

NORTH CHURCH UK

England & Wales · Charity number 1197955

Details

Other names	NORTH CHURCH
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2022-02-17
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: A) TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE CHURCH COUNCIL FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT;(B) TO RELIEVE SICKNESS AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND TO PROMOTE AND PRESERVE GOOD HEALTH BY THE PROVISION OF FUNDS, GOODS OR SERVICES OF ANY KIND INCLUDING THROUGH THE PROVISION OF COUNSELLING AND SUPPORT IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE CHURCH COUNCIL FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT; AND(C) TO ADVANCE EDUCATION OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE CHURCH COUNCIL FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT.

Activities: To update

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Leeds City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£2,646,870	£1,644,297	£1,685,197	21
2023-12-31	£999,866	£776,301	£682,624	17
2022-12-31	£922,751	£463,692	£459,059	12

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ebunoluwa Mofoluwake Ajayi	Chair	2022-02-17
Alison Caroline Beckwith		2022-02-17
David Campbell Niblock		2022-02-17
Jonathan Beale		2024-11-19
Jonathan Mark Knight		2022-02-17
Rev Misheck Manhanha		2024-11-19

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Financial Statements
30 June 2025

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Period from 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2025

The trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the period ended 30 June 2025.

The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published in October 2019.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	North Church UK
Charity registration number	1197955
Principal office	98 Kirkstall Road Leeds LS3 1HJ
The trustees	Ms E M Ajayi Mr J Beale (Appointed 19 November 2024) Miss A C Beckwith Mr J M Knight Rev. M T Manhanha (Appointed 19 November 2024) Mr D C Niblock
Lead Pastors	David Niblock Abigail Niblock
General Manager	Mike Mullender
Safeguarding Senior Leader	Jon Knight
Safeguarding Officer	Jennifer Innes (to August 2023) Jennifer Sellars (from August 2023)
Web site	www.churchnorth.com
Banker	Virgin Money Sunderland SR43 4JB
Auditor	Anova, Chartered Accountants 2 Piries Place Horsham West Sussex RH12 1EH

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Period from 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2025

Structure, governance and management

North Church UK is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, which is governed by a Constitution dated 8th February 2022. The Church is affiliated to the Assemblies of God GB and the Evangelical Alliance.

The charity is managed by a board of experienced trustees, who are responsible for ensuring financial stability by providing professional and strategic advice on policy and resource management. Following Assemblies of God guidelines, the Church is required to have at least three trustees at any one time, with one of them being one of the lead pastors, David Niblock.

The trustees continue to meet at least four times each year and have overall responsibility for the operation and leadership of the charity. The trustees draw up policies and procedures within which they and the staff operate and make decisions. The trustees delegate much of the day-to-day responsibilities to the lead pastors under an agreed Schedule of Delegation, which is reviewed annually.

The majority of our trustees are actively involved with the Church and undertook trustee training provided by Stewardship in November 2022.

The trustees have arranged Trustees indemnity insurance with a reputable insurer

New Trustees

When a vacancy occurs or there is a need to increase the number of trustees, the lead pastors will nominate a potential new trustee deemed to have the relevant experience, skills and commitment, who will be considered by the existing trustees. All appointments will be confirmed by the board of trustees and recorded by a minute in the meeting notes of the relevant board meeting.

When a new trustee is identified, they will be provided with the following before their appointment:

- (a) a copy of the current version of the Constitution;
- (b) a copy of the Church's latest annual report and statement of accounts, and;
- (c) information about the role and responsibilities of a trustee provided by the Charity Commission.

Two new trustees were appointed on 19th November 2024 - Rev Misheck Manhanha and Jonathan Beale.

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Structure, governance and management *(continued)*

Staff

In response to the growth in the Church during this financial period our staff team has expanded considerably, particularly within our pastoral and facilities teams. We have also implemented clearer staffing structures, including reorganizing the line management to strengthen accountability, provide support and create pathways for leadership development among staff members.

Staff numbers have increased from 20 in January 2024 to 25 by the end of the financial period. Eight of these staff are full time and the remainder are part time or casual, working from one to four days a week. All staff are under the leadership of the lead pastors for the day-to-day running of the Church, assisted by line managers. We have continued to work hard to build a healthy staff culture with regular relevant training.

All decisions on staff pay and benefits are made by the trustees.

We have also continued to use an external coach for the staff team, who is an experienced Church pastor. He has regular meetings with the staff to provide guided development and to act as a sounding board.

In addition, we have an Advisory Team which helps to bring direction to our vision and values, together with advisory input for the lead pastors.

Safeguarding is one of our priorities, to ensure the safety and protection of everyone who accesses our various ministries. The trustees have a clear understanding that they are accountable for how we safeguard vulnerable adults, children and young people who engage with us, as well as our staff and volunteers. We have implemented safeguarding training for trustees, staff and volunteers.

We renewed our ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System accreditation in November 2024.

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Objectives and activities

Our vision to have a commitment to be a Church 'For The City' remains at the forefront of all we do, and we have continued to take essential steps to ensure it continues to be our priority with our time and with our resources, to serve the people in the city who need help the most.

When we have become aware of a need in our city, we have done our best to help support or partner with various organisations to meet the need.

Our four values remain;

1. 'Jesus is who we love to follow.'
2. 'The Word is how we love to grow'
3. 'People were who we love to serve'
4. 'Community is how we love to live'

Our Church loves to enjoy life together! From our small groups to social interest groups, people are always looking for ways to grow in community. It is wonderful to see such a diverse mix of community from the youngest to the oldest, people from different sides of the world and from vastly different socio-economic status, and yet the Church is united.

Our heart is to facilitate and strengthen this continued growth with appropriate structure and sustainability.

The trustees have referred to the advice contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Policy on grant making

Our policy outlines how grants may be made and the priorities for providing support. Our aims are advancement of the Christian faith and relief of poverty within local communities and across the world, so recipients of grants are chosen based on their adherence to our charitable objects. Grants will be made for the public benefit by funding activities which will allow our objects to be fulfilled.

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Achievements and performance

When we reflect on the past eighteen months, we do so with deep gratitude and humility, recognising God's faithfulness in guiding and establishing us as a healthy and growing Church community in the heart of the city of Leeds. This period has been marked by both spiritual and practical growth, as we have sought to faithfully steward the vision entrusted to us.

At the beginning of 2024, we introduced our annual theme, "Heart of God". This theme shaped our direction and priorities, as we sought to cultivate a Church community that reflects God's heart in both character and action. Our desire has been to align ourselves more closely with His will, ensuring that all we do flows from a place of obedience, compassion, and purpose.

As part of this vision, we felt a clear calling to expand our impact in serving the people of Leeds, particularly those most in need. Building on our core value, "People are who we love to serve," we began exploring opportunities to extend our physical and missional footprint. This led to the significant step of occupying and developing the building at the rear of our Kirkstall Road premises, which had become vacant - 31 Burley Road. It is owned by the same landlord as 98 Kirkstall Road.

This development project has been guided by a clear and compelling vision: "A space to grow and a space to serve." We knew that relocating our main gatherings into a larger auditorium within the Burley Road building, would enable us to reimagine and repurpose our existing, adjoining property on Kirkstall Road.

In March 2024, the Church demonstrated extraordinary generosity by giving towards the initial phase of the building project. This remarkable response enabled significant progress, and we witnessed a complete transformation of the Burley Road site. In May 2025, we held our first service in the new 1,250-seat auditorium. This facility also includes two floors of office space and a purpose-built coffee and connection area, designed to foster community and belonging.

With increased building capacity has come significant growth in attendance and activity. Our Sunday services have experienced approximately a 30% increase in attendance, and we have celebrated more baptisms than at any previous time in the life of the Church. While this growth is encouraging, it also brings important responsibilities and opportunities in the areas of pastoral care, discipleship, and leadership development. We remain committed to ensuring that every individual is known, cared for, and supported, even as the Church continues to grow in size.

At the beginning of 2025, we introduced our annual theme: "Good things grow here". This statement reflected our intention to cultivate positive growth within both the church and the wider community. Over the course of the year, we have seen this vision take shape, not only through the physical development of our building, but also through the many personal testimonies and stories of transformation within our congregation. Our ministry activities have continued to flourish, with vibrant and growing engagement across our children's, youth, and young adults' ministries. These areas remain a strategic priority for investment, reflecting our commitment to raising and equipping the next generation. The annual Souls Conference has also continued to grow, with 706 young adults attending in 2024 and 878 in 2025, demonstrating increasing impact and reach.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

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Financial review

Review of financial activities

The trustees decided to extend the 2024 financial year to 30th June 2025, so that the year end is at a more convenient time of year. The figures shown here are for the eighteen months period, with a comparison to the 12 months for 2023. The position with the finances at the end of June 2025 are shown in the attached financial statements.

The Charity received donations amounting to £1,342,403 (2023 - £523,419), with related Gift Aid claims of £244,703 (2023 - £82,753). In addition, gifts received were £830,590 (2023 - £315,144), grant funding totalling £36,140 (2023 - £17,100) was received. Income from trading activities amounted to £162,840 (2023 - £56,752) and interest received was £29,194 (2023 - £4,698).

The total expenditure on charitable activities amounted to £1,531,345 (2023 - £735,472) during the period.

The total reserves at the financial year end were £1,685,197 (2023 - £682,624). The total fixed assets of the charity increased to £1,079,492 (2023 - £222,454).

At the end of 2025, the general unrestricted free reserves of the Charity were £524,623 (2023 - £445,652) and the total restricted funds amounted to £8,526 (2023 - £6,150).

This amount adequately exceeds our general expenditure for a period in excess of three months.

The income of the Church is primarily voluntary donations from individuals and other charities, plus some income from the activities of the Church, such as weekends away and conferences, together with income generated from hiring out rooms in the venue. Some income is raised in relation to specific, unexpected needs for responding to local and national events.

The trustees set an agreed budget for each financial year. The lead pastors have authority, with relevant consultation with the trustees, to work within this budget. Any expenditure which is more than 5% above budget needs to be agreed by the trustees.

The trustees manage the finances of the Church to ensure that all of the income is used to further the charitable purposes of the charity. When the reserves of the Church rise above the targeted level the trustees will take action to use the surplus in connection with those purposes. If the trustees know of future costs that justify higher than the policy level of reserves these will be explained in the quarterly management accounts and the period-end reports.

The appeal for funds for redevelopment of the Burley Road building in 2024 raised a total of £693,837 including Gift Aid claims. All of this amount was used on the conversion project, supplemented by funds from our reserves.

There have been no other significant events which have affected the financial performance for the eighteen months to 30th June 2025.

Investment Policy

The Church has power to deposit or invest funds, employ a professional fund-manager, and arrange for the investments or other property of the Church to be held in the name of a nominee, in the same manner and subject to the same conditions as the trustees of a trust are permitted to do by the Trustee Act 2000.

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No long-term investments are held by the Church at present. The trustees believe the Church's ongoing income is stable and consider that it will be possible to make fundraising or cost-saving action in good time should it be necessary.

Risks and Uncertainties

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that adequate systems and controls are in place to mitigate exposure to such risks. These risks are managed and assessed on an ongoing basis and will be mitigated against as necessary, so that the charity is not exposed to undue risk.

Related Parties

We are affiliated to Assemblies of God UK, one of the largest Pentecostal denominations in the UK. We donate 3% of our income to Assemblies of God on a monthly basis, up to a maximum £20,000 each year.

Life Church Ministries (Company number 11973632) is a guarantor for the lease for the Kirkstall Road building we occupy.

