

# HERITAGE SERMONS

England & Wales · Charity number 1195136

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2021-07-12

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC BY THE PRESERVATION AND DISSEMINATION OF SERMONS BY DECEASED MINISTERS, WHICH WERE EITHER PREACHED IN CHAPELS WHICH HAVE HISTORICALLY BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE GOSPEL STANDARD MAGAZINE OR WHICH WERE PREACHED BY MINISTERS WHO WERE MEMBERS OF SUCH CHURCHES

**Activities:** The advancement of the Christian faith for the benefit of the public by the preservation and dissemination of sermons by deceased ministers, which were either preached in chapels which have historically been associated with the Gospel Standard Magazine or which were preached by ministers who were members of such churches.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Religious Activities, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£110	£3,597	-	-
2024-12-31	£3,480	£3,420	-	-
2023-12-31	£0	£168	-	-
2022-12-31	£5,069	£210	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr MATTHEW JAMES HYDE	Chair	2021-07-12
EDMUND ROBERT CHARLES BUSS		2021-07-12
MALCOLM JOHN LEE		2021-07-12
Paul Thomas Hanks		2021-07-12
Philip Topping		2021-07-12

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Charity Number: 1195136 Company Number: CE025621

## Trustees' Annual Report of Activity - 2025

### Introduction

Since its foundation in July 2021 the structure and constitution of Heritage Sermons has been unchanged with the same five trustees operating throughout. All of the trustees required re-election by the other trustees during the year. Two trustees expressed a desire to resign when suitable replacements had been found.

The charity's objective and purpose is the advancement of the Christian faith for the benefit of the public by the preservation and dissemination of sermons by deceased ministers, which were either preached in chapels which have historically been associated with the *Gospel Standard Magazine* or which were preached by ministers who were members of such churches.

The sections below describe the digitising and publishing of new material and the level of downloads from the website in 2025, providing the evidence that the Charity's objectives are being achieved.

The status of some sermons regarding meeting the publication criteria can be difficult to determine, due to a lack of supporting information, such as when a sermon was preached. A cautious approach can be (and has been) adopted due to the volume of material available and a need to expend limited time wisely.

The Trustees record their thanks to Almighty God for maintaining this venture since its inception to the end of 2025.

### Digitising and Publishing

During 2025 233 new digitised sermons were registered, of which 214 were published on the Heritage Sermons website. This was fewer than in 2024, due partly to the hiatus during migration to the new web host. The trustees are thankful to Muriel Hanks, Daniel Broome and Susan and Matt Burgess for their assistance in digitising sermons. A total of 2875 sermons have now been published. Approximately 4000 catalogued sermons await digitisation and/or publication. Tapes holding around 1000 sermons are in our possession waiting to be catalogued. There has been very little advertising for new material or for help with digitising during the year. We are grateful to Muriel Hanks who continues to catalogue substantial quantities of tapes in addition to digitisation.

Sermons were published for the first time for the following Ministers: E. Baldwin, R. Bentley, J. H. Gosden, J. McNee, D. Steere, J.D. Turner, G. Ward and W. Wheeler making a total of 128 ministers

represented. For the following ministers, their cohort of sermons was increased substantially: S. Delves from 84 to 102, K. Howard from 12 to 42 and F. Rowell from 15 to 35.

Sermons preached at Salem chapel, Braintree were available for the first time, making a total of 91 different chapels represented by the end of the year.

All newly published sermons have a quality descriptor and most have a brief summary of the subject matter as the title.

