

THE STRANGERS REST MISSION

England & Wales - Charity number 209117

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1962-09-22

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

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Activities

Objects: EVANGELISTIC CHRISTIAN MISSION PURPOSES IN THE EAST END OF LONDON.

Activities: THE STRANGERS' REST MISSION IS A CHRISTIAN ORGANISATION AND CHURCH, FOUNDED IN 1877, WHICH SEEKS TO SERVE THE LOCAL MULTI CULTURAL COMMUNITY IN SHADWELL, EAST LONDON. THIS INCLUDES THE HOLDING OF WORSHIP SERVICES, CHILDRENS' AND YOUNG PEOPLES TEACHING AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES. PROVIDING PRACTICAL HELP TO THOSE IN THE COMMUNITY IS AN IMPORTANT FUNCTION OF THE MISSION.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** STEPNEY WAPPING NEIGHBOURHOOD
- Tower Hamlets

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£65,332	£80,868	-	-
2024-09-30	£40,208	£48,706	-	-
2023-09-30	£73,617	£47,806	-	-
2022-09-30	£88,537	£35,106	-	-
2021-09-30	£28,207	£36,412	-	-
2020-09-30	£71,681	£103,830	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mark Lovel Rupert Mullins	Chair	2020-02-18
EDWARD MALCOLM		2024-03-05
John Hayward		2025-06-25
Keith Burden		2021-12-30
Rev Peter John Ratcliff		2023-01-06

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Year ended 30 September 2025

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CHARITY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

Trustees	Mr Mark Mullins Mr Keith Burden Mr John Hayward (appointed 2 July 2025) Rev Edward Malcolm Rev Peter Ratcliff Mr Thomas Yates (resigned 2 July 2025)
Secretary	Mr Keith Burden
Management Committee	Mr Mark Mullins (Minister) Mr Ernie Amurao (Assistant Minister)
Governing Document	Trust Deed dated 5th October 1917 Scheme dated 18th September 1995, 19th December 2019 and 3rd October 2020
Charity Registration	209117
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Independent Examiner	Neville Reid, 19 Mills Grove, London, E14 0RH
Bankers	National Westminster Bank

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STRANGERS REST MISSION

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 2 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

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The Trustees have considered these objectives and believe that the Charity is fulfilling these objectives in its actions and activities.

The Trustees confirm that they have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and are of the opinion that this is achieved through the advancement of religion.

Governance

The trust is governed by Mr Mark Mullins (Chairman), Mr Keith Burden (Secretary and Treasurer), Rev. Peter Ratcliff, Rev. Edward Malcolm and Mr John Hayward.

The policy decisions of the charity rest with the Trustees. The Chairman of the trust is the Minister at Strangers Rest Evangelical Church. The Secretary/Treasurer's children attend meetings most weeks, and he keeps in close contact with the Church Administrator, Angela Baker. The trustees meet three times a year on Zoom.

Review of Activities

During the year the church continued to hold services of worship on Sunday mornings and evenings, pre-service prayer meetings on Sunday morning and evening, a Bible Club for young people on Friday evenings during the school term time, prayer meetings on Monday, Thursday and Saturday mornings by Zoom and Bible studies on Wednesday evenings. The Wednesday morning ladies' prayer meeting continued during the reporting period. Zoom and YouTube have continued to allow flexibility for those unable to attend the Church in person and to promote the work wider afield. Meetings for the Bible Club took place both in person at the Church and by Zoom. Sunday School from 3-4pm was both in person and online from January 2025. Preaching on Sunday mornings has continued to be through John's Gospel in the morning and generally Proverbs during the evening services.

During the year the Bible Study themes included finishing a series on baptism, completing a series on marriage/divorce and beginning a series on the Covenants using Nehemiah Coxe's excellent book on the subject. Church worship continued to be exclusively Psalm singing. Numbers attending services in person were fairly steady, with attendance fluctuating between about 20 to 30 in the morning meetings and on average 15-18 in the evening.

In January 2025 Mark Mullins and David Cooke, pastor of Banbury Evangelical Free Church, visited Sri Lanka in order to speak at a conference organised by Muralee Kanagalingam in the Hill Country and continue to investigate Jeyakanth Selvarajah, a pastor resident in the UK who was receiving heavy financial support from churches in the UK for his mission work in Sri Lanka. A supplementary report was produced. During the period Muralee Kanagalingam again visited the church and preached.

Throughout the year evangelism took place with another evangelist when this was possible. Tracts were also handed out on Sunday afternoons. We held an evangelistic violin concert on Easter Monday. We also maintained links with a nursing home in Stepney and again held an Advent evangelistic service there in December.

We held our Anniversary Service to celebrate 148 years since Strangers Rest was founded. Martin Erdmann was the Guest Speaker.

Volunteers continue to make an important contribution cleaning the church, providing refreshments, helping with the children and taking services.

Church Flat

The church flat was occupied throughout the period with rent being paid.

Financial Review

Income from donations and gifts was £22,978 higher than the preceding year. The total level of expenditure was £32,162 higher than the previous year. The overall result for the year was a deficit of income over expenditure of £15,536. There was a net decrease on the General Fund of £24,034, after loss in value of investments, leading to a closing balance of £258,333.

Reserves Policy

The Charity holds significant financial reserves as investments in order to generate income to maintain its aims and objects.

Risk Statement

The charity is not exposed to any major financial risk. The most significant area of uncertainty relates to the downward trend of reserves over recent years, but the legacies received in recent years replenished reserves sufficiently to cover foreseeable deficits that might arise in the next few years.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

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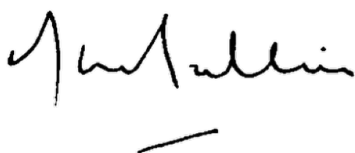
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Approval

This report was approved by the Trustees on 14 May 2026 at their AGM and signed on their behalf by:



Mark Mullins
Chairman of Trustees

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF STRANGERS REST MISSION

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 30 September 2025.

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 Charities Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give 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.



Neville Reid ACA
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Poplar
London E14 0RH

14 May 2026

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:			
Donations and legacies	3	44,106	21,128
Charitable activities		13,591	12,205
Investments		7,635	6,875
Total income and endowments		<u>65,332</u>	<u>40,208</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:			
Charitable activities	4	<u>80,868</u>	<u>48,706</u>
Total expenditure		<u>80,868</u>	<u>48,706</u>
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains		(15,536)	(8,498)
Net gains/(losses) on investments		<u>(8,498)</u>	<u>17,104</u>
Net movement in funds		(24,034)	8,606
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward		<u>282,367</u>	<u>273,761</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>258,333</u></u>	<u><u>282,367</u></u>

Movements on reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above.

The notes on pages 8–11 form part of these accounts.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	9	<u>13,145</u>	<u>18,476</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	10	9,585	4,418
Investments		217,780	226,277
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>21,590</u>	<u>34,481</u>
		<u>248,955</u>	<u>265,176</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(3,767)</u>	<u>(1,285)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>245,188</u>	<u>263,891</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>258,333</u>	<u>282,367</u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
General funds		<u>258,333</u>	<u>282,367</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>258,333</u>	<u>282,367</u>

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on 14 May 2026 by:

Mark Mullins
Chair of the Trustees

Charity number: 209117

The notes on pages 8–11 form part of these accounts.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

1 Basis of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at fair value. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the 2019 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP (FRS 102)), and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. The most significant area of uncertainty relates to the downward trend of reserves over recent years; this is addressed in the Trustees' report.

