

JUNCTION ONE CHURCH
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
YEAR ENDING MARCH 2024

Charity registration number: **1199260**

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Trustees	Clare Elliott Stephen Horton Jonathan Catling Philip Denyer Stephen Dunster
Charity Registration Number	1199260
Principal Office	12 Burcot Gardens, Alcester Road, Burcot, B60 1FE
Independent Examiner	Dale Brusby ACMA CGMA 11 Woodstock Court Birmingham B30 1DX
Bankers	Lloyds Bank plc. Registered Office: 25 Gresham Street, London EC2V 7HN

Junction One Church

TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended March 2024

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

Junction One Church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with registered charity, number 1199260.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected in accordance with our constitution.

Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Objectives and activities

The objects of J1C are:

- the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily, but not exclusively, within Bromsgrove and the surrounding neighbourhood; and
- such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the members of the Church in general meeting, further the work of the Church.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Vision and values

At Junction One Church we are committed to fulfilling our vision to be:

Streams in the desert, love bring Faith and Hope

Junction One Church values are: Authenticity, Invitational, Expectant, Compassionate, Approachable.

To help us fulfil this vision, there are several priorities for the church:

Encountering God - We are committed to inviting people to be actively involved in our community life and encounter the love and grace of God in Jesus Christ through, the word of God and the Holy Spirit.

Operating in Grace - We seek to be a grace filled church that welcomes all whatever the stage of the journey in faith.

Transforming Teaching - We believe in biblical, anointed teaching as a catalyst for transformation in individuals' lives.

Motivating Mission - We acknowledge the importance of mission that reaches and supports the local community and into other nations.

Engaging Worship - We will provide regular opportunities for people to encounter God in a variety of styles through the power of God the Holy Spirit.

Achievements and performance

Review of activities

The Trustees celebrate the continued outworking of our vision and purposes for Junction One Church through dedicated individuals serving with the Church Leaders and Trustees.

The main activity of the church is the provision of Sunday worship gatherings. The average attendance of these meetings during the year has grown to 50-60 people. The number of church members at March 2024 was 27. A separate programme for primary school children is provided during the gathering.

Trustees' meetings are held regularly making use of virtual video meetings and decisions were made in accordance with our constitution. The Trustees meetings include regular reports from Junction One staff in relation to the terms of employment and objectives for church growth. There is a regular report and review of good practise in relation to safeguarding within the church.

Ministerial Support & Ministries

The church staff have met regularly with a leadership coach during the year to provide support and guidance on developing best practice. We are also grateful for support and advice from our Advisory Group which is made up of three experienced church leaders in other churches.

Junction One Church is affiliated to the Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches. We have also been supported by the Midlands Gospel Partnership and the 'Birmingham Collective' for church planting.

In addition to the Sunday teaching ministry from Stephen Dunster (Church Minister: Teaching and Pastoral) the church regularly has guest speakers from a range of Christian churches.

During the year we have continued to develop some key areas of ministry especially in Children and Youth Ministry. J1 Youth has a regular programme of meetings and activities for secondary aged children with both a social and spiritual dimension. This is deemed a key area of ministry to reach a new generation with the good news of Jesus. Our church as also provided a monthly programme of 'Forest Church' for primary aged children

Junction One Church continues to run a weekly 'Stay and Play' group for the local community. This has proved very popular with a regular attendance of around 20 toddlers and their carers. This has been a valuable means of support for families and provided a safe space for the children and carers.

Stephen Dunster serves in the role as the Designated Safeguarding Lead supported by Sarah Belshah ensuring we are kept up to date with DBS checks, current legislation and ongoing supportive role with Thirty-One Eight. The safeguarding policy and code of conduct was reviewed and updated in September 2023. In January 2024 church volunteers and staff involved in children's ministry undertook face to face accredited safeguarding training.

Outreach and Discipleship

Junction One Church organised and provided two invitation meetings open to everyone called 'Life Stories' at Herbert's Yard in Longbridge. Featured guests were interviewed and shared their personal journey to faith. These have been well attended by visitors (30-40 visitors) at each event with very positive feedback.

Junction One continued to run the 'Alpha Course' and other weekly outreach Bible courses. These have developed into church fellowship groups which meet weekly in homes. These have provided valuable social and spiritual support to those who attend.

Venue

The church has been meeting in Burcot Village Hall for Sunday gatherings, some invitational events such as 'Quiz Nights' and 'Church Lunches'.

Burcot Village Hall is also the venue of our weekly 'Stay and Play' group for toddlers and their carers.