Reserves policy

The trustees recognise the importance of a reserves policy to demonstrate good stewardship and financial management, to ensure that the charity is sustainable for the future by managing any unforeseen financial challenges. Our policy is to maintain unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific purpose at a sufficient level to meet all management and administrative costs and other ongoing financial commitments for a minimum of three months. These reserves are currently held in cash at the bank and in interest bearing instant access or short notice deposit accounts with reputable financial institutions, which can be accessed at reasonably short notice.

We will also ensure that excessive funds are not held without any identifiable reason or for any identifiable charitable purpose.

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Plans for future periods

We will continue to pursue our vision throughout the remainder of 2025 and into 2026, by developing what we started in 2022, and believe that we will see continued growth in the various areas of the work as we stay true to the principle of seeking first the Kingdom of God.

Acquiring the Burley Road building will enable us to redevelop our Kirkstall Road property, which represents a significant step in fulfilling our vision to create a space dedicated to serving the local community. In partnership with The Message Trust, we plan to establish a Community Grocery, providing food and essential household items at a reduced cost for people who might be struggling with the cost of living. This initiative aims to support local individuals and low income families in accessing affordable, nutritious provisions.

The Community Grocery will operate Monday to Friday and will be supported by our team of volunteers. In addition to offering low-cost goods, we intend to deliver a range of courses designed to support personal development and wellbeing, including programmes such as the Alpha Course and CAP Job Clubs.

The redevelopment will also provide additional facilities, including two purpose-built classrooms/training rooms and three large multi-purpose spaces. These areas can be combined to form a larger auditorium, enabling a variety of uses such as children's church activities, community events, and wider church gatherings.

The Church is deeply encouraged by this opportunity and remains committed to the ongoing mission to serve and support the community, to advance the Christian faith and to develop leadership and ministry skills to strengthen spiritual well-being.

We will continue to deliver our existing activities as well as establishing new projects which clearly meet the charity's aims and objectives for the public benefit, and which add real value for the people in our local communities.

Conclusion

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to our ministry leaders, staff team, and the many volunteers who serve tirelessly with dedication and compassion. Their commitment has been instrumental in enabling the Church to grow and fulfil its mission.

Finally, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the entire congregation. Our Church is richly diverse in age, background, and culture, and it is through the unity, faith, and passion of our people that we continue to thrive as a community committed to living for God.

We thank God for His continued faithfulness throughout this period. As we look to the future, we do so with confidence and trust, believing that He will continue to lead, guide, and bless the work of the Church.

"To God be the glory for all He has done."

Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 16 April 2026 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

MS E M AJAYI
Trustee

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of North Church UK

Period from 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2025

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of North Church UK (the 'charity') for the period ended 30 June 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 30 June 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the period then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

We identify and assess risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and then design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we considered the following:

- the nature of the industry and sector, control environment and charity's performance;
 - results of our enquiries of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
 - any matters we identified having obtained and reviewed the charity's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to:
 - identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
 - detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
 - the internal controls established to mitigate risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
 - the matters discussed among the audit engagement team regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.
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As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud. In common with all audits, we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

We also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the charity operates in. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included the Care Quality Commission, Charities Act 2011, Charities SORP and employment legislation.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the charity's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty.

As a result of performing the above, we did not identify any key matters related to the potential risk of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.

Our procedures to respond to risks identified included the following:

- reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- enquiring of management concerning actual and potential litigation and claims;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance, reviewing internal reports and reviewing correspondence with regulators, and;
- in addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments, assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias and evaluating the rationale for any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of operation.

We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indication of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Other matters

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with "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)" (as amended) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with current Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The comparative figures for the year ended 31 December 2023 are unaudited. We have not been engaged to audit, review, or perform any procedures on those figures and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance on them.

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Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

MATTHEW CLEGHORN FCA BSc (Hons) (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Anova, Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants

2 Piries Place

Horsham

West Sussex

RH12 1EH

24 April 2026

Anova is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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Statement of Financial Activities

Period from 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2025

		Period from 1 Jan 24 to 30 Jun 25			Year to 31 Dec 23
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	4	1,689,312	765,524	2,454,836	938,416
Other trading activities	5	162,715	125	162,840	56,752
Investment income	6	29,189	5	29,194	4,698
Total income		<u>1,881,216</u>	<u>765,654</u>	<u>2,646,870</u>	<u>999,866</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of raising donations and legacies	7	12,176	4,739	16,914	5,387
Costs of other trading activities	8	88,418	7,620	96,038	35,442
Expenditure on charitable activities	9,10	1,422,695	108,649	1,531,345	735,472
Total expenditure		<u>1,523,289</u>	<u>121,008</u>	<u>1,644,297</u>	<u>776,301</u>
Net income		<u>357,927</u>	<u>644,646</u>	<u>1,002,573</u>	<u>223,565</u>
Transfers between funds		642,270	(642,270)	–	–
Net movement in funds		<u>1,000,197</u>	<u>2,376</u>	<u>1,002,573</u>	<u>223,565</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		676,474	6,150	682,624	459,059
Total funds carried forward		<u>1,676,671</u>	<u>8,526</u>	<u>1,685,197</u>	<u>682,624</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 17 to 34 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

30 June 2025

	Note	30 Jun 25 £	31 Dec 23 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	19	1,079,492	222,454
Current assets			
Debtors	20	109,889	59,416
Cash at bank and in hand		697,861	457,422
		<u>807,750</u>	<u>516,838</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	21	<u>202,045</u>	<u>56,668</u>
Net current assets		<u>605,705</u>	<u>460,170</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>1,685,197</u>	<u>682,624</u>
Net assets		<u>1,685,197</u>	<u>682,624</u>
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		8,526	6,150
Unrestricted funds		<u>1,676,671</u>	<u>676,474</u>
Total charity funds	25	<u>1,685,197</u>	<u>682,624</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 16 April 2026, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

MS E M AJAYI
Trustee

MR J M KNIGHT
Trustee

The notes on pages 17 to 34 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows

Period from 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2025

	Note	30 Jun 25	31 Dec 23
		£	£
Cash generated from operations	27	1,170,823	236,713
Interest received		29,194	4,698
Net cash from operating activities		<u>1,200,017</u>	<u>241,411</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible assets		(959,578)	(15,590)
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(959,578)</u>	<u>(15,590)</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		240,439	225,821
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		457,422	231,601
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period		<u>697,861</u>	<u>457,422</u>

The notes on pages 17 to 34 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Period from 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2025

1. General information

North Church UK is a public benefit entity and is registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation in England. The address of the principal office is 98 Kirkstall Road, Leeds, LS3 1HJ.

2. Statement of compliance

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the 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 issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £1.

The current accounting period was the 18-month period from 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2025. The comparative figures were for the year from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 and are not entirely comparable. The accounting period was extended by the Trustees in order to avoid the pressure of year-end financial reporting matters conflicting with the Advent and Christmas celebrations, church events, New Year holidays and staff holiday leave. With the summer being a suitably quiet period, it was resolved to adopt 30 June as the financial period end, as permitted by the governing documents.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all periods presented unless otherwise stated.

Going concern

Given the substantial net current assets available to the charity and strength support provided by the congregation, there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Period from 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2025

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The Charity makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities, within the next financial year, are the levels of future funding and expenditure on charitable activities.

Income tax

As a charity, North Church UK is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within the available tax exemptions to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Period from 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2025

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Operating leases

Lease payments are recognised as an expense over the lease term on a straight-line basis. The aggregate benefit of lease incentives is recognised as a reduction to expense over the lease term, on a straight-line basis.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Period from 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2025

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Plant and machinery	-	20% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	-	20% straight line
Equipment	-	20% straight line
Leasehold improvements	-	10% straight line

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that are largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

Government grants

Government grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants are not recognised until there is reasonable assurance that the charity will comply with the conditions attaching to them and the grants will be received.

Where the grant does not impose specified future performance-related conditions on the recipient, it is recognised in income when the grant proceeds are received or receivable. Where the grant does impose specified future performance-related conditions on the recipient, it is recognised in income only when the performance-related conditions have been met. Where grants received are prior to satisfying the revenue recognition criteria, they are recognised as a liability.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Period from 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2025

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the value of the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Defined contribution plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Donations			
Individual giving	691,556	635,435	1,326,991
Trusts and Foundations	300	9,112	9,412
Limited companies	–	6,000	6,000
Mosaik - The Church Network	–	–	–
Gift Aid tax recovered	174,775	69,928	244,703
Gifts			
Via charitable giving portals	806,181	24,409	830,590
Grants			
Leeds Christian Community Trust	–	4,950	4,950
Leeds Community Foundation	–	4,000	4,000
Church Revitalisation Trust	–	11,500	11,500
Other grants	–	190	190
Government grant income	15,500	–	15,500
Other donations and legacies			
Life Church Ministries	1,000	–	1,000
	<u>1,689,312</u>	<u>765,524</u>	<u>2,454,836</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Period from 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2025

4. Donations and legacies *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations			
Individual giving	509,770	8,812	518,582
Trusts and Foundations	–	–	–
Limited companies	1,200	–	1,200
Mosaik - The Church Network	3,637	–	3,637
Gift Aid tax recovered	79,064	3,689	82,753
Gifts			
Via charitable giving portals	310,342	4,802	315,144
Grants			
Leeds Christian Community Trust	–	7,100	7,100
Leeds Community Foundation	–	–	–
Church Revitalisation Trust	–	–	–
Other grants	–	–	–
Government grant income	10,000	–	10,000
Other donations and legacies			
Life Church Ministries	–	–	–
	<u>914,013</u>	<u>24,403</u>	<u>938,416</u>

5. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Fundraising events	76,651	–	76,651
Shop income	19,411	125	19,536
Letting and licensing	66,653	–	66,653
	<u>162,715</u>	<u>125</u>	<u>162,840</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Fundraising events	728	25,306	26,034
Shop income	341	4,924	5,265
Letting and licensing	25,453	–	25,453
	<u>26,522</u>	<u>30,230</u>	<u>56,752</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Period from 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2025

6. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Bank interest receivable	27,987	–	27,987
Other interest receivable	1,202	5	1,207
	<u>29,189</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>29,194</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Bank interest receivable	4,623	–	4,623
Other interest receivable	73	2	75
	<u>4,696</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4,698</u>

7. Costs of raising donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Costs of raising donations and legacies	12,176	4,739	16,914

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Costs of raising donations and legacies	4,299	1,088	5,387

8. Costs of other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Shop costs	15,487	–	15,487
Staging events	41,457	1,428	42,885
Advertising and publicity	31,474	6,192	37,666
	<u>88,418</u>	<u>7,620</u>	<u>96,038</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Shop costs	404	4,045	4,449
Staging events	18,526	1,509	20,035
Advertising and publicity	7,219	3,739	10,958
	<u>26,149</u>	<u>9,293</u>	<u>35,442</u>

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Period from 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2025

9. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Advance Christian faith	913,600	59,702	973,302
Relieve sickness and hardship	26,227	27,781	54,007
Support costs	482,868	21,166	504,036
	<u>1,422,695</u>	<u>108,649</u>	<u>1,531,345</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Advance Christian faith	377,969	43,142	421,111
Relieve sickness and hardship	6,672	25,286	31,958
Support costs	276,419	5,984	282,403
	<u>661,060</u>	<u>74,412</u>	<u>735,472</u>

10. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Grant funding of activities £	Support costs £	Total funds 2025 £	Total fund 2023 £
Advance Christian faith	933,992	39,310	453,348	1,426,650	685,461
Relieve sickness and hardship	20,286	33,721	4,568	58,575	34,629
Governance costs	–	–	46,120	46,120	15,382
	<u>954,278</u>	<u>73,031</u>	<u>504,036</u>	<u>1,531,345</u>	<u>735,472</u>

Included within governance costs were:

	Period from 1 Jan 24 to 30 Jun 25 £	Year to 31 Dec 23 £
Salaries	15,692	6,294
Employer's NIC	1,681	618
Employer's pension costs	987	333
Accountancy fees	8,463	3,600
Audit fees	13,500	–
Legal and other professional fees	5,565	4,521
Costs of trustees' meetings	232	16
	<u>46,120</u>	<u>15,382</u>

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Period from 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2025

11. Analysis of support costs

	Advance Christian faith £	Relieve sickness and hardship £	Governance costs £	Total 2025 £	Total 2023 £
Staff costs	141,813	1,432	18,360	161,605	88,724
Premises	54,579	551	–	55,130	53,117
Communications and IT	4,375	44	–	4,419	1,258
General office	82,234	831	–	83,065	51,492
Finance costs	1,001	–	–	1,001	45
Travel and subsistence	14,769	149	–	14,918	9,859
Trustees meetings	–	–	232	232	16
Accounting and examination fees	–	–	21,963	21,963	3,600
Depreciation	101,515	1,025	–	102,540	42,581
Technicians and audio visual costs	15,639	158	–	15,797	7,018
Staff training and welfare	14,831	150	–	14,981	2,876
Equipment expensed	22,593	228	–	22,821	17,296
Legal and professional fees	–	–	5,565	5,565	4,521
	<u>453,349</u>	<u>4,568</u>	<u>46,120</u>	<u>504,037</u>	<u>282,403</u>

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Period from 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2025

12. Analysis of grants

	Period from 1 Jan 24 to 30 Jun 25 £	Year to 31 Dec 23 £
Grants to institutions		
Assemblies of God - Great Britain	–	1,000
Zarach	750	–
Building Church Ltd	–	544
Soul Church	–	6,000
Leeds Chinese Christian Church	1,500	–
Ordinary Hero	2,700	2,550
Christians Against Poverty (CAP)	1,500	–
Sports Chaplaincy	2,100	1,600
Hope for Justice	5,700	–
Samaritans Purse International	–	4,400
Light UK	1,200	500
Youth for Christ	–	550
7 Ministry Gifts of £500 or less to local churches (2023 - 16)	2,986	6,040
14 Ministry Gifts of over £500 to local churches (2023 - 0)	9,324	–
Caring for Life	1,200	–
Isaiah 61	1,200	–
Lighthouse	1,950	–
Vision Rescue	2,200	–
Watoto Childcare Ministries	5,000	–
	<u>39,310</u>	<u>23,184</u>
Grants to individuals		
5,107 Grants and Gifts to individuals (2023 - 5,655)	33,721	17,268
Total grants	<u>73,031</u>	<u>40,452</u>

13. Net income

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	30 Jun 25 £	31 Dec 23 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	102,540	42,581
Operating lease rentals	<u>39,865</u>	<u>42,556</u>

14. Auditors remuneration

	Period from 1 Jan 24 to 30 Jun 25 £	Year to 31 Dec 23 £
Fees payable for the audit of the financial statements	<u>13,500</u>	<u>–</u>

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15. Independent examination fees

	Period from 1 Jan 24 to 30 Jun 25 £	Year to 31 Dec 23 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for:		
Independent examination of the financial statements	–	600
Other financial services	–	3,000
	<u>–</u>	<u>3,600</u>

16. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	Period from 1 Jan 24 to 30 Jun 25 £	Year to 31 Dec 23 £
Wages and salaries	552,921	257,620
Social security costs	47,598	20,099
Employer contributions to pension plans	26,289	11,465
Other employee benefits	5,031	5,819
	<u>631,839</u>	<u>295,003</u>

Staff payroll cost disclosures are for gross salary, Employers National Insurance Contributions and Employers Pension Contribution for the 18-month period ended 30 June 2025. The comparative figures are for a 12-month period.

The average head count of employees during the period was 21 (2023: 17). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the period is analysed as follows:

	30 Jun 25 No.	31 Dec 23 No.
Direct charitable activities	7	8
Support	3	1
Trustee	2	1
	<u>12</u>	<u>10</u>

The number of employees whose remuneration for the year fell within the following bands, were:

	30 Jun 25 No.	31 Dec 23 No.
£60,000 to £69,999	1	–
£80,000 to £89,999	1	–
	<u>2</u>	<u>–</u>

Key Management Personnel

Key management personnel include all persons that have authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the charity. This includes Lead Pastors, Trustees and Senior Finance Managers. The total compensation paid to key management personnel for services provided to the charity was £260,702 (2023: £120,387).

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Period from 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2025

17. Trustee remuneration and expenses

Included within staff costs were salary costs for the Lead Pastor, who is a paid trustee in accordance with the Articles of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation and as permitted by the Charity Commission and who was employed from 1 May 2022, and another trustee who was employed from 13 February 2024.

The total trustee salaries amounted to £128,857 (2023: £50,936), social security costs amounted to £14,642 (2023: £5,774) and pensions amounted to £8,525 (2023: £3,155). There were no other benefits in kind. The current accounting period was the 18-month period from 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2025. The comparative figures were for the year from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023.

Four trustees were reimbursed for expenses in relation to charitable trading, direct charitable activities, support costs and the acquisition of fixed assets amounting to £28,855 (2023: two trustees £8,828).

During the period, the charity purchased insurance to protect it from loss arising from the neglect or defaults of its trustees, employees or agents, or to indemnify its trustees, employees or agents, against the consequences of any neglect or default on their part. The premium paid was £762 (2023: £431).

18. Transfers between funds

During the period, the Trustees made transfers between funds as follows:

- £668,055 from the New Building fund to the Designated fixed asset fund reflect the costs of the Burley Road building.
- £12,708 from General Unrestricted funds to the Restricted For the City Fund to cover the excess costs arising in the period.
- £2,738 from General Unrestricted funds to the Restricted For the City (Christmas) Fund to cover the excess costs arising in the period.
- £7,183 from General Unrestricted funds to Restricted For the City (Easter) Fund to cover the excess costs arising in the period.
- £3,156 from General Unrestricted funds to Restricted Kirkstall Road Project Fund to cover the excess costs arising in the period.

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19. Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Equipment £	Leasehold improvements £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 January 2024	–	138,011	8,366	145,545	291,922
Additions	9,780	129,444	35,783	784,571	959,578
At 30 June 2025	<u>9,780</u>	<u>267,455</u>	<u>44,149</u>	<u>930,116</u>	<u>1,251,500</u>
Depreciation					
At 1 January 2024	–	43,620	1,590	24,258	69,468
Charge for the period	2,651	48,227	6,141	45,521	102,540
At 30 June 2025	<u>2,651</u>	<u>91,847</u>	<u>7,731</u>	<u>69,779</u>	<u>172,008</u>
Carrying amount					
At 30 June 2025	<u>7,129</u>	<u>175,608</u>	<u>36,418</u>	<u>860,337</u>	<u>1,079,492</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>–</u>	<u>94,391</u>	<u>6,776</u>	<u>121,287</u>	<u>222,454</u>

20. Debtors

	30 Jun 25 £	31 Dec 23 £
Trade debtors	46,740	44,438
Prepayments and accrued income	25,105	14,978
Other debtors	38,044	–
	<u>109,889</u>	<u>59,416</u>

21. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	30 Jun 25 £	31 Dec 23 £
Trade creditors	64,420	13,159
Accruals and deferred income	125,237	37,852
Social security and other taxes	7,938	3,678
Other creditors	4,450	1,979
	<u>202,045</u>	<u>56,668</u>

22. Deferred income

	30 Jun 25 £	31 Dec 23 £
At 1 Jan 24	18,336	6,730
Amount released to income	(18,336)	(6,730)
Amount deferred in period	38,035	18,336
At 30 Jun 25	<u>38,035</u>	<u>18,336</u>

Deferred income arises in the period as a result of funds being received in advance of events which take place in the next period.

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23. Pensions and other post retirement benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £26,289 (2023: £11,465).

24. Government grants

The amounts recognised in the financial statements for government grants are as follows:

	30 Jun 25	31 Dec 23
	£	£
Recognised in income from donations and legacies:		
Government grants income	<u>15,500</u>	<u>10,000</u>

25. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 January 2024	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 30 June 2025 £
General funds	445,652	1,465,237	(1,360,481)	(25,785)	524,623
Fixed Asset Fund	222,454	291,523	(102,540)	668,055	1,079,492
Event North Fund	8,368	–	–	–	8,368
Ministry Support Fund	–	124,456	(60,268)	–	64,188
	<u>676,474</u>	<u>1,881,216</u>	<u>(1,523,289)</u>	<u>642,270</u>	<u>1,676,671</u>

	At 1 January 2023	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2023 £
General funds	203,911	920,731	(648,385)	(30,605)	445,652
Fixed Asset Fund	249,445	15,590	(42,581)	–	222,454
Event North Fund	–	8,910	(542)	–	8,368
Ministry Support Fund	–	–	–	–	–
	<u>453,356</u>	<u>945,231</u>	<u>(691,508)</u>	<u>(30,605)</u>	<u>676,474</u>

Fixed Asset Fund: The Fixed Asset Fund was established by the Trustees as a Designated Fund. This fund represents the additions and changes in the net book value of the tangible fixed assets of the charity as these are assets used by the charity in the performance of its charitable activities.

Event North Fund: The Event North Fund was established by the Trustees as a Designated Fund. This fund represents the income and expenditure in relation to taking bookings for hiring out the venue and its purpose is to identify the contribution to the performance of its charitable activities from venue hire.

The Ministry Support Fund: The Ministry Support Fund was established by the Trustees as a Designated Fund. This fund represents a proportion of our income which is used to support local community initiatives and also individuals and other charities and churches around the world.

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25. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 30 June 2025 £
For the City Fund	–	8,436	(21,144)	12,708	–
For the City (Christmas) Fund	–	23,548	(26,286)	2,738	–
Community Café Fund	4,227	19,490	(19,474)	–	4,243
For the City (Easter) Fund	1,923	3	(9,109)	7,183	–
Disaster Relief Fund	–	–	–	–	–
Youth Fundraising Projects	–	3,202	(3,202)	–	–
YA Fundraising Projects	–	–	–	–	–
New Building Fund	–	693,837	(25,782)	(668,055)	–
Kirkstall Road Project Fund	–	–	(3,156)	3,156	–
Offerings or Appeals Fund	–	17,138	(12,855)	–	4,283
	<u>6,150</u>	<u>765,654</u>	<u>(121,008)</u>	<u>(642,270)</u>	<u>8,526</u>

	At 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2023 £
For the City Fund	3,857	8,249	(23,182)	11,076	–
For the City (Christmas) Fund	–	18,316	(22,234)	3,918	–
Community Café Fund	1,846	8,482	(6,101)	–	4,227
For the City (Easter) Fund	–	3,966	(2,043)	–	1,923
Disaster Relief Fund	–	3,966	(4,480)	514	–
Youth Fundraising Projects	–	3,958	(5,784)	1,826	–
YA Fundraising Projects	–	7,698	(20,969)	13,271	–
New Building Fund	–	–	–	–	–
Kirkstall Road Project Fund	–	–	–	–	–
Offerings or Appeals Fund	–	–	–	–	–
	<u>5,703</u>	<u>54,635</u>	<u>(84,793)</u>	<u>30,605</u>	<u>6,150</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Period from 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2025

25. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

For the City Fund: The For the City Fund was established by the Lead Pastors raising funds from collections and special giving to support the "For the City" programme of events and activities.

