



Report of the Trustees

The trustees have the pleasure of submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Objects of the charity

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Government

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Review of Activities

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During the year there has been a demonstration of the Christian faith in action by serving the community in which it operates in the following principal ways:

- a) The church orchestrated numerous intimate gatherings wherein individuals can come together, openly discuss the challenges of living out their Christian faith, engage in worship, offer prayers, and mutually guide one another in their spiritual journey.
- b) Classes and gatherings have been organized to assist newcomers in the area to assimilate and become integral members of their communities, especially those facing social or economic hardships, such as homelessness and refugees.
- c) Members of the church have selflessly served their communities in myriad ways, often away from the public eye. They visit the sick, support the less fortunate, and manifest the love of Christ through their actions.
- f) The church persistently hosted weekly fellowship meetings, including occasions like fasting and prayer, youth gatherings, and Bible studies, fostering a sense of community and spiritual growth among its members.

While organising the activities, the Trustees have adhered to the guidance on public benefit provided by both the Charity Commission and the UK Government.

Financial Review

This reporting period marks our charity's inaugural review, set against the backdrop of ongoing challenges stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing conflict in Ukraine. These global crises have profoundly impacted the livelihood of our local community, escalating the demand for



our services. As a small charity, we are acutely feeling the strain, particularly in light of the rising cost of living, which makes our mission even more challenging.

Despite these hurdles, we successfully raised £15,149 and spent £18,523, resulting in an overall deficit of £3,374.

It is important to highlight that securing access to certain grants would greatly enhance our ability to expand our activities and better serve the local community.

Reserves Policy

The trustees have determined that the charity fund is limited so used only for essential operations of the charity. The charity is complying with its reserves policy.

Risk Statement

The trustees have reviewed the risks exposed to a small charity operating with no employees. Appropriate procedures are in place to regularly identify, monitor and review these risks.

Cost of Living Crisis

Despite our commendable efforts to assist individuals facing disadvantages and vulnerability in our community, the profound impact of the cost-of-living crisis cannot be overlooked. We have diligently provided support, including weekly prayers accompanied by hot and cold meals and beverages. While the charity contemplates establishing a care facility for the needy soon, securing funds has become an arduous challenge. Donors and local organizations/councils are proving hesitant to contribute, and the escalating cost of living is significantly impeding the daily operations of the charity.

Trustees' Responsibilities

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

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

MR. MATHEW JAYASEELAN THEIVENDIRAM

31 May 2024

Trustees' annual report for the period



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Period start date

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 Period end date

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Charity name

Gate of Heaven International Ministries					
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Charity No
(if any)

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Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Please see attached Report of the Trustees
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Please see attached Report of the Trustees
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Please see attached Report of the Trustees

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	£15,149
Other		N/A

Financial Review

	SORP reference	
Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Please see attached Report of the Trustees
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Please see attached Report of the Trustees
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	N/A
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Voluntary Income
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	N/A
Other		N/A

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Please see attached Report of the Trustees

Additional information (optional)

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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Please see attached Report of the Trustees
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Please see attached Report of the Trustees
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		N/A

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:	SORP reference	
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	CIO - FOUNDATION
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Please see attached Report of the Trustees

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Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	N/A
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	N/A
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A
Other		N/A

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Gate of Heaven International Ministries
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1199304
Charity's principal address	

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mr. MATHEW JAYASEELAN THEIVENDIRAM	Chair		Mr. MATHEW JAYASEELAN THEIVENDIRAM
2	Mrs. ANTONITA SUMATHY DOLTON	Trustee		
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Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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N/A

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

N/A

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Mr. MATHEW JAYASEELAN THEIVENDIRAM	
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Position (eg Secretary,
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Date

31.05.2024



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THEIVENDIRAM

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Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

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