

The Greenhouse Church
Registered Charity Number: 1201399

Accounts for the Year ended 31 March 2024

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 January 2023 to 31 March 2024

Charity name: The Greenhouse Church

Charity registration number: 1201399

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Charity Objectives and Activities

The advancement of the Christian faith in particular (but without limitation) by providing worship, prayer and Christian teaching.

In addition to weekly Sunday services, the Church also advances religion, in particular but not exclusively, by holding:

- a ladies bible study on Friday mornings;
- a men's group on Saturday mornings
- Youth group for 13-18 year old girls and boys on Friday nights;
- Participation in Wyld life a youth group for 11-14 year olds on Monday nights
- Alpha and HTB Marriage courses.

Trustees Statement with regards to Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that they have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit when exercising their duties and making decisions. In accordance with this guidance, our church advances the Christian faith through regular worship services, Christian teaching, and various other religious activities. These activities, including Bible studies, youth groups, and courses like Alpha and the HTB Marriage Course, are accessible to the wider community and aim to foster a deeper understanding of Christian values. The trustees are committed to ensuring that these activities benefit the public by promoting spiritual growth, providing support, and fostering community engagement in line with our charitable objectives.

Achievements and Performance

Over the past year, the charity has made significant contributions to both its local community and international outreach efforts. Our youth demographic, particularly the 11-14-year-olds, has been wonderfully active, with older teens taking on leadership roles by helping to facilitate Wyld Life youth groups. This has fostered a culture of mentorship and community building among the younger and older generations, encouraging personal growth, leadership, and a spirit of service within our youth groups.

In addition to youth involvement, the charity has played a vital role in promoting generosity and global compassion by supporting the Ufahari Charity in Uganda. Our contributions have directly helped vulnerable girls in Kalerwe and other parts of Kampala, making a tangible difference in their lives by providing them with essential support and resources.

On a local level, the charity has successfully run multiple Alpha Courses and the HTB Marriage Course, both of which have been open to and attended by members of the public. These courses have created opportunities for individuals to explore faith, strengthen relationships, and engage in meaningful community discussions.

Through these activities, the charity has fostered a spirit of giving, inclusivity, and spiritual growth, benefiting not only our immediate beneficiaries but also contributing to the wider community and society as a whole. A number of families have found the Church online or by word of mouth.

Regular giving

Regular monthly giving increased from £2,500 per month at the start of the period to around £4,500 with regular givers increasing from 10 families to 17 over the period.

The Church has a strong spirit of generosity with specific donations received to support additional costs including a sound system, heating system and a coffee machine.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Greenhouse Church is governed by its CIO(Charitable Incorporated Organisation). There are three trustees and meetings are held at least three times a year.

Financial Review

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of The Greenhouse Church for the year ended 31 March 2024. These statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing documents and comply with the relevant provisions of the Charities Act 2011, along with any applicable regulations for small charities as well as UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (UK GAAP).

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis, which provides a simplified reporting method appropriate for our charity's size and structure. Additionally, the Trustees confirm that an independent examination has been conducted, as per the requirements of the Charity Commission, and that the financial statements comply with UK accounting standards, where applicable.

The Trustees are satisfied with the charity's financial health and will continue to manage resources prudently to fulfill the charity's objectives.

The financial position of The Greenhouse Church as of the end of the financial year remains healthy, reflecting responsible stewardship of the church's resources and a commitment to advancing its charitable objectives. Below are the key financial highlights:

- **Total Revenue:** £60,660, driven primarily by tithes and offerings, which contributed £50,780.
- **Administrative Costs:** amounted to £44,875, with salaries (£16,667), repairs and maintenance (£3,370), general expenses (£5,043), the Church sponsorship of the youth Wyld Life Camp (£3,150) and charitable donations (£9,249) being the main admin costs.
- **Operating Profit** - The charity recorded an operating profit of £15,785, demonstrating effective management of resources.
- **Other Income:** Specified giving was £9,881.
- **Net Current Assets:** The total net assets of the church as of 31 March 2024 stand at £24,011, reflecting the Church's growth.
- **Fixed Assets:** The fixed assets primarily consist of office equipment valued at £5,159. These assets support both administrative functions and community outreach efforts.
- **Current Assets:** The church holds £16,808 in cash at the bank and on hand, ensuring liquidity and the ability to cover day-to-day expenses.
- **Capital and Reserves:**
 - The **Current Year Earnings** were £15,785, demonstrating financial sustainability.
 - **Retained Earnings** from previous periods amount to £8,227

- **Total Capital and reserves at year end were £24,011**

Overall, the financial health of The Greenhouse Church is strong, with sufficient reserves and liquidity to support its ongoing activities.

Review of Reserves - The Trustees aim to retain a minimum reserve of £10,000, representing approximately three months' worth of essential operational costs. This level of reserves will enable the charity to continue its activities without disruption during unforeseen circumstances, such as a decline in income or unexpected expenses. As at year end, the charity has a cash balance of £16,808, comfortably satisfying our goal of maintaining reserves equivalent to three months of operating costs.

The reserves will be reviewed annually by the Trustees to ensure that the level remains appropriate in relation to the charity's operational needs, planned activities, and financial environment.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the CIO 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 those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- make judgements and 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 proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the CIO.

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.

Approved by the order of the trustees on 29 January 2025 and signed on their behalf by

Trustee

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Johnson', followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
The Greenhouse Church

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2024

Charity no
(if any) 1201399

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 03 / 2024.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

Signed:

Date: 29/01/2024

Name:

SANDY LILFORD

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

ICB

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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

NO MATTERS OF CONCERN

The Greenhouse Church
Year ended 31 March 24
Income & Expenditure Account

	2024	2023
	£	£
Income		
Tithes / Offerings	50,780	
Other Income	9,881	
Interest Received		
TOTAL INCOME	60,660	-
Expenditure		
Salaries	16,667	
Employers NI	-	
Employers Pension	235	
Advertising & Marketing	22	
Audit & Accountancy	1,647	
Bank Fees	210	
Camp Fees	3,150	
Charitable and Political Donations	9,249	
Cleaning	248	
Consulting	2,050	
Courses/ Books	786	
General Expenses	5,043	
Insurance	168	
IT Software and Consumables	124	
Light, Power, Heating	800	
Printing & Stationery	69	
Rent	748	
Repairs & Maintenance	3,370	
Subscriptions	289	
	44,875	-
Surplus / (Deficit)	15,785	-

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Balance Sheet

	2024	2023
	£	£
ASSETS		
Fixed Assets	5,159	
Current Assets		
Bank Account	16,808	
Prepayments	2,341	
Debtors		-
Other debtors	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	24,308	-
LIABILITIES		
Trade creditors	-	-
Advance Payments	-	-
Accruals	250	
PAYE due to HMRC		-
NI due to HMRC		-
Pension contributions due	47	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	297	-
Net Current Assets	24,011	-
Net Assets	24,011	-
Capital Account		
Balance at start of period	8,227	-
Net (Deficit)/Surplus	15,785	
	24,011	-