2 Accounting policies

The following are the accounting policies which have been applied in dealing with material items.

a) Recognition of income:

Donations and legacies are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes legally entitled to the resources;
- it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

b) Tax reclaimed on donations and gifts:

Gift Aid receivable is included in income at the same time as the cash donations to which they relate, when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be unrestricted income unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

c) Settlement of insurance claims:

Insurance claims are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met, and are included as an item of other income in the SoFA.

d) Volunteer help:

The value of voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the Trustees' report.

e) Investment gains or losses:

This includes any realised or unrealised gains or losses on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

f) Liability recognition:

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources, and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

g) Governance costs:

This includes the costs of preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings, and any cost of legal advice to Trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

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h) Church property:

In so far as consecrated property is excluded from the statutory definition of "charity" by section 10(2)(c) of the Charities Act 2011, such assets are not capitalised in the financial statements. All expenditure on the building is charged to the SoFA in the year in which it is incurred. The church flat is included as it is integral to the building and designated for the minister when he requires accommodation in London.

i) Fixed assets and depreciation:

Fixed assets acquired for use by the charity are capitalised and depreciated over their estimated useful life unless they cost less than £2,000 when they are written off on purchase.

Depreciation periods are as follows:

Kitchen fittings & equipment	7 years
Security fittings & equipment	7 years
Office equipment	3 years

j) Funds:

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income received or generated for the objects of the charity without specified purpose, and are available for purposes as directed by the trustees. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are amounts received where the donor has specified the purpose for which they should be used.

SRM currently has no designated or restricted funds.

3 Analysis of income

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations and legacies:		
Donations and gifts	38,448	19,854
Gift Aid tax refunds	5,658	1,274
	<u>44,106</u>	<u>21,128</u>
Charitable activities:		
Rent income	13,591	12,205
	<u>13,591</u>	<u>12,205</u>
Income from investments:		
Interest and other investment income	7,635	6,875
	<u>7,635</u>	<u>6,875</u>
Total income	<u><u>65,332</u></u>	<u><u>40,208</u></u>

In addition to the above, there were gains and losses on the market value of investments. These are shown separately in the Statement of Financial Activities.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

4 Analysis of expenditure

	2025	2024
a Direct Charitable Costs	£	£
Staff costs	12,599	7,944
Building maintenance	3,325	3,397
Depreciation	5,331	5,331
Catering	472	343
Church car	3,410	2,966
Church flat	2,696	1,979
Cleaning	1,421	898
External Ministry Conferences	245	3,876
Gas, electricity & water	6,047	5,876
Travel	911	807
Youth & children's work	2,445	150
Grants payable	31,356	9,307
Note 8	<u>70,258</u>	<u>42,874</u>
b Support & Administration		
Governance costs	1,100	1,050
Insurance	1,883	1,941
IT support	3,986	658
Telephone & internet	622	571
Other administration costs	3,019	1,612
	<u>10,610</u>	<u>5,832</u>
Total expenditure on charitable activities	<u>80,868</u>	<u>48,706</u>

5 Fees for examination of the accounts

	2025	2024
	£	£
Independent examiner's fees	1,100	1,050
Other fees paid to the examiner:		
Accounting system implementation	525	-

6 Staff costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Salaries and wages	12,069	7,560
Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)	530	384
Total staff costs	<u>12,599</u>	<u>7,944</u>

In 2025 the charity had 1 permanent member of staff (2024: 1).

The Charities SORP requires disclosure of the number of employees with remuneration above £60,000. No employees were paid more than this amount.

Under their contracts of employment, the permanent members of staff are entitled to employer contributions to an occupational pension at 5.5%.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

7 Trustees

The trustees received no payment or benefit from the charity in the year (2024: £nil).

The charity paid no remuneration to any Board member of the Trustee during the year, nor to any person connected to them; nor were they reimbursed expenses during the year (2024: £nil).

The Charities SORP requires disclosure of the aggregate amount of donations received from Trustees. Material donations were received from one of the Trustees, but the Trustees do not consider it necessary or desirable to disclose this amount.

8 Grants

Analysis of grants:	Grants to Institutions	Grants to Individuals	Total
	£	£	£
Gifts to visiting speakers and missionaries	1,200	6,045	7,245
Gifts to other ministries	500	23,611	24,111
	1,700	29,656	31,356

Analysis of grants – Previous year:

Gifts to visiting speakers and missionaries	700	6,545	7,245
Gifts to other ministries	584	1,478	2,062
	1,284	8,023	9,307

The institutional grants in 2025, including speaking fees, were £500 to Christian Compassion, £500 to the Christian Institute, £200 to London City Mission, and £500 to Unevangelized Fields Mission. In 2024 the grants were £750 to London City Mission, £150 to Unevangelized Fields Mission, £324 to Christian Heritage and £60 to Creation Research.

9 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Cost	Accumulated depreciation	Net book value
	£	£	£
Fittings and equipment			
At 1 October 2023	31,417	(19,638)	11,779
Additions	12,028	-	12,028
Depreciation charge for the year	-	(5,331)	(5,331)
At 30 September 2024	43,445	(24,969)	18,476
Depreciation charge for the year	-	(5,331)	(5,331)
At 30 September 2025	43,445	(30,300)	13,145

10 Debtors and prepayments

	2025	2024
	£	£
Tax recoverable	6,006	1,025
Prepayments	3,579	3,393
	9,585	4,418

11 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year

Accruals	3,767	1,285
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Financial Review

Income from general donations and gifts was £3,617 lower than the preceding year, which included larger tax refunds under Gift Aid. In addition, two legacies were received in 2023, totalling £30,400, but none in 2024. The total level of revenue expenditure was £900 higher than the previous year, and a further £12,029 was expended on security bollards which were accounted for as fixed assets. The overall result for the year was a deficit of income over expenditure of £8,498. There was a net increase on the General Fund of £8,608, after gains in value of investments, leading to a closing balance of £282,367.

Reserves Policy

The Charity holds significant financial reserves. It aims to maintain general reserves of at least £140,000 to meet future capital needs.

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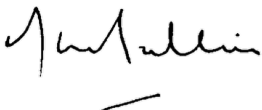
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22 May 2025

STRANGERS REST MISSION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:			
Donations and legacies	3	21,128	55,145
Charitable activities		12,205	12,737
Investments		6,875	5,735
Total income and endowments		<u>40,208</u>	<u>73,617</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:			
Charitable activities	4	<u>48,706</u>	<u>47,806</u>
Total expenditure		<u>48,706</u>	<u>47,806</u>
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains		(8,498)	25,811
Net gains/(losses) on investments		<u>17,104</u>	<u>2,081</u>
Net movement in funds		8,606	27,892
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward		<u>273,761</u>	<u>245,869</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>282,367</u></u>	<u><u>273,761</u></u>

Movements on reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above.

The notes on pages 8–11 form part of these accounts.

STRANGERS REST MISSION

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	9	<u>18,476</u>	<u>11,779</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	10	4,418	3,827
Investments		226,278	159,174
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>34,481</u>	<u>101,712</u>
		<u>265,176</u>	<u>264,713</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(1,285)</u>	<u>(2,731)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>263,891</u>	<u>261,982</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>282,367</u>	<u>273,761</u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
General funds		<u>282,367</u>	<u>273,761</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>282,367</u>	<u>273,761</u>

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on 22 May 2025 by:

Mark Mullins
Chair of the Trustees

Charity number: 209117

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STRANGERS REST MISSION

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

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The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. The most significant area of uncertainty relates to the downward trend of reserves over recent years; this is addressed in the Trustees' report.