### Website

The migration from Yet Another Sermon to TruthVine as the host for Heritage Sermons has been the major activity of the year. In addition to an entirely new user experience the migration enabled some error correction and the introduction of several efficiencies in managing the material:

1. The ability to simultaneously publish any number of sermons
2. Importing recorded metadata with each sermon, thereby reducing mistakes as well as saving time
3. Restricting descriptor terminology, thereby reducing scope for errors and misspelling

New features on the website include:

1. Displaying the full Scriptural text on which the sermon is based in the details
2. Explicitly displaying the sound quality

### Downloads

The veracity of download counts from the old website host is uncertain. Occasional very high daily download counts indicates that harvesting is taking place for unknown use. These counts have been removed from the total, which is intended to be as close as possible to sermons that are being listened to. After removing the daily download spikes there remained around 14,000 downloads in 2025. This indicates a substantial increase in downloads as compared with previous years. If correct then this is a great encouragement. We anticipate more accurate statistics from the new website.

### Sales and Marketing

A logo has been produced and incorporated into the website and other material. A flier has been sent to many *Gospel Standard* chapels announcing the new website. An A1 poster and business cards have also been printed. These were used at one event towards the end of the year.

Sales do not form part of the Heritage Sermons business model.

### Financial Review

The migration to the new website has drained the charity finances. Higher hosting costs also create a financial challenge that will be noticed in coming years without funds coming in from fresh sources. No bank charges were incurred.

The trustees believe they can humbly record that: "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

Prepared by Malcolm Lee on behalf of the Trustees 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

Unanimously agreed by trustees at meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026.



# Heritage Sermons

Charity number: 1195136

Company number: CE025621

## Balance Sheet for 1/1/2025 to 31/12/2025

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening balance: HSBC	4,751.41	Microsoft OneDrive 3/25- 2/26	84.99
Donations	110.00	TruthVine consultancy	3,360.00
		Website hosting	152.37
		Closing balance: Lloyds Bank	1,264.05
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,861.41</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,861.41</b>
		Total funds at year end	1,264.05

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## Trustees' Annual Report of Activity - 2024

### Introduction

Since its foundation in July 2021 the structure and constitution of Heritage Sermons has been unchanged with the same five trustees operating throughout. All of the trustees required re-election by the other trustees during the year. All expressed a willingness to continue and all were unanimously re-elected at their November online meeting. Enquiries are being made with a view to increasing the number of trustees with relevant skills, to spread the administrative and technical burden.

The charity's objective and purpose is the advancement of the Christian faith for the benefit of the public by the preservation and dissemination of sermons by deceased ministers, which were either preached in chapels which have historically been associated with the *Gospel Standard Magazine* or which were preached by ministers who were members of such churches. The sections below describe the digitising and publishing of new material and the level of downloads from the website in 2024, providing the evidence that the Charity's objectives are being achieved.

The status of some sermons regarding meeting the publication criteria can be difficult to determine, due to a lack of supporting information, such as when a sermon was preached. A cautious approach can be (and has been) adopted due to the volume of material available and a need to expend limited time wisely. Steps are being taken to seek approval from living ministers that are members of churches affiliated to the *Gospel Standard Magazine* for their sermons to be published following their decease.

The Trustees record their thanks to Almighty God for maintaining this venture since its inception to the end of 2024.

### Digitising and Publishing

During 2024 374 new digitised sermons were registered, of which 315 were published on the Heritage Sermons website. A further 24 sermons were republished following quality enhancements being made. Altogether 339 new or remastered sermons were published on the HeritageSermons.org website, a slight reduction on 353 published in 2023. The trustees are thankful to Muriel Hanks, Daniel Broome and Susan and Matt Burgess for their assistance in digitising sermons. A total of 2678 sermons have now been published. Approximately 2500 catalogued sermons await digitisation and/or publication. Tapes holding at least another 1000 sermons are in our possession waiting to be catalogued. There has been no advertising for new material or for help with digitising during the year. We are grateful to Muriel Hanks who continues to catalogue substantial quantities of tapes in addition to digitisation.

