

THE CHURCH EXPERIMENT

England & Wales · Charity number 1205832

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2023-11-21

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS, FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN PARTICULAR (BUT WITHOUT LIMITATION) BY PROVIDING WORSHIP, PRAYER AND CHRISTIAN TEACHING.

Activities: We are a local church building Christian community in the villages where we live.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Cambridgeshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£28,465	£19,601	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ian Marlow	Chair	2023-11-21
Saisha Louise Dee		2023-11-21
Timothy Phillips		2023-11-21

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Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **21 November 2023** To **31 December 2024**

Charity name: The Church Experiment

Charity registration number: 1205832

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The advancement of the Christian by providing worship, prayer and Christian teaching.
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	Meeting for Sunday worship and in small groups during the week. Also youth and community activities.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	We have read the guidance.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	We make small contributions to individuals and families in need, which are budgeted annually and agreed by church leaders.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	n/a
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The majority of our activities are organised and run by volunteers.
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	The numbers attending church have grown to a normal attendance being around 80 adults and children, with clear evidence of growth towards faith and an increase in maturity. We have also run community events ourselves and various members participate in voluntary activities locally.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	We have regular income which is sufficient to meet our projected outgoings.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	As a young charity we have limited reserves but aim to initially cover a few months expected expenses.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	We currently hold cash to cover 3 to 4 months costs.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	No formal reserves but cash in hand as above.
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	None

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Gifts from members of the church.
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	We are still small and the loss of some significant members would impact us. However, the risk is small.
Other		n/a

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		n/a
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
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	By consultation with existing trustees and members

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Using Charity Commission documents. No formal procedure as the original trustees are still serving.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The trustees are responsible for policy matters. The two members, one of whom is an employees, form the leadership team. We also have assistance from another charity who provide leadership support.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	n/a
Other		n/a

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Church Experiment
Other name the charity uses	n/a
Registered charity number	1205832
Charity's principal address	50 Mills Lane Longstanton CB24 3DG

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	Ian Marlow	Chair		
2	Saisha Dee			
3	Tim Phillips			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

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

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Ian Marlow	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	16/09/25	



Charity Name : The Church Experiment		Charity No (if any)	1205832
Annual accounts for the period			
Period start date	21-Nov-23	To	Period end date 31-Dec-24

Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Guidance Notes	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total funds £ F04
Incoming resources (Note 3)					
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	S01	28,465	-	-	28,465
Charitable activities	S02	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities	S03	-	-	-	-
Investments	S04	-	-	-	-
Separate material item of income	S05	-	-	-	-
Other	S06	-	-	-	-
Total	S07	28,465	-	-	28,465
Resources expended (Note 6)					
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	S08	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	S09	14,568	-	-	14,568
Depreciation	S10	5,032	-	-	5,032
Other	S11	-	-	-	-
Total	S12	19,601	-	-	19,601
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)					
	S13	8,864	-	-	8,864
Net gains/(losses) on investments	S14	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)	S15	8,864	-	-	8,864
Extraordinary items					
	S16	-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds					
	S17	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):					
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	S18	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	S19	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	S20	8,864	-	-	8,864
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	S21	20,319	-	-	20,319
Total funds carried forward	S22	29,183	-	-	29,183

Charity Name: The Church Experiment		Charity No	1205832
		Company No	
Annual accounts for the period	Period start date: 21 Nov 23	To period end date: 31 Dec 24	

Section B Balance sheet

	Guidance note	Restricted			
		Unrestricted funds	income funds	Endowment funds	Total this year
		£	£	£	£
		F01	F02	F03	F04
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets (Note 15)	B01	-	-	-	-
Tangible assets (Note 14)	B02	17,589	-	-	17,589
Heritage assets (Note 16)	B03	-	-	-	-
Investments (Note 17)	B04	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets	B05	17,589	-	-	17,589
Current assets					
Stocks (Note 18)	B06	-	-	-	-
Debtors (Note 19)	B07	3,711	-	-	3,711
Investments (Note 17.4)	B08	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 24)	B09	8,437	-	-	8,437
Total current assets	B10	12,148	-	-	12,148
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 20)	B11	553	-	-	553
Net current assets/(liabilities)	B12	11,594	-	-	11,594
Total assets less current liabilities	B13	29,183	-	-	29,183
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year (Note 20)	B14	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities	B15	-	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities	B16	29,183	-	-	29,183
Funds of the Charity					
Endowment funds (Note 27)	B17	-	-	-	-
Restricted income funds (Note 27)	B18	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted funds	B19	29,183	-	-	29,183
Revaluation reserve	B20	-	-	-	-
Fair value reserve	B21	-	-	-	-
Total funds	B22	29,183	-	-	29,183

companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with


These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

Signed by one or two trustees/directors on behalf of all the trustees/directors



Print Name	
SAISHA DEE	14/9/25
TIMOTHY PHILLIPS	

Signature of director authenticating accounts being sent to Companies House



Signature	
TOM MABER	14/9/25



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
The Church Experiment

On accounts for the year ended

31st Dec 2024

Charity no (if any)

1205832

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024.

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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

12/08/2025

Name:

Jonathan Edney

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

Associate member of Institute of Bookkeepers

Address:

31 High St, Willingham, CB24 5ES

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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.

None

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