2 Accounting policies

The following are the accounting policies which have been applied in dealing with material items.

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Gift Aid receivable is included in income at the same time as the cash donations to which they relate, when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be unrestricted income unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

c) Settlement of insurance claims:

Insurance claims are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met, and are included as an item of other income in the SoFA.

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The value of voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the Trustees' report.

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This includes any realised or unrealised gains or losses on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

f) Liability recognition:

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources, and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

g) Governance costs:

This includes the costs of preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings, and any cost of legal advice to Trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

STRANGERS REST MISSION

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

h) Church property:

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i) Fixed assets and depreciation:

Fixed assets acquired for use by the charity are capitalised and depreciated over their estimated useful life unless they cost less than £2,000 when they are written off on purchase.

Depreciation periods are as follows:

Kitchen fittings & equipment	7 years
Security fittings & equipment	7 years
Office equipment	3 years

j) Funds:

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income received or generated for the objects of the charity without specified purpose, and are available for purposes as directed by the trustees. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are amounts received where the donor has specified the purpose for which they should be used.

SRM currently has no designated or restricted funds.

3 Analysis of income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations and legacies:		
Donations and gifts	19,853	20,901
Gift Aid tax refunds	1,274	3,844
Legacies	-	30,400
	<u>21,128</u>	<u>55,145</u>
Charitable activities:		
Rent and parking income	12,205	12,737
Printing income	-	-
	<u>12,205</u>	<u>12,737</u>
Income from investments:		
Interest and other investment income	6,875	5,735
	<u>6,875</u>	<u>5,735</u>
Total income	<u><u>40,208</u></u>	<u><u>73,617</u></u>

In addition to the above, there were gains and losses on the market value of investments. These are shown separately in the Statement of Financial Activities.

STRANGERS REST MISSION

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

4 Analysis of expenditure	2024	2023
a Direct Charitable Costs	£	£
Staff costs	7,944	9,320
Building maintenance	8,728	14,461
Catering	343	594
Church car	2,966	2,492
Church flat	1,979	3,255
Cleaning	898	652
External Ministry Conferences	3,876	245
Gas, electricity & water	5,876	6,435
Travel	807	728
Youth & children's work	150	157
Grants payable Note 8	9,307	3,143
	42,874	41,482
b Support & Administration		
Governance costs	1,050	1,000
Insurance	1,941	1,737
IT support	658	1,575
Telephone & internet	571	608
Other administration costs	1,612	1,404
	5,832	6,324
Total expenditure on charitable activities	48,706	47,806
5 Fees for examination of the accounts	2024	2023
	£	£
Independent examiner's fees	1,050	1,000
6 Staff costs	2024	2023
	£	£
Salaries and wages	7,560	8,834
Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)	384	486
Total staff costs	7,944	9,320

In 2024 the charity had 1 permanent members of staff (2023: 2).

The Charities SORP requires disclosure of the number of employees with remuneration above £60,000. No employees were paid more than this amount.

Under their contracts of employment, the permanent members of staff are entitled to employer contributions to an occupational pension at 5.5%.

STRANGERS REST MISSION

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

7 Trustees

The trustees received no payment or benefit from the charity in the year (2023: £nil).

The charity paid no remuneration to any Board member of the Trustee during the year, nor to any person connected to them; nor were they reimbursed expenses during the year (2023: £nil).

The Charities SORP requires disclosure of the aggregate amount of donations received from Trustees. Material donations were received from one of the Trustees, but the Trustees do not consider it necessary or desirable to disclose this amount.

8 Grants

Analysis of grants:	Grants to Institutions	Grants to Individuals	Total
	£	£	£
Gifts to visiting speakers and missionaries	700	6,545	7,245
Gifts to other ministries	584	1,478	2,062
	1,284	8,023	9,307
Analysis of grants – Previous year:			
Gifts to visiting speakers and missionaries	50	2,045	2,095
Gifts to other ministries	440	608	1,048
	490	2,653	3,143

The institutional grants in 2024, including speaking fees, were £750 to London City Mission (2023: £290), £290 to Christian Heritage, £150 to Unevangelized Fields Mission, and £60 to Creation Research (2023: £200 to the Protestant Alliance).

9 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Cost	Accumulated depreciation	Net book value
	£	£	£
Fittings and equipment			
At 1 October 2022	31,417	(15,123)	16,294
Depreciation charge for the year	-	(4,515)	(4,515)
At 30 September 2023	31,417	(19,638)	11,779
Additions	12,028	-	12,028
Depreciation charge for the year	-	(5,331)	(5,331)
At 30 September 2024	43,445	(24,969)	18,476

10 Debtors and prepayments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Tax recoverable	1,025	812
Prepayments and accrued income	3,393	3,015
	4,418	3,827

11 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year

Trade creditors	-	656
Accruals	1,285	2,075
	1,285	2,731

THE STRANGERS REST MISSION

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STRANGERS REST MISSION

CHARITY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

Trustees	Mr Mark Mullins Rev Roland Brown Rev John Thackway (resigned 29 April 2023) Mr Keith Burden Rev Peter Ratcliff (appointed 6 January 2023)
Secretary	Mr Keith Burden
Management Committee	Mark Mullins (Minister) Ernie Amurao (Assistant Minister)
Governing Document	Trust Deed dated 5th October 1917 Scheme dated 18th September 1995, 19th December 2019 and 3rd October 2020
Charity Registration Number	209117
Principal Office	131 The Highway, London, E1W 9BP
Independent Examiner	Neville Reid, 19 Mills Grove, London, E14 0RH
Bankers	National Westminster Bank

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STRANGERS REST MISSION

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 2 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives of the charity

- To maintain and keep the Trust premises in suitable and proper repair; and
- To permit the trust property to be used for the purpose of continuing thereon the mission work hitherto and at present carried on thereon; and
- To allow the trust property to be used for Evangelical Christian Mission work by persons holding the tenets set forth in the Trust deed among the people of the district generally, or otherwise for the encouragement and furtherance of such objects and purposes as may be approved by the Trustees.

The Trustees have considered these objectives and believe that the Charity is fulfilling these objectives in its actions and activities.

The Trustees confirm that they have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and are of the opinion that this is achieved through the advancement of religion.

Governance

From 1st October 2022 to 29th April 2023 the trust was governed by Mr Mark Mullins (Chairman), Mr Roland Brown (Treasurer), Mr Keith Burden (Secretary) and Rev. Peter Ratcliff. On 29th April 2023, Rev. John Thackway resigned. On 21st August 2023, Mr Roland Brown resigned following which Mr Keith Burden became Treasurer.

The policy decisions of the charity rest with the Trustees. The Chairman of the trust is the Minister at Strangers Rest Evangelical Church. The Secretary/Treasurer's children attend meetings most weeks, and he keeps in close contact with the Church Administrator, Angela Baker. The trustees meet three times a year.

Review of Activities

The church's objects are to glorify God through the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the inhabitants of Shadwell and wider afield, and to build up those who are believers so that they may grow to maturity in their understanding and obedience to the Word of God. The church also supports missionaries working overseas and gives assistance to those who are in financial hardship. The policies adopted in furtherance of

these objects are to preach the Word of God, to pray, and to encourage believers to build each other up. There has been no change in these objects during the year.

