

**MEDHURST  
MINISTRIES**

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

& Financial Statements

**2023/2024**

Medhurst Ministries  
Registered Charity Number: 1197575

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# LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

## ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE

Cannon Park Congregational church  
Union Street  
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TS1 5PJ

## GOVERNING DOCUMENT

CIO—Foundation Registered 2022

## CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 1197575

## TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE

Matthew Spandler-Davison  
Stephanie Greer  
Steve Bell  
Bridget Wezi Ngwisha  
David Trenchard  
Mez Mc Connell  
Steve Kneale  
Nathan Young  
Ian Williamson

## BANKERS

Nat West

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

L. Ladds Bookkeeping & Accountancy  
196 Woodhouse Lane, Guisbrough, TS14 6LP



# CHARITABLE OBJECTS

The objects of the CIO are for the public benefit the advancement of the christian faith in particular (but without limitation) by providing support to churches, pastors, church planters and gospel workers serving in deprived places through the provision of grants, resources, mentoring, retreats and training and any other means compatible with the statement of faith.

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024.



# OUR ACTIVITIES

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At the end of our second financial year we have 15 network churches that we support and that are situated across four regions of England. We have four in the North East, six in the North West, four in Yorkshire and one in the Midlands.

From these churches we are currently training and supporting pastors, gospel workers and church members in the following ways:



## **Pastor Support**

We provide one-to-one support online and in person for 15 network pastors, and run monthly regional cohorts for pastors and church planters to train with and learn from other ministers in similar contexts.

As well as meeting monthly within their regional cohorts, each cohort member will receive visits from a pastoral coach who will maintain regular contact to work through ministry situations.



## **Medhurst Women**

Medhurst Women is training 22 women on a 3-year rolling program of contextualised training and support for women ministering to women in areas of deprivation. Designed and delivered by experienced practitioners, Medhurst Women is a flexible, practical, and theologically robust training alternative for those considering or already ministering in deprived communities.



# OUR ACTIVITIES

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## **Grants**

We were able to give grants to 7 of our network churches which came to a total of £35,610.

## **Pastors Retreat**

17 pastors were supported on our annual pastor's retreat. The retreated lasted 3 days and consisted of worship, teaching, and fellowship. The retreat gave plenty of time for spiritual and physical refreshment while also providing opportunities to foster long-term church partnerships with other pastors and church planters serving in some of the UK's most deprived communities.

## **Womens Retreat**

Medhurst Women supported 15 women on their annual retreat for female gospel workers, pastor's wives and women living and ministering in areas of deprivation. The retreat is a time to build friendships, have fellowship and learn from and with one another. Because people's circumstances differ and attending this retreat may be difficult for those with young children, our family workers provide childcare onsite.





# OUR ACTIVITIES

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## **Family Retreat**

Ministry in areas of deprivation can be tiring and involves sacrifice from the whole family. Therefore, we run an annual five day family retreat for pastors and their families. This year we ran two retreats, one in October that hosted 23 adults and 17 children and one in May that hosted 27 adults and 29 children. The retreat in the Yorkshire Dales provides teaching, fellowship, friendship, and fun for the whole family.

## **Consultancy & Outside Training**

We also offer training to churches and Christian organisations outside the Medhurst Network. We are doing this to help equip more affluent churches to reach areas of deprivation whilst providing Medhurst with an extra funding stream via donations from these churches/organisations to the indigenous fund.

## **Resources**

As well as developing Medhurst Women, we have continued to produce the In Context Podcast and magazine. In Context is a Medhurst Ministries podcast about Christian life and mission in places affected by spiritual and economic deprivation. It can be found on all the major podcast platforms and YouTube.



# OUR ACTIVITIES

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## **Weekender**

In 2023 New Life Church in Middlesbrough hosted the 2nd Medhurst Ministries Annual Weekender. The theme was based on Revelation 2:1-7 and was entitled Remember Your 1st Love. Robin Singleton, Al Gooderham, Jon Norwood, Steve Kneale and Mez McConnell preached for us and the conference was sold out, with over 100 attendees.

## **Conferences**

Medhurst Ministries had a stall at the Keswick Convention for three weeks and was able to share about the ministry with people from all over the UK and beyond. We also had opportunities to speak at and promote our church at several churches across the U.K.

## **Retreats for Church Members**

In April we ran a pilot retreat for Medhurst Ministries church members. This was a wonderful time of fun, teaching and fellowship and we hosted 17 adults and 16 children. Due to the success we plan on making this an annual event.





