

SOUL CHILDREN UK

England & Wales · Charity number 1197196

Details

Other names SOUL CHILDREN

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2021-12-17

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

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Activities

Objects: FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH, AS SET OUT IN THE STATEMENT OF FAITH, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE TO COME TO FAITH OR DEEPEN THEIR FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST, THROUGH PERFORMING APPROPRIATE MUSIC THAT THEY CAN RELATE TO AND BY EXPLORING THE BIBLE.

Activities: To advance the Christian faith, as set the Statement of Faith, in particular but not exclusively, by helping young people to come to faith or deepen their faith in Jesus Christ, through performing appropriate music that they can relate to and by exploring the Bible.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£17,517	£11,738	-	-
2023-12-31	£11,391	£13,861	-	-
2022-12-31	£10,300	£3,590	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Michael Charles Chesterton	Chair	2021-12-17
JONATHAN BRACEGIRDLE		2021-12-17
Rachel Lucy Harris		2024-08-21
Roy Raymond Kendall Jr.		2021-12-17

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024



Caladine

Chartered Certified Accountants

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Legal and administrative information

Trustees Mr M Chesterton
Mr M Jones
Mr R Kendall Jr.
Mr J Bracegirdle
Mr A Bodkin
Ms R Harris (Appointed 21 August 2024)

Charity number 1197196

Contact address 6 Ash Grove
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Accountant Caladine Limited
Chantry House
22 Upperton Road
Eastbourne
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Bankers NatWest Bank
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Trustees' Report

The trustees present their Annual Report and the Financial Statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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Objectives and activities

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The Trustees

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Trustees are appointed by the existing trustees and are provided with appropriate training to undertake their role.

Public benefit

The Trustees have paid due regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Review of activities

This is our third Annual report as a charity and, again this year there is much to celebrate, with new choirs being formed, and the lives of children and their families touched by the love of God. I'm also aware of the need as the number of children feeling isolated and alone, and experiencing mental health issues, continues to be high. And so, we long and pray for more families to be impacted and more lives transformed by the love of our heavenly father who 'sets the lonely in families'.

As we look back over the year, 8 choirs were up and running during the year and a number of them joined us in Manchester for our annual Soul Children UK Festival in the summer. It was, once again, a source of joy and encouragement as we witnessed, first hand, the enthusiasm of children, leaders, and parents as the children sang and danced together and performed for their families.

We have continued our partnership with Scripture Union and, once again, we are grateful for their wisdom and support behind the scenes in helping us to grow as a charity.

Also, this year, we have entered into a partnership with the new Flourish network, a Church of England initiative to establish worshipping communities in schools and colleges, forming partnerships between schools or FE colleges and their local churches. This has already resulted in 2 new choirs, with more in the pipeline.

One choir leader told Chip how they "Love the words [of the songs], how up beat they were and the dances were amazing and so easy to teach" They have been busy performing at School Carol Concerts, care homes, and much more. One mum of a year 1 child said her son was desperate to practice the songs at home and rehearse all the actions. The choir leader told us 'This shy, quiet boy was amazing at our Christmas Fair confidently performing to a crowd'.

It's been great to welcome Rachel Harris onto our board this year. Rachel has been involved in leading our Buckshaw choir since its inception and adds a wealth of 'hands on' experience to our amazing board of trustees.

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Trustees' Report

Review of activities (continued)

As we look ahead to the year in front of us, I am reminded, as a naturally impatient person, that transformation often takes time and that this is a long game that we are taking part in. We have much to look forward to and I want to thank all those who have faithfully journeyed with us so far: choir leaders, churches, schools, funders, partners, and last but not least, our amazing board of trustees. Thank you so much for your support so far and for your commitment to journey with us into the future as we seek to reach young people through music they can relate to and introduce them to a lifelong relationship with Jesus.

Review of financial position

The total receipts amounted to £17,517 (2023: £11,391) and total payments amounted to £12,358 (2023: £13,861). This resulted in general cash funds at 31 December 2024 of £9,399

Risk management

The Trustees have considered the major risks that the charity may face and can confirm that systems have been established to mitigate them.



Mr M Chesterton
Chair of Trustees

Date: 29-9-2025

Accountant's Report

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Charities Act 2011, we have prepared for your approval the financial statements of Soul Children UK for the year ended 31 December 2024, which comprise the receipts and payments account, the statement of assets and liabilities and the related notes from the charity's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a practising member firm of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at <https://www.accaglobal.com/gb/en/member/standards/rules-and-standards/rulebook.html>.