Sermons were published for the first time for the following Ministers: J. Bentley, A Charman, J.E. Field, J. Kemp, R Mercer and B.A. Ramsbottom, making a total of 134 ministers represented. For the following ministers, their cohort of sermons was increased substantially: L.S.B. Hyde from 76 to 163, J.K. Stehouwer from 8 to 46, K. Matrunola from 19 to 39, N. Roe from 13 to 26, R.J. Bradstock from 3 to 11 and E.J. Knight from 3 to 11.

Sermons preached at the following chapels were available for the first time: Ashwell, Birkenhead, Handcross, Kirkland (Garstang), Ossett and South Chard, making a total of 90 different chapels represented by the end of the year.

All newly published sermons have a quality descriptor and most have a brief summary of the subject matter as the title.

### Downloads

The veracity of download counts from the website host is uncertain. Occasional very high daily download counts indicates that harvesting is taking place for unknown use. These counts have been removed from the total, which is intended to be as close as possible to sermons that are being listened to. After removing the daily download spikes there remained around 8,000 downloads in 2024. This indicates a substantial increase in downloads as compared with 2022 and 2023 when there were under 6,000 in each year. If correct then this is a great encouragement.

### Website

Progress has been made in the design of a new website and the underpinning database, using TruthVine as our service providers. During the year we continued with the Yet Another Sermon Host. Removal of some of the frustrating limitations present currently, e.g. not being able to identify the most recently published sermons, is being addressed.

### Sales and Marketing

Design of a logo is being addressed in tandem with creating the new website. There has been no marketing activity during the year. Sales do not form part of the Heritage Sermons business model.

### Financial Review

The charity finances are stable: grants and donations approximately equating to expenditure. No bank charges were incurred and there were insufficient surplus funds to invest given anticipated expenditure, hence no interest was received.

The trustees believe they can humbly record that: "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

Prepared by Malcolm Lee on behalf of the Trustees 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

Approved unanimously at a Trustee meeting March 2025.

# Heritage Sermons

Charity number: 1195136

Company number: CE025621

## Balance Sheet for 1/1/2024 to 31/12/2024

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening balance: HSBC	4,691.40	Microsoft OneDrive 3/24 - 2/25	59.99
Donations	40.00	TruthVine consultancy	3,360.00
Providence Charity Grant	3,440.00	Closing balance: Lloyds Bank	4,751.41
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,171.40</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>8,171.40</b>
		<b>Total funds at year end</b>	<b>4,751.41</b>

# Heritage Sermons

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Company number: CE025621

## Balance Sheet for 1/1/2024 to 31/12/2024

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<b>Total</b>	<b>8,171.40</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>8,171.40</b>

Total funds at year end	4,751.41
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Prepared by: Malcolm Lee

Signed:



20-Jan-2025

Checked by: Stephen Moore

Signed:



25-Jan-2025

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Queries have been received about the motivations of the trustees in choosing which sermons to publish or not. Consequently, additional information has been added to the website to give clarity on how decisions are made to accept or reject material. Steps are being taken to seek approval from living ministers that are members of churches affiliated to the *Gospel Standard Magazine* for their sermons to be published following their decease.

The Trustees record their thanks to Almighty God for maintaining this venture since its inception to the end of 2023.

### Digitising and Publishing

During 2023 205 new sermons were published on the HeritageSermons.org website, less than half the number published in 2022. This is partly because assistance received in 2022 for digitising was not repeated in 2023. 2223 sermons have now been published. 15 previously published sermons had their quality improved. Approximately 250 digitised sermons were waiting to be published at the end of the year. At least another 3000 sermons on tape are in our possession waiting to be digitised, amounting to about ten years of effort using current resources. There has been no advertising for new material or for help with digitising during the year. We are grateful to Muriel Hanks who has catalogued substantial quantities of tapes and is starting to assist with digitisation.