# OUR ACTIVITIES

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## **Supporting Other Organisations & Churches**

Over the last year we have also been able to support a number of churches and organisations who for various reasons could not join our network but are united in our gospel aims for reaching those who live in areas of deprivation. The support has included preaching at events, mentoring and advice on fundraising, websites and discipleship.

# FINANCIAL REVIEW

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## Financial review

At the end of the financial year, the cash held by the charity was £113,494.12, of which £70,415.78 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

## Reserves policy

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than 3 months of budgeted expenditure so that the charity could continue to operate should income (including grant funding) and/or expenditure vary adversely.

## Governance

Responsibility for setting policy and making operational decisions rests with the trustees, who meet regularly to monitor the charity's activities. New trustees are recruited and appointed by the existing trustees.

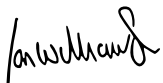
## Responsibilities of trustees

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year, which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year. We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the charity's financial position and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. We also have a responsibility to safeguard the charity's assets and take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

## Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Ian Williamson



Date: 25th October 2024



### **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Medhurst Ministries**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Medhurst Ministries for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are attached to this report.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

#### **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 respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with the records

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ladds'.

Leanne Ladds FMAAT AATQB  
L Ladds Bookkeeping & Accountancy

16 September 2024

**Medhurst Ministries**  
**Receipts and Payments Account**  
**for the year end 31 March 2024**

	Notes	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
		<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Designated Funds</u>			
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>2023/24</u>	<u>2022/23</u>
					<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<b>Income Receipts</b>						
Donations and grants		51,255.98	56,698.75	85,486.22	193,440.95	151,302.94
Acts 29 partnership agreement			12,803.39		12,803.39	38,378.55
Interest						
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>51,255.98</b>	<b>69,502.14</b>	<b>85,486.22</b>	<b>206,244.34</b>	<b>189,681.49</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	39,269.38	73,063.49	54,852.86	167,185.73	115,245.98
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others						
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>39,269.38</b>	<b>73,063.49</b>	<b>54,852.86</b>	<b>167,185.73</b>	<b>115,245.98</b>
Net of receipts/(payments) before transfers		11,986.60	3,561.35	30,633.36	39,058.61	74,435.51
Transfers between funds	-	37,789.53	37,789.53			
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,802.93</b>	<b>34,228.18</b>	<b>30,633.36</b>	<b>39,058.61</b>	<b>74,435.51</b>
Cash funds as at last year end		61,990.53		12,444.98	74,435.51	
<b>Cash funds at the year end</b>		<b>36,187.60</b>	<b>34,228.18</b>	<b>43,078.34</b>	<b>113,494.12</b>	<b>74,435.51</b>



**Medhurst Ministries**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**  
**for the year end 31 March 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds £	Total 2023/24 £	Total 2022/23 £
		General Funds £	Designated Funds £			
<b>Cash Funds</b>						
Cash at bank with immediate access		36,188	34,228	43,078	113,494	74,436
Notice Deposits		-	-	-	-	-
		<u>36,188</u>	<u>34,228</u>	<u>43,078</u>	<u>113,494</u>	<u>74,436</u>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>						
<b>Falling within one year:</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Falling after one year:</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Assets retained for charity's own use</b>					Value 31/03/2024 £	Value 31/03/2023 £
Office Equipment					2,365	1,197
Sound and audio equipment					<u>1,647</u>	<u>1,647</u>
					<u>4,012</u>	<u>2,844</u>

**Guarantees and secured debts**

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

**Medhurst Ministries**  
**Receipts and Payments Account**  
**for the year end 31 March 2024**

**1 Accounting Policies**

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

The previous financial year, being the first year of operation, was an extended period of 13 months.

**2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly**

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Total 2023/24</u>	<u>Total 2022/23</u>
	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Designated Funds</u>			
	£	£	£	£	£
Administration and support	4,163.34			4,163.34	3,125.50
Building	1,330.00			1,330.00	1,565.00
Training and support	7,378.71	34,000.00	11,586.63	52,965.34	19,915.96
Fundraising and church partnerships	23,164.00			23,164.00	13,151.28
Resource and promotional material	2,826.53			2,826.53	10,714.12
Staffing	406.80	39,063.49	43,266.23	82,736.52	66,774.12
	<u>39,269.38</u>	<u>73,063.49</u>	<u>54,852.86</u>	<u>167,185.73</u>	<u>115,245.98</u>