During the year the church continued to hold services of worship on Sunday mornings and evenings, pre-service prayer meetings on Sunday morning and evening, a Kids Club on Friday evenings during the school term time, prayer meetings on Monday, Thursday and Saturday mornings and Bible studies on Wednesday evenings. A Wednesday morning ladies' prayer meeting was begun during the reporting period.

Zoom and YouTube have continued to allow flexibility for those unable to attend the Church in person and to promote the work wider afield.

In person meetings for the Kids Club took place both in person and by Zoom. Sunday School from 4-5pm was online throughout the year.

Preaching on Sunday mornings has continued to be through books of the Bible: continuing John's Gospel with a break in July 2023 in order to study the book of Haggai. At the beginning of the period there was no set pattern to passages preached in the evening with the preacher taking as his text whatever scripture was on his heart. However, during the period the Minister began preaching through Proverbs.

During the year the Bible Study the examination of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit was concluded and a study of Bible versions and the case for the Received text begun. Church worship continued to be exclusive Psalm singing. Numbers attending services in person were fairly steady, with attendance fluctuation between about 15 and 25 in the morning meetings and on average 9–10 in the evening.

Edward Malcolm spoke at the Anniversary Service which was held in person on 27th May 2023.

Throughout the year evangelism took place once a month in partnership with the London City Mission in the local area. We also maintained links with a nursing home in Stepney and held an Advent evangelistic service there in December.

Volunteers continue to make an important contribution cleaning the church, providing refreshments, helping with the children and taking services.

Church Flat

The church flat was occupied throughout the period with rent being paid.

Financial Review

Income from donations and gifts was £53,981 lower than the preceding year, because the total in 2022 included substantial gifts from a trust. In addition, two legacies were received in 2023, totalling £30,400. The total level of expenditure was £12,700 higher than the previous year. The overall result for the year was a surplus of income over expenditure of £25,811. There was a net increase on the General Fund of £27,892, after gains in value of investments, leading to a closing balance of £273,761.

Reserves Policy

The Charity holds significant financial reserves. It aims to maintain general reserves of at least £140,000 to meet future capital needs.

Risk Statement

The charity is not exposed to any major financial risk. The most significant area of uncertainty relates to the downward trend of reserves over recent years, but the legacies

received in recent years replenished reserves sufficiently to cover foreseeable deficits that might arise in the next few years.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' annual report and 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 requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each 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 the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

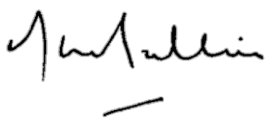
- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity 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 and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

Approval

This report was approved by the Trustees on 12 July 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Mark Mullins
Chairman of Trustees

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
STRANGERS REST MISSION**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 30 September 2023.

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 Charities Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

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12 July 2024

STRANGERS REST MISSION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:			
Donations and legacies	3	55,145	78,726
Charitable activities		12,737	4,931
Investments		5,735	4,880
Total income and endowments		<u>73,617</u>	<u>88,537</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:			
Charitable activities	4	<u>47,806</u>	<u>35,106</u>
Total expenditure		<u>47,806</u>	<u>35,106</u>
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains		25,811	53,431
Net gains/(losses) on investments		<u>2,081</u>	<u>(14,540)</u>
Net movement in funds		27,892	38,891
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward		<u>245,869</u>	<u>206,978</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>273,761</u></u>	<u><u>245,869</u></u>

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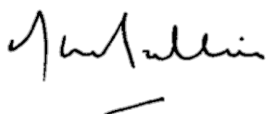
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STRANGERS REST MISSION

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Debtors	10	3,827	5,001
Investments		159,174	157,093
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>101,712</u>	<u>70,282</u>
		<u>264,713</u>	<u>232,376</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(2,731)</u>	<u>(2,801)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>261,982</u>	<u>229,575</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>273,761</u>	<u>245,869</u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
General funds		<u>273,761</u>	<u>245,869</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>273,761</u>	<u>245,869</u>

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on 12 July 2024 by:



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Charity number: 209117

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STRANGERS REST MISSION

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STRANGERS REST MISSION

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

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SRM currently has no designated or restricted funds. In previous years an amount had been set aside as the Reserve Fund, an unrestricted fund designated by the Trustees to allow for future expenditure on any emergency or capital need that might arise. That designation is no longer relevant or useful, so in these accounts for former Reserve Fund with a balance brought forward of £13,421 has been merged into the General Fund.

3 Analysis of income

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations and legacies:		
Donations and gifts	20,901	76,307
Gift Aid tax refunds	3,844	2,419
Legacies	30,400	-
	<u>55,145</u>	<u>78,726</u>
Charitable activities:		
Rent and parking income	12,737	4,881
Printing income	-	50
	<u>12,737</u>	<u>4,931</u>
Income from investments:		
Interest and other investment income	5,735	4,880
	<u>5,735</u>	<u>4,880</u>
Total income	<u><u>73,617</u></u>	<u><u>88,537</u></u>

In addition to the above, there were gains and losses on the market value of investments. These are shown separately in the Statement of Financial Activities.

STRANGERS REST MISSION

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

4 Analysis of expenditure

	2023	2022
a Direct Charitable Costs	£	£
Staff costs	9,320	8,856
Building maintenance	14,461	9,416
Catering	594	259
Church car	2,492	3,418
Church flat	3,255	1,327
Cleaning	652	883
Evangelism	-	150
External Ministry Conferences	245	-
Gas, electricity & water	6,435	3,378
Travel	728	-
Youth & children's work	157	166
Grants payable	3,143	435
	Note 8	
	41,482	28,288
b Support & Administration		
Governance costs	1,000	900
Insurance	1,737	1,515
IT support	1,575	1,017
Telephone & internet	608	568
Other administration costs	1,404	2,818
	6,324	6,818
Total expenditure on charitable activities	47,806	35,106

5 Fees for examination of the accounts

	2023	2022
	£	£
Independent examiner's fees	1,000	900

6 Staff costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Salaries and wages	8,834	8,533
Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)	486	323
Total staff costs	9,320	8,856

In 2023 the charity had 2 permanent members of staff (2022: 2).

The Charities SORP requires disclosure of the number of employees with remuneration above £60,000. No employees were paid more than this amount.

Under their contracts of employment, the permanent members of staff are entitled to employer contributions to an occupational pension at 5.5%.

STRANGERS REST MISSION

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

7 Trustees

The trustees received no payment or benefit from the charity in the year (2022: £nil).

The charity paid no remuneration to any Board member of the Trustee during the year, nor to any person connected to them; nor were they reimbursed expenses during the year (2022: £nil).

The Charities SORP requires disclosure of the aggregate amount of donations received from Trustees. Material donations were received from one of the Trustees, but the Trustees do not consider it necessary or desirable to disclose this amount.

8 Grants

Analysis of grants:	Grants to Institutions	Grants to Individuals	Total
	£	£	£
Gifts to visiting speakers and missionaries	50	2,045	2,095
Gifts to other ministries	440	608	1,048
	490	2,653	3,143

Analysis of grants – Previous year:

Gifts to visiting speakers and missionaries	100	335	435
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The institutional grants in 2023 were £290 to London City Mission (2022: £100) and £200 to the Protestant Alliance.