Trustees

The Trustees are responsible for the overall governance and work of the charity, and ensuring that the charity meets its legal and regulatory obligations in the course of fulfilling its charitable purpose.

The five church trustees are the founding trustees and provide a stable and secure oversight of the activities of the charity.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Income for the year amounted to £42999 including gift aid reclaimed from HMRC of £5070. Overall expenditure was £43094, resulting in a deficit of £95 . Total funds carried forward £19644 all of which are unrestricted.

Going concern

The Trustees have continued to monitor the financial status of the church. It continues to be a matter of review and governance for the Trustees to ensure that we are meeting our current obligations which we are pleased to be able to do.

The Trustees have performed a review of the financial position of the charity and believes there are sufficient resources to manage any financial risks. The Trustees reasonably expect that we have adequate resources to continue operating for the foreseeable future. The Trustees are satisfied that there are no material uncertainties relating to events or conditions which cast doubt upon the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. Therefore, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual report and financial statements.

Statement of Responsibilities

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

The law applicable to charities requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial 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 Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- 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 proper accounting records that 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 Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The Trustees 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 annual report was approved by the Trustees of the charity on xx January 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



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Chair of Trustees

Independent Examiner' Report



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Junction 1 Church

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1199260

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/3/2024.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

D R. Brusby

Date:

21/10/24

Name:

Dale Brusby

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qualification(s) or body
(if any):

ACMA CGMA

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JUNCTION ONE CHURCH, BURCOT**FINANCIAL REPORT - APRIL 2023 -MARCH 2024**

<u>INCOME</u>	£		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	£
General Giving	32526		Staff	16415
Gift Aid	5070		HMRC	5328
Ministry Income	5403		EFCC	425
			Visiting Preachers	490
			Music & PA	846
			Insurance	517
			Website/IT	1288
			BVH Hire	4086
			Youth/Kids	3920
			Printing	130
			Hospitality	2816
			TRAC	2938
			Missionary	198
			Bonfire	1083
			Midweeks	540
			Evangelistic Events	1015
			Hardship	50
			Training	140
			Safeguarding	625
			Miscellaneous	244
Total	42999		Total	43094
			Surplus	-95
Total	42999		Total	42999

Funds			Represented By	
Balance b/f	19739		Current Account	9644
Surplus	-95		Reserve Account	10000
			Debtor	0
	19644			19644

Accounting Policy

The accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention, in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014; and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The accounts 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 Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis, as there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue. Based on their knowledge of the charity's ability to meet bills, payments and other liabilities as they fall due, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has sufficient resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

The following are the accounting policies which have been applied in dealing with material items:

Notes to Financial Statements

Donated and grant income

Donated income and grants receivable are taken into account when received by the charity. Income received in circumstances where a claim for repayment of tax has been or will be made to HM Revenue & Customs is grossed up for the tax recoverable. Any amount of tax reclaimed from HM Revenue & Customs but not yet received is shown within the charity's debtors.

The charity has relied significantly upon volunteers in carrying out its activities during the year. In accordance with paragraph 6.18 of SORP, the role of volunteers has not been recognised as income from donated services in the accounts.

Other income and expenditure

Investment income is taken into account when receivable and expenditure, including unrecoverable VAT, when incurred by the charity, regardless of when payment is made.

Funds

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income received or generated for the objects of the charity without specified purpose and are available for purposes as directed by the trustees. Restricted funds are amounts received where the donor has specified the purpose for which they should be used.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Fixed assets acquired for use by the charity are capitalised and depreciated over their estimated useful life unless they cost less than £1000, when they are written off on purchase.

Depreciation periods are as follows:

Equipment Over 5 years

Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution scheme for certain employees. Pension premiums are charged as they are paid.

Cashflow statement

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption provided by the FRS 102 SORP and has not prepared a Cash Flow Statement for the year.

Staff & Trustees

The charity has one part time employed elder and one other part time outreach and development worker.

Steve Dunster, in his capacity as Church Minister, and not as a trustee, received the agreed salary level. Rachael Dunster (spouse to Steve Dunster) has received the agreed salary level in her capacity as Ministry Development and Outreach Leader.

Both employees have opted out of the pension scheme.

No remuneration was paid to any other trustee during the year, nor to anyone related to them. During the period, unrestricted donations of £8500 were received from the trustees or their limited companies.

Tangible Fixed Assets

As no individual asset is worth more than £1,000, they have not been included in the balance sheet.