This report is made to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 23 May 2023 our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the financial statements of Soul Children UK and state those matters that we have agreed to state to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in this report in accordance with the requirements of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants as detailed at https://www.accaglobal.com/content/dam/ACCA_Global/Technical/fact/ff-audit-exempt-companies-jan-24.pdf. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Soul Children UK and the charity's Trustees as a body, for our work or for this report.

You consider that Soul Children UK is exempt from the statutory audit requirement for the year, and is not required to obtain an independent examiner's report. We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or a review of the financial statements of Soul Children UK. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the statutory financial statements.



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Date: 30/09/2025

Receipts and Payments Account

	2024 £	2023 £
Receipts		
Donations	9,372	9,138
Grants	5,000	-
Choir subscriptions	1,225	1,600
Merchandise sales	1,920	653
Other	-	-
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Total receipts	17,517	11,391
Payments		
Video editing and production	395	705
External contractors	9,144	7,057
Venue Hire	1,440	-
Merchandise purchase	-	1,381
Insurance	553	485
Accountancy	-	600
Grants to choirs	-	3,000
Sundry	206	633
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Total payments	11,738	13,861
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Net movement in funds	5,779	(2,470)
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General cash funds b/f at 1 January 2024	4,240	6,710
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General cash funds c/f at 31 December 2024	10,019	4,240
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The notes on page 7 form part of these Financial Statements.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
<u>Monetary Assets</u>				
Current Account	<u>10,019</u>		<u>4,240</u>	
		<u>10,019</u>		<u>4,240</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES</u>				
<u>Creditors</u>				
Accountancy Fees				
Year ended 31st December 2023	618		618	
Year ended 31st December 2024	<u>636</u>		<u>-</u>	
		<u>1,254</u>		<u>618</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 30-9-2025



Mr M Chesterton
 Chair of Trustees

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared as a Receipts and Payments in accordance with section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

2. Funds

General funds represent monies received that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for applications on the general purposes of the charity.

3. Transactions with trustees and related parties

Trustee, Mr R Kendall Jr, received £8,044 in the year for consultancy services.

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Charity number	1197196
Contact address	6 Ash Grove Heald Green Cheadle SK8 3JA
Accountant	Caladine Limited Chantry House 22 Upperton Road Eastbourne East Sussex BN21 1BF
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Trustees' Report

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The Trustees

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Trustees are appointed by the existing trustees and are provided with appropriate training to undertake their role.

Public benefit

The Trustees have paid due regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Review of activities

As we come to the end of our second year at Soul Children UK, there is much for us to celebrate. We now have 7 Choirs across England and Scotland from Dundee in the North, all the way down to Upton-on-Severn, with more choirs in formation and journeying towards the launch point.

We are also starting to hear amazing stories and reports of signs of transformation in the lives of the children who gather each week to sing and do life together - children finding new friends, spending time with other children their age, learning about Jesus, and finding the social interaction they had struggled to develop previously. It was also great to witness the joy and enthusiasm pouring out from both children and choir leaders at our Soul Children UK Festival in the summer.

Right from the beginning of Soul Children in the UK, we have had a growing relationship with Scripture Union who helped us with many of the aspects of setting up the charity. This partnership has continued to grow this year as we explore additional collaboration to help each other achieve our respective missions.

As we celebrate these great 'wins', we also recognise that the number of children feeling isolated and alone continues to be high and mental health issues among children of all ages is rarely out of the news. In an environment where many spend considerable amounts of time on screens and in virtual settings, children are crying out for a healthy, consistent community. As Christians, we know that the majority are also unchurched and don't know Jesus.

As we journey forward into our 3rd year, we know that our choirs are making a difference and we want to see more choirs joining the family, and more children's lives transformed.

Finally, some words of thanks. Firstly, to our amazing God, who takes our little bit of faith, and adds to it the 'immeasurably more than we could ask or imagine'. For this we can only stand in awe and give him praise.

Next, to all those who lead or help to run choirs. Thank you for your dedication and stickability – and for all you do to bring the light of Jesus into the lives of children and their families.

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Trustees' Report

Review of activities (continued)

Once again, this year, there have been a number of organisations and individuals who have journeyed with us, in prayer, with encouragement, and with their finances. If you are one of these then please accept our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for your commitment to our vision.

I would also like to highlight the dedication and commitment of our trustees, all of whom live incredibly busy lives but still carve out time to play their part in making Soul Children UK the great family it is.