9 Tangible Fixed Assets

Fittings and equipment	Cost £	Accumulated depreciation £	Net book value £
At 1 October 2021	28,122	(9,467)	18,655
Additions	3,295	-	3,295
Depreciation charge for the year	-	(5,656)	(5,656)
At 30 September 2022	31,417	(15,123)	16,294
Depreciation charge for the year	-	(4,515)	(4,515)
At 30 September 2023	31,417	(19,638)	11,779

10 Debtors and prepayments

	2023 £	2022 £
Tax recoverable	812	2,616
Prepayments and accrued income	3,015	2,385
	3,827	5,001

11 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	656	979
Accruals	2,075	1,822
	2,731	2,801

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CHARITY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

Trustees	Mr Mark Mullins Mr Rupert Hollins OBE (resigned 15 December 2021) Rev Roland Brown Rev John Thackway (resigned 29 April 2023) Rev Jonathan Arnold (resigned 21 May 2022) Mr Keith Burden (appointed 5 February 2022) Rev Peter Ratcliff (appointed 6 January 2023)
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Management Committee	Mark Mullins (Minister) Ernie Amurao (Assistant Minister)
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

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- To maintain and keep the Trust premises in suitable and proper repair; and
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The Trustees have considered these objectives and believe that the Charity is fulfilling these objectives in its actions and activities.

The Trustees confirm that they have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and are of the opinion that this is achieved through the advancement of religion.

Governance

From 1st October 2021 to 16th December 2021 the trust was governed by Mr Mark Mullins (Chairman), Mr Roland Brown (Treasurer), Rev. John Thackway, Rev. Jonathan Arnold and Mr Rupert Hollins OBE (Secretary). On 16th December 2021, Mr Rupert Hollins OBE (Secretary) resigned from the Trust. On 30th December 2021, Mr Keith Burden became a trustee. On 21st May 2022, Mr Jonathan Arnold resigned from the Trust and on 6th January 2022, Rev. Peter Ratcliff became a trustee. On 29th April 2023, Rev. John Thackway resigned.

The policy decisions of the charity rest with the Trustees. The Chairman of the trust is the Minister at Strangers Rest Evangelical Church. The Secretary's children attend meetings most weeks, and he keeps in close contact with the Church Administrator, Angela Baker. The trustees meet three times a year.

Review of Activities

The church's objects are to glorify God through the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the inhabitants of Shadwell and wider afield, and to build up those who are believers so that they may grow to maturity in their understanding and obedience to the Word of God. The church also supports missionaries working overseas and gives assistance to those who are in financial hardship. The policies adopted in furtherance of these objects are to preach the Word of God, to pray, and to encourage believers to build each other up. There has been no change in these objects during the year.

During the year the church held services of worship on Sunday mornings and evenings, pre-service prayer meetings on Sunday morning and evening, a Kids Club on Friday evenings during the school term time, prayer meetings on Monday, Thursday and Saturday mornings and Bible studies on Wednesday evenings.

Since Covid, Zoom and YouTube have continued to allow flexibility for those unable to attend the Church in person and to promote the work wider afield.

In person meetings for the children took place both in person and by Zoom. Sunday School from 4-5pm was online throughout the year.

Preaching on Sunday mornings has continued to be through books of the Bible: finishing Daniel, then preaching through Malachi and then going through John's Gospel. There was no set pattern to passages preached in the evening with the preacher taking as his text whatever scripture was on his heart.

During the year the Bible Study included Colossians, exclusive psalmody, head-covering for women and whether women should lead in prayer in mixed meetings. An examination of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit was begun but not finished at the close of the reporting period.

At the end of September the church worship moved to exclusive Psalm singing at the conviction of the pastor. During the reporting period women were encouraged to observe head-covering as taught in 1 Corinthians 11 and with their consent stopped praying aloud in mixed meetings. A women's prayer meeting was started on Wednesday mornings.

Numbers attending services in person were fairly steady, with an average of about 15 people attending the morning meetings and on average 9–10 in the evening.

Pastor Jonathan Munday spoke at the Anniversary Service which was held in person on 28th May 2022.

Throughout the year evangelism took place once a month in partnership with the London City Mission in the local area.

Volunteers continue to make an important contribution cleaning the church, providing refreshments, helping with the children and taking services.

Church Flat

The church flat was occupied throughout the period with rent being paid.

Financial Review

Income from donations and gifts was £62,751 higher than the preceding year. The total level of expenditure was £664 lower than the previous year. The overall result for the year was a surplus of income over expenditure of £53,431. There was a net increase on the General Fund of £38,891, after losses in value of investments.

Reserves Policy

The Charity holds significant financial reserves. It aims to maintain general reserves of at least £140,000 to meet future capital needs.

Risk Statement

The charity is not exposed to any major financial risk. The most significant area of uncertainty relates to the downward trend of reserves over recent years, but the legacies received in recent years replenished reserves sufficiently to cover foreseeable deficits that might arise in the next few years.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' annual report and 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 requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each 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 the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

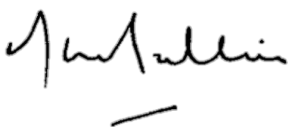
- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity 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 and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

Approval

This report was approved by the Trustees on 20 May 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Mark Mullins
Chairman of Trustees

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF STRANGERS REST MISSION

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 30 September 2022.

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 Charities Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give 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.



Neville Reid ACA

19 Mills Grove
Poplar
London E14 0RH

20 May 2023

STRANGERS REST MISSION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:			
Donations and legacies	3	78,726	15,975
Charitable activities		4,931	8,731
Investments		4,880	3,502
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Total income and endowments		88,537	28,208
EXPENDITURE ON:			
Charitable activities	4	35,106	35,770
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Total expenditure		35,106	35,770
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains		53,431	(7,562)
Net (losses)/gains on investments		(14,540)	19,001
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Net movement in funds		38,891	11,439
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward		206,978	195,539
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Total funds carried forward		<u>245,869</u>	<u>206,978</u>

Movements on reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above.

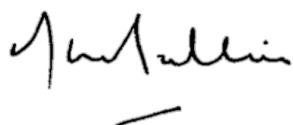
The notes on pages 8–12 form part of these accounts.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	9	<u>16,294</u>	<u>18,655</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	10	5,001	6,173
Investments		157,178	171,633
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>70,197</u>	<u>12,465</u>
		<u>232,376</u>	<u>190,271</u>
CREDITORS:			
Amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(2,801)</u>	<u>(1,948)</u>
Net Current Assets		229,575	188,323
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u><u>245,869</u></u>	<u><u>206,978</u></u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Unrestricted funds:			
General funds		232,448	193,557
Designated funds	12	13,421	13,421
TOTAL FUNDS		<u><u>245,869</u></u>	<u><u>206,978</u></u>

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on 20 May 2023 by:



Mark Mullins
Chair of the Trustees

Charity number: 209117

The notes on pages 8–12 form part of these accounts.

STRANGERS REST MISSION

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

1 Basis of Accounting

The accounts 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. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the 2019 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP (FRS 102)), and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. The most significant area of uncertainty relates to the downward trend of reserves over recent years; this is addressed in the Trustees' report.

2 Accounting policies

The following are the accounting policies which have been applied in dealing with material items.

a) Recognition of income:

Donations and legacies are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes legally entitled to the resources;
- it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

b) Tax reclaimed on donations and gifts:

Gift Aid receivable is included in income at the same time as the cash donations to which they relate, when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be unrestricted income unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

c) Settlement of insurance claims:

Insurance claims are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met, and are included as an item of other income in the SoFA.

d) Volunteer help:

The value of voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the Trustees' report.

e) Investment gains or losses:

This includes any realised or unrealised gains or losses on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

f) Liability recognition:

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources, and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

g) Governance costs:

This includes the costs of preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings, and any cost of legal advice to Trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

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h) Church property:

In so far as consecrated property is excluded from the statutory definition of "charity" by section 10(2)(c) of the Charities Act 2011, such assets are not capitalised in the financial statements. All expenditure on the building is charged to the SoFA in the year in which it is incurred. The church flat is included as it is integral to the building and designated for the minister when he requires accommodation in London.

i) Fixed assets and depreciation:

Fixed assets acquired for use by the charity are capitalised and depreciated over their estimated useful life unless they cost less than £2,000 when they are written off on purchase.