For the City (Christmas) Fund: The For the City (Christmas) Fund was established by the Lead Pastors raising funds from collections and special giving to celebrate Christmas in a number of ways.

Community Café Fund: The Community Cafe Fund was established by Leeds Christian Community Trust, Streetwise - Love Leeds, Leeds Community Foundation, Church Revitalization Trust, Acts 435 and other individual donors to support the onsite community cafe and the people who visit the cafe.

Rent Fund: The Rent Fund was established by a private donor to support the initial rental costs for the church premises.

For the City (Easter) Fund: The For the City (Easter) Fund was established by the pastors raising funds from collections and special giving to support the "For the City (Easter)" programme of events and activities.

Disaster Relief Fund: The Disaster Relief Fund was established by the pastors raising funds from collections and special giving to support the Disaster Relief around the world.

Youth Fundraising Projects Fund: The Youth Fundraising Projects Fund was established by the pastors raising funds from collections and special giving to support the Youth Fundraising Projects programme of events and activities.

YA Fundraising Projects Fund: The YA Fundraising Projects Fund was established by the pastors raising funds from collections and special giving to support the YA Fundraising Projects programme of events and activities.

The New Building Fund: The New Building Fund was established by the pastors raising funds from collections and special giving for the purpose of redeveloping the Burley Road building as an extension to the church facility.

The Kirkstall Road Project Fund: The Kirkstall Road Project Fund was established by the pastors raising funds from collections and special giving for the purpose of redeveloping the Kirkstall Road building to form a Community Hub.

Restricted Donations and Appeals Fund: The Restricted Donations and Appeals Fund was established by the pastors raising funds from collections and special giving to support other charities around the world.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Period from 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2025

26. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,079,492	–	1,079,492
Current assets	799,224	8,526	807,750
Creditors less than 1 year	(202,045)	–	(202,045)
Net assets	<u>1,676,671</u>	<u>8,526</u>	<u>1,685,197</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	222,454	–	222,454
Current assets	510,688	6,150	516,838
Creditors less than 1 year	(56,668)	–	(56,668)
Net assets	<u>676,474</u>	<u>6,150</u>	<u>682,624</u>

27. Cash generated from operations

	30 Jun 25 £	31 Dec 23 £
Net income	1,002,573	223,565
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	102,540	42,581
Other interest receivable and similar income	(29,194)	(4,698)
Accrued expenses	67,686	11,333
<i>Changes in:</i>		
Trade and other debtors	(50,473)	(26,479)
Trade and other creditors	77,691	(9,589)
	<u>1,170,823</u>	<u>236,713</u>

28. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 Jan 2024 £	Cash flows £	At 30 Jun 2025 £
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>457,422</u>	<u>240,439</u>	<u>697,861</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Period from 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2025

29. Operating lease commitments

The total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	30 Jun 25	31 Dec 23
	£	£
Not later than 1 year	81,459	81,459
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	325,836	325,836
Later than 5 years	305,471	183,283
	<u>712,766</u>	<u>590,578</u>

30. Related parties

By Agreement signed 2 October 2022, Life Church Ministries, a related party virtue of Life Church Ministries being a guarantor of some of the Charity's leases, transferred the operations and assets of the Leeds Campus to North Church UK for consideration of £1. The market value of the assets was £270,315.

During the period, the Charity paid £nil (2023: £1,190) to Life Church Ministries for rent and other charitable expenses and received £1,000 (2023: £nil) in respect of donations. There were no balances outstanding at 30 June 2025 or 31 December 2023.

During the period, the Charity paid £6,078 (2023: £23,952) to Abundant Life Resources Limited, a subsidiary of Life Church Ministries, in respect of hire purchase lease obligations on assets hired by the Charity.

During the period, four trustees were reimbursed £28,855 (2023: two trustee - £8,828) in respect of expenses and five trustees made donations to the Charity which, in aggregate, including Gift Aid, totalled £54,889 (2023: four trustees - £9,721).

During the period, four close family members of trustees were reimbursed £9,287 (2023: one close family member of a trustee £7,467) in respect of expenses and one close family member of a trustee made donations to the Charity which, in aggregate, including Gift Aid, totalled £350 (2023: £nil).

NORTH CHURCH UK

England & Wales - Charity number 1197955

Accounts

North Church UK
Unaudited Financial Statements
31 December 2023

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Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2023

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Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2023

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published in October 2019.

Reference and administrative details

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Charity registration number 1197955

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

Structure, governance and management

North Church UK is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered in February 2022, which is governed by a Constitution dated 8th February 2022. The Church is affiliated to the Assemblies of God GB and the Evangelical Alliance.

The charity is managed by a board of experienced trustees, who are responsible for ensuring financial stability and providing professional and strategic advice on policy and resource management. Following Assemblies of God guidelines the Church is required to have at least three trustees at any one time, with one of them being one of the lead pastors, David Niblock.

The trustees meet at least four times each year and have overall responsibility for the operation and leadership of the charity. The trustees draw up policies and procedures within which they and the staff operate and make decisions. The trustees delegate much of the day-to-day responsibilities to the lead pastors under an agreed Schedule of Delegation, which is reviewed annually.

All of our trustees are involved with the Church and undertook trustee training provided by Stewardship in November 2022.

The trustees have arranged Trustees indemnity insurance with a reputable insurer.

New trustees

When a vacancy occurs or there is a need to increase the number of trustees, the lead pastors will nominate a potential new trustee deemed to have the relevant experience, skills and commitment, who will be considered by the existing trustees. All appointments will be confirmed by the board of trustees and recorded by a minute in the meeting notes of the relevant board meeting.

When a new trustee is identified, they will be provided with the following before their appointment:

- (a) a copy of the current version of the Constitution;
- (b) a copy of the Church's latest annual report and statement of accounts, and;
- (c) information about the role and responsibilities of a trustee provided by the Charity Commission.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

Structure, governance and management *(continued)*

Staff

The core team has grown from fourteen employed staff at the beginning of 2023 to nineteen by the end of the financial year. Five of these staff are full time and the remainder are part time or casual, working from one to three days a week. All staff are under the leadership of the lead pastors for the day-to-day running of the Church, assisted by line managers. We have continued to work hard to build a healthy staff culture with regular training.

All decisions on staff pay and benefits are made by the trustees.

We have also continued to use an external coach for the staff team, who is an experienced Church pastor. He has regular meetings with the staff to provide guided development and to act as a sounding board.

In addition, we have an Advisory Team which helps to bring direction to our vision and values, together with advisory input for the lead pastors.

Safeguarding is one of our priorities, to ensure the safety and protection of everyone who accesses our various ministries. The trustees have a clear understanding that they are accountable for how we safeguard vulnerable adults, children and young people who engage with us, as well as our staff and volunteers. We have implemented safeguarding training for trustees, staff and volunteers.

We renewed our ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System accreditation in November 2023.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

Objectives and activities

Our vision to have a commitment to be a Church 'For The City' remains at the forefront of all we do, and we have taken essential steps to ensure it continues to be our priority with our time and with our resources, to serve the people in the city who need help the most. It has been wonderful to see so many of our Church volunteers step up and give their time and effort to serve people who they might not usually come across in their day-to-day life.

When we have become aware of a need in our city, we have done our best to help support or partner with various organisations to meet the need.

Our four values remain;

1. 'Jesus is who we love to follow.'

Our first priority and response is a culture that follows Jesus wholeheartedly with our daily lives. We want the Church to be a living testimony to the saving power of the gospel and to help people find life-giving hope in Jesus.

We are committed to helping people develop a deep and authentic relationship with Jesus and to discover all that God has for them, so that we have a positive impact in the city of Leeds and surrounding areas.

2. 'The Word is how we love to grow'

Spiritual growth and discipleship are paramount to the depth and health of our Church community, so we have established a new discipleship framework to help make spiritual growth more accessible to everyone.

We have also implemented the same culture into our age group ministries with kids, youth and young adults all following a similar journey.

3. 'People were who we love to serve'

Serving has always been a heartbeat of our Church as we follow Christ's example to serve. We have seen hundreds of new people engaging in serving in our ministry areas throughout the week and for our Sunday services. This is people using their gifts and passion to make a difference in other people's lives.

4. 'Community is how we love to live'

Our Church loves to enjoy life together! From our small groups to social interest groups, people are always looking for ways to grow in community. It is wonderful to see such a diverse mix of community from the youngest to the oldest, people from different sides of the world and from vastly different socio-economic status, and yet the Church is united.

Our heart is to facilitate and strengthen this continued growth with appropriate structure and sustainability.

The trustees have referred to the advice contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Policy on grant making

Our policy outlines how grants may be made and the priorities for providing support. Our aims are advancement of the Christian faith and relief of poverty within local communities and across the world, so recipients of grants are chosen based on their adherence to our charitable objects. Grants will be made for the public benefit by funding activities which will allow our objects to be fulfilled.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

Achievements and performance

During 2023 we have continued to see exponential growth across the whole Church. With new people joining the Church, new families and people finding faith we have seen amazing increase in nearly all areas as people have connected with the vision, established lasting roots and brought significant contribution to the life of the Church.

In September, due to the higher number of adults and children attending Church, we went from having one service each Sunday morning and one evening service once a month, to having two services each Sunday morning, plus an evening service once a month.

In 2023 we saw 150 people come to faith in Jesus, as well as 73 who followed that decision with water baptism. 142 people completed our New to North course which helps people integrate into the soul of the Church.

To strengthen the serving culture we have worked hard to assist the volunteers with specific training such as safeguarding, first aid and leadership development.

Our Easter and Christmas celebrations in 2023 attracted the most people we have ever welcomed in Church and it has been incredible to see the Church alive and fulfilling it's mission here in Leeds.

We continue to run the community café which feeds 25 to 30 people every Thursday, as well as providing essential food items, clothes and hygiene supplies, alongside a hot meal and most importantly, community and an opportunity to talk to people who genuinely care about them. Our partnership with the local schools has grown as we have supported them at times during the year with items such as blankets, Easter eggs and of course Christmas hampers.

In 2023 we launched our North Church Bible School and had over 150 people complete our first module. A new module will commence each term.

We have seen over 50 different nationalities represented in our Church, which was celebrated at our first Nations Day and really reflects the rich diversity and cultural heritage in our city and surrounding areas.

In addition to this, we also hosted our first Young Adults Soul Conference which attracted 600 young adults from across Europe for a weekend.

Financial review

Review of financial activities

The financial results for 2023 and the position with the finances at the end of the year are shown in the attached financial statements.

During our first full accounting year the Charity received donations amounting to £523,419 (2022 - £352,222), related Gift Aid claims of £82,753 (2022 - £42,920). In addition, gifts received were £315,144 (2022 - £222,773), grant funding totalling £17,100 (2022 - £7,250) was received and other income amounted to £nil (2022 - £270,315). Income from trading activities amounted to £56,752 (2022 - £27,002) and interest received was £4,698 (2022 - £269).

The total expenditure on charitable activities amounted to £720,090 (2022 - £423,033) with governance and other resources expensed totalled £15,382 (2022 - £15,704) during the year.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

The total reserves at the year end were £682,624 (2022 - £459,059). The total fixed assets of the charity amounted to £222,454 (2022 - £249,445).

At the end of 2023, the general unrestricted free reserves of the Charity were £458,020 (2022 - £203,911).

