

Charity registration number: 1199612

Middlewich Community Church

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Reverend Antony Bhunu, Senior Pastor Christopher Sellers Faith Davies Lee Berridge
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Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

During the financial year Middlewich Pentecostal Church (Charity number 1051786) transferred its assets to Middlewich Community Church (Charity number 1199812), continuing the activities of the former charity. The financial statements have been prepared as though Middlewich Community Church had undertaken these activities in both accounting periods.

Trustees

Reverend Antony Bhunu, Senior Pastor

Christopher Sellers

Sally Chilakalaka (resigned 7th May 2024)

Faith Davies

Lee Berridge (appointed 1st December 2023)

Objectives and activities

Objects

The objects of the Church as set out in its constitution 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 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 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

- The church offices are open Monday to Friday 9.00 am to 3.00 pm.
- Sunday Church Morning Service is at 10:30 am.
- Pastoral Team : Looking after the wellbeing of the church.
- MCC Kids / Youth Sunday Morning Service
- Ignite Youth – Sunday evening
- MoCoCo House – a supported accommodation for young people aged 16 to 24.
- Canalside Conference - ensuring full utilisation of our building of our assets for the benefit of the community.
- Welcome Team: Setting up before the service, welcoming attendees and clearing up after the service.
- Hospitality Team: Providing refreshments during and after the Sunday service.
- Music Team: Playing in one of the bands during the Sunday service.
- Sound desk and Media Team: Running the technical side of the service (set up, audio, visuals).
- Prayer Team: monthly prayer meetings.
- Kids Church Team: Participating in kids work during the Sunday service.
- Youth Church Team: Participating in Youth work during the Sunday Service.
- Ignite Youth – Sunday evening meetings held for teenagers.
- Life Groups – these are weekly meetings held at a church congregation's house
- Microtots - Baby & toddler group held mid weekly for the community.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Events:

- Ladies' ministry: WOW - Women of Worth event held bi-annually.
- Men's ministry: Born to Win - event held quarterly.
- Connect 50 - held monthly for ladies over 50 to connect.
- Re-Connect 50 - held monthly
- Times of refreshing - Held every first Tuesday of the month focusing on worship and prayer.
- Leadership Seminar - for training of leaders, held once a year.
- Youth Missions - annual youth Christian mission to Europe or overseas
- Youth Night - Regional Youth outreach held every 6 months.
- Kids and Carers : Community outreach held every 6 months
- AoG National Conference : For key leaders of the church

Other Ministries:

- Trustee Board Meetings
- Leadership / Eldership Meetings
- Ministry Team Meetings
- Missions Team Meetings
- Additional events approved by the Leadership
- Various events (AOG Region)

Missions:

- Foodbank in Middlewich - we partner with foodbank on providing food for those in need.
- Middlewich High School - we partner with Middlewich High School by recognizing those excelling in Religious Education at the school.
- Middlewich Bowling Club - This partnership ensures that the club is independent from the church hence giving a direct connection to the local community.
- Partnership with Crewe's The Lighthouse Centre - looking after the homeless, the vulnerable, people with mental health problems, the unemployed and lonely.
- Kasupe - relieving poverty, promoting good health of children and providing shelter or accommodation in Malawi
- The Sunflower Trust - supporting over hundreds of poor children and families, in villages in Hungary, Romania, India, Africa, Bangladesh, Philippines and United Kingdom.
- Youth With A Mission (YWAM) Nick and Daisy Muriro are based in South Africa, who travel throughout Africa teaching mainly leaders on evangelism, biblical teaching and discipleship.
- Community Faith Church (CCFC), Malawi - we partner with CCFC after planting 2 churches in Malawi of which we are supporting.

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.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Review of charitable activities in the financial year

Middlewich Community Church continues to serve the community in diverse ways, drawing its committed and enthusiastic congregation both from its hometown and the adjacent communities of Winsford, Holmes Chapel, Sandbach, Northwich, Knutsford, Nantwich, Crewe, surrounding villages and hamlets.

The trustees wish to put on record their appreciation to the congregation, who have remained faithful throughout another year.

Churches such as MCC depends on the commitment of both its staff and members to ensure that its programme is carried out. In particular the work of volunteers, i.e. partners who call MCC their spiritual home, is greatly appreciated. The cornerstones of the regular church programme are the Sunday service, midweek life groups, and the children's & youth ministries to both church families & the wider community. MCC is blessed to have a salaried youth and children's pastor, ensuring that the church's programme on Sundays & midweek continues to be delivered to a high standard.

The church successfully operates two areas of activity in addition to its regular church services. Canalside conferencing continues to be a prime facility for day conferencing within the local community. We continue to deliver a higher level of service to our clients which amongst others include local authorities, Police, NHS and businesses, but unfortunately this year the booking has experienced a dip which has resulted in a low income.