Depreciation periods are as follows:

Kitchen fittings & equipment	7 years
Office equipment	3 years

i) Funds:

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income received or generated for the objects of the charity without specified purpose, and are available for purposes as directed by the trustees. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are amounts received where the donor has specified the purpose for which they should be used; SRM currently has no restricted funds.

3 Analysis of income

	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations and legacies:		
Donations and gifts	76,307	14,087
Gift Aid	2,419	1,888
	<u>78,726</u>	<u>15,975</u>
Charitable activities:		
Rent and parking income	4,881	8,731
Printing income	50	-
	<u>4,931</u>	<u>8,731</u>
Income from investments:		
Interest and other investment income	4,880	3,502
	<u>4,880</u>	<u>3,502</u>
Total income	<u><u>88,537</u></u>	<u><u>28,208</u></u>

In addition to the above, there were gains and losses on the market value of investments. These are shown separately in the Statement of Financial Activities.

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4 Analysis of expenditure

	2022	2021
a Direct Charitable Costs	£	£
Staff costs	8,856	10,557
Building maintenance	9,416	4,654
Catering	259	49
Church car	3,418	2,128
Church flat	1,327	1,980
Cleaning	883	431
Evangelism	150	120
Gas, electricity & water	3,378	2,492
Travel	-	34
Youth & children's work	166	177
Grants payable Note 8	435	985
	<u>28,288</u>	<u>23,607</u>
b Support & Administration		
Governance costs	900	5,434
Insurance	1,515	1,479
IT support	1,017	1,318
Telephone & internet	568	503
Other administration costs	2,818	3,429
	<u>6,818</u>	<u>12,163</u>
Total expenditure on charitable activities	<u>35,106</u>	<u>35,770</u>

The governance costs in 2021 included legal advice.

5 Fees for examination of the accounts

	2022	2021
	£	£
Independent examiner's fees	900	800

6 Staff costs

	2022	2021
	£	£
Salaries and wages	8,533	10,043
Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)	323	514
Total staff costs	<u>8,856</u>	<u>10,557</u>

In 2022 the charity had 2 permanent members of staff (2021: 1). In 2021 it also paid wages to 1 temporary member of staff.

The Charities SORP requires disclosure of the number of employees with remuneration above £60,000. No employees were paid more than this amount.

Under their contracts of employment, the permanent members of staff are entitled to employer contributions to an occupational pension at 5.5%.

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7 Trustees

The trustees received no payment or benefit from the charity in the year (2021: £nil).

The charity paid no remuneration to any Board member of the Trustee during the year, nor to any person connected to them; nor were they reimbursed expenses during the year (2021: £nil).

The Charities SORP requires disclosure of the aggregate amount of donations received from Trustees. Material donations were received from one of the Trustees, but the Trustees do not consider it necessary or desirable to disclose this amount.

8 Grants

Analysis of grants:

	Grants to Institutions £	Grants to Individuals £	Total £
Gifts to visiting speakers and missionaries	100	335	435
Gifts to other ministries	-	-	-
	<u>100</u>	<u>335</u>	<u>435</u>

Analysis of grants – Previous year:

Gifts to visiting speakers and missionaries	-	370	370
Gifts to other ministries	350	265	615
	<u>350</u>	<u>635</u>	<u>985</u>

The institutional grant in 2022 was to London City Mission. In 2021, £150 was paid to the Trinitarian Bible Society and £200 to Christian Compassion Ministries.

9 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Cost £	Accumulated depreciation £	Net book value £
Fittings and equipment			
At 1 October 2020	25,413	(4,282)	21,131
Additions	2,709	-	2,709
Depreciation charge for the year	-	(5,185)	(5,185)
At 30 September 2021	<u>28,122</u>	<u>(9,467)</u>	<u>18,655</u>
Additions	3,295	-	3,295
Depreciation charge for the year	-	(5,656)	(5,656)
At 30 September 2022	<u>31,417</u>	<u>(15,123)</u>	<u>16,294</u>

10 Debtors and prepayments

	2022 £	2021 £
Tax recoverable	2,616	4,027
Prepayments and accrued income	2,385	2,146
	<u>5,001</u>	<u>6,173</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

11 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	979	36
Accruals	1,822	1,912
	2,801	1,948

12 Funds

Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside for a specific purpose. Movements in the year and the prior year for designated funds were as follows:

	Reserve Fund £	Children's Work Fund £	Total designated funds £
Opening balance at 1 October 2020	13,421	4,646	18,067
Income in 2020–2021	-	-	-
Expenditure in 2020–2021	-	(4,646)	(4,646)
Transfer from general fund in 2019–2020	-	-	-
Closing balance at 30 September 2021	13,421	-	13,421
Income in 2021–2022	-	-	-
Expenditure in 2021–2022	-	-	-
Closing balance at 30 September 2022	13,421	-	13,421

The Reserve Fund is an unrestricted fund designated by the Trustees to allow for future expenditure on any emergency or capital need that might arise.

A designated donation was received in 2020 for children's work. This was only partly spent in that year, and was therefore carried forward as a designated fund. This balance was spent in full in 2021.

Analysis of net assets between funds:

	General funds £	Designated funds £	Total 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	16,294	-	16,294
Investments	143,757	13,421	157,178
Cash	70,197	-	70,197
Other net assets	2,200	-	2,200
	232,448	13,421	245,869

Analysis of net assets between funds – previous year:

	General funds £	Designated funds £	Total 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	18,655	-	18,655
Investments	158,212	13,421	171,633
Cash	12,465	-	12,465
Other net assets	4,225	-	4,225
	193,557	13,421	206,978

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

	Note	General Fund		Designated Funds		Total Funds	
		2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:							
Donations and legacies	3	78,726	15,975	-	-	78,726	15,975
Charitable activities		4,931	8,731	-	-	4,931	8,731
Investments		4,880	3,502	-	-	4,880	3,502
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Total income and endowments		88,537	28,208	-	-	88,537	28,208
EXPENDITURE ON:							
Charitable activities	4	35,106	31,124	-	4,646	35,106	35,770
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Total expenditure		35,106	31,124	-	4,646	35,106	35,770
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Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains		53,431	(2,916)	-	(4,646)	53,431	(7,562)
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Net gains/(losses) on investments		(14,540)	19,001	-	-	(14,540)	19,001
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Net movement in funds		38,891	16,085	-	(4,646)	38,891	11,439
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Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		193,557	177,472	13,421	18,067	206,978	195,539
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Total funds carried forward		232,448	193,557	13,421	13,421	245,869	206,978

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

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Objectives of the charity

- To maintain and keep the Trust premises in suitable and proper repair; and
- To permit the trust property to be used for the purpose of continuing thereon the mission work hitherto and at present carried on thereon; and
- To allow the trust property to be used for Evangelical Christian Mission work by persons holding the tenets set forth in the Trust deed among the people of the district generally, or otherwise for the encouragement and furtherance of such objects and purposes as may be approved by the Trustees.

The Trustees have considered these objectives and believe that the Charity is fulfilling these objectives in its actions and activities.