This amount adequately exceeds our general expenditure for a period in excess of three months.

The income of the Church is primarily voluntary donations from individuals and other charities, plus some income from the activities of the Church, such as weekends away and conferences, together with income generated from hiring out rooms in the venue. Some income is raised in relation to specific, unexpected needs for responding to local and national events.

The trustees set an agreed budget for each financial year. The lead pastors have authority, with relevant consultation with the trustees, to work within this budget. Any expenditure which is more than 5% above budget needs to be agreed by the trustees.

The trustees manage the finances of the Church to ensure that all of the income is used to further the charitable purposes of the charity. When the reserves of the Church rise above the targeted level the trustees will take action to use the surplus in connection with those purposes. If the trustees know of future costs that justify higher than the policy level of reserves these will be explained in the quarterly management accounts and the year end report.

There have been no significant events which have affected the financial performance for 2023.

Investment Policy

The Church has power to deposit or invest funds, employ a professional fund-manager, and arrange for the investments or other property of the Church to be held in the name of a nominee, in the same manner and subject to the same conditions as the trustees of a trust are permitted to do by the Trustee Act 2000.

No long-term investments are held by the Church at present. The trustees believe the Church's ongoing income is stable and consider that it will be possible to make fundraising or cost-saving action in good time should it be necessary.

Risks and Uncertainties

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that adequate systems and controls are in place to mitigate exposure to such risks. These risks are managed and assessed on an ongoing basis and will be mitigated against as necessary, so that the charity is not exposed to undue risk.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

Financial review *(continued)*

Related Parties

We are affiliated to Assemblies of God UK, one of the largest Pentecostal denominations in the UK. We donate 3% of our income to Assemblies of God on a monthly basis, up to a maximum £20,000 each year.

We are also a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

Life Church Ministries (Company number 11973632) is a guarantor for the lease of the building we occupy.

Reserves policy

The trustees recognise the importance of a reserves policy to demonstrate good stewardship and financial management, to ensure that the charity is sustainable for the future by managing any unforeseen financial challenges. Our policy is to maintain unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific purpose at a sufficient level to meet all management and administrative costs and other ongoing financial commitments for a minimum of three months. These reserves are currently held in cash at the bank and in interest bearing instant access or short notice deposit accounts with reputable financial institutions, which can be accessed at reasonably short notice.

We will also ensure that excessive funds are not held without any identifiable reason or for any identifiable charitable purpose.

Plans for future periods

We will continue to pursue our vision throughout 2023 and into 2024, by developing what we have started in 2022, and believe that we will see continued growth in the various areas of the work as we stay true to the principle of seeking first the Kingdom of God. We are now looking at how we can arrange to accommodate more people at our Sunday services and have started the process of finding additional space to use, to give us more room to develop and extend our community and outreach projects in particular.

We remain focused on developing our various activities to strengthen spiritual well-being, build caring and supportive communities, advance the Christian faith and develop leadership and ministry skills.

We will continue to deliver our existing activities as well as establishing new projects which clearly meet the charity's aims and objectives for the public benefit, and which add real value for the people in our local communities.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 28 October 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

MS E M AJAYI

Trustee

North Church UK

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of North Church UK

Year ended 31 December 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of North Church UK ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 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 Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

PHILIP J H HOLT FCA FCIE

Independent Examiner

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29 October 2024

North Church UK

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Year to 31 Dec 23			Period from
		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	17 Feb 22 to 31 Dec 22
Income and endowments					Total funds £
Donations and legacies	4	914,013	24,403	938,416	895,480
Other trading activities	5	26,522	30,230	56,752	27,002
Investment income	6	4,696	2	4,698	269
Total income		<u>945,231</u>	<u>54,635</u>	<u>999,866</u>	<u>922,751</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of raising donations and legacies	7	4,299	1,088	5,387	1,950
Costs of other trading activities	8	26,149	9,293	35,442	23,005
Expenditure on charitable activities	9,10	661,060	74,412	735,472	438,737
Total expenditure		<u>691,508</u>	<u>84,793</u>	<u>776,301</u>	<u>463,692</u>
Net income		<u>253,723</u>	<u>(30,158)</u>	<u>223,565</u>	<u>459,059</u>
Transfers between funds		(30,605)	30,605	–	–
Net movement in funds		<u>223,118</u>	<u>447</u>	<u>223,565</u>	<u>459,059</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		453,356	5,703	459,059	–
Total funds carried forward		<u>676,474</u>	<u>6,150</u>	<u>682,624</u>	<u>459,059</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 12 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	17	222,454	249,445
Current assets			
Debtors	18	59,416	32,937
Cash at bank and in hand		457,422	231,601
		<u>516,838</u>	<u>264,538</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	19	<u>56,668</u>	<u>54,924</u>
Net current assets		<u>460,170</u>	<u>209,614</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>682,624</u>	<u>459,059</u>
Net assets		<u>682,624</u>	<u>459,059</u>
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		6,150	5,703
Unrestricted funds		<u>676,474</u>	<u>453,356</u>
Total charity funds	23	<u>682,624</u>	<u>459,059</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 28 October 2024, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

MS E M AJAYI
Trustee

MR D C NIBLOCK
Trustee

The notes on pages 12 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	2023	2022
	25	£	£
Cash generated from operations		236,713	235,849
Interest received		4,698	269
Net cash from operating activities		<u>241,411</u>	<u>236,118</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible assets		(15,590)	(4,517)
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(15,590)</u>	<u>(4,517)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		225,821	231,601
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		231,601	–
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		<u>457,422</u>	<u>231,601</u>

The notes on pages 12 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2023

1. General information

North Church UK is a public benefit entity and is registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation in England. The address of the principal office is 98 Kirkstall Road, Leeds, LS3 1HJ.

2. Statement of compliance

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the 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 issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £1.

The current accounting period was the year from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023. The comparative figures were for the prior period of just over 10 months from 17 February 2022 to 31 December 2022.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all periods presented unless otherwise stated.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The Charity makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities, within the next financial year, are the levels of future funding and expenditure on charitable activities.

Income tax

As a charity, North Church UK is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within the available tax exemptions to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Operating leases

Lease payments are recognised as an expense over the lease term on a straight-line basis. The aggregate benefit of lease incentives is recognised as a reduction to expense over the lease term, on a straight-line basis.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Fixtures and fittings	-	20% straight line
Equipment	-	20% straight line
Leasehold improvements	-	10% straight line

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that are largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

Government grants

Government grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants are not recognised until there is reasonable assurance that the charity will comply with the conditions attaching to them and the grants will be received.

Where the grant does not impose specified future performance-related conditions on the recipient, it is recognised in income when the grant proceeds are received or receivable. Where the grant does impose specified future performance-related conditions on the recipient, it is recognised in income only when the performance-related conditions have been met. Where grants received are prior to satisfying the revenue recognition criteria, they are recognised as a liability.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the value of the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Defined contribution plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations			
Individual giving	509,770	8,812	518,582
Trusts and Foundations	–	–	–
Limited companies	1,200	–	1,200
Mosaik - The Church Network	3,637	–	3,637
Gift Aid tax recovered	79,064	3,689	82,753
Gifts			
Soul Church Ltd	–	–	–
Streetwise-Love Leeds Ltd	–	–	–
Via charitable giving portals	310,342	4,802	315,144
Grants			
Leeds Christian Community Trust	–	7,100	7,100
Government grant income	10,000	–	10,000
Other donations and legacies			
Life Church Ministries	–	–	–
	<u>914,013</u>	<u>24,403</u>	<u>938,416</u>

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4. Donations and legacies *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations			
Individual giving	309,980	8,641	318,621
Trusts and Foundations	2,000	–	2,000
Limited companies	15,576	16,025	31,601
Mosaik - The Church Network	–	–	–
Gift Aid tax recovered	40,372	2,548	42,920
Gifts			
Soul Church Ltd	1,000	–	1,000
Streetwise-Love Leeds Ltd	2,594	–	2,594
Via charitable giving portals	219,179	–	219,179
Grants			
Leeds Christian Community Trust	–	7,250	7,250
Government grant income	–	–	–
Other donations and legacies			
Life Church Ministries	270,315	–	270,315
	<u>861,016</u>	<u>34,464</u>	<u>895,480</u>

5. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Fundraising events	728	25,306	26,034
Shop income	341	4,924	5,265
Letting and licensing	25,453	–	25,453
	<u>26,522</u>	<u>30,230</u>	<u>56,752</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Fundraising events	3,982	–	3,982
Shop income	120	4,068	4,188
Letting and licensing	18,832	–	18,832
	<u>22,934</u>	<u>4,068</u>	<u>27,002</u>

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6. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Bank interest receivable	4,623	–	4,623
Other interest receivable	73	2	75
	<u>4,696</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4,698</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Bank interest receivable	216	–	216
Other interest receivable	53	–	53
	<u>269</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>269</u>

7. Costs of raising donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Costs of raising donations and legacies	4,299	1,088	5,387

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Costs of raising donations and legacies	1,796	154	1,950

8. Costs of other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Shop costs	404	4,045	4,449
Staging events	18,526	1,509	20,035
Advertising and publicity	7,219	3,739	10,958
	<u>26,149</u>	<u>9,293</u>	<u>35,442</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Shop costs	6,336	–	6,336
Staging events	5,513	(28)	5,486
Advertising and publicity	10,869	314	11,183
	<u>22,718</u>	<u>286</u>	<u>23,005</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

9. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Advance Christian faith	377,969	43,142	421,111
Relieve sickness and hardship	6,672	25,286	31,958
Support costs	276,419	5,984	282,403
	<u>661,060</u>	<u>74,412</u>	<u>735,472</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Advance Christian faith	214,336	27,524	241,860
Relieve sickness and hardship	1,488	11,617	13,106
Support costs	183,572	201	183,771
	<u>399,396</u>	<u>39,342</u>	<u>438,737</u>

10. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Grant funding of activities £	Support costs £	Total funds 2023 £	Total fund 2022 £
Advance Christian faith	397,927	23,184	264,350	685,461	408,246
Relieve sickness and hardship	14,690	17,268	2,671	34,629	14,787
Governance costs	–	–	15,382	15,382	15,704
	<u>412,617</u>	<u>40,452</u>	<u>282,403</u>	<u>735,472</u>	<u>438,737</u>

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11. Analysis of support costs

	Advance Christian faith £	Relieve sickness and hardship £	Governance costs £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Staff costs	80,664	815	7,245	88,724	40,784
Premises	52,586	531	–	53,117	45,829
Communications and IT	1,245	13	–	1,258	465
General office	50,977	515	–	51,492	23,565
Finance costs	45	–	–	45	–
Travel and subsistence	9,760	99	–	9,859	4,589
Trustees meetings	–	–	16	16	–
Accounting and examination fees	–	–	3,600	3,600	3,200
Depreciation	42,155	426	–	42,581	26,887
Technicians and audio visual costs	6,948	70	–	7,018	5,129
Staff training & welfare	2,847	29	–	2,876	6,944
Equipment expensed	17,123	173	–	17,296	18,498
Legal and professional	–	–	4,521	4,521	7,881
	<u>264,350</u>	<u>2,671</u>	<u>15,382</u>	<u>282,403</u>	<u>183,771</u>

12. Analysis of grants

	Year to 31 Dec 23 £	Period from 17 Feb 22 to 31 Dec 22 £
Grants to institutions		
Life Church - Bradford	–	10,463
Assemblies of God - Great Britain Zarach	1,000	–
Building Church Ltd	–	1,000
Soul Church	544	–
Ordinary Hero	6,000	1,000
Sports Chaplaincy	2,550	700
Samaritans Purse International	1,600	565
Light UK	4,400	–
Youth for Christ	500	–
16 Ministry Gifts of £500 or less to local churches	550	–
	<u>6,040</u>	<u>–</u>
	23,184	13,728
Grants to individuals		
5,655 Grants and Gifts to individuals	17,268	4,034
Total grants	<u>40,452</u>	<u>17,762</u>

13. Net income

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023 £	2022 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	42,581	26,887
Operating lease rentals	<u>42,556</u>	<u>18,282</u>

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14. Independent examination fees

	Year to 31 Dec 23	Period from 17 Feb 22 to 31 Dec 22
	£	£
Fees payable to the independent examiner for:		
Independent examination of the financial statements	600	600
Other financial services	3,000	2,600
	<u>3,600</u>	<u>3,200</u>

15. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	Year to 31 Dec 23	Period from 17 Feb 22 to 31 Dec 22
	£	£
Wages and salaries	257,620	136,318
Social security costs	20,099	11,473
Employer contributions to pension plans	11,465	2,757
Other employee benefits	5,819	263
	<u>295,003</u>	<u>150,811</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 17 (2022: 12). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2023	2022
	No.	No.
Direct charitable activities	8	4
Support	1	1
Trustee	1	1
	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2022: Nil).