Whatever your connection to Soul Children, can I take this opportunity to thank you for joining with us in our mission, as we seek to reach young people through music they can relate to and introduce them to a lifelong relationship with Jesus.

Review of financial position

The total receipts amounted to £11,391 (2022: £10,300) and total payments amounted to £13,861 (2022: £3,590). This resulted in general cash funds at 31 December 2023 of £4,240.

Risk management

The Trustees have considered the major risks that the charity may face and can confirm that systems have been established to mitigate them.



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Mr M Chesterton
Chair of Trustees

Date: 17-10-24

Accountant's Report

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Date: 23/10/2024

Receipts and Payments Account

	2023	2022
	£	£
Receipts		
Donations	9,138	9,450
Choir subscriptions	1,600	800
Merchandise sales	653	-
Other	-	50
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Total receipts	11,391	10,300
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Payments		
Video editing and production	705	1,400
External contractors	7,057	2,190
Merchandise purchase	1,381	-
Insurance	485	-
Accountancy	600	-
Grants to choirs	3,000	-
Sundry	633	-
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Total payments	13,861	3,590
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Net movement in funds	(2,470)	6,710
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General cash funds b/f at 1 January 2023	6,710	-
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The notes on page 7 form part of these Financial Statements.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
<u>Monetary Assets</u>				
Current Account	<u>4,239</u>	<u>4,239</u>	<u>6,710</u>	<u>6,710</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES</u>				
<u>Creditors</u>				
Accountancy Fees		<u>618</u>		<u>600</u>

Approved by the Trustees on



Mr M Chesterton
Chair of Trustees

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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2. Funds

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3. Transactions with trustees and related parties

Trustee, Mr R Kendall Jr, received £4,394 in the year for consultancy services.

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Review of activities

Welcome to this first Soul Children UK annual report which highlights what an incredibly momentous year this has been for us.

Having worked as a board of trustees for many months to launch the charity, it was a joy to see the first fruits last summer as we partnered with Festival Manchester. Chip and Tim led a choir of around 500 children who performed for tens of thousands of people visiting the Festival over the weekend.

We are particularly indebted to Soul Children in Norway, and to Ragnhild who leads the organisation there, for their support in launching Soul Children UK - and to the significant contingent of the Oslo choir who joined us for that first performance last summer.

Since then, we have launched 5 local choirs here in the UK, and we have several more approaching the launch pad as we move forward with our next cohort.

Almost a year after that first performance it was a privilege to join with 60 children from our five choirs, along with their leaders and many of their parents, for our first UK Soul Children Festival which took place in Greater Manchester at the end of June.

We are incredibly grateful to a number of organisations and individuals who have made all this possible by supporting Soul Children UK with their prayers, their time, their gifts and their financial support; many of whom have also committed to journey with us into the future. If you are one of these then please accept our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for your commitment to our vision.

Lastly, and most importantly, we are so grateful and thankful to God for his amazing provision, and for seeing his spirit at work in the lives of the young people who are part of the Soul Children family here in the UK.

Whatever your connection to Soul Children, can I take this opportunity to thank you for joining with us as we seek to reach young people through music they can relate to and introduce them to a lifelong relationship with Jesus.

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Trustees' Report

Review of financial position

In the first period of operation the total receipts amounted to £10,300 and total payments amounted to £3,590. This resulted in general cash funds at 31 December 2022 of £6,710.

Risk management

The Trustees have considered the major risks that the charity may face and can confirm that systems have been established to mitigate them.



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Mr M Chesterton
Chair of Trustees

Date: 19/09/2023

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Date: 20/04/2023

Receipts and Payments Account

	2022
	£
Receipts	
Donations	9,450
Choir subscriptions	800
Other	50
Total receipts	<u>10,300</u>
Payments	
Video editing and production	1,400
Other consultancy	2,190
Total payments	<u>3,590</u>
Net movement in funds	6,710
General cash funds b/f at 1 January 2022	<u>-</u>
General cash funds c/f at 31 December 2022	<u><u>6,710</u></u>

This is the first period of operation. There are no comparative figures.

The notes on page 7 form part of these Financial Statements.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	2022	
	£	£
<u>Monetary Assets</u>		
Cash at Bank and in hand		
Current Account	<u>6,710</u>	<u>6,710</u>

LIABILITIES

Creditors

Accountancy Fee/Independent Examination		<u>600</u>
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Approved by the Trustees on ...19th September 2023...


.....
Mr M Chesterton
Chair of Trustees

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