The Trustees confirm that they have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and are of the opinion that this is achieved through the advancement of religion.

Governance

From 1 October 2019 to 17 February 2020, the trust was administered by The Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches Trust Corporation Limited (EFCC). On 18 February 2020 the trust was transferred to Mr Mark Mullins (Chairman), Mr Roland Brown (Treasurer), Rev. John Thackway, Rev. Jonathan Arnold and Mr Rupert Hollins OBE (Secretary).

The policy decisions of the charity rest with the Trustees. The Chairman of the trust is the pastor at Strangers Rest and the Treasurer attends meetings every week and keeps in close contact with the Church Administrator, Faith Amurao (who handed over to Angela Baker at the end of the financial year. The trustees meet three times a year.

Review of Activities

The church's objects are to glorify God through the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the inhabitants of Shadwell and wider afield, and to build up of those who are believers so that they may grow to maturity in their understanding and obedience to the Word of God. The church also supports missionaries working overseas and gives assistance to those who are in financial hardship. The policies adopted in furtherance of these objects are to preach the Word of God, to pray, and to encourage believers to build each other up. There has been no change in these objects during the year.

During the year the church held services of worship on Sunday mornings and evenings, pre-service prayer meetings on Sunday morning and evening, a Kids Club on Friday evenings during the school term time, prayer meetings on Monday, Thursday and Saturday mornings and Bible studies on Wednesday evenings.

Services were resumed in person when the church was not required by law to be in lockdown. However Zoom and Youtube continued throughout the year to allow flexibility.

The children's work went online until the beginning of September when in person meetings began again with some still using Zoom. Sunday School from 4-5pm was online throughout the year.

Preaching on Sunday mornings has continued to be through books of the Bible: Jude, Nehemiah, Esther and Daniel. There was no set pattern to passages preached in the evening with the preacher taking as his text whatever scripture was on his heart.

During the year the Bible Study on Colossians was interrupted to address limited atonement and predestination which led on to a study of Romans 9-11 to reflect the articles of faith within the church rules and regulations. The theme of two of the Occasional Notes was also Predestination. The importance of observing the Sabbath was also covered.

We held one baptism in September of a young man who has been in the church since he was about 8 years old. He was baptised, fittingly, just before going up to university.

At the end of September the church worship moved to exclusive Psalm singing at the conviction of the pastor.

During the period the children's worker employed in September 2019 decided to move on in January 2021. With the unconnected dropping off of children attending church services it was not considered necessary to find a replacement.

Numbers attending in person services gradually resumed per-pandemic levels with the exception of a number of children who stopped attending during the pandemic.

As well as the Baptism in September 2021 the Anniversary Service was held in person on 22nd May 2021. Retired Pastor, Geoff Thomas, preached.

Volunteers continue to make an important contribution cleaning the church, providing refreshments, helping with the children and taking services.

Church Flat

The church flat was occupied throughout the period with rent being paid.

Financial Review

Income from donations and gifts reduced by £42,753. The total level of expenditure was £67,418 over than the previous year, but this was mainly due to the previous year's final payment into the pension fund of a former pastor, which had already been set aside in a designated reserve. The overall result for the year was a deficit of income over expenditure of £8,205. There was a net increase on the General Fund of £15,442, including gains in the value of investments.

Reserves Policy

The Charity holds significant financial reserves. It aims to maintain general reserves of at least £140,000 to meet future capital needs.

Risk Statement

The charity is not exposed to any major financial risk. The most significant area of uncertainty relates to the downward trend of reserves over recent years, but the legacies received in recent years replenished reserves sufficiently to cover foreseeable deficits that might arise in the next few years.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' annual report and 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 requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each 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 the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

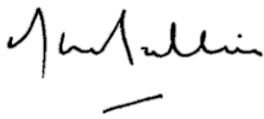
- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity 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 and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

Approval

This report was approved by the Trustees on 21 May 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



Mark Mullins
Chair of the Trustees

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
STRANGERS REST MISSION**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 30 September 2021.

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 Charities Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give 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.



Neville Reid ACA

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21 May 2022

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

	Note	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:			
Donations and legacies	3	15,975	58,728
Charitable activities		8,731	10,329
Investments		3,502	2,624
Total income and endowments		28,207	71,681
EXPENDITURE ON:			
Charitable activities	4	36,412	103,830
Total expenditure		36,412	103,830
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains		(8,205)	(32,149)
Net (losses)/gains on investments		19,001	(9,729)
Net movement in funds		10,796	(41,878)
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward		195,539	237,417
Total funds carried forward		206,335	195,539

Movements on reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above.

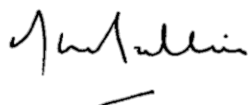
The notes on pages 8–13 form part of these accounts.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

	Note	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	9	18,333	21,131
		<u>18,333</u>	<u>21,131</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	10	5,852	10,879
Investments		171,633	162,464
Cash at bank and in hand		12,465	8,571
		<u>189,950</u>	<u>181,914</u>
CREDITORS:			
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(1,948)	(7,506)
Net Current Assets		188,002	174,408
		<u>188,002</u>	<u>174,408</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>206,335</u>	<u>195,539</u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Unrestricted funds:			
General funds		192,914	177,472
Designated funds	12	13,421	18,067
		<u>206,335</u>	<u>195,539</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>206,335</u>	<u>195,539</u>

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on 21 May 2022 by:



Mark Mullins
Chair of the Trustees

Charity number: 209117

The notes on pages 8–13 form part of these accounts.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

1 Basis of Accounting

The accounts 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. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the 2019 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP (FRS 102)), and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. The most significant area of uncertainty relates to the downward trend of reserves over recent years; this is addressed in the Trustees' report.

2 Accounting policies

The following are the accounting policies which have been applied in dealing with material items.

a) Recognition of income:

Donations and legacies are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes legally entitled to the resources;
- it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

b) Tax reclaimed on donations and gifts:

Gift Aid receivable is included in income at the same time as the cash donations to which they relate, when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be unrestricted income unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

c) Settlement of insurance claims:

Insurance claims are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met, and are included as an item of other income in the SoFA.

d) Volunteer help:

The value of voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the Trustees' report.

e) Investment gains or losses:

This includes any realised or unrealised gains or losses on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

f) Liability recognition:

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources, and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

g) Governance costs:

This includes the costs of preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings, and any cost of legal advice to Trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

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h) Church property:

In so far as consecrated property is excluded from the statutory definition of "charity" by section 10(2)(c) of the Charities Act 2011, such assets are not capitalised in the financial statements. All expenditure on the building is charged to the SoFA in the year in which it is incurred. The church flat is included as it is integral to the building and designated for the minister when he requires accommodation in London.

i) Fixed assets and depreciation:

Fixed assets acquired for use by the charity are capitalised and depreciated over their estimated useful life unless they cost less than £2,000 when they are written off on purchase.

Depreciation periods are as follows:

Kitchen fittings & equipment	7 years
Office equipment	3 years

i) Funds:

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income received or generated for the objects of the charity without specified purpose, and are available for purposes as directed by the trustees. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are amounts received where the donor has specified the purpose for which they should be used; SRM currently has no restricted funds.

3 Analysis of income

	2021	2020
	£	£
Donations and legacies:		
Donations and gifts	14,087	56,193
Gift Aid	1,888	2,535
	<u>15,975</u>	<u>58,728</u>
Charitable activities:		
Rent and parking income	8,731	10,319
Printing income	-	10
	<u>8,731</u>	<u>10,329</u>
Income from investments:		
Interest and other investment income	3,502	2,624
	<u>3,502</u>	<u>2,624</u>
Total income	<u><u>28,207</u></u>	<u><u>71,681</u></u>

In addition to the above, there were gains and losses on the market value of investments. These are shown separately in the Statement of Financial Activities.