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16. Trustee remuneration and expenses

Included within staff costs were salary costs for the Lead Pastor, who is a paid trustee in accordance with the Articles of the charitable incorporated organisation and as permitted by the Charity Commission and who was employed from 1 May 2022.

The salary amounted to £50,936 (2022: £34,120), social security costs amounted to £5,774 (2022: £4,135) and pensions amounted to £3,155 (2022: £881). There were no other benefits in kind. The current accounting period was the year from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023. The comparative figures were for the prior period of just over 10 months from 17 February 2022 to 31 December 2022.

Two trustees were reimbursed for expenses in relation to charitable trading, direct charitable activities, support costs and the acquisition of fixed assets amounting to £2,790 (2022: £1,466).

During the period, the charity purchased insurance to protect it from loss arising from the neglect or defaults of its trustees, employees or agents, or to indemnify its trustees, employees or agents, against the consequences of any neglect or default on their part. The premium paid was £431 (2022: £431).

17. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Equipment £	Leasehold improvement s £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 January 2023	126,270	4,517	145,545	276,332
Additions	11,741	3,849	–	15,590
At 31 December 2023	<u>138,011</u>	<u>8,366</u>	<u>145,545</u>	<u>291,922</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2023	16,836	348	9,703	26,887
Charge for the year	26,784	1,242	14,555	42,581
At 31 December 2023	<u>43,620</u>	<u>1,590</u>	<u>24,258</u>	<u>69,468</u>
Carrying amount				
At 31 December 2023	<u>94,391</u>	<u>6,776</u>	<u>121,287</u>	<u>222,454</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>109,434</u>	<u>4,169</u>	<u>135,842</u>	<u>249,445</u>

18. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	44,438	19,091
Prepayments and accrued income	14,978	13,846
	<u>59,416</u>	<u>32,937</u>

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19. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	13,159	29,138
Accruals and deferred income	37,852	14,913
Social security and other taxes	3,678	9,997
Other creditors	1,979	876
	<u>56,668</u>	<u>54,924</u>

20. Deferred income

	2023	2022
	£	£
At 1 Jan 23	6,730	–
Amount released to income	(6,730)	–
Amount deferred in year	18,336	6,730
At 31 Dec 23	<u>18,336</u>	<u>6,730</u>

21. Pensions and other post retirement benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £11,465 (2022: £2,757).

22. Government grants

The amounts recognised in the financial statements for government grants are as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Recognised in income from donations and legacies:		
Government grants income	<u>10,000</u>	<u>–</u>

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23. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2023 £
General funds	203,911	920,731	(648,385)	(30,605)	445,652
Fixed Asset Fund	249,445	15,590	(42,581)	–	222,454
Event North Fund	–	8,910	(542)	–	8,368
	<u>453,356</u>	<u>945,231</u>	<u>(691,508)</u>	<u>(30,605)</u>	<u>676,474</u>

	At 17 February 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2022 £
General funds	–	607,887	(397,023)	(6,953)	203,911
Fixed Asset Fund	–	276,332	(26,887)	–	249,445
Event North Fund	–	–	–	–	–
	<u>–</u>	<u>884,219</u>	<u>(423,910)</u>	<u>(6,953)</u>	<u>453,356</u>

Fixed Asset Fund: The Fixed Asset Fund was established by the Trustees as a Designated Fund. This fund represents the additions and changes in the net book value of the tangible fixed assets of the charity as these are assets used by the charity in the performance of its charitable activities.

Event North Fund: The Event North Fund was established by the Trustees as a Designated Fund. This fund represents the income and expenditure in relation to taking bookings for hiring out the venue and its purpose is to identify the contribution to the performance of its charitable activities from venue hire.

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23. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2023 £
For the City Fund	3,857	8,249	(23,182)	11,076	–
For the City (Christmas) Fund	–	18,316	(22,234)	3,918	–
Community Café Fund	1,846	8,482	(6,101)	–	4,227
Rent Fund	–	–	–	–	–
For the City (Easter) Fund	–	3,966	(2,043)	–	1,923
Disaster Relief Fund	–	3,966	(4,480)	514	–
Youth Fundraising Projects	–	3,958	(5,784)	1,826	–
YA Fundraising Projects	–	7,698	(20,969)	13,271	–
	<u>5,703</u>	<u>54,635</u>	<u>(84,793)</u>	<u>30,605</u>	<u>6,150</u>
	At 17 February 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2022 £
For the City Fund	–	5,504	(1,647)	–	3,857
For the City (Christmas) Fund	–	11,108	(18,061)	6,953	–
Community Café Fund	–	8,344	(6,498)	–	1,846
Rent Fund	–	13,576	(13,576)	–	–
For the City (Easter) Fund	–	–	–	–	–
Disaster Relief Fund	–	–	–	–	–
Youth Fundraising Projects	–	–	–	–	–
YA Fundraising Projects	–	–	–	–	–
	<u>–</u>	<u>38,532</u>	<u>(39,782)</u>	<u>6,953</u>	<u>5,703</u>

For the City Fund: The For the City Fund was established by the pastors raising funds from collections and special giving to support the "For the City" programme of events and activities.

For the City (Christmas) Fund: The For the City (Christmas) Fund was established by the pastors raising funds from collections and special giving to celebrate Christmas in a number of ways.

Community Café Fund: The Community Café Fund was established by Leeds Christian Community Trust, Streetwise - Love Leeds and other individual donors to support the onsite community café.

Rent Fund: The Rent Fund was established by a private donor to support the initial rental costs for the church premises.

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23. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

For the City (Easter) Fund: The For the City (Easter) Fund was established by the pastors raising funds from collections and special giving to support the "For the City (Easter)" programme of events and activities.

Disaster Relief Fund: The Disaster Relief Fund was established by the pastors raising funds from collections and special giving to support the Disaster Relief around the world.

Youth Fundraising Projects Fund: The Youth Fundraising Projects Fund was established by the pastors raising funds from collections and special giving to support the Youth Fundraising Projects programme of events and activities.

YA Fundraising Projects Fund: The YA Fundraising Projects Fund was established by the pastors raising funds from collections and special giving to support the YA Fundraising Projects programme of events and activities.

24. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	222,454	–	222,454
Current assets	510,688	6,150	516,838
Creditors less than 1 year	(56,668)	–	(56,668)
Net assets	<u>676,474</u>	<u>6,150</u>	<u>682,624</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	249,445	–	249,445
Current assets	258,835	5,703	264,538
Creditors less than 1 year	(54,924)	–	(54,924)
Net assets	<u>453,356</u>	<u>5,703</u>	<u>459,059</u>

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25. Cash generated from operations

	2023	2022
	£	£
Net income	223,565	459,059
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	42,581	26,887
Other interest receivable and similar income	(4,698)	(269)
Accrued expenses	11,333	8,183
Non cash adjustment for donated assets	–	(271,815)
<i>Changes in:</i>		
Trade and other debtors	(26,479)	(32,937)
Trade and other creditors	(9,589)	46,741
	<u>236,713</u>	<u>235,849</u>

26. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 Jan 2023	Cash flows	At 31 Dec 2023
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>231,601</u>	<u>225,821</u>	<u>457,422</u>

27. Operating lease commitments

The total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	81,459	29,939
Later than 5 years	712,766	794,225
	<u>794,225</u>	<u>824,164</u>

28. Related parties

By Agreement signed 2 October 2022, Life Church Ministries, a related party virtue of Life Church Ministries being a guarantor of some of the Charity's leases, transferred the operations and assets of the Leeds Campus to North Church UK for consideration of £1. The market value of the assets was £270,315.

During the period, the Charity paid £47,351 to Life Church Ministries for rent and other charitable expenses and received £8,101 in respect of donations. There were no balances outstanding at 31 December 2023.

During the period, the Charity paid £15,968 to Abundant Life Resources Limited, a subsidiary of Life Church Ministries, in respect of hire purchase lease obligations on assets hired by the Charity.

During the period, two trustees were reimbursed £2,790 (2022: one trustee - £1,466) in respect of expenses and all four trustees make donations to the Charity which in aggregate, including Gift Aid, totalled £9,472 (2022: £20,196).

NORTH CHURCH UK

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Accounts

North Church UK
Unaudited Financial Statements
31 December 2022

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Financial Statements

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Trustees' Annual Report

Period from 17 February 2022 to 31 December 2022

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31 December 2022.

Chair's report

The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published in October 2019.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	North Church UK
Charity registration number	1197955
Principal office	98 Kirkstall Road Leeds LS3 1HJ

The trustees

Ms E M Ajayi	(Appointed 17 February 2022)
Miss A C Beckwith	(Appointed 17 February 2022)
Mr J M Knight	(Appointed 17 February 2022)
Mr D C Niblock	(Appointed 17 February 2022)

Lead Pastors	David Niblock Abigail Niblock
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General Manager	Mike Mullender
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Safeguarding Senior Leader	Jon Knight
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Safeguarding Officer	Jennifer Innes (to August 2023) Jennifer Sellars (from August 2023)
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Web site	www.churchnorth.com
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Banker	Virgin Money
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Independent examiner	Philip J H Holt FCA FCIE High Park Farm Kirkbymoorside York YO62 7HS
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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Period from 17 February 2022 to 31 December 2022

Structure, governance and management

North Church UK ("the Church" or "the Charity") was incorporated as a charitable incorporated organisation by the Charity Commission on 17 February 2022 using the "Foundation" model Constitution where its charity trustees are the sole voting members.

Under the Constitution, the members have no liability to contribute to the assets of the Church and no personal responsibility for settling its debts and liabilities.

In May 2022, we started the church and ministry that is North Church UK. After building church in the heart of Leeds as part of Life Church Ministries since 2010, we became an independent church. We are grateful to the leaders and trustees of Life Church Ministries for facilitating this transition.

The Church is affiliated to the Assemblies of God GB and the Evangelical Alliance.

The trustees meet at least four times each year and have overall responsibility for the operation and leadership of the Charity. The trustees draw up policies and procedures within which they and the staff operate and make decisions. The trustees delegate much of the day-to-day responsibilities to the lead pastors under an agreed Schedule of Delegation, which is reviewed annually.

All of our trustees are involved with the Church and undertook trustee training provided by Stewardship in November 2022.

