

John Fisher Network

Annual report and financial statements

31 December 2024

Charity Registration Number
1200617 (England and Wales)

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Trustees

Baroness Sheila Hollins
Archbishop Mark O'Toole
Dr Helen Costigane
Stephen Macklow-Smith

Company Secretary

Chris Wyatt

Charity Registration Number

1200617 (England & Wales)

Registered Office

4 Rectory Rd, London SW13 0DT

Bankers

Lloyds Bank plc

The Trustees present their report for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024 together with the financial statements of the John Fisher Network for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024. This is the second annual report of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 10 of the attached financial statements and comply with the Charity's governing document, applicable laws 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 (FRS 102).

Mission

The objects of the John Fisher Network are to provide support and mentoring services to leaders of religious institutions.

The John Fisher Network meets its obligations by running a helpline open to religious leaders who are seeking advice, psychotherapy, mentoring, support and coaching. The Charity also runs a private list of senior psychotherapists, and the convenors on its helpline seek to introduce clients to suitable practitioners. The database is maintained by a clinical advisory group which reports to the trustees.

Governance, structure and management

The John Fisher Network is an unincorporated trust. Its trustees and those on the clinical advisory group provide their services *gratis*.

Governing Document

The governing document of the Charity was registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales on 7 Oct 2022 and a summary can be found on their website at <https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/charity-search/-/charity-details/5193572/governing-document>

Trustees

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the governing document

Trustees who served during the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

Baroness Sheila Hollins

Archbishop Mark O'Toole

Dr Helen Costigane

Stephen Macklow-Smith

Charity activities

The John Fisher Network raises funds through donations to support its work.

Organisational structure and decision making

The Trustees meet at least four times a year and make all policy decisions for the Charity and receive reports from those running its activities.

All of the John Fisher Network's charitable work is carried out on a voluntary basis. The charity pays a retainer to those who staff its helpline. All clients enter into a separate contract with the practitioner to whom they are assigned. All of the practitioners are self-employed and none of them are employees of the John Fisher Network.

Governance, structure and management (continued)

Risk management

The trustees maintain a risk register and review risk regularly. In the period under review the Charity was seeing its first full year of operation for its helpline. The Charity has now been contacted by 7 clients, of whom 3 are in ongoing supervision with a practitioner, for which they have in each case

entered into a private agreement with the relevant practitioner. The Charity's operational risk is therefore at this stage low.

Activities, specific objectives and relevant policies

Activities and specific objectives in the period

As stated above the objects of the Charity are providing support to office holders in Christian churches including by referring or facilitating access to a range of psychological and educational services such as psychotherapy, leadership training and professional supervision.

Main activities

The Trustees confirm that they have given due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and planning its objectives.

The John Fisher Network meets its charitable objectives by various activities which are described in the sections which follow.

The Charity has set up a Clinical Advisory Group [CAG] comprised of psychotherapy and counselling professionals, who give their time on a voluntary basis. The CAG has recruited two convenors to run the charity's helpline and assessed their credentials. It has also created a list of suitable psychotherapy and counselling professional to whom potential clients can be directed. This year the system entered fully into operation and was found to work satisfactorily.

Investment policy

A cash deposit is held with a retail bank with the aim of maximising the rate of interest achieved without taking undue risk. The Charity also has some funds on time deposit to increase the interest rate we receive.

Financial report for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024.

Results for the period

Total deficit for the period was (£7,745). Income was generated solely from bank interest.

Total expenditure for the period was £(9,401).

Reserves policy and financial position

Reserves policy

The aim of the Trustees is to hold sufficient reserves to produce a regular revenue stream, which will be used to further the Charity's charitable work. The Charity's initial grant was very generous and is fully sufficient for the Charity's immediate needs, meaning that no further funds need to be raised this year. As the pool of potential clients increases in size the Charity will review its ongoing needs.

As at 31 December 2024, the Charity had an unrestricted fund balance of £69,570

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

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).

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities (continued)

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

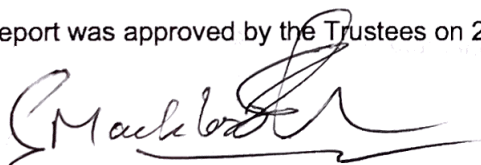
- ◆ select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- ◆ observe the methods and principles in Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102);
- ◆ make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- ◆ state whether applicable UK 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 charitable company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. 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.

Each of the Trustees confirms that:

- ◆ so far as the Trustee is aware, there is no relevant information of which the charity's Independent Examiner is unaware; and
- ◆ the Trustees have taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to make himself/herself aware of any relevant information and to establish that the charity's Independent Examiner is aware of that information.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 28th October 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Stephen Macklow-Smith (Trustee) Date 28th October 2025

John Fisher Network Independent Examination

The Charity's gross income for the year was below the statutory threshold of £25,000 and the governing document does not require an independent examination or audit. Therefore no independent examination was undertaken for this period.

Statement of Financial Activities for the Period ended 31 December 2024

	£ 2023	£ 2024
Incoming Resources		
Donations	83,920	0
Bank Interest	909	1,706
Total	<u>84,829</u>	<u>1,706</u>
Expenses		
Convenors Expenses	4,800	7,200
Support Costs	2,264	2,201
Independent Examiners Fee	500	0
Total	<u>7,564</u>	<u>9,401</u>
Net Incoming/Outgoing Resources	<u>77,265</u>	<u>(7,745)</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	2023	2024
	£	£
Current Assets		
Cash & Bank	77,765	69,570
Current Liabilities	<u>(500)</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Current Assets	<u>77,265</u>	<u>69,570</u>
Funds		
Unrestricted Fund	<u>77,265</u>	<u>69,570</u>

Principal accounting policies

These financial statements have been prepared for the period 31 December 2023 to 31 December 2024. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. 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 (FRS 102) ('Charities SORP FRS 102'), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charitable Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006. The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 10.

Funds

All funds constitute a single fund which is unrestricted and can be used for the objects of the Charity.

The underlying Charity reserves policy, approved by the Trustees, is to maintain a level of unrestricted reserves that will enable the Charity to maintain a continuity of activity together with the ability to adjust in a measured way to significant changes in the external economic environment and demands for the grants provided by the Charity.

Going Concern

The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis, no material uncertainties that may cause significant doubt about the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern have been identified by the Trustees.

Notes to the accounts

Incoming resources

Bank Interest	£1,706
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Support costs

Support costs relating to the Charity's charitable activities comprised:

Administration expenses	£2,201
Total support costs	<u>£2,201</u>

Investments

Investments are funds held on interest bearing deposit with Lloyd's Bank.


General Fund

Fund Balance at 1 January 2024	£77,265
Income to 31 December 2024	£1,706
Expenditure to 31 December 2024	£9,401
Fund Balance at 31 December 2024	£69,570

Trustees' remuneration and expenses

None of the Trustees was remunerated or received any reimbursement of expenses during the year.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Macklow-Smith', written over a horizontal line.

Stephen Macklow-Smith (Trustee) Date 28th October 2025