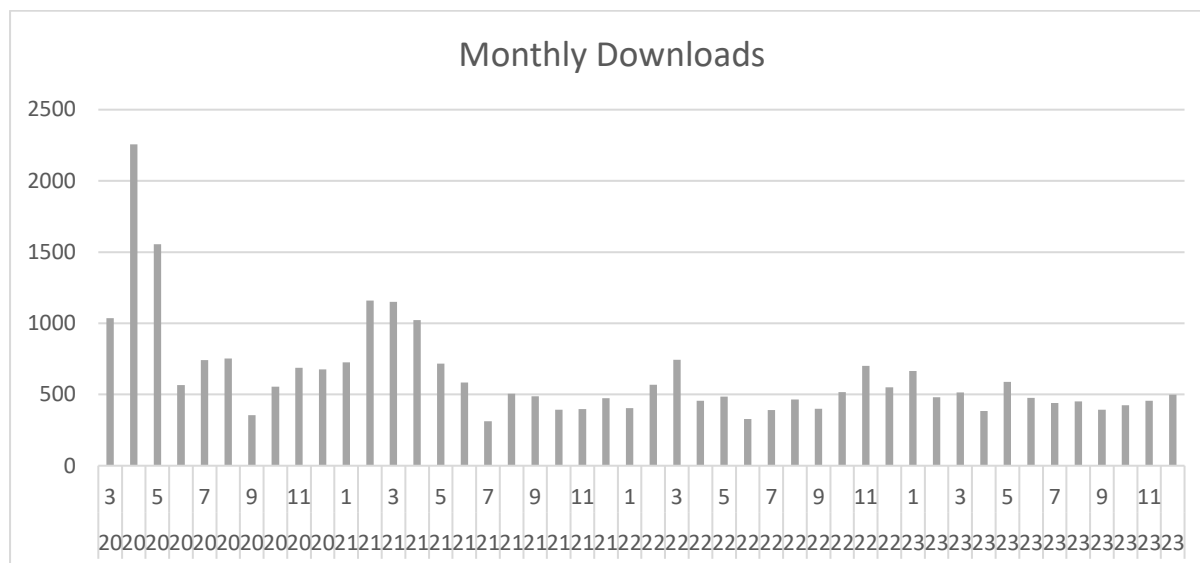
Sermons were published for the first time for the following Ministers: R J Bradstock, Jabez Buss, P Dawson and E S Hickmott making a total of 126 ministers represented. For the following ministers, their cohort of sermons was increased substantially: Seth Mercer by 35, Philip Pont by 28, Raymond Woodhams by 24 and Clement Wood by 33.

Sermons preached at the following chapels were available for the first time: Bexley, Chippenham, Hindley and Leatherhead, making a total of 82 different chapels represented by the end of the year.

All newly published sermons have a quality descriptor and most have a brief summary of the subject matter as the title.

## Downloads

At 5774, there were 4% fewer downloads in 2023 than in 2022. The graph below shows the number of downloads per month since the website went live in March 2020.



The sermons of Herbert Dawson continue to be downloaded the most with over 8,000 out of a total of over 30,000 downloads since the website was initiated in 2020.

Further steps have been undertaken for a revamp of the website, with a view to removing some frustrating limitations present in that currently used, e.g. not being able to identify the most recently published sermons.

There has been no marketing activity during the year.

## Financial Review

There has been no income during the year and expenditure of just £121 on external hard drives to reduce the risk of losing the digitised archive. In July funds were moved from HSBC to a Lloyds Bank Treasurers current account which attracts no routine charges. The closing balance was £4691.