The trustees have arranged Trustees Indemnity insurance with a reputable insurer.

The methods adopted for the recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Charity is currently governed by four founder trustees and the Constitution requires that there must be at least three trustees although there is no maximum number of trustees.

When a new trustee is identified, they will be provided with the following before their appointment:

- a) a copy of the current version of the Constitution;
- b) a copy of the Church's latest annual report and statement of accounts, and;
- c) information about the role and responsibilities of a trustee provided by the Charity Commission.

The policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees

At present there are no formal policies and procedures for the induction and training of new trustees. These will be developed as and when a new trustee is appointed but any new trustee would, in any event, be directed to the Charity Commission Guidance "The Essential Trustee: What you need to know"(CC3), published in May 2013 and updated in May 2018 and they would receive a briefing from the Chair which gives the necessary information about the Charity, its mission statement, strategic objectives, the history of the charity and be given a copy of the Constitution.

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Structure, governance and management *(continued)*

Staff

The staff team has grown from six staff at the outset in May 2022 to fourteen by the end of the financial year. Five of these staff are full time and the remainder are part time, working from one to three days a week. We have worked hard to build a healthy staff culture with regular training.

All decisions on staff pay and benefits are made by the trustees.

We have also appointed an external coach for the staff team, who is an experienced church pastor. He has monthly meetings with the staff to provide guided development and to act as a sounding board.

In addition, we have an Advisory Team which helps to bring direction to our vision and values, together with advisory input for the lead pastors.

We obtained the ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System accreditation in November 2022.

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Structure, governance and management *(continued)*

The organisational structure of the charity and how decisions are made

The trustees meet regularly, generally four times a year, to manage the Church's affairs. Such meetings are minuted and records kept indefinitely.

The Lead Pastors of the Church lead the growing programme of work across Leeds and elsewhere in the UK. In addition, there are 12 staff filling a variety of roles, plus a regular core group of 100 volunteers helping to maintain the regular activities of the Church.

The day-to-day management of the Church is the responsibility of the Chair and other trustees, with the Lead Pastors and General Manager who lead on the administration, marketing, human resources, education and events.

The team responsible for the financial management of the Charity is led by the trustees. The day-to-day management of the finances is delegated to the finance team led by the General Manager, acting in accordance with the Schedule of Delegation.

The Chair and other trustees play a vital role in the development and running of the Church.

The major risks to which the Church is exposed and reviews and systems to mitigate them.

The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises;

- a) An annual review of the risks the Church may face.
- b) The establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the plan.
- c) The implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the Charity should those risks materialise, is the responsibility of the management team.

It is acknowledged that operational and financial risks exist and the trustees take appropriate steps to mitigate these within the financial constraints imposed by available funds.

Affiliations and related parties

The Charity is affiliated to Assemblies of God UK, one of the largest Pentecostal denominations in the UK. We donate 3% of our income to Assemblies of God on a monthly basis, up to a maximum £20,000 each year.

The Charity is a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

The trustees consider that the following are related parties:

- Life Church Ministries (Company number 11973632), donated the leasehold improvements and equipment to North Church UK and is a guarantor for the lease of the building occupied by the Church.

Transaction and balances with related parties are set out in Note 27.

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Objectives and activities

The objects of North Church UK ("the Church") are, for the benefit of the public:

- (a) to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees from time to time may think fit;
- (b) to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees from time to time think fit;
- (c) to advance education of the Christian Faith in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees from time to time may think fit.

The Church carries out typical activities of a Christian church e.g. public worship, teaching and training, prayer, projects of a charitable nature, the extension of the Christian faith in Leeds and beyond, the spiritual and practical support of other Christian churches and its own congregation.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's purpose and vision, and in deciding which activities the charity should undertake. The trustees are confident that the charity meets the public benefit requirements, as this is core to our overall purpose.

Volunteers

The Charity has over 100 active volunteers and the trustees are immensely grateful for their commitment to see how they support the charity in giving time, effort and support to all the causes we are involved in.

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Objectives and activities *(continued)*

The Charity's activities focus on delivering spiritual and practical high quality projects and services, to meet the Church's principal aims and objectives. At the start of our church and organisation, we established our vision, our values and our pursuits:

Our vision is to be a church 'For the City' - that the city of Leeds would be better as a result of us being here.

Our values are clear:

- Jesus is who we love to follow.
- People are who we love to serve.
- The Word is how we love to grow.
- Community is how we love to live.

Our values then underpin our mission, which we have identified as twelve pursuits:

- A community of all kinds of people who love all kinds of people.
- A community of kind, humble, confident and generous people who love to give their lives to serve God.
- A community of people who aim to grow and live Christlike in character and deed, empowered by the Holy Spirit.
- A community of people who love to worship.
- A community of friends who love to build church with friends.
- A community of people who love fun, celebrate fun and include others to have fun.
- A community of people who desire to share the gospel boldly in their locality and see people turn to Jesus.
- A community of people who commit to see a young generation connect with God.
- A community of people who love to use their God given creativity, gifting and energy to impact the world.
- A community of people who feel empowered to thrive in their place of study, workplace and home.
- A community of people who love and serve people to see God transform lives.
- A community of people who believe God can do the impossible.

Located in central Leeds, the Church gathers every Sunday and has ministries taking place inside and outside of the premises throughout the week.

The church community engages in the following:

- Small groups which meet fortnightly in people's homes throughout the region;
- Training and development nights such as volunteer team training and vision nights, plus worship and production team training;
- Youth ministry every week for young people aged 11 to 18 which has become such a success, meeting the needs of over 60 young people.
- Young adults ministry meeting the needs of young adults aged 18 to 30 fortnightly through services, small groups, socials and residential weekends.
- Men's and women's gatherings.
- Alpha courses.

The Church staff are incredibly well supported by an army of dedicated volunteers from the church community, with a broad spectrum of skills and experience in a variety of settings. The average number of volunteers each week is 100 with over 200 at specific times, such as our annual Christmas production and special Easter weekend events.

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Objectives and activities *(continued)*

Policy on grant making

Our policy outlines how grants may be made and the priorities for providing support. Our aims are advancement of the Christian faith and relief of poverty within local communities and across the world, so recipients of grants are chosen based on their adherence to our charitable objects. Grants will be made for the public benefit by funding activities which will allow our objects to be fulfilled.

Achievements and performance

It has been a joy to see the Church become so united in vision, so strong at its core and so creative in reaching people.

Sunday services - our services have significantly grown to over 800 adults and children who are from all backgrounds, ethnicities and ages. Each week the building is full and our Kids Church is bursting with children. Once a month, we have an evening service which has also been well attended.

We hosted our first Christmas event called 'This is Christmas' which was a creative presentation of the Christmas story and at Easter, we hosted a huge weekend on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

We have also launched a new Bible School on a fortnightly basis and over 100 people completed the first module. The plan is for a new module to commence each term.

Community work - our commitment to serve the people in our region has grown from strength to strength. Our weekly community café provides a hot meal, clothing, conversation and support to over 35 people predominantly from marginalised and socially or economically disadvantaged backgrounds. It has been wonderful to see this community grow and become integrated into the life of the church.

We continue to provide weekly food parcels to families and individuals in the community by working in partnership with local supermarkets, businesses and schools.

At Christmas we provided 1,100 Christmas food hampers to families in the area and at Easter we also gave out over 2,500 Easter eggs to children in the local schools.

We agreed a new ten years lease with the landlord of the building we occupy in September 2022. We have made considerable improvements to the building by redecorating some areas, upgrading the heating systems, adding furniture and carrying out necessary remedial work on the electrical installation.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

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Financial review

Review of financial activities

Total income includes assets which were donated to North Church by Life Church Ministries and Streetwise-Love Leeds.

Income for the general running of the Church during the period came primarily from donations of members and other private individuals. Income to general funds remained fairly stable. Income to restricted funds was granted by a number of donors, including LCCT for a community café.

Expenditure during the year from the general fund related to the normal running costs including: salaries and expenses of the employees, venue hire, training, support costs and office costs with the full return to in-person gatherings. The overall result on general funds was a surplus before transfers to other funds.

The Church makes a practice of giving to other charitable bodies whose aims are consistent with the Charity's Objectives in the Constitution. Donations are also made to individuals, including, but not restricted to participants of the Church (this is normally in cases of hardship). All such giving is consistent with the Grant Making Policy.

Transactions and financial position

During the period, the Charity received donations amounting to £352,222, related Gift Aid claims of £42,920 and grant funding totalling £7,250.

The total expenditure on charitable activities amounted to £423,032 with governance and other resources expensed totalling £15,705 during the year.

The total reserves at the year end were £459,059. The total fixed assets of the charity amounted to £249,445.

At the end of 2022, the general unrestricted free reserves of the Charity were £197,413.

The trustees set an agreed budget for each financial year. The lead pastors have authority, with relevant consultation with the trustees, to work within this budget. Any expenditure which is more than 5% above budget needs to be agreed by the trustees.

The trustees manage the finances of the Church to ensure that all of the income is used to further the charitable purposes of the charity. When the reserves of the Church rise above the targeted level the trustees will take action to use the surplus in connection with those purposes. If the trustees know of future costs that justify higher than the policy level of reserves these will be explained in the quarterly management accounts and the year end report.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

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Financial review *(continued)*

Significant events that have affected financial performance and financial position during the period

There were no significant events that influenced this year's financial performance.

Principal funding sources and how they support key objectives

The Charity's principal funding source is its members giving to Church funds. This is a direct representation of how they are wanting to see our objectives met and how they can support that financially not just with time.

Reserves policy

The trustees recognise the importance of a reserves policy to demonstrate good stewardship and financial management, to ensure that the charity is sustainable for the future by managing any unforeseen financial challenges. Our policy is to maintain unrestricted funds at a sufficient level for all management and administrative costs and other ongoing financial commitments to be met for a minimum of three months. These reserves are currently held in cash at the bank and in interest bearing instant access or short notice deposit accounts with reputable financial institutions.

We will also ensure that excessive funds are not held without any identifiable reason or for any identifiable charitable purpose.

At present, the free unrestricted reserves of the Charity show a surplus of £197,413. This represents just over four months of spending on charitable activities and support and governance costs. The Trustees consider the current level of free reserves to be broadly in line with the reserves policy and are reviewing their commitments compared to the policy.

Investment policy

No long-term investments are held by the Church, as the trustees believe the Church's ongoing income is stable and the trustees consider that it will be possible to make fundraising or cost-saving action in good time should it be necessary.

Risks and uncertainties

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, and are satisfied that adequate systems and controls are in place to mitigate exposure to such risks. These risks are managed and assessed on an ongoing basis and will be mitigated against as necessary, so that the charity is not exposed to undue risk.

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Plans for future periods

We will continue to pursue our vision throughout 2023 and into 2024, by developing what we have started in 2022, and believe that we will see continued growth in the various areas of the work as we stay true to the principle of seeking first the Kingdom of God. We are now looking at how we can arrange to accommodate more people at our Sunday services and have started the process of finding additional space to use, to give us more room to develop and extend our community and outreach projects in particular.

We remain focused on developing our various activities to strengthen spiritual well-being, build caring and supportive communities, advance the Christian faith and develop leadership and ministry skills.

We will continue to deliver our existing activities as well as establishing new projects which clearly meet the charity's aims and objectives for the public benefit, and which add real value for the people in our local communities.

