u>	<u>21,503</u>	<u>21,503</u>

Analysis by fund

Unrestricted funds	35,769	35,769	21,503	21,503
	<u>35,769</u>	<u>35,769</u>	<u>21,503</u>	<u>21,503</u>

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5 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings	Computers	Motor Vehicles	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£
At 1 January 2024	819	1,753	1,023	3,595
Additions	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2024	819	1,753	1,023	3,595
Depreciation and Impairment				
At 1 January 2024	207	697	256	1,160
Depreciation charged in year	164	351	256	770
At 31 December 2024	371	1,048	512	1,418
Carrying amount				
At 31 December 2024	448	705	511	1,154
At 31 December 2023	612	1,056	767	1,668

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6 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Credit card	-	137
Accruals and deferred income	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>137</u>

7 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 1 (2023: 1)

Employment costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<u>7,300</u>	<u>3,000</u>
	<u>7,300</u>	<u>3,000</u>

The average headcount expressed as full-time equivalents was 1 (2023: 1).

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

9 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023: £nil).

10 Independent examination

The remuneration paid to the independent examiner was £360 (2023: £360).