The trustees believe they can humbly record that: "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

Prepared by Malcolm Lee on behalf of the Trustees 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

Approved unanimously at a Trustee meeting 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

# Heritage Sermons

Charity number: 1195136

Company number: CE025621

## Balance Sheet for 1/1/2023 to 31/12/2023

Income		Expenditure	
Opening balance: HSBC	4,859.40	HSBC Bank charges to 19/7/2023	35.00
Income	0.00	2 external hard drives	121.06
		One Drive cost Jan-Jun 2023 to M Lee	11.94
		Closing balance: Lloyds Bank	4,691.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,859.40</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,859.40</b>

Total funds at year end	4,691.40
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Prepared by: Malcolm Lee

18-Jan-24



Prepared by: Stephen Moore

22-Mar-24



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# Trustees' annual report for the period



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Period start date       Period end date

Charity name

Charity No (if any)

## Objectives and Activities

	<b>SORP reference</b>	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The advancement of the Christian faith for the benefit of the public by the preservation and dissemination of sermons by deceased ministers, which were either preached in chapels which have historically been associated with the Gospel Standard Magazine or which were preached by ministers who were members of such churches.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	During 2022 537 fresh sermons were published on the HeritageSermons.org website, bringing the total to 2018.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees confirm that they paid due regard to the public benefit that would accrue in maintaining access to existing material and adding fresh material to the website.

## Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	<b>SORP reference</b>	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Not applicable
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Not applicable
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Three volunteers assisted with the cataloguing and digitisation of sermons on tape.
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	<b>SORP reference</b>	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>During 2022 537 sermons were published on the HeritageSermons.org website, bringing the total to 2018. These sermons were digitised from reel and cassette tapes. Sermons by eight ministers were published for the first time, bringing the total to 122 ministers. 78 different chapels are represented, including 2 in the United States and one in Australia.</p> <p>All newly published sermons have a quality descriptor and most have a brief summary of the subject matter as a title, to assist Listeners in making their selections.</p> <p>The value of the website is exemplified by having over 6000 downloads in 2022.</p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	<b>SORP reference</b>	
Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

	<b>SORP reference</b>	
Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Income over the reporting period (principally in the form of a grant from another charity) has substantially exceeded costs. All funds are held in a HSBC Treasurers current account. A move of the bank account from HSBC to Lloyds is in progress, to remove monthly charges.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<b>Reserves held to pay for upgrades to the website and future hosting and archiving expenses</b>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>£4800</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	<b>Not applicable</b>
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<b>Not applicable</b>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<b>Nil</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	<b>SORP reference</b>	
The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<b>Donations from the public and other charities</b>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Non-compliance with regulations</li> <li>2. Loss of material that cannot be recovered</li> </ol>
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

<b>Description of charity's trusts:</b>	<b>SORP reference</b>	
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	<b>Constitution</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Foundation Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	All trustees reappointed every three years. New trustees invited by the trustees for the Time being.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	<b>SORP reference</b>	
Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Heritage sermons
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1195136
Charity's principal address	14 Linhay Close, Honiton, Devon, EX14 2BJ

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Matthew Hyde	Chair		
2	Malcolm Lee			
3	Edmund Buss			
4	Philip Topping			
5	Paul Hanks			
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## Reference and Administrative details

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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Nil
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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### Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Nil
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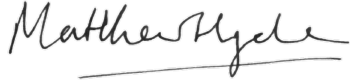

### Other optional information

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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

### Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
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Full name(s)	Matthew Hyde	Malcolm Lee
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Report author
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Date	
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# Heritage Sermons

Charity number: 1195136

Company number: CE025621

## **Balance Sheet for 21/7/2021 to 31/12/2022**

<b>Income</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>£</b>
Opening balance: HSBC	0.00	Bank charges	60.00
Donations	5,069.40	Storage use donation	150.00
		Closing balance: HSBC	4,859.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,069.40</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>5,069.40</b>

Total funds at year end	4,859.40
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### Notes

Donation income of £5000 from Providence Chapel Croydon Charity

### Assets and Liabilities

Donated cassette and reel-to-reel tapes constitute the charities assets, assigned a zero monetary value. The charity has no liabilities.

### Outstanding Guarantees and Debt

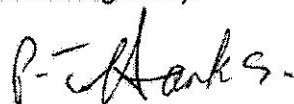
Nil.

Prepared by: Malcolm Lee (Trustee)



Date: 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Countersigned by:



P.T.Hanks (Trustee)

Date: