

Ministry Net

Registered Charity Number 1196189

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Objectives and Activities

Ministry Net (originally named My Ministry) was formally recognised as a charity by the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 18 October 2021 (registered charity number 1196189). Its objectives were set out as:

The object of the CIO is to advance the Christian religion in the United Kingdom for the benefit of the public through the support, encouragement, education, and development of those involved in all forms of Christian ministry particularly, but not exclusively, lay ministers within the Church of England.

In planning and executing our activities for the year, the trustees have given consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, specific guidance on charities that exist for the advancement of religion. The trustees believe the charity has potential to provide considerable public benefit arising from its focus on the equipping and encouraging of lay (non-clergy) people in the Church of England and similar denominations of the Church. In practical terms, without the considerable contribution of time, money and talent from lay people, most churches would cease to be able to provide services to both their members and those in the wider community.

Achievements and Performance

Paraklesis

Paraklesis (the Association of Children's, Youth and Families Ministers) was launched as a division of Ministry Net two years ago, see <https://www.paraklesis.org.uk/>. The trustees believe that *Paraklesis* fills a need for a professional association of those working full or part time in this key part of Christian ministry, and by the end of its second year *Paraklesis* had attracted around one hundred and fifty members.

The *Paraklesis* segregated fund supports the work of our *Paraklesis* division and received income in 2022/23 of £4,824 from member subscriptions as well as donations, together with associated Gift Aid, of £556. However, this was, as expected in its second year, insufficient to cover annual costs of £6,928. The resulting shortfall was covered by existing reserves in the segregated *Paraklesis* fund.

ministrynet

The Ministrynet (Chichester) version of the ministrynet website (developed in co-operation with Hubb.Church), see <https://www.chichester.ministrynet.org.uk/>, was launched on 1st November 2023. The website is designed to provide internet-based support to the wide and diverse range of volunteer lay ministers and office holders in the Church of England. Diocese

of Chichester. By year-end (30th June 2024), the website had attracted over one hundred members.

The *ministrynet* segregated fund built up in 2022-23 was sufficient to pay the remaining development costs and launch costs of Ministrynet (Chichester), leaving a balance of £1,807 for future development, marketing and ongoing costs.

Financial Overview

Taking into account the above expenditure and income for the *Paraklesis* and *ministrynet* segregated funds and for the (unsegregated) General Fund, the charity had a net excess of expenditure over income for the year of £2,357 reducing net reserves from £4,341 at 30/6/23 to £1,984 at 30/6/24.

The trustees reserve policy is to maintain a reserve of at least six months fixed expenditure. All but a small part of our expenditure is variable so that the reserve policy was met comfortably throughout the year.

Structure, Governance and Management

Ministry Net is governed by a trust deed and is constituted as a Foundation CIO. New trustees are appointed by the existing trustees taking into account relevant experience, reputation and commitment to the objectives of the charity.

Trustees

Rt Revd Martyn Snow, Chair

Dr Peter Mansell, Vice Chair

Ruth Hassall

Vic Wilson

There are no corporate trustees, and no trustees hold title to property on behalf of the charity. The charity does not act as custodian trustees on behalf of others.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow trustees for their dedication and work in guiding Ministry Net through its third year of existence. I would also like to thank Ali Campbell who, as development consultant for *Paraklesis*, has provided so much of the vision, energy, and enthusiasm that is essential to this project.



Dr Peter Mansell

Vice Chair of Trustees

January 2024

Ministry Net Revenue Account, 2023-24

Year to 30/6/24

Fund Allocation 30/6/24

		Paraklesis	ministrynet	General	Total
Opening Fund Balance		£1,662.61	£2,617.98	£60.07	£4,340.66
Income					
Subscriptions (Paraklesis only)	£4,823.74	£4,823.74		£0.00	£4,823.74
Donations	£656.28	£556.28	£100.00	£0.00	£656.28
Gift Aid	£1.26	£0.00	£1.26	£0.00	£1.26
Interest	£6.25	£1.84	£4.41	£0.00	£6.25
	£5,487.53	£5,381.86	£105.67	£0.00	£5,487.53
Expenditure					
Development Consultancy	£6,400.00	£6,400.00		£0.00	£6,400.00
Website	£1,278.40	£446.20	£832.20	£0.00	£1,278.40
Branding & Marketing	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Bank Fees	£120.00	£60.00	£60.00	£0.00	£120.00
Accounting	£45.81	£21.56	£24.25	£0.00	£45.81
	£7,844.21	£6,927.76	£916.45	£0.00	£7,844.21
Excess of Income + / Expenditure -	-£2,356.68	-£1,545.90	-£810.78	£0.00	-£2,356.68
Fund Transfer		£0.00		£0.00	£0.00
Closing Fund Balance		£116.71	£1,807.20	£60.07	£1,983.98

<u>Balance Sheet - Ministry Net</u>	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
	30/06/2024	30/06/2023
<u>Current Assets</u>		
CAF Account 793	£1,867.27	£2,678.05
CAF Account 794	£116.71	£1,662.61
	£1,983.98	£4,340.66
<u>Current Liabilities</u>		
	£0.00	£0.00
Reserve Balance at 30/6/24	£1,983.98	£4,340.66
Opening Balance at 30/6/23	£4,340.66	£3,675.12
Excess of Income + / Expenditure -	-£2,356.68	£665.54
Reserve Balance at 30/6/24	£1,983.98	£4,340.66
<u>Made up of Funds</u>		
Paraklesis Fund	£116.71	£1,662.61
ministrynet Fund	£1,807.20	£2,617.98
General Fund	£60.07	£60.07
	£1,983.98	£4,340.66