MoCoCo House, a semi-independent housing was birthed out of a desire to provide safe accommodation for vulnerable young people. It has proven essential over time in addressing the needs of both mainly, local vulnerable youth primarily from Cheshire and unaccompanied young asylum seekers. We continue to remain at full capacity since the service continues to be well sought after mainly due to our highly regarded personnel within the care community, and we are glad to be able to address these demands at this time. As in previous years, we continue to improve our service delivery, always striving to make positive changes to the young people's lived experience of MoCoCo House. This year, we have been undergoing Ofsted registration, as such we have been working to ensure all required documents and processes are in place in order to meet their requirements. We are hopeful that the registration process will be completed in this 2024 – 25 financial year.

MCC continues to support projects and personnel locally as well as working in different parts of the world. The church allocated monthly financial support to assist the local Foodbank and Crewe's the Lighthouse Centre who look after the homeless. Internationally, we have continued with supporting mission work in Eastern Europe and Africa. In Malawi, for example, we support 2 rural churches that we planted in partnership with a local church.

In March 2023, MCC and Alsager Community Church (ACC) planted a new church in the town of Sandbach. The church, Sandbach Community Church (SCC) is led by the leadership team of both MCC and ACC. It is our collective aim to build up a leadership team which will eventually take over the running of the church and be independent from both churches.

Finally, MCC continues to be a key member of Churches Together in Middlewich, being involved with various initiatives throughout the year.

The trustees consider the church to be in a strong position right now, ready to carry on serving the local community and everyone who considers Middlewich Community Church to be their spiritual home.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Financial review

The financial statements show a deficit of £4,677 (after depreciation of £11,569) compared with a surplus the previous year of £12,463.

During the year the additional payments off the church mortgage were made (this after the transfer of mortgage to the CIO) which had an effect on cash flow.

Overall the trustees are pleased with the progress made this year in both finances and financial information.

Policy on reserves

Whilst the Bible clearly indicates that we should not hoard, it is also clear that there should be sensible planning for an unforeseen event. As such there is a need for the church to retain reasonable reserves to ensure the church can cope with financial challenges. The trustees calculate that reserves of £100,000 should be retained. At the year end the free reserves, ie those not designated are £203,669 which is in excess of the agreed amount. The excess is to be used for the continued development of the charity.

Principal funding sources

The income of the church is derived from three primary sources:

Giving by members and adherants of the church

Canalside conferences

Mococo House - supported living payments received from the surrounding local authorities.

Investments

Freehold land at a valuation of £2.5m plus legal fees was donated to the charity in 2013. The trustees believe the land is valued in excess of this value but no formal valuation has been obtained as this is subject to a number of factors such as potential use, planning permission etc.

Surplus cash funds are held in deposit accounts with Kingdom Bank.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The charity is governed by its constitution dated 11th July 2022. The charity is a Foundation Charitable Incorporated Organisation (number 1199612).

In due course the former charity, Middlewich Pentecostal Church, will be deregistered.

Trustee remuneration

Details of trustee remuneration and its basis is set out in note 9 to the financial statements.

Organisational structure

The charity is governed by the Church Council, comprising the Senior Minister and other members as shall be appointed or elected. The church members meet as required.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Major risks and management of those risks

The charity reviews risks it faces regularly. It has full policies for safeguarding children and young people and vulnerable adults, with relevant persons undergoing regular training and DBS checks.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each trustee has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information. The trustees confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and of which they know the auditor is unaware.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 15 October 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

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Reverend Antony Bhunu
Trustee

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Statement of Trustees' 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.

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Middlewich Community Church

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Middlewich Community Church (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Statement, and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising Charities SORP - FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and applicable law (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 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of 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 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 original financial statements were 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 trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees remuneration specified by law are not made; 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 (set out on page 7), 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 liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor Responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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 specific procedures for this engagement and the extent to which these are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures on material balances for which robust, substantive analytical procedures have been undertaken to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions; and

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- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of noncompliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the trustees those matters we are required to state to trustees in an auditors' 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 its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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KM, Statutory Auditor

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15 October 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	74,843	74,843	65,287	65,287
Charitable activities	3	513,867	513,867	431,997	431,997
Other trading activities	4	61,361	61,361	55,528	55,528
Investment income	5	1,230	1,230	162	162
Other income		<u>1,639</u>	<u>1,639</u>	<u>22,013</u>	<u>22,013</u>
Total income		<u>652,940</u>	<u>652,940</u>	<u>574,987</u>	<u>574,987</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	6	<u>(657,617)</u>	<u>(657,617)</u>	<u>(562,524)</u>	<u>(562,524)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(657,617)</u>	<u>(657,617)</u>	<u>(562,524)</u>	<u>(562,524)</u>
Net (expenditure)/income		<u>(4,677)</u>	<u>(4,677)</u>	<u>12,463</u>	<u>12,463</u>
Net movement in funds		(4,677)	(4,677)	12,463	12,463
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>3,098,705</u>	<u>3,098,705</u>	<u>3,086,242</u>	<u>3,086,242</u>
Total funds carried forward	19	<u><u>3,094,028</u></u>	<u><u>3,094,028</u></u>	<u><u>3,098,705</u></u>	<u><u>3,098,705</u></u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2023 is shown in note 19.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	848,568	859,105
Investments	14	<u>2,518,516</u>	<u>2,518,516</u>
		<u>3,367,084</u>	<u>3,377,621</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	15	54,416	83,315
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>137,501</u>	<u>129,791</u>
		191,917	213,106
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	16	<u>(41,606)</u>	<u>(22,098)</u>
Net current assets		<u>150,311</u>	<u>191,008</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		3,517,395	3,568,629
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	17	<u>(423,367)</u>	<u>(469,924)</u>
Net assets		<u><u>3,094,028</u></u>	<u><u>3,098,705</u></u>
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>3,094,028</u>	<u>3,098,705</u>
Total funds	19	<u><u>3,094,028</u></u>	<u><u>3,098,705</u></u>

The financial statements on pages 11 to 23 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 15 October 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

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Reverend Antony Bhunu
Trustee

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Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash (expenditure)/income		(4,677)	12,463
Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items			
Depreciation		11,569	12,984
Investment income	5	<u>(1,230)</u>	<u>(162)</u>
		5,662	25,285
Working capital adjustments			
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	15	28,899	(26,292)
Increase in creditors	16	<u>2,169</u>	<u>4,906</u>
Net cash flows from operating activities		<u>36,730</u>	<u>3,899</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest receivable and similar income	5	1,230	162
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	13	<u>(1,032)</u>	<u>(1,189)</u>
Net cash flows from investing activities		198	(1,027)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayment of loans and borrowings	16	<u>(29,218)</u>	<u>(10,899)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		7,710	(8,027)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April		<u>129,791</u>	<u>137,818</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March		<u><u>137,501</u></u>	<u><u>129,791</u></u>

All of the cash flows are derived from continuing operations during the above two periods.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Middlewich Community Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern

The Trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. Based on the reserves held, the operating model, an assessment of risks, and forward looking budgets, the Trustees are comfortable that the charity is adequately resourced to continue in operation for the foreseeable future. At the date of sign off, the Trustees confirm there are no material uncertainties in relation to the going concern assumption. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

In preparing financial statements it is necessary to make certain judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts recognised in the financial statements. In the view of the Trustees in applying the accounting policies adopted, no judgements were required that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements nor do any estimates or assumptions made carry a significant risk of material adjustment in the next financial year.

Income

All income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

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Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £2000 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Land and buildings	2% per annum on cost
Furniture and equipment	35% per annum on cost

Investment properties

Investment property is carried at fair value, derived from the current market prices for comparable real estate determined annually by external valuers. The valuers use observable market prices, adjusted if necessary for any difference in the nature, location or condition of the specific asset. Changes in fair value are recognised in profit or loss.

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the charity has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Regular giving and donations	74,843	74,843	65,287
	<u>74,843</u>	<u>74,843</u>	<u>65,287</u>

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
MoCoCo House	513,867	513,867	431,997
	<u>513,867</u>	<u>513,867</u>	<u>431,997</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Conferences	61,361	61,361	55,528

5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Interest received	1,230	1,230	162

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds Designated £	General £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Charitable activities	-	242,472	242,472	238,875
Depreciation, amortisation and other similar costs	11,569	-	11,569	12,984
Staff costs	-	346,512	346,512	280,926
Bank interest payable	32,564	-	32,564	22,139
Governance costs	-	24,500	24,500	7,600
	44,133	613,484	657,617	562,524

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7 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Audit fees			
Audit of the financial statements	4,500	4,500	3,600
Allocated support costs	20,000	20,000	4,000
	24,500	24,500	7,600

8 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net (outgoing)/incoming resources for the year include:

	2024 £	2023 £
Audit fees	4,500	3,600
Depreciation of fixed assets	11,569	12,984

9 Trustees remuneration and expenses

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

Reverend Antony Bhunu

Reverend Antony Bhunu received remuneration of £39,717 (2023: £34,627) during the year.