The trustees' annual report was approved on .20 October 2023 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

MS E M AJAYI

Trustee

North Church UK

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of North Church UK

Period from 17 February 2022 to 31 December 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of North Church UK ('the charity') for the period ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 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 Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

PHILIP J H HOLT FCA FCIE

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20 October 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities

Period from 17 February 2022 to 31 December 2022

		Period from 17 Feb 22 to 31 Dec 22		
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments				
Donations and legacies	4	861,016	34,464	895,480
Other trading activities	5	22,934	4,068	27,002
Investment income	6	269	–	269
Total income		<u>884,219</u>	<u>38,532</u>	<u>922,751</u>
Expenditure				
Expenditure on raising funds:				
Costs of raising donations and legacies	7	1,796	154	1,950
Costs of other trading activities	8	22,718	286	23,005
Expenditure on charitable activities	9,10	399,396	39,342	438,737
Total expenditure		<u>423,910</u>	<u>39,782</u>	<u>463,692</u>
Net income		<u>460,309</u>	<u>(1,250)</u>	<u>459,059</u>
Transfers between funds		(6,953)	6,953	–
Net movement in funds		<u>453,356</u>	<u>5,703</u>	<u>459,059</u>
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		–	–	–
Total funds carried forward		<u>453,356</u>	<u>5,703</u>	<u>459,059</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 15 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2022

	Note	31 Dec 22 £
Fixed assets		
Tangible fixed assets	17	249,445
Current assets		
Debtors	18	32,937
Cash at bank and in hand		231,601
		<u>264,538</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	19	54,924
Net current assets		209,614
Total assets less current liabilities		459,059
Net assets		<u>459,059</u>
Funds of the charity		
Restricted funds		5,703
Unrestricted funds		453,356
Total charity funds	22	<u>459,059</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 20 October 2023, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

MS E M AJAYI
Trustee

MR D C NIBLOCK
Trustee

The notes on pages 15 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows

Period from 17 February 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Note	31 Dec 22
Cash generated from operations	24	£ 235,849
Interest received		269
Net cash from operating activities		<u>236,118</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible assets		(4,517)
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(4,517)</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		231,601
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		–
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period		<u>231,601</u>

The notes on pages 15 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Period from 17 February 2022 to 31 December 2022

1. General information

North Church UK is a public benefit entity and is registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation in England. The address of the principal office is 98 Kirkstall Road, Leeds, LS3 1HJ.

2. Statement of compliance

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the 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 issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £1.

The current accounting period was the period from 17 February 2022 to 31 December 2022.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The Charity makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities, within the next financial year, are the levels of future funding and expenditure on charitable activities.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Income tax

As a charity, North Church UK is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within the available tax exemptions to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Operating leases

Lease payments are recognised as an expense over the lease term on a straight-line basis. The aggregate benefit of lease incentives is recognised as a reduction to expense over the lease term, on a straight-line basis.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Fixtures and fittings	-	20% straight line
Equipment	-	20% straight line
Leasehold improvements	-	10% straight line

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that are largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the value of the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Defined contribution plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations			
Individual giving	309,980	8,641	318,621
Trusts and Foundations	2,000	–	2,000
Limited companies	15,576	16,025	31,601
Gift Aid tax recovered	40,372	2,548	42,920
Gifts			
Soul Church Ltd	1,000	–	1,000
Streetwise-Love Leeds Ltd	2,594	–	2,594
Via charitable giving portals	219,179	–	219,179
Grants			
Leeds Christian Community Trust	–	7,250	7,250
Other donations and legacies			
Life Church Ministries	270,315	–	270,315
	<u>861,016</u>	<u>34,464</u>	<u>895,480</u>

5. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Fundraising events	3,982	–	3,982
Shop income	120	4,068	4,188
Letting and licensing	18,832	–	18,832
	<u>22,934</u>	<u>4,068</u>	<u>27,002</u>

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Period from 17 February 2022 to 31 December 2022

6. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Bank interest receivable	216	216
Other interest receivable	53	53
	<u>269</u>	<u>269</u>

7. Costs of raising donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Costs of raising donations and legacies	1,796	154	1,950

8. Costs of other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Shop costs	6,336	–	6,336
Staging events	5,513	(28)	5,486
Advertising and publicity	10,869	314	11,183
	<u>22,718</u>	<u>286</u>	<u>23,005</u>

9. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Advance Christian faith	214,336	27,524	241,860
Relieve sickness and hardship	1,488	11,618	13,106
Support costs	183,572	200	183,771
	<u>399,396</u>	<u>39,342</u>	<u>438,737</u>

10. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Grant funding of activities £	Support costs £	Total funds 2022 £
Advance Christian faith	227,832	14,028	166,385	408,245
Relieve sickness and hardship	9,372	3,734	1,681	14,787
Governance costs	–	–	15,705	15,705
	<u>237,204</u>	<u>17,762</u>	<u>183,771</u>	<u>438,737</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Period from 17 February 2022 to 31 December 2022

11. Analysis of support costs

	Advance Christian faith £	Relieve sickness and hardship £	Governance costs £	Total 2022 £
Staff costs	35,798	362	4,624	40,784
Premises	45,371	458	–	45,829
Communications and IT	460	5	–	465
General office	23,329	236	–	23,565
Travel and subsistence	4,543	46	–	4,589
Accounting and examination fees	–	–	3,200	3,200
Depreciation	26,618	269	–	26,887
Technicians and audio visual costs	5,078	51	–	5,129
Staff training and welfare	6,875	69	–	6,944
Equipment expensed	18,313	185	–	18,498
Legal and professional fees	–	–	7,881	7,881
	<u>166,385</u>	<u>1,681</u>	<u>15,705</u>	<u>183,771</u>

12. Analysis of grants

	Period from 17 Feb 22 to 31 Dec 22 £
Grants to institutions	
Life Church - Bradford	10,463
Zarach	1,000
Soul Church	1,000
Ordinary Hero	700
Sports Chaplaincy	565
	<u>13,728</u>
Grants to individuals	
42 Grants to individuals	4,034
Total grants	<u>17,762</u>

13. Net income

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31 Dec 22 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	26,887
Operating lease rentals	<u>18,282</u>

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14. Independent examination fees

	Period from 17 Feb 22 to 31 Dec 22 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for:	
Independent examination of the financial statements	600
Other financial services	2,600
	<u>3,200</u>

15. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	Period from 17 Feb 22 to 31 Dec 22 £
Wages and salaries	136,318
Social security costs	11,473
Employer contributions to pension plans	2,757
Other employee benefits	263
	<u>150,811</u>

The average head count of employees during the period was 12. The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the period is analysed as follows:

	31 Dec 22 No.
Direct charitable activities	4
Support	1
Trustee	1
	<u>6</u>

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2022: Nil).

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16. Trustee remuneration and expenses

Included within staff costs were salary costs for the Lead Pastor, who is a paid trustee in accordance with the Articles of the charitable incorporated organisation and as permitted by the Charity Commission.

The salary amounted to £34,120, social security costs amounted to £4,135 and pensions amounted to £881. There were no other benefits in kind.

One trustee was reimbursed for expenses in relation to charitable trading, direct charitable activities, support costs and the acquisition of fixed assets amounting to £1,466.

During the period, the charity purchased insurance to protect it from loss arising from the neglect or defaults of its trustees, employees or agents, or to indemnify its trustees, employees or agents, against the consequences of any neglect or default on their part. The premium paid was £431.

17. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Equipment £	Leasehold improvement s £	Total £
Cost				
At 17 February 2022	–	–	–	–
Additions	1,500	4,517	–	6,017
Transfer from Life Church Ministries	124,770	–	145,545	270,315
At 31 December 2022	<u>126,270</u>	<u>4,517</u>	<u>145,545</u>	<u>276,332</u>
Depreciation				
At 17 February 2022	–	–	–	–
Charge for the period	16,836	348	9,703	26,887
At 31 December 2022	<u>16,836</u>	<u>348</u>	<u>9,703</u>	<u>26,887</u>
Carrying amount				
At 31 December 2022	<u>109,434</u>	<u>4,169</u>	<u>135,842</u>	<u>249,445</u>

18. Debtors

	31 Dec 22
	£
Trade debtors	19,091
Prepayments and accrued income	13,846
	<u>32,937</u>

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19. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	31 Dec 22
	£
Trade creditors	29,138
Accruals and deferred income	14,913
Social security and other taxes	9,997
Other creditors	876
	<u>54,924</u>

20. Deferred income

	31 Dec 22
	£
Amount deferred in period	<u>6,730</u>

21. Pensions and other post retirement benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £2,757.

22. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 17 February 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	–	607,887	(397,023)	(6,953)	203,911
Fixed Asset Fund	–	276,332	(26,887)	–	249,445
	<u>–</u>	<u>884,219</u>	<u>(423,910)</u>	<u>(6,953)</u>	<u>453,356</u>

Fixed Asset Fund: The Fixed Asset Fund was established by the Trustees as a Designated Fund. This fund represents the additions and changes in the net book value of the tangible fixed assets of the charity as these are assets used by the charity in the performance of its charitable activities.

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Restricted funds

	At 17 February 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2022 £
For the City Fund	–	5,504	(1,647)	–	3,857
Christmas Fund	–	11,108	(18,061)	6,953	–
Community Café Fund	–	8,344	(6,498)	–	1,846
Rent Fund	–	13,576	(13,576)	–	–
	<u>–</u>	<u>38,532</u>	<u>(39,782)</u>	<u>6,953</u>	<u>5,703</u>

For the City Fund: The For the City Fund was established by the pastors raising funds from collections and special giving to support the "For the City" programme of events and activities.

Christmas Fund: The Christmas Fund was established by the pastors raising funds from collections and special giving to celebrate Christmas in a number of ways.

Community Café Fund: The Community Café Fund was established by Leeds Christian Community Trust and Streetwise - Love Leeds to support the onsite community café.

Rent Fund: The Rent Fund was established by a private donor to support the initial rental costs for the church premises.

23. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	249,445	–	249,445
Current assets	258,835	5,703	264,538
Creditors less than 1 year	<u>(54,924)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>(54,924)</u>
Net assets	<u>453,356</u>	<u>5,703</u>	<u>459,059</u>

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24. Cash generated from operations

	31 Dec 22
	£
Net income	459,059
<i>Adjustments for:</i>	
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	26,887
Other interest receivable and similar income	(269)
Accrued expenses	8,183
Non cash adjustment for donated assets	(271,815)
<i>Changes in:</i>	
Trade and other debtors	(32,937)
Trade and other creditors	46,741
	<u>235,849</u>

25. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At	Cash flows	At
	17 Feb 2022		31 Dec 2022
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	—	231,601	231,601
	<u>—</u>	<u>231,601</u>	<u>231,601</u>

26. Operating lease commitments

The total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	31 Dec 22
	£
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	29,939
Later than 5 years	794,225
	<u>824,164</u>

27. Related parties

By Agreement signed 2 October 2022, Life Church Ministries, a related party by virtue of Ms E M Ajayi being a director and trustee in common, transferred the operations and assets of the Leeds Campus to North Church UK for consideration of £1. The market value of the assets was £270,315.

During the period, the Charity paid £47,351 to Life Church Ministries for rent and other charitable expenses and received £8,101 in respect of donations. There were no balances outstanding at 31 December 2022.

During the period, the Charity paid £15,968 to Abundant Life Resources Limited, a subsidiary of Life Church Ministries, in respect of hire purchase lease obligations on assets hired by the Charity.

During the period, one trustee was reimbursed £1,466 in respect of expenses and all four trustees make donations to the Charity which in aggregate, including Gift Aid, totalled £20,196.