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4 Analysis of expenditure

	2021	2020	
a Direct Charitable Costs	£	£	
Staff costs	10,558	24,971	
Payments in retirement	-	36,739	
Building maintenance	5,134	6,803	
Catering	49	222	
Church car	2,128	934	
Church flat	1,980	6,432	
Cleaning	752	497	
Evangelism	120	53	
External Ministry Conferences	-	135	
Gas, electricity & water	2,492	3,046	
Travel	34	-	
Youth & children's work	177	398	
Grants payable	985	790	Note 8
	<u>24,408</u>	<u>81,020</u>	
b Support & Administration			
Governance costs	5,434	17,510	
Insurance	1,479	1,421	
IT support	1,317	775	
Telephone & internet	503	648	
Other administration costs	3,270	2,456	
	<u>12,004</u>	<u>22,810</u>	
Total expenditure on charitable activities	<u>36,412</u>	<u>103,830</u>	

The governance costs were mostly legal advice relating to a licence for occupation of the church flat, the new church constitution, a complaint (which was not upheld by the Charity Commission), a Freedom of Information request and a data subject access request. The remaining governance costs were for the Independent Examiner as detailed below.

5 Fees for examination of the accounts

	2021	2020	
	£	£	
Independent examiner's fees	800	800	
Other fees paid to the examiner:			
Accounting advice and assistance	-	400	

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6 Paid employees

a) Staff costs

	2021	2020
	£	£
Salaries and wages	10,044	24,293
Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)	514	678
Total staff costs	<u>10,558</u>	<u>24,971</u>

In 2020 the charity had 1 permanent member of staff (2019: 2), and also paid wages to 1 temporary member of staff (2020: 1).

The Charity SORP requires disclosure of the number of employees with remuneration above £60,000. No employees were paid more than this amount.

Under their contracts of employment, the permanent members of staff are entitled to employer contributions to an occupational pension at 5.5%.

b) Payments in retirement

Payments were also made in retirement to a former pastor as follows.

The full cost was allocated to the designated Retirement Fund (see note 12).

	2021	2020
	£	£
Payment of remaining funds	-	36,739
Total payments in retirement	<u>-</u>	<u>36,739</u>

7 Trustees

The trustees received no payment or benefit from the charity in the year (2020: £nil).

The charity paid no remuneration to any Board member of the Trustee during the year, nor to any person connected to them; nor were they reimbursed expenses during the year (2020: £nil).

One member of the local Management Committee, the Assistant Minister, received wages until 2020 as one of the paid employees of the charity.

The Charities SORP requires disclosure of the aggregate amount of donations received from Trustees.

Material donations were received from one of the Trustees, but the Trustees do not consider it necessary or desirable to disclose this amount.

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8 Grants

Analysis of grants:	Grants to Institutions	Grants to Individuals	Total
	£	£	£
Gifts to visiting speakers and missionaries	-	370	370
Gifts to other ministries	350	265	615
	<u>350</u>	<u>635</u>	<u>985</u>

Analysis of grants – Previous year:

Gifts to visiting speakers and missionaries	-	240	240
Gifts to other ministries	150	400	550
	<u>150</u>	<u>640</u>	<u>790</u>

The institutional grants in 2020 were £150 to the Trinitarian Bible Society and £200 to Christian Compassion Ministries. In 2019, £150 was paid to the Protestant Alliance.

9 Tangible Fixed Assets

Fittings and equipment	Cost	Accumulated depreciation	Net book value
	£	£	£
At 1 October 2019	3,420	-	3,420
Additions	21,993	-	21,993
Depreciation charge for the year	-	(4,282)	(4,282)
At 30 September 2020	<u>25,413</u>	<u>(4,282)</u>	<u>21,131</u>
Additions	2,228	-	2,228
Depreciation charge for the year	-	(5,026)	(5,026)
At 30 September 2021	<u>27,642</u>	<u>(9,308)</u>	<u>18,333</u>

10 Debtors and prepayments

	2021	2020
	£	£
Tax recoverable	4,027	2,177
Prepayments and accrued income	1,826	8,702
	<u>5,852</u>	<u>10,879</u>

11 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year

Trade creditors	37	639
Accruals	1,912	6,867
	<u>1,948</u>	<u>7,506</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

12 Funds

Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside for a specific purpose. Movements in the year and the prior year for designated funds were as follows:

	Retirement Fund £	Reserve Fund £	Children's Work Fund £	Total designated funds £
Opening balance at 1 October 2019	35,033	13,421	-	48,454
Income in 2019–2020	-	-	7,500	7,500
Expenditure in 2019–2020	(36,739)	-	(2,854)	(39,593)
Transfer from general fund in 2019–2020	1,706	-	-	1,706
Closing balance at 30 September 2020	-	13,421	4,646	18,067
Income in 2020–2021	-	-	-	-
Expenditure in 2020–2021	-	-	(4,646)	(4,646)
Closing balance at 30 September 2021	-	13,421	-	13,421

The Retirement Fund was an unrestricted fund designated by the Trustees to provide payments in retirement to the Mission's former pastor, Gerald Daley. Payments were made when he requested them. A final payment was made in 2019–2020. This was £1,706 in excess of the balance brought forward on the designated fund; an amount was therefore transferred from the General Fund to cover the remainder.

The Reserve Fund is an unrestricted fund designated by the Trustees to allow for future expenditure on any emergency or capital need that might arise.

A designated donation was received in 2020 for children's work. This was only partly spent in the year (on payroll and other expenses), and is therefore shown as a designated fund.

Analysis of net assets between funds:

	General funds £	Designated funds £	Total 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	18,333	-	18,333
Investments	158,211	13,421	171,633
Cash	12,465	-	12,465
Other net assets	3,904	-	3,904
	<u>192,914</u>	<u>13,421</u>	<u>206,335</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds – previous year:

	General funds £	Designated funds £	Total 2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	21,131	-	21,131
Investments	149,043	13,421	162,464
Cash	5,425	3,146	8,571
Other net assets	1,873	1,500	3,373
	<u>177,472</u>	<u>18,067</u>	<u>195,539</u>

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
WITH COMPARATIVES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

	Note	General Fund		Designated Funds		Total Funds	
		2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
		£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:							
Donations and legacies	3	15,975	51,228	-	7,500	15,975	58,728
Charitable activities		8,731	10,329	-	-	8,731	10,329
Investments	3	3,502	2,624	-	-	3,502	2,624
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Total income and endowments		28,207	64,181	-	7,500	28,207	71,681
EXPENDITURE ON:							
Charitable activities	4	31,766	64,237	4,646	39,593	36,412	103,830
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Total expenditure		31,766	64,237	4,646	39,593	36,412	103,830
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Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains		(3,559)	(56)	(4,646)	(32,093)	(8,205)	(32,149)
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Net gains/(losses) on investments	3	19,001	(9,729)	-	-	19,001	(9,729)
Transfers between funds	7b	-	(1,706)	-	1,706	-	-
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Net movement in funds		15,442	(11,491)	(4,646)	(30,387)	10,796	(41,878)
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Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward	3	177,472	188,963	18,067	48,454	195,539	237,417
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Total funds carried forward		192,914	177,472	13,421	18,067	206,335	195,539

Movements on reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above.