Rev Antony Bhunu, a Trustee, also serves as an employee of the charity, i.e. Senior Minister for the Church and CEO of our professional departments - MoCoCo House and Canalside Conference - and is remunerated in this capacity but not for acting as a charity trustee. The charity's constitution permits this arrangement. During the year 2023-24 to his employment benefits were for the Senior Minister role - £29,787.60 (2022-23 : £25,970.25) and for the CEO/Nominated Individual for MoCoCo role - £9,929.25 (2022-23 : £8,656.75), a total of £39,717.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

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10 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	319,672	261,693
Social security costs	20,585	14,556
Pension costs	6,255	4,677
	<u>346,512</u>	<u>280,926</u>

The monthly average number of persons employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2024 No	2023 No
Charitable activities	<u>19</u>	<u>18</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £39,717 (2023 - £80,302).

11 Auditors' remuneration

	2024 £	2023 £
Audit of the financial statements	<u>4,500</u>	<u>3,600</u>

12 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

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13 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2023	923,315	89,485	1,012,800
Additions	<u>-</u>	<u>1,032</u>	<u>1,032</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>923,315</u>	<u>90,517</u>	<u>1,013,832</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2023	67,560	86,135	153,695
Charge for the year	<u>9,298</u>	<u>2,271</u>	<u>11,569</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>76,858</u>	<u>88,406</u>	<u>165,264</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2024	<u>846,457</u>	<u>2,111</u>	<u>848,568</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>855,755</u>	<u>3,350</u>	<u>859,105</u>

Included within the net book value of land and buildings above is £846,457 (2023 - £855,755) in respect of freehold land and buildings and £Nil (2023 - £Nil) in respect of leaseholds.

Freehold land and buildings are:

Mococo House -acquired in 2013 and includes original purchase price and expenditure to convert the building into nine flats.

Middlewich Church building acquired in February 2022

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14 Fixed asset investments

	2024 £	2023 £
Freehold land	<u>2,518,516</u>	<u>2,518,516</u>
Freehold land		
		Freehold land £
Valuation		
At 1 April 2023		<u>2,518,516</u>
Provision		
At 31 March 2024		<u>-</u>
Net book value		
At 31 March 2024		<u>2,518,516</u>

Freehold land at a valuation of £2.5m plus legal fees was donated to the charity in 2013. The trustees believe the land is valued in excess of this value but no formal valuation has been obtained as this is subject to a number of factors such as potential use, planning permission etc.

15 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	23,836	55,117
Prepayments	2,077	-
Other debtors	<u>28,503</u>	<u>28,198</u>
	<u>54,416</u>	<u>83,315</u>

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Bank loans	30,000	12,661
Other taxation and social security	5,874	4,860
Other creditors	1,232	977
Accruals	<u>4,500</u>	<u>3,600</u>
	<u>41,606</u>	<u>22,098</u>

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17 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Bank loans	<u>423,367</u>	<u>469,924</u>

Creditors amounts falling due after more than one year includes the following liabilities, on which security has been given by the charity:

	2024 £	2023 £
Mortgage Kingdom Bank	<u>423,367</u>	<u>469,924</u>

The mortgage is secured on the church building and is for a period of 25 years from February 2022 at a rate of 3.45%.

18 Pension and other schemes

Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the charity to the scheme and amounted to £6,255 (2023 - £4,677).

19 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General	203,669	652,940	(613,484)	(62,814)	180,311
Designated	<u>2,895,036</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(44,133)</u>	<u>62,814</u>	<u>2,913,717</u>
Total funds	<u>3,098,705</u>	<u>652,940</u>	<u>(657,617)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,094,028</u>

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
General	190,310	574,987	(527,401)	(34,227)	203,669
Designated	<u>2,895,932</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(35,123)</u>	<u>34,227</u>	<u>2,895,036</u>
Total funds	<u>3,086,242</u>	<u>574,987</u>	<u>(562,524)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,098,705</u>

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20 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds		Total funds at
	General	Designated	31 March
	£	£	2024
Tangible fixed assets	-	848,568	848,568
Fixed asset investments	-	2,518,516	2,518,516
Current assets	191,917	-	191,917
Current liabilities	(11,606)	(30,000)	(41,606)
Creditors over 1 year	-	(423,367)	(423,367)
Total net assets	<u>180,311</u>	<u>2,913,717</u>	<u>3,094,028</u>

	Unrestricted funds		Total funds at
	General	Designated	31 March
	£	£	2023
Tangible fixed assets	-	859,105	859,105
Fixed asset investments	-	2,518,516	2,518,516
Current assets	213,106	-	213,106
Current liabilities	(9,437)	(12,661)	(22,098)
Creditors over 1 year	-	(469,924)	(469,924)
Total net assets	<u>203,669</u>	<u>2,895,036</u>	<u>3,098,705</u>